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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.

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LECTIONARY, 1958-59

(FOR OPTIONAL USE OF PREACHERS)

MAY, 1958	MORNING	EVENING
4th after Easter 4	Isaiah 5 : 1-7 John 5 : 30-47	2 Kings : 5 : 1-14 Luke 17 : 11-19
5th after Easter 11 (Mothers' Day or Home & Family Sunday)	<i>Magnificat</i> Matthew 19 : 13-22	Psalms 1 . Matthew 5 : 13-20; 27-30
Sunday after Ascension (Aldersgate Sunday)	Isaiah 40 : 1-11; 27-31 John 3 : 1-16	Isaiah 51 : 1-6 Romans 5 : 1-11
Whit Sunday 25	<i>The Spirit poured out.</i> Joel 2 : 21-32 Acts 2 : 1-13	<i>The Holy Spirit foretold.</i> Isaiah 11 : 1-9 John 14 : 15-31a
JUNE		
Trinity Sunday 1	<i>The Holy Trinity</i> Isaiah 6 : 1-8 Matthew 28 : 16-20	<i>Glory, Honour & Power</i> Exodus 34 : 1-10 Revelation 4
1st after Trinity 8	<i>The Golden Rule</i> Isaiah 5 : 11-24 Matthew 7 : 1-14	<i>Paul's Conversion</i> Exodus 34 : 29-35 Acts 9 : 1-22
2nd after Trinity 15	<i>Hearers and Doers</i> Isaiah 12 . Matthew 7 : 15-29	<i>Samson and Paul</i> Judges 14 : 1-19 Gal. 1 : 11-24
3rd after Trinity 22	<i>Call of Matthew</i> Isaiah 29 : 15-24 Matthew 9 : 1-17	<i>Paul at Lystra</i> Judges 16 : 16-30 Acts 14 : 8-18
4th after Trinity 29	<i>Healing Miracles</i> Jeremiah 12 : 1-6 Matthew 9 : 18-38	<i>Paul at Phillippi</i> Ruth 1 : 1-22 Acts 16 : 16-40
JULY		
5th after Trinity 6	<i>Mission of the 12</i> Jeremiah 18 : 1-10 Matthew 10 : 1-15	<i>Paul at Athens</i> 1 Sam. 8 : 1-22 Acts 17 : 16-34
6th after Trinity 13	<i>The Coming Test</i> Ezek. 3 : 4-15 Matthew 10 : 24-42	<i>Paul at Ephesus</i> 1 Sam. 9 : 1-20a Acts 18 : 24-19 : 6
7th after Trinity 20 (Youth Day)	<i>The Lacking Thing</i> 1 Sam. 17 : 33-51 Matthew 19 : 13-30	<i>Discipleship</i> 1 Sam. 3 : 1-10 Mark 10 : 35-45
8th after Trinity 27	<i>Lord of the Sabbath</i> Ezek. 18 : 1-4; 19-23; 31-32 Matthew 12 : 1-21	<i>Farewell to Ephesus</i> 1 Sam. 18 : 1-16 Acts 20 : 17-38

AUGUST	MORNING	EVENING
9th after Trinity 3	<i>Power over Demons</i> Ezek. 34 : 1-16 Matthew 12 : 22-37	<i>Church Divisions</i> 2 Sam. 1 : 1-16 1 Corin. 1 : 1-17
10th after Trinity 10 (Local Preachers' Sunday)	<i>Feeding the Crowd</i> Isaiah 42 : 10-17 Matthew 14 : 1-21	<i>Gifts of the Spirit</i> 2 Sam. 12 : 1-7a 1 Corin. 12 : 1-11
11th after Trinity 17	<i>The Sign of Jonah</i> Isaiah 42 : 1-9 Matthew 12 : 38-50	<i>God's Temple</i> 2 Sam. 1 : 17-27 1 Corin. 3 .
12th after Trinity 24	<i>Walking on the Water</i> Isaiah 44 : 6-20 Matthew 14 : 22-36	<i>The Body of Christ</i> 2 Sam. 18 : 1-27 1 Corin. 12 : 12-13 : 1
13th after Trinity 31	<i>Jesus and His critics</i> Isaiah 45 : 1-13 Matthew 15 : 1-20	<i>The Spiritual Body</i> 2 Sam. 18 : 19-33 1 Corin. 15 : 35-58
SEPTEMBER		
14th after Trinity 7	<i>Jesus foretells His</i> Isaiah 51 : 7-16 [<i>Death</i>] Matthew 16 : 21-28	<i>Paul's Credentials</i> 1 Kings 3 : 5-15 2 Corin. 5 : 20-6 : 10
15th after Trinity 14	<i>The Transfiguration</i> Isaiah 57 : 15-21 Matthew 17 : 1-13	<i>Paul's Sufferings</i> 1 Kings 8 : 54-62 2 Corin. 11 : 16-31
16th after Trinity 21 (Temperance Sunday)	<i>The Weaker Brother</i> Jer. 35 : 12-19 Romans 14 .	<i>Offences</i> Proverbs 23 : 29-35 Mark 9 : 38-50
17th after Trinity 28	<i>The Unmerciful Steward</i> Zechariah 8 : 1-8 Matthew 18 : 15-35	<i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> 1 Kings 12 : 1-15 Gal. 5 : 16-6 : 5
OCTOBER		
18th after Trinity 5 (World Communion)	<i>Labourers in the Vine- yard</i> Zechariah 13 . Matthew 20 : 1-16	<i>Life in the Spirit</i> 1 Kings 17 : 1-16 Romans 8 : 1-17
19th after Trinity 12	<i>First place in the Kingdom</i> Malachi 3 : 13-4 : 3 Matthew 20 : 17-34	<i>More than Conquerors</i> 1 Kings 18 : 20-39 Romans 8 : 26-39
20th after Trinity 19	<i>The Barren Fig Tree</i> Proverbs 1 : 1-19 Matthew 21 : 18-32	<i>Faith in Christ</i> 1 Kings 21 : 1-20 Romans 10 : 1-15
21st after Trinity 26 (Industrial Sunday)	<i>A Social Programme</i> Proverbs 1 : 20-33 Luke 4 : 14-22	<i>Good Citizenship</i> 2 Kings 13 : 14-20a Romans 13 .

NOVEMBER	MORNING	EVENING
22nd after Trinity	2 <i>The Marriage Feast</i> Proverbs 2 : 1-22 Matthew 22 : 1-22	<i>Raised with Christ</i> 2 Kings 20 : 1-11 Coloss. 3 : 1-11
23rd after Trinity (Remembrance Sunday)	9 <i>The Beatitudes</i> Joshua 4 : 1-9 Matthew 5 : 1-16	<i>Vision of the Redeemed</i> 2 Sam. 23 : 8-17 Rev. 7 : 9-17
24th after Trinity	16 <i>Pharisees Denounced</i> Proverbs 8 : 1-21 Matthew 23 : 1-22	<i>New Revelation</i> Ezra 1 : 1-8 Ephesians 3 .
Next before Advent	23 <i>Always Ready</i> Haggai 2 : 1-9 Matthew 24 : 32-51	<i>The Visible and the Invisible</i> Eccles. 12 : 1-8 2 Corin. 4 .
Advent Sunday	30 <i>The Coming King</i> Jer. 23 : 1-8 Luke 7 : 18-35	<i>Alpha and Omega</i> Isaiah 32 : 1-8 Revelation 1 : 1-8
DECEMBER		
2nd in Advent	7 <i>The Scriptures</i> Psalm 119 : 97-112 John 5 : 30-47	<i>Hearts of Flesh</i> 2 Kings 22 : 8-20 2 Corin. 3 : 1-11
3rd in Advent	14 <i>Coming in Judgement</i> Daniel 7 : 9-14 Matthew 25 : 31-46	<i>The Reproach of Christ</i> Jeremiah 24 . 1 Peter 4 : 12-19
4th in Advent	21 <i>Call to Repentance</i> Isaiah 42 : 1-9 Matthew 3 : 1-12	<i>Entering into Life</i> Isaiah 52 : 1-10 Matthew 18 : 1-14
1st after Christmas	28 <i>The Word Incarnate</i> Isaiah 62 . 1 John 1 .	<i>Word made Flesh</i> Psalm 8 . John 1 : 1-14
JANUARY, 1959		
2nd after Christmas	4 <i>A Living Sacrifice</i> Deut. 26 : 16-19 Romans 12 .	<i>The New Covenant</i> Jer. 31 : 31-34 Mark 14 : 17-26
1st after Epiphany	11 <i>Wise Men from Afar</i> Isaiah 49 : 1-13 Matthew 2 : 1-12	<i>Water into Wine</i> Genesis 11 : 1-9 John 2 : 1-11
2nd after Epiphany	18 <i>Massacre of the Innocents</i> Jeremiah 31 : 1-17 Matthew 2 : 13-23	<i>At the Wellside</i> Genesis 12 : 1-9 John 4 : 5-26
Septuagesima.	25 <i>The Christian Law</i> Genesis 1 : 1-2 : 3 Matthew 5 : 13-26	<i>The Feet Washing</i> Deut. 11 : 12-32 John 13 : 1-20

FEBRUARY		MORNING	EVENING
Sexagesima	1	<i>Love for Enemies</i> Genesis 3 : 1-24 Matthew 5 : 33-48	<i>The True Vine</i> Deut. 30 : 1-20 John 15 : 1-15
Quinquagesima	8	<i>Trust in God</i> Genesis 6 : 5-22 Matthew 6 : 13-34	<i>Suffering and Perse- cution</i> Job 1 : John 15 : 16-27
1st in Lent	15	<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	22	<i>The Penalty of Sin</i> Isaiah 28 : 1-13 Romans 5 : 12-21	<i>The Last Supper</i> Job 38 : 1-21 Matthew 26 : 17-35
MARCH			
3rd in Lent	1	<i>The Wages of Sin</i> Ezek. 2 : 1-10 Romans 6 : 15-23	<i>Gethsemane</i> Job 38 : 22-41 Matthew 26 : 36-56
4th in Lent	8	<i>Sin and Deliverance</i> Jer. 17 : 5-14 Romans 7 : 7-8 : 2	<i>Jesus and Caiaphas</i> Job 40 : 1-14 Matthew 26 : 57-75
5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	15	<i>Salvation and the Cross</i> Isa. 63 : 1-9 1 Peter 2 : 18-25	<i>Jesus and Pilate</i> Isaiah 50 : 4-10 Matthew 27 : 11-31
6th in Lent (Palm Sunday)	22	<i>Triumphal Entry</i> Zech. 9 : 9-12 Matthew 21 : 1-17	<i>Crucifixion</i> Isaiah 52 : 13-53 : 12 Matthew 27 : 32-54
Easter Day	29	<i>The Christian Pass- over</i> Exodus 12 : 1-14 Matthew 28 : 1-10	<i>Emmurus</i> Exodus 14 : 15-31 Luke 24 : 13-35
APRIL			
1st after Easter	5	<i>Feed My Sheep</i> Isaiah 25 : 1-9 John 21 : 1-22	<i>After Easter</i> Ezek. 37 : 1-14 John 20 : 19-31
2nd after Easter	12	<i>Peter at Jerusalem</i> Exodus 2 : 1-22 Acts 3 : 13-26	<i>Jesus Heals</i> Amos 3 : Luke 4 : 31-44
3rd after Easter	19	<i>Peter and a Gentile</i> Exodus 4 : 1-17 Acts 10 : 34-48	<i>Jesus calls Peter</i> Amos 7 : 7-15 Luke 5 : 1-11
4th after Easter	26	<i>Paul at Antioch</i> Exodus 11 : Acts 13 : 26-42	<i>The Two Debtors</i> Amos 8 : 1-12 Luke 7 : 36-50

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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
Ascension Day	2 Kings 2 : 1-15 Acts 1 : 1-14	
Whit Sunday	Deut. 31 : 1-13 Acts 2 : 22-47	Exekiel 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 , Matthew 13 : 1-9	Genesis 1 . 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 .	
Local Preacher's 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
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.	
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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Thursday, 7th November, 1957, at 7.30 p.m. in the Opera House, Palmerston North, by the retiring President, Rev. Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., after which the Rev. David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., was inducted to the Presidency. The Sessions of Conference concluded on Friday, 15th November.

Mr. Philip A. LeBrun, J.P., was elected Vice-President and was welcomed to that office.

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

QUESTION 1—Who are Members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of the Conference, pages 7-12, with such alterations as were reported through the Committees of Districts and duly recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

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

William K. Abbott	Frank S. Rigg
Trevor L. Bennett	Neville Thornicroft
Wilfred J. Cable	Ronald H. Wood
Cuthbert F. Peart	

Who have travelled three years.

Ian D. Grant
Bryan A. Walker, M.A.
John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D.

Who have travelled two years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

(a)

Robert S. Andrews	Owen Kitchingman
George L. Bennett	Trevor L. Nicholls
Edward P. Boyd	Bruce Scammell

Who have travelled two years.

(b)

G. Basil W. Bell	Henry W. Kitchingman
Gordon D. Brough, B.A.	(See Q. IV)
James F. Cropp (See Q. IV)	John C. F. Mabon (See Q. IV)
Maurice Downer	Andrew G. Reid (See Q. VI)
Irwin J. Fowler	Kenneth H. Russell
Phyllis M. Guthardt, B.A.	Geoffrey E. Scarr
	Philip F. Taylor

Who have travelled one year.

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

Frederick J. Climo (See Q. VI)	
James F. Cropp (See Q. III)	Henry W. Kitchingman
Wilfred S. Gilbert	(See Q. III)
Frank G. Glen	Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
R. John Hamlin	John C. F. Mabon (See Q. III)

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

(a)

Peter S. Barker	Keith C. Griffith
Lewis A. Bowen	John S. Hosking, B.A.
Mervyn L. Dine	David L. Kitchingman, B.A.
Roger M. Gibson	William Morrison
Stanley J. Goudge, B.A.	Robert W. Widdup

Who are continued for a third year.

(b)

Graham Brazendale	C. Seton Horrill
Albert A. Grundy, B.A.	Dorothea M. Jones, B.A.
Warwick Gust	Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc.
E. Francis I. Hanson	Lewis H. Major
Maxwell A. Hornblow	David S. Mullan

Who are continued for a second year.

Brian J. Woodd (leave of absence for health reasons).

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

Frederick J. Climo (See Q. IV)
James H. Conway
Bruce W. Edwards
Cedric R. Marshall
Andrew G. Reid (See Q. 3)
A. Kerry Taylor
William L. Wallace

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

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?
John Veo Bitibule, Ahofitu Maka.
Samson Pataaku, Joeli Zio.

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?

Sister Beverley Taylor.

(2) What Deaconesses remain on Probation?

Probationer Mary Sealey, who is continued for a third year, and proceeds to Deaconess House for the final year of training.

(3) What Deaconesses are placed on Probation?

Miss Ann Saunders.

(4) What Students are continued for Training?

Miss Mary Sealey (See 2)

(5) What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?

Misses Ann Franklin Browne, Gladys Mildred Thomas, Norma Justine Yarr, Patricia Joan Wedding.

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

Second Year:

G. K. Greening
G. H. J. Yearbury

First Year:

S. R. Hargreaves
A. K. Taylor

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

Henry Benny
Hector C. Orchard
Thomas Arthur Pybus, O.B.E.
James Richards
Matarae Tauroa

Also Thomas W. Featherstone (Home Missionary)

Rameka Eru, Nehana Pu, Enoka Marumaru, Mu Maihi
(Maori Home Missionaries).

HENRY BENNY

Henry Benny, born at Broadfield in 1888, was converted during the ministry of Rev A. J. Seamer and considerably helped and guided towards the ministry by Rev C. Abernethy.

He saw three and a half years' overseas service in World War I and he was awarded the Italian Bronze Medal for bravery in the field. He offered for the ministry on his return from war service and was ordained in 1924.

An earnest preacher and a faithful pastor, Henry Benny served most successfully in many circuits, being noted for his friendliness, sincerity, and quiet spiritual zeal. Ill-health brought about his retirement in 1954, but he had worn himself out in the service of his Master and was gathered to his reward on December 16th, 1956.

To his wife who has been a loyal and able help to him throughout his ministry, and his family, one of whom has followed his father into the ministry, we tender the sympathy of the Church.

HECTOR C. ORCHARD

Hector C. Orchard was born in Geelong, Victoria, in 1884. At the early age of 17 he responded to the call to preach, and was led into full-time Christian service. After a period of Home Mission service in Victoria, he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He was received as a Probationer on transfer from Australia, in 1911.

Hector Orchard served in country, town and city circuits, and in all commended himself as a faithful Minister of Jesus Christ, with a special interest in pastoral work. He was greatly assisted in all his work by his devoted wife.

After a happy and fruitful ministry in Te Awamutu, Mr Orchard was compelled by ill-health to retire from the active work in 1947.

After a long illness, borne with Christian fortitude, he was called, on May 16, 1957, into the Presence of the Master to Whom he had given his life and service.

THOMAS ARTHUR PYBUS, O.B.E.

T. Arthur Pybus was born eighty-four years ago in Yorkshire. He could trace, through his maternal grandparents, a relationship to the Wesley family.

He was received as a Probationer by the Primitive Methodist Church in 1897.

His was a choice ministry. A beloved pastor and a most thoughtful and challenging preacher, he sustained lengthly pastorates in a day when such were rare.

Except for his first year as a Probationer in Wellington, his whole ministry was spent in the Otago-Southland District. In all his Circuits both Church buildings and congregations were considerably improved. The Otakou Centennial Maori Church, on the Otago Peninsula, was due to his outstanding leadership. Mr Pybus was at one time a member of the Board of Examiners, Chairman of the District in 1908, and Senior Chaplain to the Forces with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

He had a keen historical sense which found expression in his two books published in 1954 on "The Maoris of the South Island," and "Maori and Missionary."

In the 1957 New Year honours, Mr Pybus received from Her Majesty the honour of being made an officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.). This was some recognition of his contribution to Maori welfare in the district and his many years as an active Chaplain to the Forces.

His health was never robust but he did a great piece of service for God and man. Many people thank God for his gracious Christian spirit and his faithful ministry. God called him home on 28th August, 1957. To his wife, two daughters and son, we extend the sympathy of the Church.

JAMES RICHARDS

James Richards passed to Higher Service on March 7, 1957. Born in Victoria, Australia, in 1883 he early gave evidence of a genuine Christian experience and commenced to preach at the age of 18. He came to New Zealand and in 1906 was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry. His ministry of more than forty years was full of vigour. He retired from the work of the full ministry in 1951. His temperament always cheerful, always hopeful, always enterprising, was touched and refined by Grace. His lively nature and infectious gaiety made him the ready companion of young people. He loved preaching, his style was extempore in the best sense. His work was bathed in the spirit of prayer. He was concerned with the social implications of the Gospel. He had a great capacity for moral indignation, especially when speaking of such evils as drink, gambling, and war. He will be remembered best, however, for his genius for friendship. He knew his people and was beloved by them. In all his work he had a truly gracious helper in Mrs Richards, while his children rise up to call him blessed. To them all we extend the sympathy of the Church.

MATARAE TAUROA

The death of Matarae Tauroa on December 17, 1956, removed a valued and highly esteemed member of the Maori ministry.

He was born on December 14, 1896, at Te Patunga, Whangaroa. His early training was at St Stephen's Maori Boys' College, but when he decided to train for the Methodist Ministry, he went to Three Kings, Wesley College, and from there to Dunholme College.

He commenced his ministry with the late Rev Tahupotiki Haddon. He married Miss Betty Couch, of Rapaki, Lyttelton.

At the 1956 Conference, Mr Tauroa had the joy of sharing in the ordination of his son, the Rev Lane Tauroa. A few weeks later he was called home to God.

The Tangi and funeral services were attended by a very representative group of Maori and Pakeha friends and fellow workers.

Matarae Tauroa was a very able and earnest minister, a fluent preacher in both English and Maori. He spoke clearly on issues on which he felt deeply and has left a gracious memory in every place where he served. The Church extends its sympathy to Mrs Tauroa and family.

THOMAS WILLIAM FEATHERSTONE

On 4th August, 1957, there passed to his reward an honoured servant of the Lord Jesus, Thomas William Featherstone.

Born in England in 1879, Mr Featherstone left London in 1905, for New Zealand and entered Home Mission work in 1909. He laboured in ten Home Mission Stations till his retirement to New Plymouth in 1934.

An earnest and devoted Christian, he was acceptable wherever he went. He laboured faithfully in difficult places in difficult times. Many give thanks for blessings received under his ministry and the Church thanks God for a devoted witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

RAMEKA ERU

Rameka Eru, who passed away early in 1957, was one of the oldest of our Honorary Home Missionaries, having been received into the staff in 1932. He was a recognised leader for many years among the people of the North Hokianga, at Tutekehua (Te Karae) until his retirement several years ago. His influence was always exerted on the side of good things among his people. We express our Christian sympathy with his bereaved relatives.

MU MAIHI

Mu Maihi was a member of the Ngati Whatua tribe, who lived in a community in one of the more isolated parts of the Waikato. He was a man of faith and good works and always remained loyal to his church though living amongst a people predominantly non-Methodist. He was highly thought of and trusted by all his people, and in 1947 was given honorary Home Missionary status. Although in recent years he was handicapped by a crippling complaint, he continued to serve as he was able, and by his cheerful endurance of pain witnessed to his faith. His death has brought to the Church and his people the loss of a good and faithful servant.

ENOKA MARUMARU

Enoka Marumaru, a lay preacher of many years' standing, was received as an honorary Home Missionary in 1950, in order that he might minister to the isolated Ngati-mahanga tribe, of which he was a prominent leader. He always stood firmly in support of the Christian way of life and was a staunch abstainer and an ardent prohibitionist. He made great sacrifices to educate and train his family in Christian faith and practice. He leaves an honoured memory.

NEHANA PU

The death of Nehana Pu at Whananaki has been a great shock to our people in that area, and he will be much missed for his quiet, faithful testimony to the Christian Faith. He was received in 1939—and in spite of a great deal of ill-health, was always ready to fulfil his ministerial duties. He carried the respect of his own people and was also held in high esteem by the Pakeha people for his devoted service. We express our sympathy with his widow and family.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

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

Henry L. Blamires

Arthur Hopper

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

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William Walker

Ernest O. Blamires

Fred Copeland

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H. Leslie Richards

Herbert Ford

Frederick O. Prosser

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 John H. Bailey
 George E. Brown
 Ernest B. Chambers
 J. Francis Jack
 Harry S. Kings
 Thomas Skuse
 Samuel J. Werren
 Robert E. Fordyce
 E. Thomas Olds

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
 William M. Garner
 William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.

WILLIAM THOMAS BLIGHT

William Thomas Blight was born in 1892 in Dargaville, a son of the late Rev and Mrs Joseph Blight. The influence of the parsonage has ever been a decisive factor in his life's work.

He entered "Dunholme" Theological College in 1915 but in 1917 his training was interrupted by overseas service in the Medical Corps.

On his return to Circuit work he served in seven Circuits.

He has acted as Chairman in the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, South Canterbury, and North Canterbury Districts—serving fifteen years in this capacity, evidencing a wide knowledge of the life of the Church and sound administrative ability.

He received his B.D. degree from the Melbourne University.

For eight years he was a Tutor in Trinity Theological College, giving abundant proof there of his capacity as a scholar and his ability as a teacher.

For eleven years he has acted as Editor of the "Methodist Times." Although this task has been added to his duties as a Circuit Minister and District Chairman, he has fulfilled this office with remarkable success. He was President of Conference in 1946.

Throughout the years of his active Ministry, filled as they have been with so many varied activities, his deepest concern has always been the preaching of the Word and the pastoral office. In these he has excelled. Wherever he has laboured he has won many into the Kingdom, he has established the faith of a host of men and women, and so has built up the Church.

Throughout his ministry he has had the whole-hearted co-operation of Mrs Blight, to whom, as Eva M. Stallworthy, he was married in 1927.

The Church is grateful for the untiring labours of two devoted servants, and prays the Divine Blessing upon them as they enter into their retirement.

WILLIAM McNIVEN GARNER

William McNiven Garner was born in Wanganui in 1903. His grandfather, John Garner, is stated to have been the first resident Methodist in Wanganui. Mr Garner's early days were spent in association with Dublin Street Church. Subsequently, owing to the family's removal he attended a Presbyterian Bible Class and then served in Presbyterian Home Mission work.

He received his Theological training through the Congregational Church and filled several important pastorates in that Church. After a short retirement from active service due to ill-health, he offered himself for service in the Methodist Church and has served in three Circuits.

William Garner is a man with a warm heart and a most kindly and brotherly spirit, and his work as a pastor and leader has been much appreciated in his Circuits. It is as a colourful and vigorous preacher that he has excelled. He found an important sphere of Christian witness as a popular and effective radio broadcaster.

He has taken a keen interest in community life and affairs and his interest in ornithology and astronomy has enabled him to make many contacts.

Mr Garner's work has been supplemented by the services of Mrs Garner, who is an accredited Local Preacher and a competent organist. Ill-health necessitates their retirement from the active work. We wish for them a renewal of health and an eventide rich in Divine blessing.

WILLIAM GARDNER SLADE

William Gardner Slade was born at Tavuni, Fiji, and came to New Zealand with his parents at the end of 1900. His father was the Rev William Slade, a distinguished missionary in Fiji, who later became a stalwart in our New Zealand Church. W. G. Slade completed his schooling at Otago Boys' High School in 1908, and was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry in 1912. He entered "Dunholme" in 1913 and was called out of College in 1915 to supply for his father at Trinity, Wellington. While there he graduated M.A., with honours in Economics. He was ordained in 1919 and has travelled in thirteen Circuits. He has been Secretary of the College Council, Minute Secretary of the H.M. Board, secretary of various Synods, and Secretary of Conference for six years. For six years he was Secretary of the Board of Examiners of which he has been a member since 1923. He was Chairman of the Otago-Southland District from 1943 to 1948. In 1947 he was President of Conference, which position he filled with dignity and ability. During his Presidential year he worthily represented the Church at the Ecumenical Conference in U.S.A., being chosen to give one of the public addresses in the Springfield auditorium. While in America he received the D.D. Degree from Victoria College, Toronto, an honour conferred on him as representative of the New Zealand Church, and acknowledging his attainments in the field of scholarship. In circuit work he has always been an active pastor and a very acceptable preacher. His faith is strong and confident, supported by wide reading and deep thinking in theology and philosophy. As a pastor he is very diligent in his visitation of the sorrowing and the sick. In 1919 he married Miss I. Faulkner, of Willowbridge, and she has faithfully and ably supported him in his varied activities in the Church. We wish them many happy years of quiet and useful eventide.

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

(b) Placed on Retired List?

T. Steele

THOMAS STEELE

Thomas Steele was born 71 years ago. He was converted during a Mission at Komata conducted by the Rev Dr Watson, of America. He began local preaching at the age of 16. For forty years he was employed in the Post and Telegraph Department, and when he retired from the department sixteen years ago he entered the Home Mission work. His administrative ability has been appreciated in the four circuits in which he has served. Mr Steel is a man of evangelical zeal whose preaching has won many decisions for Christ. During his years of service he has been ably assisted by his wife. On his retirement he receives the thanks of the Church for the signal service he has rendered.

QUESTION XVIII.—(a) What Ministers or Probationers have Permission to Serve with Other Organisations During the Year?

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

Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agric.Sc. (with permission to serve with Friendship House, West Germany).

William J. Morrison, M.A. (with permission to serve with the British Conference).

Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (with permission to serve with S.C.M. (N.Z.).

John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D. (with permission to serve with the British Conference).

(b) What Ministers or Probationers have Permission "to Rest" During the Year?

None.

QUESTION XIX.—What Ministers are "left without Pastoral Charge"?

A. Francis Attwood.

Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.

H. Rabey Falla.

Albert Jolly.

Gordon Parker, MA., Ph.D.

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

Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Philip F. Taylor.

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

John R. Metcalfe to Victoria and Tasmania Conference.

R. Hori Pratt, B.A., to United Church of Canada.

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, Deacons, and Local Preachers?

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(A) Examiners for Probationers

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

Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

2nd year: Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.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. J. Silvester, M.A.

Wesley's Sermons—Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A.

Methodism—Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

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

Religion and Psychology—Rev. John Dawson, B.A.

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. G. 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.

1958	..	..	..	..	Rev J. Grundy, M.A.
1959	..	..	..	..	Rev L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.
1960	..	..	..	..	Rev O. T. Woodfield

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology—

- (a) God, Man, Sin Rev J. Silvester, M.A.
(b) Person and Work of Christ Rev W. R. Lawson, M.A.,
(c) Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and B.D.
Sacraments, Last Things Rev B. M. Chrystall, B.A.

Pastoral Theology—

- (a) Homiletics Rev L. C. Horwood
(b) Pastoral Practice Rev W. E. Allon Carr
(c) Religious Education Rev M. A. McDowell, D. D.
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. Bicroft

(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. Norwell
4th Year Rev. A. H. Ivory, LL.B.,
B.Com.

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

- Old Testament Rev. O. T. Woodfield
New Testament 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., B.D.
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 1958 (from N.Z. B.D. Course Stage I).

1st year: Mark 7-9 (inclusive); Acts 3 and 4; I Thess., 4.

2nd year: Mark 7-10; Acts, 2-4; I Thess., 4 and 5.

3rd year: Mark, 5-10; Acts, 2-4; I Thess., 4 and 5; II Thess. 2.

1st year: Translation, Grammar and Exegesis.

2nd year: As above with retranslation.

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

OR—B. English New Testament.

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

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

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

3. THEOLOGY A. For 1958. First Cycle: "God, Man, Sin."

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); "The World and God", 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; "And the Life Everlasting"—J. Baillie.

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each cycle to be co-ordinated with A. above. For 1958—1st Cycle (a two-hour paper).

1st cycle: Salvation by Faith.

Justification by Faith.

Scriptural Christianity.

The Almost Christian.

The Righteousness of Faith.

The Way to the Kingdom.

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.
Christian Perfection.
Original Sin.

The New Birth.
Self-Denial.
The Use of Money

4. GENERAL.

1st Year:

METHODISM. A general survey of the Evangelical Revival of the Eighteenth Century in its widest aspects; a detailed knowledge of the Wesleys and their closer associates; the origin and development of Methodism in England and America 1738-1800; the social impact of Methodism; Thomas Coke and the beginnings of Methodist Missions; outlines of New Zealand Methodism.

RECOMMENDED READING:

- "The Life of Wesley," by Telford (or any standard "Life").
"The Methodist Heritage," by Henry Carter.
"John Wesley and the Eighteenth Century," by Maldwyn Edwards.
"Centenary Sketches of N.Z. Methodism," by W. J. Williams.

2nd Year:

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Religion and Psychology, as for B.D. (N.Z.) Theology Stage 1, 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); "History of Religions," E. O. James (Teach Yourself Series).
- (4) Religious Education, "An Approach to Christian Education," by Rupert Davies (Epworth Press). "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 Kona 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. L. Gordon Hanna, 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. Tutorial papers shall be done, 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. N.B. Tutorials are required from all probationers by the due dates.
(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

Theology—

Text Book: "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Hunter.)

1st Year: God, Man, Sin. Chapters 1-3, 7, 8.

2nd Year: The Person and Work of Christ, the Holy Spirit. Chapters 4-6, 9.

3rd Year: Church Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things. Chapters 10-12.

4th Year: Selected Sermons from Wesley's Forty-four Sermons.

Bible Knowledge—

Text Book: The Bible, What it is, and What is in it. (E. Evans and T. H. Robinson).

1st Year: A general study of the GOSPELS; how they came to be written and their content. Detailed study of a select passage or passages.

1958—The teaching about the Kingdom of God. (Matt. 13, 22, 25; Mark 4, Luke 9, 19; John 9).

1959—

2nd Year: A general study of the PAULINE EPISTLES and their teaching, with a detailed study of selected passages.

1958—Galatians.

1959—II Timothy and Romans 8.

3rd Year: A general study of HEBREWS AND THE NON-PAULINE EPISTLES, ACTS, AND REVELATION, with a special study of selected passages.

1958—I Peter.

1959—James.

4th Year: The OLD TESTAMENT. What it is, and how we got it. Special study of selected passages.

1958—Hosea and Amos.

1959—Psalms 1-40, Isaiah 53-61.

Homiletics and Methodism—

In each year of his probation, the probationer shall prepare and present to his tutor not less than two written sermons (one in

February and one in June), and the tutor shall report on them to Synod. Each year the probationer shall conduct a trial service at a time and place to be arranged by the Chairman.

1st Year: The purpose of preaching, what to preach, and how to preach it.

2nd Year: More detailed study of textual and expository preaching, and a study of the sources and use of illustration.

3rd Year: The origin and growth of Methodism in 18th and 19th Centuries, having regard to its place in the Church Universal, and show how its special emphasis and type of organisation grew out of the needs of the work of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

4th Year: Methodism in the 20th Century and its place in the ecumenical movement. Methodist law and polity with a special study of the Law Book, Part I, Sect. 1, 2, 4; Part II, Sect. 3, 4, 9; Part VIII, Sect. 3.

Book Lists—

Each probationer shall submit to Synod a list of books he has read during the year, including text books and any special Bible study he has done during the year.

Oral Examination—

Each year a probationer shall be orally examined on one book from his book list. In his final year he shall be orally examined in Theology.

Tutor—

The Superintendent of the Circuit in which the probationer labours or a minister appointed by him shall be the tutor for the probationer, unless Synod otherwise directs.

III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

1.—Old Testament.

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

2.—New Testament.

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

- (c) New Testament Exegesis in English.
1st and 2nd years together—Passages selected from books dealt with in Introduction, 1 period weekly.
- (d) New Testament Theology. Combined class, 1 period weekly.
A three-year course, material divided as in Introduction.

3.—Theology.

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

in the Early Church. Chiliasm. The modern reaction. The Parousia. Is there a life after death? Where or what are Heaven and Hell? "Resurrection of the Body." Judgment. Leckie's "Optimist, Pessimist and Mediating theories," Universalism, Eternal Punishment and Conditional Immortality.

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

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

4.—Church History.

Combined class, 1 period weekly.

1st year—To 1500 A.D.

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

3rd year—Methodism, origins and world development.

5.—Pastoral Theology.

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

Elementary Homiletics.

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

Main learning processes, automatic, emotional and insightful.

Application to religious education. The Family Church.

Evangelism and Youth.

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Worship, Principles and brief history of worship.

Methodist worship. The Order of Worship considered in detail.

Special Services. Sacraments, Weddings, Funerals, etc.

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

- (b) Criticism Service, 1 period weekly.

- (c) Sermon Criticism Class, 1 period weekly.

This includes some attention to radio technique.

- (d) Voice Production, 1 period weekly.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

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 CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIVE MINISTRY

Theology.—A good knowledge and understanding of the Catechism of the Methodist Church and the Historic Creeds.

Text books: Hunter, "Lesson helps on the new Catechism"; Snaith, "I believe . . . (Nicene)"; Beetham, "Notes on the Creed" (Apostles).

Bible Knowledge.—An elementary knowledge of Palestine and its people in the time of Christ. "New Testament Times" (J. R. Shaw). A general knowledge of what is in the Bible and its message with a more detailed knowledge of portions of the New Testament. 1958—Mark's Gospel, Acts 1-14, I Corinthians.

Homiletics.—No examination to be set in this subject, but the candidate to present a written sermon to Synod and conduct a trial service. He should be expected to have some acquaintance with the principles of sermon construction. "What to preach and how to preach it," S. G. Williamson.

Methodism—1. An outline of the life of Wesley ("John Wesley," by Davey Foundry pamphlets).

2. Beginning of our work in the Solomons. "Isles of Solomon," by C. T. J. Luxton.

3. Elementary knowledge of Methodist Law and Polity, not for examination, but sufficient knowledge to be able to give assent to it when examined before Synod.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES

(Three Hour Papers)

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

Methodist Teaching.—“Our Fathers’ Faith and Ours,” C. T. Symons.
Bible Knowledge—2 papers.

- (a) General Knowledge of the Old Testament with detailed knowledge of I and II Kings, Amos, and Hosea.
- (b) General Knowledge of the New Testament with detailed knowledge of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles,

English.—“Everyday English” (Part 2), Smyth. (For Candidates who have not passed a Fifth form examination in English.)

STUDENTS—1958

Theology.—“An Approach to Christian Doctrine,” edited by Greville P. Lewis, pp. 1-114.

Old Testament.—“History and Religion of Israel” by W. L. Wardle (The Clarendon Bible, O.T., Vol. 1), Part 1. Supplementary textbook, “The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament,” by A. C. Welch.

New Testament.—“Introducing the New Testament,” by A. M. Hunter, pp. 1-55. “St Mark,” by A. M. Hunter (Torch Bible Commentaries).

Church History.—“A First Church History,” by Vera Walker, pp. 1-202.

Pastoral Psychology.—“Psychology, Religion and Human Need,” by W. L. Carrington, chapters 1, 2, 13 and 18. Supplementary Textbook, “The Art of Ministering to the Sick,” by Cabot and Dicks.

Religious Education.—“Guiding Children in Christian Growth,” by Mary Alice Jones.

Students who have not passed the School Certificate examination will take an approved course in English at an outside college. All other students will read books from a specified list.

STUDENTS, 1959

Theology.—“An Approach to Christian Doctrine,” edited by Greville P. Lewis, pp. 115-235.

Old Testament.—“History and Religion of Israel,” by W. L. Wardle (The Clarendon Bible, O.T., Vol. 1, Part 2. Supplementary textbook, “The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament,” by A. C. Welch.

New Testament.—“Introducing the New Testament,” by A. M. Hunter, pp. 56-118. “Galatians,” by J. A. Allan (Torch Bible Commentary).

Church History.—“A First Church History,” by Vera Walker, pp. 203-264; “A Charge to Keep,” by Frank Baker.

Pastoral Psychology.—“Psychology, Religion, and Human Need,” by W. L. Carrington, chapters 4, 5, 11, 12, 14 and 17.

Homiletics.—“Worship and Preaching,” by T. M. Morrow.

English and Specified Reading.—As above.

Note.—Lectures are given on Car Maintenance, Social Security Regulations, Vocational Guidance, Methodist Organisation, and Social Service, Home Nursing, etc.

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

1. Old Testament: “An Approach to the Old Testament,” Horace Cleaver.

2. New Testament: “An Approach to the New Testament,” G. P. Lewis.

3. Theology: “An Approach to Christian Doctrine,” Ed. by G. P. Lewis.

4. Homiletics.—“Worship and Preaching,” T. W. Morrow.

Note.—That the examination time for each subject be two hours.

That the first examination based upon the new course of study be held in June, 1958.

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 1958 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers.—Tuesday, May 20th, and Tuesday, September 9th.

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

Candidates for Ministry.—Tuesday, July 15th.

Home Missionary Probationers.—Tuesday, September 9th.

Bible Knowledge Tutorials for H.M. Probationers.—Tuesday, March 11th.

Deaconess Entrance.—Tuesday, August 5th.

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 1958 be Rev E. W. Hames, M.A.

2. That Revs P. M. Guthardt, Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., and D. L. Kitchingman, be congratulated on graduating B.A., and that permission be granted for the degrees to be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

3. That we record receipt of satisfactory theses during the year, as follows: Revs C. H. Raynor, "Sermon on the Mount," a devotional study; E. Baker, "The Church in the Rural Community"; G. G. Carter, M.A., Translation of Gospel of St Mark; a Hymn Book; a Book of Devotions; and 1 John into Teop language.

4. Theses.—

(a) That men ordained before 1954 are under no obligation to present Theses.

(b) That the whole matter of Theses be referred to the Board of Studies for further consideration.

5. That the Board of Studies be a Committee (a) To review the present Probationers' Course of Study; (b) To submit suggestions for modification and amendment; (c) To report to District Ministerial Committees in August, 1958.

6. That in addition to a Medical Examination, Candidates for the Ministry be required to undergo a chest X-ray examination, and that this be referred to the Law Revision Committee.

7. That the Board of Studies bring down proposals for a Ministerial Training Scheme for married men, which will enable them (and older Candidates and special cases) to receive training, whilst at the same time supporting their families, these proposals, if possible, to be submitted to District Ministerial Committees in August, 1958, and the Examination Committee of November, 1958. That for

this purpose the Rev B. M. Chrystall be associated with the Board of Studies.

8. That the Church Council review the procedure for the acceptance of Candidates for the Ministry, especially where they are University students, and make recommendations whereby such men doing University examination work, are not required to attend Conference at the time of their examinations.

9. That when a Senior Home Missionary is received as a Probationer his scale of stipend continue as that of a Senior Home Missionary.

10. That Rev H. C. Matthews, B.A., be thanked for his services as Secretary to the Board of Examiners, and that he be reappointed.

11. That the Revs A. R. Witheford, B.A., and L. G. Hanna be thanked for their services as Assistant Secretaries, and that they be reappointed.

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

AUCKLAND—Northland:

- (a) That owing to the progress made, the consolidation of Circuits which has taken place and the prospects of at least four additional agents being appointed as men are available, the Northland area, that is, north of the northern boundary of the Mahurangi Circuit, be constituted a separate Synodical District.
- (b) That the Northland ministers continue to attend the March Ministerial Committees in Auckland, and that the travelling expenses be listed on the respective District Accounts.
- (c) That the Auckland Maori Circuit be divided into two Circuits, the northern Circuit with the boundary coinciding with the Northland District, to be known as the Northland Maori Circuit.
- (d) That the question of the period of the year during which Home Mission and Foreign Mission Appeals may be made be referred to the respective Boards.

WELLINGTON:

Porirua: That the boundaries of the Porirua and Paraparaumu Circuits be altered so that Paekakariki is included in the Porirua Circuit; such alteration being conditional on a second agent being appointed to the Porirua Circuit.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Circuit:

- (1) That the Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Circuit be amalgamated.
- (2) That the name be "Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church."
- (3) That the staffing be two ordained ministers and a deaconess.
- (4) That the Board of Management be constituted as provided in the Law Book, paragraphs 299 and 300.

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

AUCKLAND:

Maungaturoto.—That since negotiations have taken place with the Maungaturoto Congregational Church, Conference approve the association of the name "Methodist" as suggested by them.

Auckland East.—That the staffing be Five Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

Takapuna.—That the staffing be Two Ordained Ministers.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Wanganui North.—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister.

Marton.—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

(1) That **Waipawa-Waipukurau** Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit, the staffing to be a Married Probationer.

(2) That the staffing of **Palmerston North (Trinity)** be an Ordained Minister.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Sydenham.—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Invercargill Central.—That the staffing be Two Ordained Ministers.

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

AUCKLAND:

Auckland South: (a) That the staffing be three Ordained Ministers, and a Probationer;

(b) That the matter of the parsonage situation in the Circuit be referred to the District Synod Standing Committee for consultation with the Circuit.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Rotorua.—That the staffing be Two Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Napier.—That the staffing be Two Ordained Ministers and a Single Probationer.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Riccarton.—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and Two Probationers.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Invercargill (St. Peter's).—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

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

None.

QUESTION XXVII.—**What New Stations are now Constituted?**

None.

QUESTION XXVIII.—**What Circuits are due to provide a Parsonage for an Ordained Minister?**

Auckland East (5th) is due and fulfils its obligations.

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

Hikurangi is due, and is relieved for another year.

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

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

Taihape is due, and is relieved for another year.

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

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

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

Timaru South is due, and is relieved for another year.

Invercargill Central is due, and fulfils its obligations.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1958

President—REV. DAVID O. WILLIAMS, M.A., Litt.D.

Vice-President—MR PHILIP A. LeBRUN, J.P.

Secretary—REV. GORDON R. H. PETERSON.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 146 and [1] to [11] for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent, or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

I—NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1. **Mangonui**—Harry W. Toothill.
2. **Whangaroa-Bay of Islands**—A. Wharton E. Silvester (Medal of Merit, U.S.A.), Henry W. Kitchingman, One Wanted.
3. **North Hokianga**—One Wanted.
4. **Hokianga**—Percy P. Rushton (C.F. for duty in C.M.T. Camp).
5. **Hikurangi**—Geoffrey E. Scarr.
6. **Whangarei**—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit), One Wanted.
7. **Dargaville**—Norman W. Olds, One Wanted.
8. **Ruawai**—Douglas H. Burt.
9. **Paparoa**—Frederick J. K. Baker.
10. **Port Albert**—David G. Stubbs, One Wanted.

MAORI MISSION—

- [1] **Northland**—Ruawai D. Rakena, 6 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

A. WHARTON E. SILVESTER, M.M., Chairman
of the District.

DAVID G. STUBBS, Financial Secretary.

II—AUCKLAND DISTRICT

11. **Auckland Central**—R. Frederick Clement, M.A., Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Kingsland), Ian D. Grant (St. Jude's, Richmond Road), E. Thomas Olds (Sup.), A Deaconess.
- The Home Mission Department**—George I. Laursen (Gen. Sup.), Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Asst. Sup.), Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary—residing at Hawera), Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.), Acting-Senior Maori Superintendent.
- The Foreign Mission Department**—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Gen. Sec.) (who shall serve as Superintendent of Roviana Circuit, Solomon Islands).

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 (President of the Conference); John J. Lewis, M.A. B.D., Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching.

Department of Christian Education—Youth Director (see Question 30).

12. **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.
13. **Auckland South**—W. E. Allon Carr, Geoffrey T. Gilbert (Roskill), Walter Parker (Sandringham), One Wanted, John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D. (overseas), George P. Hunt (Sup.), Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (without pastoral charge), Albert Jolly (without pastoral charge). Children's Home: Chaplain, Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
14. **Auckland West**—John A. Penman, B.A., One Wanted.
15. **Auckland East**—L. Gordon Hanna, Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Joseph C. Draper, Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. (Chaplain to Winstone Lodge and Seamer House), H. David Besant, One Wanted, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.), William Walker, E.D. (Sup.), Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.), Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.), James W. Parker (Sup.), Frederick J. Parker (Sup.), Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
16. **Auckland (Avondale)**—Athol R. Penn (Chaplain to Astley House and Tyler House), 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.).
17. **Auckland (Henderson)**—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., One Wanted, Percy I. Cooke (Sup.), Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.), Thomas Skuse (Sup.).
18. **Auckland (Devonport)**—G. Raymond Harris, E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
19. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A., One Wanted, William Gatman (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.) (Acting-Deputy-General Secretary of Foreign Mission Department), John Dennis (Sup.), J. Francis Jack (Sup.).
20. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Robert H. Allen, B.A., One Wanted.
21. **Onehunga**—Leslie T. Norwell, One Wanted.
22. **Otahuhu**—Francis J. Handy.
23. **Papatoetoe**—John Silvester, M.A., Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
24. **Papakura**—Herbert W. Payne, James F. Cropp.
25. **Pukekohe**—W. Lloyd Divers (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau Circuit), Wesley Training College, Paerata: Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
26. **Bombay-Tuakau**—R. John Hamlin.
27. **Wainuku**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
28. **North Waitemata**—Ivan J. Clucas, Bruce Scammell.
29. **Mahurangi**—George R. Trebilco John H. Bailey (Sup.).

- [2] **Auckland**—Ranginohora Rogers (Chaplain to Seamer House), Ngatete K. Kukutai (Sup.), 7 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

DAVID O. WILLIAMS, M.A., Litt.D.

(President of the Conference), Chairman of the District.

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

G. RAYMOND HARRIS, Financial Secretary.

III—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

30. **Thames**—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel Home Mission Station), Frank Bateup (Sup.), William M. Garner (Sup.).
31. **Hauraki Plains**—One Wanted.
32. **Paeroa**—One Wanted, A. Francis Attwood (without pastoral charge), Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
33. **Waihi**—Archibald W. McKay.
34. **Te Aroha**—John Churchill.
35. **Morrinsville**—Harold K. Brown, One Wanted.
36. **Cambridge**—Reginald Grice, Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
37. **Hamilton**—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D., Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A., One Wanted, Cuthbert F. Peart (Chaplain to the Forces), William J. Morrison, M.A. (overseas), Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.), Samuel J. Werren (Sup.).
- 37a. **Raglan Union Parish**—Cong. Appointment.
38. **Hamilton East**—Charles B. Oldfield, One Wanted.
39. **Huntly**—Ronald H. Wood.
40. **Matamata**—Charles H. Bell, B.A.
41. **Putaruru**—Ian W. Reid, One Wanted.
42. **Rotorua**—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A., One Wanted, One Wanted (Taupo).
43. **Tauranga**—J. Henry Woolford (who shall supervise Opotiki Circuit), Noel D. Billingham (Te Puke), One Wanted (Mount Maunganui), Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
44. **Whakatane**—Arthur W. Dickie (who shall superintend Kawerau Circuit).
45. **Opotiki**—One Wanted.
46. **Te Awamutu**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
47. **Otorohanga**—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station).
48. **Te Kuiti**—Alan H. V. Newton, A Home Missionary.
49. **Taumarunui**—Hughan M. Craig.
50. **Ohura**—George L. Bennett.
51. **Kawerau**—One Wanted.
- [3] **Waikato**—One Wanted (Ngaruawahia), 10 Home Missionaries, 4 Deaconesses.
- [4] **Maniapoto**—Lane M. Tauroa, B.A., 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.
- NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.
- KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.
- COROMANDEL—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A., B.D., Chairman of the
HAROLD K. BROWN, Financial Secretary. District.

IV—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

52. **New Plymouth**—William W. H. Greenslade, James H. Hall, Frank H. Woodfield, Charles M. Roberts (Sup.), Robert E. Fordyce (Sup.).
 53. **Waitara**—John H. Osborne, A Home Missionary.
 54. **Stratford**—J. Montgomery Blight.
 55. **Eltham-Kaponga**—E. Raymond Le Couteur, A Home Missionary.
 56. **Hawera**—Ralph E. Patchett, A Home Missionary (Patea).
 57. **Manaiia**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
 58. **Opunake**—Basil J. Hilder, One Wanted.
 59. **Wanganui Central**—George R. Thompson, Herbert Spencer (Sup.).
 60. **Wanganui North**—Edmund D. Grounds (who shall supervise the Taihape and Raetihi-Ohakune Circuits).
 61. **Wanganui West**—John H. Thompson.
 62. **Taihape**—Robert S. Andrews.
 63. **Raetihi-Ohakune**—One Wanted.
 64. **Marton**—Trevor L. Bennett.
 - [5] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Harold A. Darvill (Hawera, Acting Circuit Superintendent), Te Awha W. Tahere (New Plymouth), 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.
- INGLEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

RALPH E. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

EDMUND D. GROUNDS, Financial Secretary.

V—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

65. **Napier**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A., Edmond S. Stewart (Greenmeadows), One Wanted, Henry Ryan (Sup.), Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
 66. **Hastings**—Leonard C. Horwood (who shall supervise Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit), One Wanted, Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
 67. **Gisborne**—E. Clarence Leadley, One Wanted.
 68. **Wairoa**—Amos W. Burrough.
 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., One Wanted.
 73. **Palmerston North (Trinity)**—George H. Goodman (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
 74. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—Charles H. Raynor.
 75. **Feilding**—R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Apiti Circuit). A Deaconess.
 76. **Sanson-Rongotea**—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
 77. **Apiti**—Irwin J. Fowler.
 78. **Waipawa-Waipukurau**—One Wanted.
- FOXTON-SHANNON—A Home Missionary, William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.).
- NORSEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., B.D., Chairman of the District.

VI—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

79. **Wellington Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., Owen Kitchingman, One Wanted, A Deaconess, Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (with S.C.M.), Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.), Henry J. Odell (Sup.).
Department of Christian Education—Director, Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
80. **Wellington West**—Ernest S. Hoddinott, R. Leslie George.
81. **Wellington South**—Andrew J. Johnston, One Wanted.
82. **Wellington East**—Lawrence Greenslade, Idris J. Ruck, Frank S. Rigg, William Rowe (Sup.), Leslie C. Clements (Chaplain to Justice Dept.).
83. **Wellington North**—Ivo M. Raynor, John C. F. Mabon, Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agric.Sc. (serving in West Germany).
84. **Porirua**—Wilf G. Eisner, B.A., One Wanted.
85. **Lower Hutt**—Charlie O. Hailwood (who shall supervise the Probationer appointed to Taita Union Parish), Phillip D. Ramsay, Maurice H. Downer, One Wanted, R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
- 85a. **Taita Union Parish**—Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
86. **Upper Hutt**—Francis H. Parker, One Wanted.
87. **Petone**—Harry I. Shaw.
- 87a. **Wainuiomata Union Parish**—Clifford G. Brown.
88. **Greytown-Featherston**—Frederick J. Climo.
89. **Carterton**—Reginald Day.
90. **Masterton**—John B. Dawson, B.A. (who shall supervise Greytown-Featherston and Eketahuna Circuits), One Wanted. Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, John B. Dawson, B.A.
91. **Eketahuna**—One Wanted.
92. **Levin**—One Wanted, Harry S. Kings (Sup.)
93. **Otaki**—Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Circuit).
94. **Paraparaumu**—Trevor L. Nicholls.

ERNEST S. HODDINOTT, Chairman of the District.
 CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD, Deputy-Chairman.
 J. H. McFADDEN, Financial Secretary.

VII—NELSON DISTRICT

95. **Nelson**—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D., Gordon D. Brough. B. A., Charles Blair (Sup.).
96. **Waimea**—Harry Moore, John Grundy, M.A., Frederick B. Lawrence (Sup.).
97. **Motueka**—Neville Thornicroft.
98. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
99. **Blenheim**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., David W. Edmonds (Picton), One Wanted, John D. McArthur (Sup.), Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.).
100. **Reefton**—Wilfred S. Gilbert.
101. **Westport**—Alan Newman (who shall supervise the Murchison Circuit).
102. **Greymouth**—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A. (who shall supervise the Reefton and Hokitika Circuits), One Wanted.
103. **Hokitika**—Kenneth H. Russell.

M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, D.D.,
 Chairman of the District.
 D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A., Deputy-Chairman.

VIII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

104. **Christchurch (Durham Street)**—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., David L. Trebilco, Herbert Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.), William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.) (Connexional Editor). William G. Slade, M.A., D.D. (Sup.).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
YOUTH DIRECTOR—(See Question 30).
105. **Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church** Wilfred E. Falkingham, Hubert G. Brown, a Deaconess.
106. **Christchurch East**—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., J. C. Aldwyn Williams, Leonard V. Willing, Edward Baker, One Wanted, Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.), Oswald Burnet (Sup.).
107. **Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)**—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., Harry Utting (Opawa), William E. Moore (Lyttelton), Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).
108. **Christchurch (Sydenham)**—Colin D. Clark, B.A.
109. **Christchurch (Addington)**—Thomas H. Carr (Chaplain to Sunnyside Hospital).
110. **Christchurch (Riccarton)**—John D. Grocott, B.A., Phyllis M. Guthardt, B.A., One Wanted.
111. **Christchurch (St Albans)**—Charles E. Djckens, Peter A. Stead, B.A., Norman P. Larsen, George B. Hinton (Sup.), Cecil R. Taylor (Sup.).
112. **Christchurch (Papanui)**—Harris Whitfield, E.D. South Island Orphanage: Chaplain, Harris Whitfield.
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**—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th., One Wanted.
117. **Greendale**—Loyal J. Gibson.
118. **Oxford**—Trevor Shepherd.

V. ROY JAMIESON, M.B.E., E.D.,

Chairman of the District.

PETER A. STEAD, B.A., Financial Secretary.

IX—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

119. **Timaru (Banks Street)**—Alan O. Jones.
120. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)**—Leslie F. Bycroft.
- 120a. **Marchwiell 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**—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A, One Wanted.
126. **Willowby**—Owen T. Woodfield.
127. **Oamaru**—George W. Cramond.

ALAN O. JONES, Chairman of the District.

X—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

128. **Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)**—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., Ernest Heppelthwaite, One Wanted, A Deaconess.
129. **Dunedin (Dundas Street)**—Allan J. Handyside (who shall supervise the Port Chalmers Circuit).
130. **Dunedin North**—John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S.
131. **Dunedin South**—Alan F. Collins, Leonard Shapcott, One Wanted (Abbotsford), Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D. (without pastoral charge).
- 131a. **Corstorphine Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
132. **Dunedin (St Kilda)**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (Secretary of the Conference), One Wanted.
133. **Dunedin (Mornington)**—Herbert A. Cochrane (who shall supervise Waikouaiti-Palmerston Home Mission Station, and who shall give at least two services a quarter to Dunedin South Circuit).
134. **Dunedin (Roslyn)**—O. McLennan Olds (who shall give at least one service a quarter to Dunedin North Circuit).
135. **Port Chalmers**—One Wanted.
136. **Mosgiel**—One Wanted.
137. **Milton**—William K. Abbott.
138. **Balclutha**—Warren Green.
139. **Gore**—T. Ralph Benny.
140. **Edendale**—One Wanted.
141. **Invercargill Central**—D. J. Donald Hickman (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit), Wilfred J. Cable (who shall supervise Edendale Circuit).
142. **Invercargill (St Peter's)**—J. Stanley Olds (who shall supervise Auckland East (Glen Innes)—J. E. Langley, D. I. Robertson (retired).
143. **Western Southland**—Frank G. Glen, One Wanted.
144. **Bluff**—G. Basil W. Bell.
145. **Roxburgh**—Edward P. Boyd.
146. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Eric R. Eastwood (who shall supervise Roxburgh Circuit).
- WAIKOUAITI-PALMERSTON—A Home Missionary
LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Chairman of the District.
ALLAN J. HANDYSIDE, Financial Secretary.

XI—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

- [6] **Roviana Circuit**—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Chairman, Kokengolo), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (D.T.I. Banga), Philip F. Taylor (Kokengolo), Aisake Vula (Honiara), Ahofitu Maka (Kokengolo), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Secretary) (Wanted), One Lay Missionary (Technician), 5 Native Catechists, 43 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.
- District Training Institution**—Chairman of the District, (Principal), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (Vice-Principal), 4 Native Teachers.
- [7] **Vella Lavella Circuit**—Alexander C. Watson (Bilua), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse),

One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Wanted), 4 Native Catechists, 37 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

- [8] **Choiseul Circuit**—D. I. Alister McDonald (Sasamunga), Timothy Piani (Senga), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister, 3 Native Catechists, 38 Native Teachers, 1 Native Medical Assistant.
- [9] **Buin Circuit**—A. Harry Voyce (Kihili), John Taufa (Kieta), One Native Minister (Wanted) (Tonu), Two Missionary Sisters (Teachers) (Area Girls' School), One Missionary Sister (Teacher) (Tonu), One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Tonu), 10 Native Catechists, 74 Native Teachers, 8 Native Medical Assistants.
- [10] **Teop Circuit**—George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Kekesu), Daniel Palavi (Tearaka), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), 4 Native Catechists, 22 Native Teachers, 1 Native Medical Assistant.
- [11] **Buka Circuit**—Gordon A. R. Cornwell (Skotolan), John V. Bitibule, One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), 4 Native Catechists, 36 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

Helena Goldie Hospital—Gerald E. Hoult, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., D.T.M. and H., One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

N.B.: (1) Joeli Zio and Samson Pataku serve under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

(2) It is understood that the Chairman of the District shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

STANLEY G. ANDREWS, M.A., Dip.Ed., Chairman of the District.

XII—PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

(Ministers of the New Zealand Conference appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands District 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, Clifford J. Keightley, one lay missionary, three missionary sisters.

Tari—

Roland L. Barnes, L.Th., 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.

GORDON H. YOUNG, Chairman of the District.

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

NORTHLAND DISTRICT—

North Hokianga (Kohukohu)—F. L. Johnson.

Whangaroa-Bay of Islands (Kerikeri)—One Wanted, R. Coombridge (retired).

Dargaville (Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.

Whangarei (2nd)—One Wanted.

Port Albert (Wellsford)—One Wanted.

Maori Mission:

Mangamuka—Supply.
Whirinaki—Supply.
Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.
Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa.
Kawakawa (Waioio)—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.
Pokere (Bay of Islands)—Piripi Livingstone.
Whananaki—Supply.
Hikurangi—Hohepa Hemara.
Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
Rangitane (Pouto)—Henare Kapa.
Batley—Supply.
Pakiri—John Harris.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Youth Director—Miss Mary Astley (employed by the Department of Christian Education).
Auckland Methodist Central Mission (2nd)—One wanted.
Auckland East (Glen Innes)—J. E. Langley, D. I. Robertson (retired).
Auckland West (2nd)—One Wanted.
Auckland (Avondale) (2nd)—One Wanted.
Auckland (Takapuna) (2nd)—One Wanted. W. Sussex (retired), W. H. Wilson (retired).
Auckland (Henderson) (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (J. H. Conway), J. W. Bayliss (Retired).
Auckland South (4th)—One Wanted.
Auckland (Onehunga) (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (Andrew J. Reid).

Maori Mission:

Rewiti—Supply.
Point Chevalier—Hone Wilcox.
Auckland—Huru Weperi and Paikea H. Toka.
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Mangere—Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Ph.D., Dip.Ed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Opotiki—Supply (W. J. Bryant) (Retired).
Kawerau—One Wanted (to be worked from Whakatane).
Tauranga (3rd) (Mount Maunganui)—L. H. Barber.
Paeroa—Supply (Rev A. F. Attwood).
Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker).
Rotorua (2nd)—Supply (Rev Wm. Isitt).
Rotorua (3rd) (Taupo)—One Wanted.
Putaruru (2nd)—Supply (L. E. Salter).
Morrinsville (Waitoa)—One Wanted.
Hauraki Plains—Arnold C. Hight.
Ngaruawahia—C. E. Roke.
Hamilton (3rd)—Supply (Rev S. J. Werren), A. L. Withford (Retired).
Hamilton East (2nd)—One Wanted.
Kawhia—One Wanted.

Maori Mission:

Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits, Superintendent (Supply Rev A. J. Seamer).
Rangiriri—Matene Hori de Thierry.
Huntly—Supply.
Ngaruawahia—Heemi Rihimona and Tutu Keepa.
Ngaruawahia Rural—Graham Kahui.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Frankton Junction—J. Hatoitoi Pihama.
Hamilton—Te Akonga Pihama.

Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama.
 Aramiro—Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura.
 Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.
 Makomako—Tumu Te Huia.
 Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.
 Maketu Pa—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
 Kawhia—Paahi Moke.
 Rakaunui—Supply.
 Tahahoa—Taipua Te Uira.
 Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.
 Ngutunui—Rangi Katipa.
 Mokau—Supply.
 Te Kopua (Te Awamutu)—Supply.
 Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.
 Aotearoa—Wiremu Tonga and Pukerau Rangitutia.
 Otorohanga—Paki Manga.
 Waitomo—Supply.
 Hangatiki—Supply.
 Southern King Country—Te Urunga Wetere.
 Waimiha—Tame Ponui.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

Waitara (Uruti)—One Wanted.
 Inglewood—O. L. Christian.
 New Plymouth—H. Ashworth (Retired).
 Opunake (Okato)—H. R. Wright.
 Eltham (Kaponga)—One Wanted.
 Hawera (Patea)—One Wanted.
 Raetihi-Ohakune—One Wanted. W. E. Sleep (retired).

Maori Mission:

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Foxton-Shannon—F. D. Peterson.
 Palmerston North (St Paul's) (2nd)—One Wanted.
 Woodville—F. E. Trim.
 Norsewood—Vacant (Under Dannevirke Superintendent)
 Waipawa-Waipukurau—S. E. Neal.
 Hastings (2nd)—One Wanted.
 Napier (3rd)—One Wanted, C. Robinson (Retired).
 Gisborne (2nd)—One Wanted.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Levin—Supply (Rev H. S. Kings).
 Porirua (2nd)—One Wanted (Paekakariki).
 Wellington Central (3rd)—One Wanted.
 Wellington South (2nd)—One Wanted (Island Bay).
 Eketahuna—H. Prowse.
 Masterton (2nd)—One Wanted (Kuripuni).
 Upper Hutt (2nd)—One Wanted.
 Lower Hutt (4th) (Naenae)—Deaconess Supply (Sister Joyce Gribble).

NELSON DISTRICT—

Blenheim (3rd)—One Wanted.
Motueka—R. T. Alexander (Retired).
Murchison—One Wanted.
Reefton—T. Steele (Retired).
Greymouth (Runanga)—One Wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Maori Mission:

Rapaki—Wera Couch.
Youth Director—Miss Meriel Beaumont (employed by the Department of Christian Education).
Christchurch East (5th)—One Wanted.
Christchurch (Riccarton) (3rd)—One Wanted.
Rangiora (2nd)—G. K. Greening (Woodend).
Springston (2nd) (Islington)—Supply (Rev H. R. Falla).

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT:

Ashburton (2nd)—G. H. J. Yearbury.
Temuka—One Wanted (Supplied from Geraldine).
Timaru South—S. Hargreaves.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—Supply (E. H. Downer).
Central Methodist Church and Mission (3rd)—One Wanted.
Dunedin (St Kilda) (2nd)—F. Waine.
Dunedin South (Abbotsford)—One Wanted.
Port Chalmers—Supply (A. E. Tardif).
Mosgiel—W. J. Henderson (who shall give at least one service a Quarter to Dunedin South Circuit).
Lawrence—Vacant (under Milton Superintendent).
Edendale—One Wanted.
Invercargill (St Peter's) (2nd)—One Wanted.
Western Southland (2nd) (Ohai)—One Wanted.

Alfred G. Woodnutt is a superannuated Minister of the British Conference 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, Central Church and Mission, Dunedin.
Sister Rita Snowden, Without appointment, Auckland.
Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland.
Sister Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch.
Sister Evelyn J. Taylor, Auckland (leave of absence).
Sister Joyce Gribble, Lower Hutt.
Sister Doreen Bulford, Christchurch Central Mission.
Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Auckland Central Mission.
Sister Lorraine Flowers (leave for hospital training).
Sister Beverley Taylor, Auckland Central.
Probationer Ann Saunders, Feilding.

II.—Maori Work—

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
Sister Nicholls, Maori Centre, Auckland.
Sister Airini Hobbs, Waikato.
Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" School Hostel.
Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiataea 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, Rawene, Northland.
Sister June Peters, Paihia, Bay of Islands.
Sister Joyce Foster, Outer Auckland.

III.—Solomon Islands—

Sister Lucy Money, Choiseul.

IV.—Retired—(a) Deaconesses

Sister Ruth Fawcett	Sister Lily White
Mrs W. J. Williams	Mrs C. B. Jones
Sister May Barnett	Sister Olive Coleman
Sister Annie Tocker	Mrs H. Breed
Sister Winifred Beaumont.	Mrs R. Venis
Sister May Ralph	Sister Olive Bott
Sister Mildred West	

(b) Missionary Sisters

Sister Lina Jones	Sister Merle Farland
Sister Grace McDonald	Sister Effie Harkness
Sister Edna White	

V.—In Training—

Final Year—Miss Mary Sealey.
First Year—Misses Ann Franklin Browne, Gladys Mildred Thomas, Norma Justine Yarr, Patricia Joan Wedding.

VI.—Solomon Islands—Missionary Sisters—

Sister Ada Lee, Buin, Bougainville.
Sister Merle Carter, Tonu, South Bougainville.
Sister Myra Fraser, Roviana.
Sister Pamela Beaumont, Tonu, South Bougainville.
Sister Nancy Ball, Choiseul.
Sister Thelma Duthie, Teop, Bougainville.
Sister June Hilder, Buka, Bougainville.
Sister Rewa Williamson, Teop, Bougainville.
Sister Norma Graves, Buka, Bougainville.
Sister Edith James, Tari, Papua-New Guinea Highlands.
Sister Joy Thompson, Vella Lavella.
Sister Mary Addison, Tonu, Bougainville.
Sister Audrey Grice, Vella Lavella.
Sister Audrey Roberts (Training Sydney).
Sister Lesley Bowen, Roviana.
Sister Audrey Highnam, Choiseul.
Sister Phyllis Rudolph, Choiseul.
Sister Beulah Reeves, Buin, Bougainville.

QUESTION XXXII—(a) Authority to Administer the Sacraments.

(1)—What Probationers are Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

Robert S. Andrews	Wilfred S. Gilbert
G. Basil W. Bell	R. John Hamlon
George L. Bennett	Henry W. Kitchingman
Edward P. Boyd	Owen Kitchingman
Gordon D. Brough	Evan R. Lewis
Frederick J. Climo	John C. F. Mabon
James F. Cropp	Trevor L. Nicholls
Maurice H. Downer	Kenneth H. Russell
Irwin J. Fowler	Geoffrey E. Scarr
Phyllis M. Guthardt	Bruce Scammell
Frank G. Glen	

(2)—What Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Laymen are Now Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

E. Downer	D. I. Robertson
G. K. Greening	A. E. Tardif
S. Hargreaves	F. E. Trim
A. C. Hight	T. Walker
F. L. Johnson	R. W. Widdup
S. E. Neal	G. H. J. Yearbury
A. G. Reid	

QUESTION XXXII—(b) Who are Elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and Statistical Secretaries for the Ensuing Year?

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS:

- Northland—A. Wharton E. Silvester, M.M.
Auckland—David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (President of Conference).
South Auckland—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Ralph E. Patchett.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Wellington—Ernest S. Hoddinott.
Nelson—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.
North Canterbury—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D.
South Canterbury—Alan O. Jones.
Otago-Southland—Gordon R. H. Peterson (Secretary of Conference).
Solomon Islands—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES:

- General Statistical Secretary—William C. Jenkin.
Northland—Arthur T. Kent.
Auckland—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
South Auckland—Harold K. Brown.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Edmund D. Grounds.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Charles H. Raynor.
Wellington—Lawrence Greenslade.
Nelson—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
North Canterbury—Norman P. Larsen.
South Canterbury—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.
Otago-Southland—Herbert A. Cochrane.
Solomon Islands—George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed.

QUESTION XXXIII—(1) Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference, 1958?

- President—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
Secretary—Athol R. Penn.

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

Yes.

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

Report of the Statistical Secretary

General

That more care is needed in the compilation of the Statistical Returns is very evident from reports received from the District Secretaries. There is still a very small minority of the men on the Circuit level who evidently see no reason why they should co-operate. It should be pointed out that the District Secretaries are also busy Circuit Ministers and to have letters and requests for information ignored is hardly fair, especially when after repeated attempts the said returns are brought along on the first morning of Synod.

Information from the Government Statistical Department is still not available re the recent census.

With regard to travelling expenses we still find a reluctance to state the amount involved in the costs of travelling for the Circuit. The answers "All Exes," "Conference Rates" are still to be found in the returns. Six Circuit cars were run at "No cost" whatever, a rather unique position.

Buildings

Churches show a decrease of 3 on last year's figure, the total being 445. One less preaching place this year brings the total to 298. The Minutes of Conference for 1913 show 339 Churches and 594 other preaching places, a total of 933. 1926 saw these figures returned as 442 and 473, a total of 915.

1919 saw 452 Churches returned; our latest return reveals the fact that we have 445 so that in spite of increases recorded as from 1951 we are still not at an all time record in this respect.

1919 saw 452 other preaching places returned and this year we have only 298. Since 1926 when services were being held in 915 places in New Zealand the number has declined until to-day our total number is 743.

Sunday School buildings are returned this year at 287, an increase of 11 on last year's figure and an all time record as far as our present church is concerned.

An increase of 2 in the number of Parsonages brings the total to 207.

Staffing

245 Ministers and Probationers are returning this year, being an increase of 4 on last year. Home Missionaries are returned at 29, a decrease of 1. The number of Ministers is the highest on record and the number of the Home Missionaries the lowest. This is in keeping with the policy of the Church.

Deaconesses have decreased in number to 11, being 1 less than last year. The number of local preachers returned at 673 shows the first decrease since 1950, the decrease being 28 on last year's figure.

The year 1916 recorded the total of 863 Local Preachers from a Church of 22,503 members which is 6482 less than this year's return. This is a question that might receive some attention.

Membership

28,985 members are returned for this year, being an increase of 777 on last year. It is interesting to see how long it has taken over

the years to reach an additional 1000 members. In 1913 the membership stood at 20,992; to-day, it has reached 28,985.

The following table may be of interest:

Year.	Membership Returned.	No. of Years Taken to Reach the Next 1,000.
1913 ..	20,992	—
1914 ..	21,751	1 Year
1915 ..	22,226	1 Year
1917 ..	23,565	2 Years
1925 ..	24,034	8 Years
1933 ..	25,390	8 Years
1950 ..	26,118	7 Years
1953 ..	27,114	3 Years
1956 ..	28,208	3 Years
?	29,—	? Years

It would seem that our next 1,000 will be reached in two years.

New members under 20 number 779, a decrease of 43 on last year's figures, while those over 20 stand at 1,054, an increase of 297 on last year's figures.

More care needs to be exercised in the matter of transfers from one circuit to another. There has been a leakage from this source in the last twelve years of 1,420 members lost to the Church in this connection.

Members "Ceased to Attend" again calls for comment in that 612 are reported for this year. When attention has been drawn to this matter previously the remark has been made that it was due to "Roll Revision." Last year the average to that date was approximately 418, so that we are well above the average this year. It would appear that more care needs to be exercised at the point of admission into membership of the Church.

Four hundred and twenty-four members have died during the year under review.

A net increase of 777 for the year is encouraging, but how much more satisfying it would be if the serious leakage mentioned above could be considerably reduced?

Communicants are returned at 25,939 for the year.

Youth Returns

Baptisms this year total 3,007, an increase of 75, while the number on the Cradle Roll stands at 7,395, an increase of 120. Children in the Primary and Beginners' Section again show a decrease, this year 48, the number now standing at 8,460.

Increases of 587 in the Junior and 163 in the Intermediate bring these totals to 9,367 and 6,397 respectively.

Sunday School Teachers this year show an increase of 60, the total being 2,909.

Losses of 128 in the Junior Young Men and 113 in the Junior Young Women are recorded in the Bible Class returns, but increases in the Intermediate and Senior Sections are also recorded. Ten more Leaders for the Young Men and two for the Young Women are reported, there being 420 and 287 respectively.

Pastoral Care

Our Church has under its pastoral care 40,750 families, representing 120,689 persons. These show an increase of 1,723 families now under the pastoral care of our Church.

A questionnaire is already in the hands of Superintendent Ministers to indicate where these people are located and from the information received the Standing Committees of Synods will be able to take appropriate action. This was advocated for some years and it is good to see that something is at last being attempted in this way and the results should be most instructive.

Finances

Stipends have increased during the year by £8147/11/1 while the travelling allowances show an increase of £2468/0/5, the totals being Stipends £114,283/16/7, and travelling allowances £19,603/15/1. Cars owned by Circuits number 25, being the same as returned last year. Cars owned by Ministers have increased by 8 and the total now stands at 170.

An increase in Circuit credits of £4,889/6/3 brings the total to £17,383/12/2, while at the same time the debits have increased by £2,216/17/7, the total debits standing at £3,990/18/11.

Trust Accounts show credits of £55,607/18/8 and debits of £30,639/14/1. One disturbing feature of these trust balances is the fact that figures shown on the General Statistical Form are not the same as that showing on the Trust Property Returns. All that is required is the correct copying of the figures from the Trust Schedules on to the Statistical Returns. A little more care exercised in this matter by the Superintendent ministers would correct what has up to the present been an ever recurring discrepancy.

Maori Returns

Returns from only one district have so far been received so that it is impossible at this stage to make a report on the Maori Mission figures.

Conclusion

The appointment of Circuit auditors needs some attention. At the moment it is customary to appoint them at the June Quarterly Meeting for the year just finished. I feel that it would be a distinct advantage if at that meeting the auditors were to be appointed for the ensuing year as is the practice in the business world.

My thanks are again due to the District Secretaries for their co-operation. I would again urge the Circuit officials to exercise reasonable care to ensure a quick and accurate return for Synod.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev Wm. C. Jenkin be thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary and re-appointed.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND RELATED MATTERS

The Committee noted that "census Methodists" now numbered 161,823—an increase of but 3.7 per cent on the 1951 Census—and that in relation to other "religious professions" our position has declined to 7.44 per cent of the population. This decline is at a period when the increase in the total population has been 12 per cent. It also noted the fact that while the decline has been most marked in the last inter-census period—nevertheless it has been evident since the First World War. In 1916 Census Methodists numbered 106,024 in a total population of 1,099,449, that is, 9.64 per cent of the population. For this reason we believe that the Church must ask herself some serious questions concerning her mission to the community.

Furthermore, while the Conference rejoices that the membership over this last year has increased by 777 members to the figure of 28,985—the highest nett increase since 1913—2.8 per cent—nevertheless this is not very much more than the rate of the average annual increase of population. Because of this fact we again believe that more could be done to make our work more efficient on the Circuit level, and accordingly we ask that a thorough examination be made of the work at every level—Sunday School, Youth Work, Pastoral Activity, etc., in the Circuits.

It is the Committee's opinion that more should be done than a mere investigation of the life of the Church, but that each Church in the Circuits should undertake definite objectives in evangelistic activity. There is little doubt that there is already evident a rising concern for the spiritual life of our people, and there is much evidence of a willingness on the part of the members of the Church to undertake definite assignments in the missionary programme of the local church.

Therefore the proposals set out below envisage a series of discussions and activities at the three main groupings in the Church's life and work.

- (a) **On the District level** there needs to be a close examination of the work of the Church, and we picture a series of questions being framed by the Spiritual Advance Committee and dealt with faithfully by the March Ministerial Committees, the Synod Standing Committees, and other groups on that level. The reports of these groups to be collated and reported to the next Conference.

Further it is hoped that the Districts will mobilise resources of lay leadership to assist Circuits which have to meet the opportunities of the new housing areas.

- (b) **On the Circuit level** we believe that the activities should include
1. The examination of the efficiency of the churches. We visualise that this could best be done by asking the Leaders' Meetings to face a series of questions designed to pin-point the weaknesses and needs of the Church. This series of questions should be drawn up by the Department of Christian Education in co-operation with the Home Missions Department.
 2. The development of planned visitation with definite objectives as outlined in the resolutions below.
 3. Circuit Surveys to be carried out with the objective of finding not only nominal Methodists but people unattached to any church.
 4. The immediate development of Fellowship Groups and/or House Churches.
- (c) **On the Connexional level**, the following procedure and activity is recommended:
1. The Home Mission Department to continue its survey of population and membership trends in relation to the Census and new housing areas.
 2. The Church Council to endeavour to develop an overall strategy which will assist the development of the Church in new areas.

In the Circuits and the Districts every endeavour shall be made to utilise the lay resources of the Church—first by making the Church aware of the facts, secondly by arousing the laymen to definite activity.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report of the Special Committee be received and adopted.

2. That the Home Mission Department in consultation with the General Statistical Secretary and the Circuits continue its general survey of the membership of the Church in relation to population trends.

3. That a letter be sent to the Leaders and Quarterly Meetings over the signature of the President, setting forth the facts that are disclosed by the statistical material calling for extensive study and action.

4. (a) That the Spiritual Advance Committee prepare a series of questions designed to appraise the present strength and development of the Church for the consideration of the Synod Standing Committees.

(b) That the Circuits be informed of the result of the appraisal and invited to make comments to the Synod Standing Committees.

(c) That each District communicate its results to the Spiritual Advance Committee, which shall collate same and present them in a report to Conference.

(d) That Synod Standing Committees:

(1) Sponsor group conferences of laymen. (See Resolution 7 below).

(2) Mobilise men and women who will be prepared to provide assistance in the way of leadership of house churches and Sunday Schools and visitation in new areas.

5. That on the Circuit Level the following procedure be followed:

(a) That each Circuit be asked to survey the life and work of the Churches within its boundaries; based on a series of questions to be drawn up by the Department of Christian Education and the Home Mission Department.

(b) That each circuit undertake (where it has not been done recently) a Circuit survey to discover the nominal Methodists, and people unattached to any Church.

(c) That each Church within a circuit undertake definite objectives this year:

(1) To win to Church Membership those parents of our Sunday School children who are not already members.

(2) To endeavour to win to membership the husband or wife of the active member.

(3) To develop Fellowship Groups both in the Church and in the neighbourhood.

(4) That Circuits instituting or carrying out budget campaigns be again reminded of the imperative need to continue building up the fellowship through lay visitation.

(5) That Circuits with new housing areas take action to develop "house churches" where buildings are not available.

(N.B.—These Circuits should have the right to expect assistance from other Circuits in the provision of leadership.)

6. That the Church Council reconsider the question of the development of a progressive and overall policy with regard to Church Extension by which the Connexion as a whole will agree to meet the needs of circuits with new housing areas with assistance in men and money. The Home Mission Department to prepare a memorandum as a basis for discussion in which questions such as (a) Provision of Finance, (b) Mobilisation of Capital Funds of the Church, (c) The possibility of District Action in addition to connexional action will be raised.

7. That the Home Mission Department accept the responsibility of directing the overall pattern of the campaign.

8. That in consultation with the Chairmen of Districts a key layman from each District and Sub-district be selected to attend a Conference of laymen to be held in Wellington, say in June, at which the above questions will be discussed, and plans made by which these men will be able to present to District and Sub-district Groups of Laymen the need for more active participation in the life of the Church.

9. That the question of suitable material for inspirational and training purposes be investigated immediately by the Christian Education Department, the Spiritual Advance Committee, and the Home Mission Department, and made available as soon as possible.

QUESTION XXV.—What are resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?

A—Welfare of the Church Committee

Annual Report 1957.

The Committee has considered the matters referred to it by Conference and reports as follows:

Lectionary:

The Lectionary for 1958-59 has been prepared and is again recommended for optional use, and to be printed in the "Methodist Times" and Circuit Magazines or Preaching Plans. The Committee also recommends the Booklet of Explanatory Introductions for each of the selected passages to be read by Preachers as a Preface to the prescribed Lessons. The Booklet is available from the Epworth Bookrooms (Price 1s 6d).

Wider Use of Laymen:

In last year's Report the Committee suggested certain functions, now performed by Ministers, which might be taken over by Laymen. These were mostly on the Connexional level. Conference having asked the Committee to specify tasks of a similar character within the Circuit, we make our recommendations, believing it to be a matter of the greatest urgency that Ministers be freed wherever possible to discharge the first claims of the Ministerial Office.

To invite the aid of the Laity in guarding the true function of the Ministry is not, however, to suggest that Lay service should be confined to the more secular tasks. Restoration of the Lay-Apostolate, the sharing of spiritual responsibilities with the Minister, defines what is probably the greatest need in the Church to-day.

Organised Life of the Church:

There is an increasing tendency for Ministers and Laymen to become involved in the business affairs of the Church, to the

detriment of study, pastoral work and service to individuals and to the Community. Leadership should be more widely spread over a sufficient number of available people.

The salvation and care of souls is the minister's first concern, and thus the priorities after Quarterly Meetings and Leaders Meetings, should be those activities which will further the evangelistic work of the Church, such as L.Y.C. and Weeknight Fellowships, Leadership Training and Community service. Meetings for social fellowship or entertainment should not generally occupy very much of the Minister's time. It is of the utmost importance that the Minister guard well his time in the study in the mornings.

The Church has not noted sufficiently the population movements and changed transport methods, and therefore redundancy in organisation is apparent. Greater efforts should be made in some Circuits to group Churches together for Leaders Meetings and L.Y.C. Meetings as the Law of the Church provides.

One of the greatest needs is for the Ministers and Laymen to spend at least one evening a week in Pastoral visitation in order that the men of the congregation can be contacted, and wherever possible Saturday mornings should be used for this purpose also.

A method of reducing the number of evenings required for meetings, and at the same time counteracting the evident fragmentation of Church life, is to hold a "Church night" at regular intervals. Tea could be served at 6 p.m. followed by Devotions, then various Meetings of the local Church held simultaneously. Individuals having to wait for their Meeting to commence, or belonging to meetings of short duration, could be employed in tasks such as packing clothing, repairing Hymn Books, tidying cupboards, etc. Such programme could provide Fellowship, devotion, service and business all in the one evening.

Women's organisations are increasing in number with encouraging results, and we believe that any suggestion for change in organisation should originate from the Women's groups themselves.

In the organised life of the Church the objects of Worship, Witness and Service must be kept paramount. All organisation will thus fulfil the purposes of the Kingdom of God.

We anticipate that the "Welfare of the Ministry" Committee will report on many related issues.

Membership Cards:

Conference 1955 directed that the Committee prepare Membership Cards which would be worthy of the Membership they signify. It is obvious that Conference was convinced of the need of a radical change in the character of Membership Cards. The Committee has further considered the matter in conjunction with the Faith and Order Committee and reports as follows:—

We consider that the present Card does not warrant any great change in wording, but the decoration is out-of-date and quite meaningless. We recommend the adoption of a Card expressing the Theological basis of Membership. The simplest means of expression is the use of pictorial symbol, and we therefore recommend the half-tone buff background depicting the Cross, flanked on either side with the Bible, the Chalice and Paten. Overprinting to be in black, the following to be the wording. . . "THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND" ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP. . . Year. . . Church. . . Minister. A sample photo-

graphed copy is being prepared for Synods and Conference.

The Card for the Reception into Membership could be distinguished in a different colour print with suitable change of wording. Rules of Membership should not be printed on either the Annual Recognition Card or the Certificate of Reception. The President's Text is not necessary on the Annual Card.

We believe there is need for the issue of a leaflet giving information on the meaning of the Church Membership Card in which could be incorporated the "General Rules for the Guidance of Church Members." The Booklet, "The Meaning of the Church Membership Ticket," published by the Australasian General Conference, and amended to suit New Zealand conditions would be suitable.

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

H. A. COCHRANE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be Received and Adopted.
2. That the Lectionary prepared by the Committee be adopted for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference. (See pages 5-9).
3. **Wider Use of Laymen:**
 - (a) That the most urgent need is for the laity to accept greater pastoral responsibilities in the local church.
 - (b) That the practice of the Law empowering Laymen to chair Trustee Meetings be encouraged.
 - (c) That this authority be extended to other meetings primarily concerned with business matters, and that this be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
 - (d) That Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings examine the position of routine work being performed by Ministers so that where considered necessary, appropriate Lay assistance may be given.
 - (e) That where possible Laymen be appointed as District Financial and Statistical Secretaries and that this be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
 - (f) That Bible in Schools teaching, under the accrediting system of the Council for Christian Education, be commended as a valuable sphere of Lay activity.
4. That Church Nights as outlined in the Report be commended to Circuits.
5. **Membership Cards:**
 - (a) That a plain and dignified membership card similar in size and form to the present Communion Card be issued, with the vows of the Members' Reception Service printed on the back.
 - (b) That a dignified and worthy non-pictorial Certificate of membership be prepared for use in reception of new members, the work to be undertaken by the Faith and Order Committee and the Board of Publications.
 - (c) That the Australian booklet, "The Meaning of the Church Membership Ticket," amended to suit New Zealand conditions and to include the "General Rules for the Guidance of Church Members" be recommended for distribution in all our Churches and that the work be undertaken by the Faith and Order Committee and the Board of Publications.

6. That the Welfare of the Ministry Committee be asked to arrange for the next "Schools of Theology and Evangelism" and to commission the speakers so as to give time for the most thorough preparation.

7. That the Rev H. A. Cochrane be thanked for his services as Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee during the last four years.

8. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev G. R. H. Peterson for his services in preparing the Lectionary for four years.

9. That the Welfare of the Church Committee consider the proposal that the Law be amended to permit full-scale dances on Church property at the discretion of the Trustees.

10. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 14 herein.

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

REPORT FOR 1957.

The Committee has met regularly in Palmerston North every two months and also on a special occasion, most members attending the meetings.

Advent and Lenten Leaflets:

These have become established parts of our work and are accepted by most Circuits. The Advent Leaflet 1956 was written by Rev C. H. Olds and the Lenten Leaflet 1957 by Rev J. A. Penman.

Publications:

The Board of Publications arranged the printing and distribution of all Spiritual Advance material, a service much appreciated. In consultation with this Committee, the Board of Publications is again producing the annual Prayer Manual which is proving its worth in the devotional life of our people, being well received almost everywhere. Dr W. E. Sangster's "A Rule of Prayer" is also being published.

Overseas Visitors:

A great deal of time and energy was spent in the first six months of 1957 arranging the itineraries and contingent matters of the President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia, Rev Dr R. B. Lew, and of Rev Dr Maldwyn Edwards. Dr Lew paid a short visit to this country in March but could visit only the larger cities. A fortnight is not adequate to cover the whole country. However, it was a privilege to have the President-General amongst us and his messages were appreciated. Dr Maldwyn Edwards was in the country from May 28 to July 5 and fulfilled extensive engagements. He visited nearly all the major centres and some of the smaller ones as well, enriching our people with his personal devotion, evangelism and scholarship. Mrs Lew and Mrs Edwards both addressed a number of women's groups. Dr Edwards was the principle lecturer at a School of Theology in Feilding attended by the ministers of the Wellington, Taranaki-Wanganui, and Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Districts.

The Overseas Visitors' Fund, administered by the Home Mission Department, has been in a strained position but the offerings from the Services and meetings conducted by Dr Edwards will meet all his expenses and leave, we trust, the Fund in credit. The Spiritual Advance Committee feels that the present method of financing the visits of the Presidents-General of the Methodist

Church of Australasia is unworthy of our Church. As the President-General visits the country as the guest of the Connexion it is suggested that in future his total expenses be met by the Contingent Fund which could possibly be re-imbursed by offerings and grants from the Circuits visited. The Committee requests that the Contingent Fund meet the deficit on the recent visit.

Though these visits of distinguished Methodists from overseas are geared to the work of the Spiritual Advance Committee in giving an inspirational lead to the Connexion in devotion and evangelism, the Committee feels that the large amount of clerical work involved should be shouldered by some person other than the Convener and possibly by another Department of the Church.

Because of heavy commitments in the American Methodist Church, the proposed visit of a team of evangelists in the second half of this year was postponed. The Committee decided to take no further action until we hear details of the suggested World Methodist Evangelistic Mission.

Prayer Life of the Church:

Though the Committee has been largely occupied with matters pertaining to the overseas visitors, some time has been given to the devotional life of the Church and the Conference emphasis on Prayer. The President's message was distributed to all Circuits for Whitsunday; Rev H. Prowse has written a series of articles on Prayer for "The Methodist Times" and "Brother Giles" is making regular contributions of a practical nature on private and corporate devotions. Appreciation is expressed to these men.

The Committee is engaged in a detailed study of the devotional state of the Church. Research is necessary to assess the present position of our people before the Committee can give an adequate and practical lead in this highly important matter. Special meetings are being arranged for serious and unhurried thought, and the Committee therefore requests Conference for permission to continue its study on the Prayer Life of the Church.

Missions to Circuits:

The Committee is gratified that several Circuits have held or are contemplating Missions. Circuits are requested to contact the Committee when planning such Missions that it may give all possible help. If so asked, the Committee will suggest to Circuits names of possible missionaries but deems that, in the name of the whole Church, it should make the initial approach to the man selected by the Circuit to conduct an Evangelistic or Teaching Mission. In this way, both the Circuit and the proposed missionary will feel something of the fellowship of the Connexion.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

R. G. BELL, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Spiritual Advance Committee desires to give further clarification on two matters in its annual report.

Financial Appeal to Circuits

In its report to Synods and Conference the Central Finance Committee has stated its opinion that the Contingent Fund should meet the expenses of the Spiritual Advance Committee and consequently that these should not be included in the General Connexional Appeal.

The Spiritual Advance Committee points out that it already has the right of direct appeal to Circuits for financial support. By

including this appeal in the General Connexional Appeal all Circuits would continue to have the opportunity of voluntarily contributing to its work, the fact of the Spiritual Advance Committee would be further brought before the Connexion, the receiving of contributions would be simpler and more efficient and another appeal to Circuits avoided.

For its particular type of work, the Spiritual Advance Committee feels that its financial support should not be a compulsory levy on the Circuits, as would be the case if its total expenses become a charge on the Contingent Fund. The Committee's financial requirements would then be lost in anonymity.

It is noted that another Department of the Church receives substantial grants from both the General Connexional Appeal and the Contingent Fund

Thus the Spiritual Advance Committee re-iterates its request that the Central Finance Committee arrange for the contributions from Circuits towards its work to be received through the General Connexional Appeal.

Overseas Visitors' Itineraries

Auckland Synod rejected the Spiritual Advance Committee's recommendation that the Home Mission and Church Extension Department should arrange and publicise the details of such itineraries. All other Synods accepted it with the exception of North Canterbury which returned "no recommendation." This Committee feels it must press for its original request because the arranging of such itineraries and publicity consume a disproportionate amount of time both of the Committee and of the Convener. This is a Spiritual Advance Committee which desires to give its time and energies to study and guidance on the spiritual life of the Church but is greatly hindered by the volume of administrative work. The laymen of the committee are as fully occupied as the ministers and cannot shoulder the additional responsibilities.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

R. G. BELL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 each be made by the Home Mission Fund and the Contingent Fund for the work of the Committee.
3. That Conference express its appreciation to Rev Dr and Mrs R. B. Lew and Rev Dr and Mrs Maldwyn Edwards, for their inspiring work throughout the Connexion.
4. (a) That the deficit on the visit of the President-General in 1957 be met by the Contingent Fund.
(b) That, as the President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia visits this country as the guest of the Conference, his expenses be paid by the Contingent Fund; it being understood that offerings are received at the meetings for the Contingent Fund. (See Minutes, 1953, page 62, par 7.)
5. That the Spiritual Advance Committee continue to make recommendations to Conference concerning invitations to distinguished Methodists from Overseas to visit our New Zealand Church.
6. That the Committee continue its study on the Prayer Life of the Church that it may give more adequate leadership.
7. That the Spiritual Advance Committee in its study of the devotional life of the Church, give special attention to the

significant experiments and developments in the spiritual life of the Church both in this country and overseas. Such study should include:

- (1) The results attending the "Tell Scotland" Movement.
 - (2) The development of the idea of the House Church.
 - (3) The significance of the Communion service for the organised life of the Church.
 - (4) Schools or Conventions for leaders and/or members to provide instruction in the faith, practical guidance in the devotional life and the Study of Christian Stewardship.
8. That Synod Standing Committees appoint a District Representative of the Spiritual Advance Committee at their first meeting in 1958 and advise the Convener of their appointee immediately afterwards.
 9. That specialised schools for training of Church Officers be held, and that the Spiritual Advance Committee arrange details.
 10. That the following be referred to the Committee for sympathetic consideration:
"That Conference plan through the Spiritual Advance Committee a special two to three hour prayer meeting in every Methodist Church in New Zealand once a year to work on a roster system, to pray for the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 11. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 13 herein.

C—Local Preachers' Association

REPORT FOR 1957

The report of the New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Association for the year ended June 30, is presented with thankfulness to God for His goodness and mercy which has attended the brethren throughout the year. We acknowledge there are failings in our witness and service to His Kingdom. We seek in humility the increasing presence of the Holy Spirit that we might with all who own Jesus Christ as Lord, interpret and forthrightly present the Gospel to an age which is greatly in need of a faith.

Annual Meeting 1956:

Held at Auckland and attended by about 50 members. Within the limitations imposed by time, a satisfactory meeting resulted. The President, Bro H. A. Penny re-affirmed to the meeting his belief in the need for strengthening the relationships between Local Preachers and the Church. Proposals for the ultimate establishment of a Local Preachers' Department had not generally met with a favourable response, but members felt that if possible the President's views should be more fully elaborated to Branches. To the Auckland Branch of the Association, appreciation is tendered for the excellent arrangements for the Tea and Annual Meeting.

Dominion Executive:

With several transfers and other losses in personnel, the Executive has had to operate most of the year considerably below full strength. Replacements have been difficult to obtain and as a result the work of the Executive has been limited in some directions. In taking over the responsibility for the Dominion Executive at the end of 1957 for the ensuing 3 years, we trust that the Otago-Southland Branch will fare better in this respect.

Deceased Members:

We honour all those of our members whose earthly lives have closed during the year and who now number with the Church Triumphant. To relatives and friends who have suffered and shared in such losses we offer our deepest sympathy.

Long Service Diplomas:

Through the issue of Long Service Diplomas, the Church has recognised and honoured the long and loyal service of these brethren, H. P. Mourant, Auckland; A. J. Reeve, Inglewood; G. Skuse, Gisborne; and W. Wilson Waikouaiti. It is with regret that we learned of the death of Bro. Wilson since the Diploma was issued.

It was a pleasure to convey special greetings to Bro. C. E. Darvill, Pukekohe on the attainment of his 90th birthday and completion of 68 years of service as a Local Preacher. 65 of these have been given in New Zealand.

Book Scheme:

The scheme has been used scarcely at all during the year. This may be the outcome of a reduction in the discount previously available, although it is pointed out that the concession still offering is considered worthwhile. A bulk supply of Epworth Press catalogues has now arrived from overseas and is in process of being distributed to Branches. The catalogue offers a choice range of material and it is hoped that members will take advantage of this through the Book Scheme.

Examinations:

A summary of the results of the 1956 Examinations is given below:—

	Entries.		Passes.		Failures.	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.
Bible Knowledge ..	12	21	9	17	3	4
Theology	32	26	20	21	12	5
Homiletics	23	14	22	13	1	1

No. of candidates entered for the Examinations, June, 1956—48.

No. of candidates entered for the Examinations, Dec., 1956—44.

By arrangement with the Board of Examiners, a brief report is now furnished by examiners on the results. It is of concern to learn from these that there are candidates entering for the Examinations who obviously possess but a smattering of the content of the text books prescribed for the course of study. Every member of the Association is asked to regard as a personal responsibility the encouragement of the preachers on probation, to ensure they are fully cognisant of the requirements of the Church for Local Preachers and that they be diligent and consecrated in study and preparation for the Examinations.

Accreditation Certificates and Presentation Books:

The undermentioned are congratulated on reception as fully accredited Local Preachers by their circuits and have been issued with Accreditation Certificates and Presentation Books:—

Nelson Stockbridge, Hutt; Paul E. Sotutu, Fendalton; Bruce Hoskin and Salli Motu, Pitt Street; Bruce Edwards, Wellington West; Hugh McKenzie, Matamata; Brian J. Woodd, Chas Horrell and Lawrence Stevens, New Plymouth; Bruce Fenwick and Ray Jackson, Inglewood; Chas. Shave and R. W. Bush, Invercargill; Mrs D. E. Hunt, Upper Hutt; Noel Mudford, Hawera; R. E. Gibson, Mornington, Dunedin; Ruth Nicholls, Papakura; Sister Beverley Taylor, Feilding; Rosemary Skuse, Gisborne; Judith Drake, Onehunga; Heather Skinner, Cambridge; Allan Blundell, Masterton; Harold Hosking, Palmerston, Otago.

In all, 23 are welcomed of whom it is a pleasure to record, that 6 are women.

In too many instances, the applications for Accreditation Certificates and books is left too late and appears to point to a need for a better understanding between Ministers and Local Preachers groups as to who will apply to the Dominion Executive in this regard. Presentation of both Certificate and book is a recognised and important part of the Reception Service for a Local Preacher.

Accreditation Without Written Examination:

The Executive has found it necessary to decline several applications, carrying the support of quarterly meetings, for the issue of Accreditation Certificates to Local Preachers who have not passed the prescribed written examinations. In acknowledging the right of Quarterly meetings to accord Local Preachers this status, the Association has, however emphasised the requirements of Conference for the qualification and examination of Local Preachers and has urged that wherever possible, a pass in the written examination be a pre-requisite for issue for a Certificate by the Association. This should apply particularly where the applicant is not advanced in years.

Local Branches:

With one or two exceptions, reports from Branches have been few over the year. It is of course recognised that Branch officers carry a considerable measure of responsibility at the local level and with these demands the opportunity for regular reports to the Dominion Executive is limited. It is recommended that Branches submit copies of their minutes to the Executive as a source of information as to what is happening in the various districts.

Financial:

The resolution by Conference 1956 "that consideration be given by the Central Finance Committee to a suitable grant being made to the Local Preachers Association from the General Connexional Appeal" is at present receiving attention by the Central Finance Committee.

H. A. PENNY, President,
R. E. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Dominion Executive be located at Dunedin for a period of three years as from Conference 1957.
3. That the matter of the presentation of Accreditation Certificates be referred to the Law Revision Committee for clarification.
4. That Conference record its appreciation of the progressive manner in which the Association Executive has operated during its location in Wellington.
5. That Conference record its continuing indebtedness to Local Preachers, without whose service our Church would be considerably poorer and limited in its number of services.
6. That the Local Preachers' Association undertake a survey to discover:
 - (a) The reason for the decline in the number of Local Preachers reported to Conference by the General Statistical Secretary.
 - (b) The use being made of the services of Local Preachers—e.g., how many are active, and to what extent?

(c) To what extent Preachers' Meetings are being held in the Circuits. (See Law Book, p. 44, Section VII.)

(d) Ways by which the services of Local Preachers may be more effectively utilised.

That these and other related matters be reported to Synods and to the next Conference.

D—Methodist Men's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT 1957.

In accordance with the resolution decided at our last Annual Meeting held at the Auckland Conference, the location of the Dominion Executive remained at Auckland for 1957, the position to be reviewed at our next Annual Meeting at the Conference, at Palmerston North in November.

During the year the resignation of our President, Mr F. C. Pace, was received with regret. This step was taken on the advice of his doctor owing to the continued illness following the amputation of his leg last year. For the past three years Frank has held office as Dominion President and rendered faithful and valiant service. We place on record our sincere thanks, praying that God's richest blessing will be with him in the days to come.

Allan McKerras, President of the Auckland District, very capably served as acting President during the period of Mr Pace's absence, and we thank him for bearing the extra duties so willingly.

Mr Merv. Barker agreed to fill the position of Dominion President for the balance of the term. The Executive deeply appreciate the acceptance by Mr Barker of this office, especially as he is a very active worker in the Church life of our City, already holding several important offices. His deep interest in the Men's Fellowship is well known, and the movement will be well led with Merv. at the helm.

Reports received show a steady deepening interest among the men of our Church throughout the whole Connexion, and reveal an urge to get behind many worthwhile projects. It is impossible to enumerate these — but this we are confident of — the amount of progressive work accomplished by the various groups has never previously been equalled by the men of the Church.

Membership is approximately 1700 in 102 Branches. Several Methodist Men's Clubs are included, with whom regular contact is made. These are not registered as Fellowships. There are also a few groups which include women.

What a potent strength lies at hand in the Manpower of the Fellowship Movement. In a challenging letter from our new President, sent to all Branches and Clubs, he calls us all to share with others what real Christian Fellowship really is (from which we extract the following)—

First and foremost ours is a "Spiritual Movement," and unless that is recognised, and the whole basis of the work is placed upon it, then little of real progress will be made. Do we in our heart of hearts really yearn for our brother men, that they might link with us and share in that fellowship which comes from close Communion with God? I know that sometimes we think we yearn for them, but is the yearning strong enough to make us give up our easy chairs on a

Winter night and go out seeking men? "Go ye out into the Highways and Byways," saith our Lord.

By virtue of her office as Vice President of the Methodist Conference Sister Rita Snowden has the added 'Honour' of that of Patron of the Men's Fellowship. No happier choice could have been made than that of this gifted lady to fill that position. This being the first lady patron in the life of the Fellowship, a right 'royal' welcome awaited her, when she arrived at Camp Wesley, Henderson, to sit in at the evening session of the Auckland District Rally. Musical honours were enthusiastically accorded our distinguished guest. We pray that God's richest blessing will be with our Patron as she makes contact with our various groups.

South Auckland has established a strong District Executive in that area. With branches extending from Morrinsville to Rotorua, and across to Matamata and Tauranga, it offers scope for active expansion. It is good to bring representatives together making for the development of the real fellowship spirit. Jack Davy of St Paul's, Hamilton, is President, with Bert. Davey, of St John's, Hamilton East, as Secretary.

Our President is assisting Rev Wesley Parker in Lay Pastorate work. Both are enthusiastic in an all-out Visiting Campaign among the men of the Kingsland District, bringing to them the warm Christian greetings of the Church, and inviting them to join in the activities specially arranged by the Fellowship during the winter months. The Canvas is very encouraging, the response being very fine. The aim is 100 men to gather at these services.

The Methodist Men's Fellowship presents an ever present challenge to the men of our Church — it waits for you and me to become enthusiastic about the Kingdom of God. There is a success which is greater than wealth or titles; it comes through making your work an instrument of greater service; and larger living to your fellow men. This was the Vision that our founder W. S. MacKay caught, and birth was given to a "Man's Movement."

Let us pause and examine ourselves — then go forward with renewed vigour — accepting the challenge and earnestly seeking to make personal contact with men whenever opportunity offers.

J. M. BARKER, Dominion President.

W. E. ROBERTS, Dominion Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

E—New Zealand Women's Guild Fellowship

7TH ANNUAL REPORT

The report presented at Guild Fellowship Conference in Auckland, just prior to Church Conference, was the first report furnished by the Executive located in Wellington. The conference was attended by thirty representatives and fifty-two observers and was preceded by a communion service and a challenging address by the Dominion President who took as her theme "The Guild member's responsibility to care for the spiritual welfare of those connected with the church." A new venture, the holding of an open forum on the evening preceding the conference, for the consideration of District Guild Fellowship organisation and activity, proved a most profitable session and the attendance of over thirty representatives and observers was felt to be encour-

aging. Much valuable discussion ensued and undoubtedly led to a greater understanding and appreciation of a district's responsibility towards its local guilds.

Membership:

The number of affiliated guilds is 226, having a total membership of 4650. While this increase of 14 guilds and 265 members is encouraging, it is the constant effort of the Fellowship to affiliate further guilds and to form or extend District Fellowships. Hawkes-Bay, Manawatu, South Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Rotorua areas remain outside the Fellowship. In some instances, distance has been the obstacle, but efforts to establish connection with the Fellowship will still continue.

Finance:

Amounts expended by the affiliated guilds are as follows:—

Circuit	.....	2237
Trust	.....	9072
Quarterage	.....	876
Parsonage	.....	2263
Orphanages	.....	288
Missions	.....	416
Other objects	.....	2915

£18,067

Districts:

Districts report the usual guild activities and continue to be represented on the various national organisations. In some districts especially, distance is a very vital factor, yet good attendances at Quarterly Meetings of the Fellowship continue in spite of this real handicap. In some instances, largely attended district rallies are held annually. As evidenced by the financial return, much material good is achieved, in addition to the many other services continually rendered.

Women's Groups:

With a view to clarifying the relationship between guilds and other women's groups, questionnaires were sent to all affiliated guilds and the result of the investigation presented at the annual conference. It was discovered that roughly 75 per cent of guild women also belonged to Missionary Auxiliaries, and that only 25 per cent of evening groups other than Missionary Auxiliaries, attend guild. A large proportion of the women, therefore, are not represented on church courts nor have they any specific responsibility for the work of the church.

Ecumenical:

In line with church conference procedure last year, a combined women's meeting was held in Auckland in November. Reports from districts indicated that guilds are becoming increasingly conscious of the need to become better acquainted with their sister churches.

Conference of World Federation of Methodist Women:

It was with pleasure that we were able to appoint Mrs M. A. McDowell to be our representative, and that of the Missionary Auxiliary, at the Junaluska Conference last year, this being the first occasion on which New Zealand Methodist Women have been officially represented at an overseas conference.

Devotional:

A Devotional Guide, chiefly for the use of new and inexperienced guild leaders, has been prepared and made available. We have also been instrumental in having the booklet "Prayers and

Meditation," published by the National Council of Churches, reprinted.

Aims:

The Guild Fellowship strives to assist all guilds in every way possible. It aims to gather all guilds together for their mutual benefit and inspiration, to give encouragement and help to weaker guilds, and fellowship to isolated ones; to make opportunity for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of experiences with a view to improving the quality of all guild work. It aims to ascertain the opinion of guild women throughout New Zealand and to co-ordinate guilds in a district in such a way that they may have a wider opportunity of service and witness as Methodist women than would be possible for individual guilds.

That much still remains to be done is obvious from a thoughtful reading of the Pledge:

"I accept the call to Christian Womanhood and promise by God's help to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

To make my home a place where He is loved;

My Church a Centre where He is worshipped;

And my Country a realm where He is Honoured."

NELL MULLAN, President.

JENNIE BLACKWOOD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the question of representation on the Quarterly Meeting for groups other than the Guild and the Men's Fellowship be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
3. That the Book of Laws be amended as follows (Law Book, 157, par. 519 (1): "A Women's Guild or Guilds shall be formed where practicable in each Circuit."

F—Church Council

REPORT TO SYNODS

TRAVELLING OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.

(See MINUTES of CONFERENCE 1956 p.66 Res. 19)

The Church Council gave careful consideration to this matter and presents the following observations.

In order that the best service may be given to the whole Church with a minimum amount of travelling it is necessary for the President and the Vice-President to confer regarding invitations and visits to Circuits.

As far as possible applications for visits should be lodged by Circuits before the Conference at which the President and the Vice-President assume office.

It would be well for the President to confer with his Committee of Advice regarding the itineraries of himself and the Vice-President. Such itineraries should be based on a three year term, enabling every Circuit to have a Presidential visit once in three years.

The travelling expenses of the Vice-President also concerned the Council. The Vice-President should be adequately reimbursed

for any Connexional travelling during his year of office.

Annual Connexional Appeal:

This year the special appeal was for Hostels. The N.Z.M.S.S.A. at its annual meeting decided that the proceeds of the appeal should be divided so that Dunedin receives 40 per cent; Wellington 40 per cent and Christchurch 20 per cent.

Later the Trinity College Appeal will have to be made. The suggested years are 1959 and 1960, and the amount required will be £50,000 over the two years. The urgency of Church Extension must not be overlooked. After considering these important matters the Council recommends an Annual Connexional Appeal and that the 1958 Appeal be for Church Extension.

Church Budget Schemes:

The Council considered this matter because an increasing number of Circuits have adopted Budget schemes. Various types are being adopted and some are lacking in flexibility. It is emphasised that in all such schemes there should be provision for substantial increases from time to time.

No Circuit should arrange a budget scheme without reference to the Chairman of the District, and no congregation should do so without the sanction of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

Allowances should be made for special connexional appeals not foreseen when the budget scheme is arranged. Nothing in a Budget scheme can over-ride the authority of Conference to authorise special appeals. Contributions to Missions and other objects must be reviewed from time to time.

When the people are urged to lift their giving greatly, all Church causes should share proportionately in the increase. Those who do not pledge may be canvassed as at present for each appeal as it comes.

R. DUDLEY, President of Conference.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

REPORT TO CONFERENCE

The Church Council at its sessions at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on 7th and 8th May considered amongst other things the following matters.

1. Separated Chairmen (Minutes of Conference 1956, p. 64, 9d.)

'Separated Chairman' denotes a minister in full connexion who is appointed by Conference, not to a Circuit, but to the supervision of a District.

Advantages

(1) British Methodism has found it wise to place the whole of the Church under the supervision of separated Chairmen.

(2) The mass of detailed work in some of the larger districts is placing upon Chairmen and their Circuits a heavy burden.

(3) A separated Chairman could do far more than any Chairman under present conditions in an over-all planning of the work of the Church. He could more thoroughly visit Circuits and conduct special meetings and give major assistance in starting new causes.

Disadvantages

(1) Such a Chairman would have to be one of our most effective ministers whom we could ill afford to lose from ordinary Circuit work.

(2) The finance required would be at least £1500 a year for each such Chairman.

(3) Separated Chairmen would tend to be in a group apart from their fellow ministers and so weaken that sense of equality which exists to-day.

It could be indicated that some measures would give relief to certain Chairmen in large Districts. A Probationer could be appointed as assistant; a Chairman could be appointed to a circuit involving less strain in the way of local leadership; a Chairman could be granted some secretarial assistance; a Chairman could delegate some of the work involved to other ministers or laymen in the District.

In one large District already steps are taken to delegate chairmanship duties in respect to certain boards and committees to other ministers and laymen. Also, strong area sub-committees with a minister acting as Chairman's deputy in each instance are easing the burden on the Chairman. All this is in accord with the Law of the Church and is commended to the Districts and Chairmen.

In the light of these facts and the discussion thereon the Council has NO RECOMMENDATION to make.

2. March Quarterly Meeting and Invitation to present ministers. (Minutes of Conference 1956 p. 66 Res. 17. Also, Minutes of Conference 1955 p. 66 par. 5 and p. 69 Res. 6).

The Council gave further careful consideration to this question. It was pointed out in discussion that dealing with this matter at the March Quarterly Meeting creates too long a period of unsettlement for both minister and Circuit. On the other hand the position of the present minister could be clarified at the March Meeting, and, if necessary, an invitation to a new minister could be made at the June meeting. The Council reports that it has NO RECOMMENDATION to make.

3. Opening Session of Conference (Minutes of Conference 1956, p.66 Res. 18).

The question is whether the 'Opening' is a session of Conference or a service. Those who suggest a change favour a service without items of Conference business. The Session to-day is no longer than that of fifteen years ago, but it starts half-an-hour later than formerly. The ballots take only about twenty minutes. The election of the chief officers of the Church should be carried out with dignity and decorum. To take such elections from a public session would tend to depreciate their importance and significance in the life of the Conference and the Church.

On the other hand only the Conference representatives vote on these elections and the people are interested chiefly in the results. If the ballots were taken, say, on the Thursday afternoon and the results announced in the evening, there would be some saving of time at the evening session but this would interfere with committee work and would take about an hour for a special session. **The Council does not recommend any change in the nature of the opening of Conference.**

4. Personal Expenses incurred by the President of Conference. (Minutes of Conference 1956, p. 67, Res. 20)

It was shown that the President in virtue of his office incurs certain personal expenses not chargeable to any Connexional Fund. The Council recommends therefore that the President be made an allowance towards these expenses.

5. Triennial Questionnaire to Circuits. (Minutes of Conference 1956, page 62).

Paragraph 162 Law Book, page 29 and para. 353 (b) and (c) were considered in connection with this matter. The questionnaire could be dealt with during the visit of representatives of the Synod Standing Committee and would result in benefit to the Circuit concerned. The Council is recommending that Circuits be visited triennially by representatives of the Synod Standing Committee who would use a suggested questionnaire.

6. Loyal Churchmanship. (Minutes of Conference 1956 p. 66 Res. 14).

The reference is to the Church loyalty of Methodists. It has been found that a new sense of stewardship strengthens the loyalty of the Churchman. Some tend to give their loyalty to groups within the Church rather than to the Church. The March Ministerial Committees could profitably study the whole question. It is recommended that a statement be prepared for such study and that the March Ministerial Committees report their findings to the Spiritual Advance Committee, who would report to the Church Council.

7. Time of Opening Day of Conference and Meeting of Stationing Committee. (Minutes of Conference 1956, p. 211 para E.)

Reports were received from the various Synod Standing Committees and Area Sub-Committees. The reports indicated a desire for a change to an earlier day for the opening of Conference and some concern was expressed at the way Stationing intrudes into the life and business of Conference. The Council submits the following scheme:

TUESDAY: (Prior to Opening of Conference)

7.30 p.m. TRIAL SERVICES.
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY:

9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.
7.30 p.m.: OPENING OF CONFERENCE.

THURSDAY:

9 a.m.: COMMITTEES OF DISTRICTS.
9.45 a.m.: RECESS.
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: COMMITTEES OF DETAILS.
1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
3.45 p.m.: CONFERENCE SESSION (matters affecting stationing).
4.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.: STATIONING COMMITTEE.
6.15 p.m. to time of rising. (Allow tea adjournment of thirty minutes on premises)
7.30 p.m.: PUBLIC FUNCTION OF CONFERENCE.

FRIDAY:

9 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.: CONFERENCE SESSIONS.
3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.: EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.
7.30 p.m.: CONFERENCE SESSION.

THE REMAINING DAYS TO PROCEED MUCH AS AT PRESENT WITH A VIEW TO CLOSING CONFERENCE ON THE EVENING OF THE SECOND THURSDAY.

Note:

(1) The above scheme gives the Opening of Conference before the meeting of the Committees of Details.

(2) The earlier meeting of the Stationing Committee gives Circuits longer consideration of the First Reading of Stations. The second meeting of the Stationing Committee would be on the same night as at present, namely, Tuesday.

(3) The General Purposes Committee would have more time for its business by meeting on the Tuesday evening before Conference and the Stationing Committee would also have more time for its first meeting.

(4) There are some obvious disadvantages in this scheme. For example, the fact that some Representatives would have a number of hours to wait for the opening of Conference on the Wednesday evening, especially Laymen who come for the General Purposes Committee on Tuesday evening but who have no Session on Wednesday.

(5) This is, however, an attempt to rectify some of the weaknesses of the present practice and the Council believes it is worth serious experiment.

R. DUDLEY, President of Conference,
G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the President of Conference confer with his Committee of Advice regarding the itineraries of the President and the Vice-President when visiting circuits.
(b) That apart from necessary special occasions and functions (e.g., visits to Trinity College, Wesley College, etc.) such itineraries be based on a three-year term during which period visits shall be confined to approximately three Synodal districts each year. The most satisfactory cycle to be discussed with the Committee.
(c) That as far as possible such itineraries shall be organised on a District basis and all applications be conveyed to the President through the District Chairman. That as far as possible applications for visits by the President or Vice-President be lodged by Circuits before the Conference at which these Officers are inducted.
3. That there be an Annual Appeal to the Connexion, the cause to be determined from year to year by the Conference.
4. (a) That the Appeal for 1958 be for a minimum of £27,000 for Church Extension.
(b) That the 1958 Appeal be organised by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Board through the Synod Standing Committees.
(c) That the basis of the Appeal be as for previous Advance Methodism Appeals, viz. one-third for grants, and two-thirds for the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund, the grants to be administered by the C.B. and L.F. Committee and the Home Mission Board and the Synod Standing Committees.
5. That the Appeal for 1959 be for Trinity College.
6. That the Secretary of Conference, in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee submit an Order for the induction of the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary.
7. (a) That the President of Conference be made an allowance from the Contingent Fund of the sum of £65 for certain personal expenses.
(b) That this allowance apply to the connexional year commencing 1st February, 1957.

8. That the following be referred to Synods for discussion and report to next Conference:

(a) That Circuits be visited triennially by representatives of the Synod Standing Committee, namely, the Chairman or his deputy, one other minister and one layman.

(b) That the visiting representatives make use of a prepared questionnaire to assist inquiry into the life and work of the Circuit.

(c) That the suggested scheme be referred to Synod Standing Committees for consideration and report.

(d) That the Law Revision Committee consider revision of Law Book, para. 353, page 68, to allow for the triennial visitation of Circuits by representatives of Synod Standing Committees.

9. (a) That a statement on **Loyal Churchmanship** be prepared by the Rev C. O. Hailwood for study by the March Ministerial Committees.

(b) That the March Ministerial Committees report their findings to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

(c) That the Spiritual Advance Committee submit a synthesis of such findings to the Church Council in 1958.

10. That the suggested plan for the Opening Day of Conference and the Meeting of the Stationing Committee be adopted.

11. **March Quarterly Meeting and Invitations:** That the following be referred to the Law Revision Committee for report to next conference:

That where either Minister or Circuit is uncertain as to the desire of the other for the continuing of the existing appointment, the matter be raised and decided at the March Quarterly Meeting.

12. That the following be referred to the Church Council:

That in view of the Dominion-wide nature of the President's office, the Church Council consider the proposal that he should not be required to act as Chairman of the District in which he is resident.

13. **Press Publicity:** That the whole matter of press publicity concerning Conference activities be referred to the Church Council for consideration.

14. That the question of the time and number of public functions of Conference be referred to the Church Council.

15. That the time and nature of the sessions for tributes to Supernumeraries and Obituaries be considered by the Church Council.

16. That the 1958 sessions of the Church Council be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 13th and 14th May, at Wallis House, Lower Hutt.

G—Spiritual Healing Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1957

The Spiritual Healing Committee held fifteen fortnightly meetings with an average attendance of eight members. The committee has continued studying aspects of spiritual healing, and has paid particular attention to the place of faith in healing. A considered statement is appended:

To guide our people, reviews of books and pamphlets have been published, with occasional articles, in the Spiritual Healing column of the Methodist Times.

At each meeting there is prayer for sick persons known to the committee.

There is an increasing concern throughout the Church in regard to spiritual healing and members of the committee have been requested to address interested groups on the subject.

Information has been received of the formation of several groups in local congregations. This committee is available for advice and encouragement of such groups and would like to hear of experiences, insights gained, and difficulties encountered.

The committee has instituted inquiries in Wellington, Nelson and Dunedin regarding the possible formation of groups of ministers, laymen and medical practitioners to study spiritual healing as approved by Conference, 1956.

A Service for Laying-on of Hands of the British Methodist Conference was submitted for the consideration of the Faith and Order Committee for possible inclusion in the new "Sacramental and Other Services." The Faith and Order Committee has approved the Service and recommended its use by ministers where so desired, but considered that the question of its inclusion in the new "Sacramental and Other Services" be deferred pending clarification of the theological issues involved.

It is the intention of the committee to make a study of healing missions and to report thereon to Synods and Conference, 1958.

THE NATURE OF FAITH AND ITS PLACE IN HEALING

1. The New Testament Conception of Faith:

Faith is awakened in man through a personal relationship between God and himself. The divine grace is received freely as a gift when man's heart is open to the approach of the Spirit of God. Faith is not generated by intense human effort. God takes the initiative, and faith, in the full New Testament sense, is the conscious response of the whole man dedicating every part of himself in glad obedience to Christ his Saviour and Lord. In this relationship man co-operates with God to the most fruitful extent and bodily healing frequently, though not necessarily, takes place. The word "faith," however, is frequently used to-day to describe qualities that fall far short of this New Testament conception.

2. The Confidence of a Patient in His Treatment:

It would appear that the confidence of the patient in a remedy is an important, but not essential, aid in any kind of healing. The patient who "believes in" the skill of his physician (or his witch doctor) appears to be helped to recovery by that trust. Intrinsically worthless medicines (placebos) or practices (colour therapy, etc.) appear to effect a cure in some patients, simply because they "believe in" them. Such confidence is commonly spoken of as "faith," though clearly it lacks much of the content of a full Christian faith, and may be nothing more than reliance on the healing properties of human agencies. At its best it is the assumption that if only a person believes with sufficient zeal, in God's ability to heal, bodily health will be restored to himself or the friend for whom he prays. This is clearly the direct opposite of the New Testament view for it places the emphasis on what man does as though the patient's, or his friend's belief in the power of God were the crucial factor. The blame for non-healing is then attributed to the patient's lack of faith.

3. Faith Not a Pre-requisite for Healing:

Active disbelief in Jesus' power (as in His home town, Matt. 13/58) could hinder and thwart His work, and frequently Jesus called for active trust on the part of the one He would heal. Yet He did not require it as a pre-requisite for healing, and in some

of the healing miracles such a trust on the part of the patient was singularly lacking (e.g. Jairus' daughter, Mark 5/35-43). New Testament healing is plainly not a reward for the person who can believe.

4. A Safeguard Against Unworthy Attitudes Towards God:

While we must acknowledge "belief in" a remedy as frequently a potent factor in effecting a cure, we should not, as Christians, confuse that "faith" with the much more radical faith of the New Testament. Although there may be elements common to both meanings of the term, there are also vital differences. It is these differences which give Christian faith its distinctive content, and an appreciation of them should tend to safeguard us against unworthy and inadequate attitudes toward God and His purposes.

5. "Spiritual Healing":

The Church should avoid the use of the term "Faith Healing" for the word "faith" is often used for what is little more than suggestibility or credulity. Further, it is never "faith" as such that heals, although it may be the means of enabling man to receive healing from God. The title "Divine Healing" is not sufficiently specific to be of use, for all healing is divine. "Spiritual Healing" is the least inadequate term to describe the modes of healing that do not appear to be strictly medical or psychological.

6. The Faith of Friends:

It is evident that on some occasions Jesus used the vicarious faith of friends as one of the means of releasing the divine energy in physical healing (e.g. The palsied man, Mark 2/5). Compassion for the sufferer was one of the fundamental elements in New Testament healings, and should find expression to-day in the practice of intercession for the sick.

7. Physical Healing Not the Primary Consideration:

Our exhortations to faith are more than calls to "believe in" the ability or desire of God to heal. They should be rather the helping of the patient to realise the personal relationship which God is always, through Christ, offering to him and to all men. Indeed, that should be the primary aim of all our prayers and services on behalf of those who suffer. Although physical healing is frequently experienced when a person knows his sin forgiven and has entered into the communion and peace of God, we must beware of measuring the reality or the depth of such faith by the physical consequences. The issues of life and death are in the hands of God and the Christian will maintain his commitments to Christ, irrespective of where it will lead him. It is this personal relationship with God that is important—and that is surely the meaning of "faith" in the New Testament and the experience of the Church.

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, Chairman.
PETER A. STEAD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the above statement on the Nature of Faith and its Place in Healing be approved and commended for study by our people.
3. That where ministers undertake the Service of Laying-on of Hands, the British Methodist Order be used.
4. That the committee, in consultation with the Faith and

Order Committee, continue to examine the theological issues involved in Spiritual Healing.

5. That the committee for 1958 be as printed on page 13 herein.

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

A—Youth Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1957.

The following summary of statistics gives some indication of trends in the youth work of the Church over recent years:—

	Cradle Roll	Sunday School		Bible Class			Total
		Beg.-Prim.	Jun.-Int.	Jun.	Int.	Sen.	
1946 ..	5,744	9,562	10,174	2,245	1,233	1,217	30,175
1951 ..	6,987	11,257	12,435	2,977	1,228	1,195	36,079
1956 ..	7,275	11,025	15,014	3,789	1,942	1,217	40,262
Increase 1946-56, 33.4%.							

This total increase is encouraging. But to have over 10,000 more young people under our care in 1956 than in 1946 brings increased responsibilities. By the Grace of God we must surely do our very best for these people. From visits to Districts and Circuits it is clear that the adult Church could take more interest in its educational work and make more adequate provision by way of buildings, equipment and trained staff. The Sunday School and Bible Class is the Church at its God-given work of nurturing young people in the faith.

The almost static figures for Cradle Roll and Beginners-Primary over the last five years and the fact that from 1946-56 the State School population increased by 57 per cent, carry warnings for the Church. Our failure to keep pace with the growing school population may point to the need for more adequate Connexional planning and finance for development in new housing areas. If this is not done future statistics may carry even graver warnings.

Staff:

The Board considers that there is a continued need for a Field Staff which will have three main responsibilities:—

- Teacher and Leader Training in District, Circuit and Local Church Groups.
- District Organising under the guidance of District Youth Councils.
- Representing the Department and Bookroom — demonstrating techniques and materials and passing on new ideas.

During the period when no Youth Directors have been working in the field there has been an obvious lack in these three areas.

The Board, therefore, was pleased to submit the name of Miss Mary Astley to the President of the Conference for appointment as North Island Field Director, centred in Auckland. Miss Astley commenced service in May and is nominated for appointment for a further three years.

It is with similar confidence and gratitude that Miss Meriel Beaumont of Christchurch is nominated for appointment as South Island Director.

Both these young women are trained and experienced teachers, of good standing in their profession, recognised leaders in Circuit

and District youth work, and come from well-known Methodist families.

The Board has entered an agreement with the National Provident Fund which allows school teachers entering the Department's service to continue their superannuation without loss to their standing in the teachers' superannuation fund.

Senior Youth Director:

For the first six months of the year Mr Ford has been visiting as many districts as possible in order to establish contacts and to make a quick survey of our youth work throughout the country. An offer of a scholarship covering tuition and accommodation for post-graduate study in Religious Education has been received from the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston. Several reasons have led to the Board's decision to postpone Mr Ford's overseas visit for one year. It is now anticipated that he will leave in August 1958.

Lesson Material:

Last September the present Senior Youth Director attended (at the request and expense of the Joint Board) a curriculum conference to review and make recommendations concerning the work of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons. Three of the most important changes proposed are:—

- (a) Lessons will be based on themes so that over the 4-monthly period all departments from Beginners to Junior Bible Class will be following the same theme.
- (b) A Parents' Paper will be published at the beginning of each theme to encourage a closer partnership between Church and home in the religious nurture of the children.
- (c) Lessons will be presented in such a way that teacher and class work on the material together instead of the class merely listening.

Improvements are being made also in the appearance of Graded Lessons material.

The Senior Youth Director has written to all Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents suggesting reasons why our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes should use these Graded Lessons in which the Methodist Church of New Zealand is a partner and which carry the official approval of the Church.

Leadership Training:

The Department and the Church are well served by the Christchurch Committee. Nine Leadership Training Schools were held at Queen's Birthday Week-end. The theme was "Methodism and its place in the World Church."

The first Rural Leadership School was held at Christchurch in May and fulfilled all hopes for it. These schools should become a regular feature of our work and represent one of the permanent contributions which the ex-Senior Youth Director, Rev A. J. Johnston, has made to the Department.

The Committee also supervises Leadership Training Courses and provides Kit-Sets for local training groups.

Church-Home Relationships:

One of the emphases in religious education in recent years has been the necessity of a close partnership of Church and home if the faith of our fathers is to be transmitted to our children. This National Committee, centred in Auckland, gives a good lead to the Church in such matters as programmes for fireside clubs, suggestions for Church Family Festivals and Family Camps.

Home Sunday School and Bible Class:

The Department is indebted to the Rev W. A. Burley (Superintendent of the Home Sunday School) and Miss Nancy Tiddy (Superintendent of the Home Bible Class) and their staff of teachers and leaders. Roll numbers are 400 Sunday School and 30 Bible Class with 140 teachers (including 60 parents) and 13 Bible Class leaders. This service is greatly appreciated by parents and children.

Publications:

An excellent handbook on camping "Concerning Camping"—the work of the Bible Class Committee of the Board—has been published and well received in the Church. It is a valuable guide to all who organise Bible Class, Junior and Circuit Camps.

"Christian Education Handbook" is published monthly and sent to all Local Youth Secretaries and to over 500 subscribers. This is a costly undertaking but a useful method of circulating information and suggestions for our youth work.

C.Y.M.M. Standards:

These are designed to set before young Methodists standards of devotional and social life and Church loyalties. It is hoped that they will be used extensively.

C.Y.M.M. Conference:

There was a large contingent of Methodists at the Ecumenical Youth Conference at Palmerston North. The Department is following up the impact which the Conference made on the young people.

The 1957-58 Youth Conference is to be held at Marlborough College, Blenheim. The theme of the Conference is "Tell Every Man." It will deal with the missionary task of the Church.

Missionary Education:

In co-operation with the Foreign Mission Department the Youth Department sponsored the visit to New Zealand of Solomon Alu and Simon Rigamu. They attended the Ecumenical Youth Conference and later visited several districts and Easter Camps. Their visit has been most worthwhile.

Large quantities of materials have been received from Youth Groups and sent to their representatives in the Solomons and in Maori work.

Order of St. Stephen:

During the year four candidates completed their service (two in the Islands and two in New Zealand) and were received into the Order. At present there are three doing their service (all in New Zealand) and four applications are being considered. We give thanks to God for this willingness to respond to the call to sacrificial service for Christ and His Church.

Appointment of Sunday School Superintendents:

The existing law governing the appointment of Sunday School Superintendents has proved difficult in practice. The principle behind the suggested amendment is that the highest court in the local Church should be giving some oversight to the educational work of the Church and should be responsible for the appointment of such a key person as the Sunday School Superintendent.

Bookroom:

Epworth Bookroom (Wellington) is an important adjunct to the Department. A constant stream of books, studies, Sunday School and Bible Class materials goes from the Bookroom to circuits.

Office Staff:

The Administrative Assistant, Miss P. Yearbury, has returned from her overseas visit with fresh insights into youth work. She has been an acceptable visitor to many circuits during the year. Miss Elwyn Hall remains on the staff as Office Accountant.

The Board thanks all members of the Bookroom and Office staff for their capable and devoted service.

Thanks:

The Board records its appreciation of the splendid services of the Rev A. J. Johnston, Acting Senior Youth Director for 4 years, and the Rev G. H. Goodman, member of the Board and its Chairman for 6 years.

Mr Johnston undertook the difficult assignment of being chief executive officer of this busy Department as well as superintendent of a city circuit. He has discharged these duties with great credit to himself and benefit to the Department.

During Mr Goodman's chairmanship of the Board the Youth Department has faced far-reaching changes in staff and development in policy. At all times, and particularly when there was no Senior Youth Director, his exceptional administrative capacity has been invaluable.

Department of Christian Education:

If the recommendations from the Conference Committee on Christian Education are adopted, the Youth Department loses its identity in the wider Department of Christian Education. It must be understood that this change which has the firm support of the Department does not involve any withdrawal from the work at present undertaken by the Youth Department. The Church needs more young people taught by better trained teachers in better equipped buildings with improved teaching aids.

Finance:

The Accounts and Budget will be presented to Conference. If the work which the Church expects of the Youth Department is to be done effectively it will be necessary for the Church to review its contributions to the Department. Costs have risen substantially since 1950 when the present allocations were fixed.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Senior Youth Director.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. (a) That Miss Mary Astley be appointed Youth Director for a term of three years commencing February 1, 1958.
(b) That Miss Meriel Beaumont be appointed Youth Director for a term of three years commencing February 1, 1958.
3. That Conference thanks the Joint Board of Graded Lessons for its service to the Church and urges all Sunday Schools and Bible Classes to use this lesson material.
4. That Conference commends to all Circuits the C.Y.M.M. Standards and asks that they be brought to the notice of our young people.
5. That page 106 of the Law Book, Section 503, Para. (30) be amended to read: "The Sunday School Superintendent shall be appointed annually by the Leaders Meeting on the nomination of the Local Youth Council. The Sunday School staff shall elect annually

the other officers of the School." **Note:** Local Youth Councils should consult with the Teachers' Meeting in making the nomination.

6. That congratulations be extended to Miss P. Yearbury on her appointment to the staff of the National Council of Churches and appreciation be expressed of her devoted and able service to the Church and Youth Department for the past eleven years.

7. That in view of the facts revealed in the three opening paragraphs in the Youth Department's Report, Conference give consideration to more adequate Connexional planning and financial assistance for development in new housing areas.

8. That comparative Youth Statistical figures be procured from Sister Churches for comparison and study with our own Youth statistics.

9. That the Youth Board be asked to consider using a Youth Leader Pledge based on the five aims of the C.Y.M.M.

10. **Youth Master Roll:** That paras 47, 48, and 49 of the Law Book be amended as follows:

(1) "Baptismal Roll" as at present in Para. 47 (1).

(2) Rolls to be kept for each Department in the Church's Educational work, as under:

(a) Nursery Birth-4 years

(b) Beginner—Primary 4-7 years

(c) Junior 8-10 years

(d) Intermediate 11-12 years

(e) Bible Classes (i) 13-18 years

(ii) 19 years and over

(3) Family Pastoral Roll: in card form to be kept by Minister.

11. That the Budget be received and adopted.

12. That the Board of Christian Education Executive for 1958 be as printed on page 10 herein.

13. That the District Youth Council Secretaries be as follows:
NORTHLAND:

Mrs G. H. Lendrum, No. 2 R.D., Te Kopuru, Northland.

AUCKLAND:

Mr W. Davison, 5 Winstone Road, Mount Roskill, Auckland.

FRANKLIN SUB-COUNCIL:

Mr F. Long, Shakespeare Road, No. 1 R.D., Waiuku.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Miss G. Thomas, 1060 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton.

BAY OF PLENTY SUB-COUNCIL:

Mrs S. G. Couch, 123 Edgecumbe Road, Tauranga.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Miss M. Nicholson, 92 Molesworth Street, New Plymouth.

WANGANUI SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss D. Lower, 16 Campbell Street, Wanganui.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Mr T. F. Mannell, 84 Marne Street, Palmerston North.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss M. Thomas, Mill Road, Clive, Hawke's Bay.

WELLINGTON:

Miss A. Williams, 10 Downer Street, Lower Hutt.

WAIRARAPA SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss E. N. Willis, 28 Bently Street, Masterton.

NELSON:

Rev J. Grundy, 4 Titoki Street, Stoke, Nelson.

WEST COAST SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss M. Price, P.O. Box 102, Westport.

CANTERBURY:

Mr J. Olds, 139 Idris Road, Christchurch, N.W.2.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Mr I. Dickinson, 80 Evans Street, Timaru.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Miss M. Guthrie, 673 Great King Street, Dunedin, N.1.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss M. Brass, 195 Centre Street, Invercargill.

B—Christian Education Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1957.

Last Conference gave general approval to the proposal to establish a Department of Christian Education and re-appointed the Committee to make recommendations as to the next steps.

The Committee met following the Church Council. Drawing on the valuable work done by previous meetings the Committee proceeded to ask:

(a) What are the objectives of this new enterprise?

(b) What are the weaknesses in our existing work which need attention?

(c) What action is required?

(d) What administrative changes and structure are necessary for this comprehensive programme of Christian Education? (N.B. These changes are set out in the recommendations.)

It was considered inadvisable, at this very formative stage, to attempt to prepare a detailed constitution for the Department of Christian Education. The changes which are proposed are sufficient for the next few years, after which time the more permanent shape of the Department will be clearer.

(a) Objectives:

The Church exists to set forth the redeeming love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, His Son, and to win the response of faith.

The Department of Christian Education aims, therefore, to nurture growing persons within the life of the Methodist Church towards full commitment to God as disclosed in Christ. This commitment should be expressed through both worship and service.

The Department shall seek to achieve this aim:—

1. By continuing the present work of the Youth Department in Nursery, Sunday School and Bible Class.

2. By co-ordinating Sunday School, Bible Class and week-day Church groups with the worshipping congregation.

3. By encouraging families to share fully in the worship and work of the congregation.

4. By fostering the C.Y.M.M. to meet the special needs of adolescents and young adults.

5. By a programme of adult education which will offer effective training for teachers and leaders, encourage and inform parents in carrying out their religious responsibilities and ensure the continuing growth of all in the Christian life.

(b) Present Weaknesses Needing Action:

1. The ignorance of many adults on questions of Biblical knowledge, Christian doctrine, and the application of the Christian faith to problems of life.

2. The fact that many people stop growing in their understanding of and commitment to the Faith at an immature level.

3. The loss of a great proportion of our adolescent youth from the worshipping congregation.

4. The large number of children in our youth groups from non-Church-going parents.

(c) Action Required:

1. Stock-taking on the Circuit level —on the structure of the present Church and Sunday School relationships; timing of worship and youth activities; Church School and family worship—and a survey to be made throughout the country.

2. Development of programmes to confront non-Church-going parents with their responsibilities and opportunities.

3. Investigation into and development of study material and programmes in existing adult groups; men's fellowships, women's guilds, auxiliaries, etc.

4. Holding District and Circuit Schools and Conferences for adults.

5. It is suggested that Ministerial training should include a course in educational methods with particular reference to adult education.

Evangelism and Christian Education:

The Committee was asked to consider the place of Evangelism in Christian Education. It is of the opinion that both education and evangelism are essential functions of the Church, and that neither of them can be neglected without the other suffering.

Christian Education is most effective when there is a real concern to win the group (children, youth or adult) for Christ and His Church. Similarly Evangelism can become narrow and barren unless it is based on and followed by sound Christian teaching.

The following quotation from Dean Luther Weigle met with the Committee's approval:—

"I am unwilling to surrender the term 'religious education' to the few who conceive of it as a mere educing of natural good and fail to acknowledge its ultimate dependence on the Spirit of God. And I will not surrender the term 'evangelism' to the itinerant revivalists or even the preachers. Any method whereby the Gospel of Jesus Christ is brought to bear in effective saving power upon the lives of people, old or young, men, women or children, is rightly to be termed evangelistic. Not evangelism or religious education, but evangelism through religious education is the need of the world to-day."

The Committee, therefore, considers that the Church's programme of Christian Education should relate the Christian Faith to the needs and understanding of each age-group in the Household of Faith and seek to win the response of faith, love and service which is appropriate to that age.

M. A. McDOWELL, Ex-President, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Department of Christian Education be established incorporating the present Youth Department.

3. That for the time being the functions of the present Youth Department and staff be extended to fulfil the wider functions of this Department of Christian Education, as follows:—

(a) **BOARD OF EDUCATION:** responsible to Conference for the general policy and co-ordination.

PERSONNEL: representatives of Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Youth Department, Trinity College, Board of Publications, Spiritual Advance Committee, M.W.M.U., Guild Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Local Preachers' Association, Annual Youth Convention and Synodal Districts.

MEETINGS: Annually in May.

(b) **EXECUTIVE:** responsible to the Board of Education for implementing the policy and carrying out the programme of education and oversight of the Department.

PERSONNEL: people chosen for their experience in the particular sections of the Department—Children's, Youth and Adult work.

MEETINGS: in Wellington monthly.

SUB-COMMITTEES: may be appointed.

(c) **STAFF:** i: Senior Director who shall be chief Executive and Administrative Officer and adviser to the Board.

ii: Other directors or lay workers as may be required for specific aspects of the work.

4. That the present provisions on the Stationing Sheet for Ministerial staff be retained.

5. That no change be made at District Youth Council or Local Youth Council levels at the present time.

6. That a study on Sunday morning activities be made at March Ministerial Committees next year.

7. That the designation of the senior Youth Director now be Director of Christian Education and that the two staff members be Youth Directors.

8. That the next meeting of the Board of Christian Education be held on 15th May, 1958.

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

Public Questions Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957

The Committee has met nine times with an average attendance of thirteen. Appreciation of the long and able service of the Rev G. H. Goodman was expressed at the time of his removal to Palmerston North. Owing to the Convener's absence from Wellington for some meetings, the Rev W. G. Eisner was appointed Assistant Convener.

(1) **Capital Punishment Referendum:**

After the Minister had made it clear that the Government intended to proceed with the referendum, the Committee asked that an attempt should be made to inform the public of the issues involved. The possibility of including in the referendum the alternative that has been adopted in Great Britain was also brought to the Government's notice.

The former representation was well received, but at the time of this report no definite arrangements have been made.

(2) Child Welfare:

(1956 Minutes, p. 85, Resolution 14.)

Last Conference directed that information concerning ways in which the Church can co-operate with the Child Welfare Division in the care of children, should be secured by the Committee. The Superintendent of the Division made valuable suggestions which have been passed on to all Synod Standing Committees. The success of this co-operation depends on a close liaison between the Church and the local branches of the Child Welfare Division. Two sub-districts—Wanganui and Timaru—were invited to make a special attempt to develop a close liaison so as to give a lead to the Connexion.

The greatest need is for Church people to take a friendly and practical interest in the children by arranging outings and visits to private homes, befriending adolescents and securing foster-homes.

(3) Compulsory Military Training:

(1956 Minutes, p. 89, Resolution 8.)

In considering this matter the Committee was mindful of the fact that the New Zealand Government has proposed changes in the present system of compulsory military training. But as a statement on the issues involved seems desirable in principle, the Committee submits the following:

Political Considerations:

- i. The present scheme of C.M.T. is very costly. It can be contended that this expenditure is justified because it enables the nation to be militarily prepared and to discharge its international obligations. It can also be contended that, if similar expenditure was directed to creative international aid, it would be much more effective in ensuring good international relations than C.M.T.
- ii. It is claimed that military preparedness is a deterrent to would-be aggressors. But history also offers notable examples of the fact that preparedness has precipitated conflict.
- iii. In view of the rapid development of nuclear weapons, the training of large armies appears to be redundant. Britain has, for this reason, decided to abolish C.M.T. and New Zealand's scheme has been modified.
- iv. While many claim that the merits of C.M.T. include an improvement of the physique, discipline and morale of the nation's youth, others hold that these desirable aims could be achieved by organising and training the youth on community service projects.

Moral Considerations:

- i. While the compulsion of law is necessary for life in an ordered community, the Church has always reserved its right, and that of the individual, to make independent moral judgments on issues of conscience.
- ii. It is considered that under C.M.T. neither the individual nor the Church will be able to decide effectively whether they should support a particular military action. C.M.T. involves an endorsement in advance of the State's decision.

It is argued, on the other hand, that the individual is not in possession of all the facts necessary to make a decision and that such judgments must be left in the hands

of a Government which, presumably, will take into account the Church's attitude.

- iii. With the acceptance of nuclear weapons the traditional arguments in favour of a "Just War" have been invalidated. For the same reason it is necessary to reconsider the possibility of war ever being the lesser of two evils.

It is clear, therefore, that the whole issue of C.M.T. is closely related to the larger question of the Church's attitude to Peace and War which is being considered by the Methodist World Peace Committee. But participation in C.M.T. tends to pre-judge this larger issue because it encourages young men to consider war, and preparation for it, as an inevitable part of life.

The Committee is of the opinion that the weight of the above considerations favours the abolition of C.M.T. in New Zealand.

(4) Assistance to Underdeveloped Countries:

The Committee was addressed by Dr W. B. Sutch, of the Industries and Commerce Department, and presents the following statement in answer to Resolution No. 12, p. 85, 1956 Minutes:

New Zealand continues to enjoy a relatively high degree of prosperity. Christian people must show practical concern for those who are obliged to live in circumstances of great economic stringency and the resultant lack of educational and cultural facilities. Low levels of income are not merely a matter of political and economic concern because they encourage totalitarian forms of government. The distinctive Christian approach carries with it the conviction that we have a personal responsibility for the well-being of fellow members of God's family. The measure of aid given at present, and steps to extend it further, must be viewed in that light.

Present aid from New Zealand to underdeveloped countries is being sent through two main channels:

A. Governmental.

- i. Through various United Nations organisations working in this field, e.g., Technical Assistance, International Children's Emergency Fund, Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees, Food and Agricultural Organisation, World Health Organisation. New Zealand's total budgeted expenditure for these purposes for 1956-57 amounts to £230,837.
- ii. Through the Colombo Plan. This collection of development assistance programmes was originally planned for Commonwealth countries only, but now includes in its scope twenty countries of South-east Asia—just over one-quarter of the world's population. New Zealand's 1957 contribution is expected to be £1,100,000.
- iii. Assistance to New Zealand Dependencies, South Pacific Commission and Health Services in the Pacific Islands is provided for with a sum of approximately £483,865.

B. Voluntary.

- i. CORSO. In 1956 approximately £514,500 was realised in cash and clothing appeals.
- ii. National Council of Churches. The annual Christmas appeals of the N.C.C. have increasingly centred Christian attention upon the need of Churches in the South-east Asian area. Last year's appeal realised approximately £10,000.

- iii. Save the Children Fund. The work of this organisation for children in needy countries is still being maintained.
- iv. Educational and Medical Work of Missions. The value of this work in raising the standards of people in under-developed countries is widely acknowledged. Funds contributed through this avenue total approximately £200,000.

What More Can Be Done?

The facts and figures given above must be viewed in the light of the following table concerning income distribution.

Country.	Year.	Population.	Average Annual Income Per Head.
New Zealand ..	1956-57	2,250,000	Approx. £450
Indonesia ..	1952	82,000,000	Approx. £32
Burma ..	1955	20,000,000	Approx. £15 14s

New Zealand has the third highest standard of living in the world. Our Asian neighbours include some countries with the lowest living standards. Concerning comparative allocations within our national budget, a Reserve Bank Bulletin article on the Colombo Plan comments (March, 1956):

"Compared with the urgent needs of the area covered by the Plan, New Zealand's contribution seems small—somewhat over £1,000,000, as compared with the Government's current capital expenditure of £305,000,000 for the year ending March, 1955. At the conclusion of six years of the Plan, New Zealanders will have spent about £3 4s each, compared with about £75 per head for defence over the same period."

In the light of these facts the following steps to ensure a higher degree of practical assistance to people in less fortunate lands are indicated:

- i. **Urge increased Governmental aid:** Public opinion must be educated to persuade the Government to make much larger allocations for these purposes, even if this should involve increased taxation. A constant pressure should be brought to bear upon Parliamentary representatives.

From a Christian point of view there is special value in the work of United Nations agencies such as SUNFED (Special U.N. Fund for Economic Development) which allocate aid according to comparative need rather than as instruments of national policy.

- ii. **Inspire increase in all voluntary aid efforts, e.g:**

- (a) Funds to support New Zealanders who could train leaders and technicians in those lands (e.g., N.C.C. support for New Zealand teachers at Indonesian Christian Training College). Schools and hospitals need finance and staff.
- (b) Follow an Australian lead in the institution of a "Volunteer Graduate" scheme, whereby graduates work in Indonesian Civil Service, doing the same work as Indonesians at corresponding salary rates. The Government provides fares and any other assistance required. Work in these lands should be presented to our people as a form of Christian vocation.
- (c) More scholarships could be provided in our schools and colleges, as well as other training institutions, for students from abroad. Church members on Boards of Governors, etc., could take the initiative.

- (d) Hospitality should be provided for such students; e.g., private board, week-end or vacation hospitality.
- (e) Church groups should be encouraged to become informed about conditions and problems in our neighbouring lands. "Report on the World's Social Situation," the "UNICEF Compendium," and the N.C.C. study booklet, "Knowing Our Neighbours," are the kind of documents which will be found valuable. Local branches of the U.N. Association will be able to suggest others.

(5) Immigration:

The above statement on Assistance to Underdeveloped Countries gives further point to the representations made by the Churches for at least a quota of Asian Immigration.

(6) Colombo Plan Students:

The Committee has kept in touch with the Technical Assistance Unit of the External Affairs Department and information has been passed on to Synod Standing Committees. Some districts have been able to make significant contributions to the care of these students. These people are our "neighbours."

(7) International Affairs Committee:

(1956 Minutes, Resolution 10, p. 85.)

Inquiries have been made concerning the operation of similar committees in other Communion. After consultation with the World Peace Committee, and with its support, it is recommended that an International Affairs Committee be established.

(8) Persecution in Latin America:

(1956 Minutes, Resolution 15b, p. 86.)

At the suggestion of Bishop Barbieri, of the Methodist Church in Argentina (a President of the W.C.C.), the Committee has corresponded with the Committee on Latin America Co-operation. Bulletins of documented accounts of persecution in Colombia have been received. The following is a summary of that persecution from 1948-1956: Forty-seven churches destroyed and many other buildings used by Protestant congregations destroyed; over 200 schools closed—most of them by Government order (the adult illiteracy rate is 44 per cent); 75 Colombian Protestants have been murdered because of their faith; over 40 churches were closed by Government order in 1956.

Reports indicate that the same persecution continues in 1957. The Committee feels that these facts should be brought to the attention of the Government and the United Nations.

(9) The Nature of Christian Education:

(1956 Minutes, p. 84, Resolution 4, ii.)

The Committee asks leave to continue its study of this matter.

(10) Sunday Trade:

Information as to the present extent of Sunday trading allowed is being sought from the Labour Department.

(11) Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs:

This Council continues to be an effective body in dealing with matters of common concern to all Christian Churches. The year's work has included immigration, duty on film strip projectors and articles used in the practice of religion, chapels in hospitals, cinema regulations, television, and the treatment of alcoholics. There was not the unanimity required to take action on the 1956 Middle East crisis.

(12) The Council for Christian Education:

Under the able and energetic leadership of the Rev W. P. B. Gamlen, the Council is adding both to the quality of religious instruction in State schools and to its scope. A conference of heads of post-primary schools has been convened.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted, except for Section (3).
2. That a grant of £25 be made to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.
3. **Compulsory Military Training:**
 - (a) That the statement be received and commended to the Church for study.
 - (b) That the leaflets "Military Training" and "Methodists and Military Training," distributed by the Youth Department, be more widely used.
 - (c) That in view of the political and moral considerations outlined in the report, the Conference urge the Government to abolish Compulsory Military Training in New Zealand.
 - (d) That the Public Questions Committee review the question of the discontinuance of Military Training in schools and colleges.
 - (e) That the whole matter of appeals on conscientious grounds be referred to the Public Questions Committee.
 - (f) That information be made known to parents that they may object to their boys taking part in Military Training in Secondary School Cadets without explaining their objection.
 - (g) That the Public Questions Committee consider the value of some form of National Service other than Compulsory Military Training.
4. **Assistance to Underdeveloped Countries:**
 - (a) That the statement in the report to conference be published in the "Methodist Times," and that Methodist Women's Organisations, Men's Fellowships and Youth Groups be urged to give special study during this year to the subject and, where possible, to secure the services of informed speakers to emphasise the urgent need for increased aid to Asia, and that particular attention be drawn to the "Report on the World's Social Situation," the "Unicef Compendium," and "Knowing Our Neighbours."
 - (b) That Conference urge Methodist people throughout New Zealand to offer hospitality and, where necessary, private board to overseas students, as well as holiday hospitality, and that the Public Questions Committee be asked to forward to Circuits information of the needs and the location of students.
 - (c) That Conference remind Methodist students and graduates of the opportunity and responsibility of New Zealanders to give technical assistance and leadership to the people of South-east Asia, and especially urges Methodists to offer to work in Asian countries as a Christian vocation and that the Public Questions Committee be asked to provide the information required.

- (d) That Conference ask the P.Q. Committee (1) to secure full information of the Australian "Volunteer Graduate" scheme and (2) to recommend to the appropriate organisations a suitable scheme for New Zealand graduates.
- (e) That Conference commends the Government in its support of the Colombo Plan and assistance to S.E. Asia, but strongly urges that in the interests of goodwill and Christian compassion the amount of aid contributed in this way and through United Nations Agencies be very greatly increased.

5. Immigration:

- (a) That Conference draws the attention of the Government to the requests which have come from New Zealand Churches during recent years, asking the Government to revise its Immigration Policy and to accept a quota system of immigration from Asia, and again urges the principle of a Quota System to the Government.
- (b) That the P.Q. Committee be asked to examine the attitude of the Methodist Church to the New Zealand policy of Immigration and to report to Synods and Conference on any action which should be taken.
- (c) That the question of immigration into New Zealand be referred to the Public Questions Committee with a view to the formulation of a policy to facilitate the integration of Methodists into the life of the Community and of the Church.

6. International Affairs Committee:

- (a) That an International Affairs Committee be established to deal with all matters at present considered by the World Peace Committee as well as the External Affairs side of the Public Questions Committee.
- (b) That its functions shall be:
 - i. To consider and act on matters referred to it by Conference.
 - ii. To study the Christian implications of New Zealand's international relationships—especially with reference to the United Nations, the Commonwealth and South-east Asia.
 - iii. To stimulate informed discussion and constructive action in these matters within the Church.
 - iv. When necessary or desirable, to make public pronouncements or representations on aspects of international policies, endeavouring to represent the mind of Conference as expressed in previous resolutions.
 - v. When public pronouncements are called for on matters concerning which Conference has not specifically declared its mind, the Committee shall secure the prior approval of the President.
 - vi. To consider Race Relations and Immigration in so far as they affect international relationships.
 - vii. To maintain contact with all associations likely to be able to supply suitable information or material relating to world peace.
 - viii. To act in liaison with the Public Questions Committee when subjects likely to be of common concern are under consideration.
- (c) That the constitution of this Committee be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
- (d) That the Committee be as printed on Page 11 herein.

7. **Persecution in Latin America:** That the information set out in the report be brought to the notice of the Government with a view to the matter being raised by New Zealand's representative to the United Nations, and that the concern of the Methodist Church of New Zealand at this information be conveyed to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church.

8. **Inter-Church Council:** That the representatives on the Council be the Chairman and Convener of the Public Questions Committee and Mr A. E. Hurley.

9. **Council for Christian Education:**

- (a) That representatives on the Council be the Chairman of the Wellington District, Director of Christian Education, Rev J. D. Grocott, and Mr G. F. Briggs.
- (b) That a grant of £200 be made from the General Connexional Appeal.
- (c) That the Report on "Christian Education in Post-Primary Schools" be commended to the Church for study.
- (d) That Quarterly Meetings be notified of the need for further Voluntary Teachers under the Nelson System and be asked to urge Lay members to undertake training in Religious Education and to offer as Voluntary Teachers.
- (e) That Conference approve the proposed changes in the constitution of the New Zealand Council for Christian Education and the Committee in consultation with the President be authorised to approve any further alteration which does not affect basic principles in the constitution; subject to the approval of the Legal Adviser.
- (f) That the Public Questions Committee and the Executive of the Board of Christian Education confer on the question of the appropriate Standing Committee which should have liaison with the Council for Christian Education and to report to Synods and Conference.

10. **Capital Punishment:**

- (a) Believing that the Death Penalty violates the Christian Principle of the sacredness of human life, Conference reaffirms its opposition to the Death Penalty for any form of crime.
- (b) That Conference conveys its appreciation to the Government on the cancelling of the proposed Referendum on Capital Punishment in conjunction with the General Election.

11. **South Africa:**

- (a) That Conference express close sympathy with and support for Christian Churches in South Africa in their position of conflict and danger, and that Conference urge upon our own people the necessity for constant vigilance in upholding Christian principles and basic human rights.
- (b) That the International Affairs Committee explore ways and means by which New Zealanders can give practical help to the African and Indian people of South Africa.

12. **Foster Homes:** That Conference urge our Methodist people wherever possible to provide foster homes for children who come under the care of the Child-Welfare Department, and that Synod Standing Committees bring this matter before the people of their own districts.

13. **Prison Reform and Chaplains:** That Conference commend the Minister of Justice for his recent statement on the Government's attitude to penal policy in New Zealand.

- (a) Conference notes with pleasure the proposed extension or provision of measures aimed at a more discerning approach to the prevention of crime and the reformation of law-breakers. While fully convinced that the only ultimately effective answer to an increase in criminal offences in the community is a wider acceptance and more faithful application of Christian faith and values, Conference acknowledges the importance of enlightened State policy in this sphere. We, therefore, urge the Government to continue its efforts along the lines indicated by the Minister, believing this to be the ultimately most effective approach, as well as one most nearly in line with Christian convictions concerning the needs of individual offenders and society.
- (b) That Conference approve and express appreciation of the appointment of Chaplains to prisons and prison camps throughout New Zealand.
- (c) That the M.S.S.A. report to Synods and Conference on the advisability of establishing an institution to provide corrective training for young people who come before the Courts and who are placed on probation.

14. State Aid:

- (a) That Conference believes that the Christian Faith is basic to education and that the present New Zealand system of secular education cannot be regarded as adequate until effective provision is made for religious acts and instruction for all children whose parents desire it.

We further believe that the welfare of the whole community would best be served by children receiving this complete education together, rather than by being segregated into what would be numerous denominational schools if State Aid were granted.

We believe that the highest principle of justice is expressed when the community provides for the basic education of every child, regardless of class, creed, or colour.

When, for their own reasons, Churches or other groups establish private schools, the costs involved should be carried by those who establish such schools and avail themselves of the provisions thus created.

- (b) That the Public Questions Committee in consultation with the Auckland Ministers' Fraternal appoint a Continuing Committee to study the issue of State Aid and its future developments and to report to Synods and Conference through the Public Questions Committee.

15. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 12 herein.

B—Methodist World Peace Committee

REPORT FOR 1957.

The Committee has met four times during the year. Contact has been maintained with the Public Questions Committee; Methodist Board of World Peace, U.S.A.; N.Z. Commission of Churches on International Affairs; and the Regional Representatives. Magazines and material on relevant matters have been received from these and other interested organisations.

(1) Statement on Peace and War:

Much time has been given by the Committee to the preparation and consideration of this Statement as requested by Conference.

1. Recognising that in the membership of the Church there is considerable diversity of opinion regarding participation in war, and in preparation for war, and being deeply concerned for the right of freedom of thought, speech, and action, Conference declares its conviction that in every case, the conscience of the individual should be respected by the whole Church, and deprecates any attempt to brand as sub-Christian, any who are sincerely led to an attitude different from that expressed by the Church. It is on this central truth of freedom of conscience that our whole Church stands united.

Further, Conference declares the following diversities of interpretation to be held within its membership:

- (a) The view of those who, believing that the redemptive nature of our Lord's life, teaching, and death, is meant to be carried through into the lives of His followers, cannot participate in military activity.

Some who hold the above view may feel that, caught up in their country's predicament in time of war, they must share in the suffering of their fellows and are prepared to offer themselves for non-combatant duties within the military organisation. Others may feel that any such participation would compromise their conscience.

- (b) The view of those who, whilst equally convinced that war is contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ, and that the redemptive nature of our Lord's life, teaching and death must be carried through into the lives of His followers, are yet constrained to believe that in our present imperfect world the resort to war may, under certain circumstances, be justified, and who may feel that participation in such war to be their Christian duty.

- (c) Since individual opinions differ widely regarding the duty of the Christian, it is therefore incumbent upon him to resolve that he shall obey God rather than man, and decide prayerfully before God, what his course of action is to be. The Church must hold in its fellowship persons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision, it must call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, and minister to all in God's name.

2. Conference, recognising the responsibility which rests upon the church to give a lead to her members on the issues of peace and war, reaffirms its conviction that: "War is contrary to the spirit and purpose of Jesus Christ as revealed in His teaching concerning the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, which is the divine ideal for human society; and God's Kingdom can only be realised in a world-embracing brotherhood of mankind based on righteousness, love, and peace."

Conference also declares that 'We believe that war is a crime against humanity and must be utterly repudiated as a method of settling international disputes.'

The Church must continually hold these ideals before her people. She must continue to declare that war is sinful, and contrary to the primary principles of the Christian faith; and she must urge her people to courageous action in building those principles into the fabric of our national and international life.

3. Conference urges upon all her members the imperative need for active participation in all legitimate movements designed

to promote world peace. In the words of the Evanston Report, Christians 'must pray more fervently for peace, repent more earnestly of their individual and collective failures to further world order, and strive more urgently to establish world contacts for reconciliation, fellowship and love.'

We affirm that war is not inevitable. The looming horrors of nuclear warfare have destroyed all illusion of a 'just' or 'preventive' war, for any war fought under modern conditions must of necessity entail widespread injustice, devastation and loss of innocent life, and might well result in the annihilation of man himself, and the obliteration of civilisation as we now know it.

As members of the Christian Church we must be more than ever resolved to demonstrate to others the redeeming power of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

(2) Nuclear Warfare:

The list of books and articles on this subject as printed in Conference Minutes, 1956, has been given added publicity by being printed in the Methodist Times during this year.

In addition the Committee, after consultation with the President, released the resolutions of the 1956 Conference, P.89, Para. 2, to the N.Z. Press for publication at a relevant time.

(3) Methodist Times Column:

The Committee would like to place on record its appreciation for the continued availability of a column in the Methodist Times, Action for Peace. We have been given some latitude this year, and some valuable articles have been published, members of the Committee supplying this material.

(4) International Relations Committee:

The Committee has had consultation with the Public Questions Committee over the establishment of such a Committee whose terms of reference would include, but be wider than those of the present Committee. We are in full agreement that the time for establishing such a Committee has come, and are in agreement with the recommendations of the Public Questions Committee. It was felt that the Committee would be better located in one of the main centres.

A. O. JONES, Chairman.

O. T. WOODFIELD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report, apart from the Statement on Peace and War, be received and adopted.

2. That the Statement on Peace and War be referred to the International Affairs Committee for reconsideration in the light of the new situation created by the discovery of nuclear energy, and give special attention to the question as to whether in nuclear warfare a Christian can participate at any point.

3. That the work of the Methodist World Peace Committee be included in the terms of reference of the International Affairs Committee.

4. That the Regional Representatives of the World Peace Committee be thanked for their work and be appointed as representatives and corresponding members of the International Affairs Committee.

5. That Conference, concerned that all mankind shall know the love of God in their hearts, and believing that to be impossible in a world where men produce and test nuclear and thermo-nuclear

weapons, either as deterrents, or as weapons of defence, or for wholesale murder, express its opposition to all further production or tests by all nations.

6. That Conference expresses its appreciation for the continued availability of a column in the "Methodist Times" for the presentation of the inquiries and reports of the Committee.

7. That Conference reaffirm the need for Women's Groups, Men's Fellowships and Youth Groups to give close and continuous study to the questions associated with Peace and War in the light of the increasing urgency of the problem.

8. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the World Peace Committee during its term of office.

C—Temperance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957

1. The Questionnaire to Ministers:

Although only about half of these were returned, the information gathered regarding the attitudes of Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses on the Church's Temperance policy is of considerable interest. In these answers the general policy of the Church as set out in the 1954 Minutes (pages 81-83) was endorsed by a substantial majority and there was also strong support for the principle of total abstinence to be put before our people as a moral challenge, though not a condition of membership. Half of the replies suggested that the word "Temperance" does not describe this policy adequately, but no suitable alternatives were put forward.

There was general approval of Temperance Education being given a place within a balanced treatment of Christian ethics in the normal preaching and teaching ministries of the Church and most of those who replied were also willing to use their influence locally, in various ways, to support the teaching of the approved Temperance Syllabus in the day schools.

Regarding political action, there were some who favoured Trust Control as the solution of the liquor problem, but a clear majority regarded Prohibition as the only ultimate objective which the Church should support. Many of this majority, however, also felt that Trust Control could be an immediate objective and a step towards ultimate Prohibition.

Over half of those who replied agreed that there are some forms of Temperance enthusiasm which are psychologically unhealthy, and that the kind of press publicity some of our Church pronouncements on these matters have received in the past, has sometimes tended to give to the general public a false impression of the things which we regard as being of primary importance. Nevertheless, there was general agreement that the temperance case can and should be presented in a positive, healthy and attractive way as part of a balanced social witness. It was felt by most that such an approach would create no difficulties in relation to Church union.

The replies indicate the need for a closer liaison and understanding between the ministry and the N.Z. Alliance and kindred organisations. There was almost unanimous support for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Society of Alcoholism, but equal stress was laid on the need for the Church to maintain its own distinctive efforts for the prevention of the wreckage which these organisations can only very partially repair,

2. The Need for Further Study:

The committee feels that the replies received to the Questionnaire—and above all, the replies that were not received, indicate the need for closer study of the whole subject by our ministry generally, in the light of present day conditions. It is appreciated that the complexities of circuit work make such a study difficult at the local level, and it is therefore suggested that some time be set aside at the 1957 conference for a fuller discussion of the Questionnaire and that one whole session of the 1958 March Ministerial Synods be devoted to a study of this report.

3. Trust Control:

The committee does not yet feel ready to make a full statement on the pros and cons of Trust Control, but since there seems to be a tendency for many of our people to regard it either as the answer to the liquor problem or else as a half-way step towards Prohibition, the following significant facts should be pointed out:

(i) The practical problem of raising the necessary finance without Government support, has made the setting up of Trust Hotels in many places almost an impossible task. As a result, most of the Trusts authorised have not been set up. If this situation continues, as it seems likely, then Trust Control will hardly remain a live issue.

(ii) It is rather doubtful whether Trust Control would in fact bring Prohibition any nearer. Most of the existing Trusts are still paying for their buildings, but when this stage is past they will no doubt begin to make regular grants to various charitable causes and other community organisations. At this stage, the whole community will have a stake in the sale of liquor, it will be regarded as serving innumerable good causes, and there will be less chance than ever of carrying Prohibition.

(iii) Many people imagine that the removal of the profit motive from the supplying of liquor would clear up abuses and greatly reduce drunkenness. However, the committee would point out that people do not drink to excess simply because they are subject to high pressure sales tactics. The real reasons why people drink are in the people themselves and in the social situations in which they live. In these situations, the sales pressure of the brewers is only one factor amongst very many others and it does not seem realistic to suppose that the drinking habits of the people will be greatly improved through a change in liquor control.

4. The Significance of the Poll:

It now seems quite certain that there will be no change in the ballot paper at the forthcoming poll. The committee therefore re-iterates the point made in last year's report, that "whatever are the pros and cons of any other form of control, the only practical vote against the present system of liquor control in the meantime is a vote for Prohibition" (1956 Minutes p. 90).

We also have reason to believe that this year's Poll has an even greater significance than usual. During recent months the Government has been under constant pressure from the Licensed Trade in many ways, to grant extended facilities for the sale of liquor. Any decrease in the Prohibition vote at this stage would almost certainly influence the newly elected government to give way to some of these demands. Thus it becomes increasingly important that our people be urged to "Vote Prohibition."

5. The New Zealand Alliance:

The New Zealand Alliance operates not only on a Dominion level but also through local branches. The Alliance deserves the

greater support of our people by the fostering of local branch activities, financially, and by the more effective use of educational material which it makes available.

6. Temperance Education:

Many answers to the Questionnaire stressed the need for some sound educational material on Temperance matters. It should be pointed out that such material is already available through the N.Z. Alliance and other temperance organisations. It is hoped to arrange a display of such material in each of the District Synods this year. The committee commends particularly for the study of youth groups, the excellent study "Why People Drink" prepared for the Church by the Rev Selwyn Dawson, and which will be available shortly.

7. A Concern for People:

Many of the answers to the Questionnaire suggested the need for the Church's temperance work to be carried on in the context of a concern for people rather than simply zeal for a cause. The committee welcomes this emphasis and suggests that friendly contact with some of the local Alcoholics Anonymous groups would help us in this direction. Some of these groups hold periodic "open nights" when they will gladly welcome a minister or layman from the local Church, as a visitor.

S. J. WERREN, Chairman.

I. RAMAGE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee for 1958 receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund.
3. That the report be the subject of study at the March Ministerial Synods of 1958, under the guidance and suggests, where possible, of a corresponding member of the committee.
4. That the Temperance Committee send out again the questionnaire to Ministers, using a method that would ensure every minister making a reply and indicating his age group and that the questionnaire and a full summary of the replies be the basis of a study at the March Ministerial Committee, 1959.
5. That ministers and laymen of our Church be urged to give greater support to the work of the N.Z. Alliance, on a Dominion level and also by fostering the activities of local branches, giving financial support and making more effective use of educational material which it publishes.
6. That the Rev Selwyn Dawson be thanked for his work in preparing the study "Why People Drink" and that the use of that study be commended to Bible Classes and other youth groups.
7. That where possible, friendly contact with local groups of Alcoholics Anonymous be commended to the Church
8. That while we welcome and support the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Society on Alcoholism and have no quarrel with the medical concept of alcoholism as a disease, Conference re-iterates that since the medical factors have been widely publicised it is more than ever true that:
 - (a) A community which makes alcohol available for consumption, and those who choose to drink it must share the responsibility for the prevalence of this disease, and,

(b) Personal total abstinence from alcohol and the prohibition of the liquor traffic by free vote of the people is still the most practical and positive means of preventing the spread of this disease.

9. That because the increased beverage use of alcohol must accelerate the degradation of human personality, result in more road accidents, crime and disruption of family and social relationships, Conference disapprove of any suggestion which would sanction the sale and consumption of liquor beyond existing legal hours.

10. That Conference view with grave concern the growing social custom of serving intoxicating liquors at wedding receptions and call upon all Methodist people to refrain from this practice.

11. That Temperance Sunday be observed on the fourth Sunday in September, and that the Law Book, page 55, par. 290, Sec. II, be amended accordingly.

12. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other properties?

A—General Report on Church Property

The financial operations of Church Trusts for the year ending 30th June, 1957, are summarised in the following schedule:

1.—Trust Accounts:		RECEIPTS		
		£	s.	d.
Credit Balances from last year—General Account ..		52,077	12	0
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes ..		323,764	14	0
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..		23,379	12	6
Loans from Other Sources		32,788	19	0
All Other Receipts		343,532	19	3
Total Receipts		775,543	16	9
Debit Balances		37,813	9	1
TOTAL		£813,357	5	10
EXPENDITURE				
Debit Balance from last year		32,329	11	7
Loan Fund Instalments		8,201	0	0
Other Loans Repaid		25,698	16	6
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft		5,486	5	11
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings ..		188,927	14	4
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..		132,295	16	8
Total Expenditure		392,939	5	0
Credit Balances		55,530	8	6
Balances Held for Special Purposes		364,887	12	4
TOTAL		£813,357	5	10
2.—Total of Fire Insurances		£3,138,210	10	0
3.—Debt:				
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year		165,663	6	5
Add New Loans received during year		58,056	0	6
TOTAL		£223,719	6	11
Deduct Loans Repaid during year		35,699	9	1
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year		£188,019	17	10

Full details concerning property projects undertaken during the year are given in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

The amount expended on maintenance, purchases, erections of buildings, etc., averages approximately £13 per Church member. It must be kept in mind that a proportion of income received and so expended would come from sources other than our membership. It is not possible to state what that proportion would be.

The main differences compared with last year's returns are:

- (a) Amount held for Special Purposes—an increase of £39,857.
- (b) Mortgage debts—an increase of £24,041.
- (c) Purchases, erections, etc.—an increase of £58,222.
- (d) General expenditure—an increase of £3726.

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 J. B. Lyth, 113 Centennial Avenue, Dunedin, N.W.2.

H. L. FIEBIG,

General Secretary for Church Property.

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 1958 be as named in the Report.
3. That where there is only one auditor of accounts his qualifications be indicated with the signature.
4. 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 AS AT MAY 31, 1957

We follow our usual practice of summarising property activities approved during the year so that at a glance a clear picture may be obtained of what the Church is doing in this sphere.

- (a) New sites, 11 (excluding additional land and replacements).
- (b) New Churches, 8.
- (c) New halls, 13.

- (d) New parsonages, 10 (6 are replacements).
- (e) Additions, 27, halls and parsonages.
- (f) Various buildings erected or purchased, 5.
- (g) Land sold in 5 instances.
- (h) Buildings sold, 10.

The value of the above new projects is approximately £242,500

Loans:

(a) New interest-free loans have been advanced as under, totalling £22,650:

Auckland District:

Te Atatu (hall) £1000; New Lynn hall £300; Onehunga (hall) £1000; Helensville parsonage £1000; Kaikohe Parsonage £1000; Wellsford Hall £500; Orewa Church £900; Dargaville hall £1000; Tahorota Road (Takapuna) Church £1000.

South Auckland:

Tokoroa parsonage £1250; Kawerau Church £1500; Taupo Church £1000.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

West End (P.N.) hall £700.

Wellington:

Stokes Valley Church £550; Miramar Church £1000.

Nelson:

Stoke parsonage £1000; Greymouth parsonage £1000; Westport parsonage £1500.

North Canterbury:

Aldred Church £1000; Addington Church £1000; Upper Riccarton Hall £1000.

South Canterbury:

Oamaru South Church £600.

Otago-Southland:

Port Chalmers parsonage £600; Wesley Church Youth Centre £1000; Otautau Hall £250.

(b) The total amount of loans current is £48,811/6/10 advanced to 84 trusts, an increase for the year of £15,365/8/1.

(c) Our records contain the names of 21 trusts waiting for loans promised to the amount of £18,300.

Loan Capital:

This now stands at £50,050. Trusts are insistent in their pleas for assistance, and also in their requests for loans much larger than the normal maximum of £1000. That is inevitable under present-day conditions.

It is gratifying that the Church Council is this year recommending to Conference that the whole Church again be given the opportunity next year of contributing to the capital of this Fund.

Its usefulness to the Church can be seen from this one sentence—If this Fund had not been created and Trusts had had to pay ordinary interest rates on the amount that has been loaned through the Fund since its inception in 1882, the interest thus paid by such trusts would probably have been in the vicinity of £100,000.

Sites Fund:

Grants for new sites have been made as follows: Pahiia £25; Halswell £150.

Advance Methodism Fund:

The financial statement which will be presented to Conference reveals the following facts: In all, the sum of £40,017/19/7 was received. Printing, distribution, etc., cost £829/3/3. The sum of £26,140 was transferred to Loans Capital and £13,048/16/4 to the Grants Account.

At date the sum of £6650 has been paid in grants with a balance of £6398/16/4 yet to be disbursed in terms of the Fund. This money has been allocated but the money is retained in the office until work on a new project has actually been commenced.

District Advisory Committees:

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

Robert Gibson Trust:

A separate report is submitted on this matter.

Committee Secretary:

This department is the most extensive in the work of the Connexional office and the Committee is appreciative of the fact that this year the secretary completes twelve years in that office and is designated by Conference for a further term of six years.

SALES OF PROPERTY

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by January 31, 1959 the sanction lapses.

Auckland District:

Kaeo Parsonage £800; Great North Road Church £5250.

South Auckland:

Tokoroa (land exchange).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Pahiatua (Parsonage land 1 ac., 1 rd. 17 per.) £170.

Wellington:

Otaki (land dedication); Lower Hutt (land exchange and £100); Upper Hutt (Parsonage) £4000.

Nelson:

Westport Parsonage £900; Hokitika Parsonage £500; Seddon (Exchange and £50).

North Canterbury:

Swannanoa, Church building (-); Ohoka cottage (£300); Central Mission Hostel (£3500).

South Canterbury:

Oamaru South (1 rd.) £700.

Otago Southland:

Mornington Parsonage £2800, approx.; Waikouaiti Parsonage £1500; Milton Parsonage sections (2) £650; Riversdale (1 rd.) £80; Mandeville (27.5 per.) £40.

LEASES AND SUB-DIVISIONS

Auckland Orphanage Board; Auckland Central Mission (Waiheke Island); Thames; Mayfield.

LAND PURCHASES APPROVED

Auckland District:

Marion Avenue (Auckland South) 31.7 per. (addit) £850; Henderson (32 per.) £630; Birkenhead (3 rds. 33 per.) £900; Northcote (2/3 ac.) £2000; Stanmore Bay (1/3 ac.) £375; Whangarei (33.8 per.) £600; Kaeo (3 rds. 15 per.) £50.

South Auckland:

Tokoroa (exchange).

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Vogeltown (1 rd.) £750.

Wellington:

Hataitai (18.3 per.) £3100; Upper Hutt (29 per.) £950.

Nelson:

Blenheim (Mayfield) (34 per.) £400; Seddon (exchange); Westport (30.9 per.) £300.

North Canterbury:

Halswell (54 per.) £800; Sockburn (2 rds. 8.10 per. and 3 cottages) £2900.

South Canterbury:

D.Y.C. (40 ac.) £150.

Otago Southland:

Kaikorai (24.5 per.) £675.

BUILDINGS

Erections, additions, alterations and purchases. Plans approved as under:

Auckland District:

Orphanage (A) £1500; Astley House Cottages (E) (-); Henderson Parsonage (E) £3800; Panmure Church (A) £350; Panmure Parsonage (P) £5300; Papatōetoe (A) £1510; Mangere East (A) £250; Paparata (P) £665; Richmond Road (A) £750; Manurewa Church (A) £120; Manurewa Hall (E) £3000; Karaka Hall (A) £1700; Pukekohe Church (E) £18,000; Buckland Hall (A) £300; Keri Keri Hall (E) £900; Kaeo Parsonage (E) £3000; Russell Hall (A) £900; Dargaville Parsonage (A) £1000; Rawene Parsonage (E) £3500; Fairburn Hall (E) £500; Beach Haven Church (A) £150.

South Auckland:

Tokoroa Parsonage (E) £4000; Eastport Road Hall (A) £200; Tauranga Hall (P) £1000; Morrinsville Hall (A) £100; Kawerau Church Hall (E) £4150; Pirongia Hall (E) £6000; Matangi Primary (E) £2000; Taupo Church Hall (E) £1500.

Taranaki Wanganui:

Fitzroy Hall (E) £625; Rangiatea Hostel (E) £55,000 less subsidy; Wanganui East Hall (A) £300.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Napier (Trinity) (A) £10,000; Napier South Church Hall (E) £4500; Cuba Street Parsonage (A) £500; Foxton Parsonage (A) £400; Woodville Church £10,000.

Wellington:

Karori Parsonage (E) £5000; Stokes Valley Church Hall (E) £1500; Levin Hall (A) £300; Raumati Beach Church Hall (E) £2000.

Nelson:

Brightwater Church (A) £250; Reefton Hall (E) £1750; Westport Parsonage (E) £4200; Tua Marina Hall (A) £400; Dovedale Camp conveniences (-).

North Canterbury:

Cashmere Church (A) £2500; North Beach Church (A) £900; Bryndwr classrooms (E) £1500; Central Mission Hostel (P) £7200; Opawa Hall (A) £750; Darfield Hall (A) £100; Sefton Hall (E) £750; Greendale Church (E) £5000; Cambridge Tce. (House) (A) £670.

South Canterbury:

Ashburton dwelling (P) £3400; Waimate Hall (A) £4000; Woodlands Street Hall (E) £7000.

Otago-Southland:

N.E. Valley Church (A) £550; Mornington Parsonage (P) £4500; Palmerston-Waikouaiti Parsonage £1750; Invercargill Central Hall (E) £3500; Invercargill North Parsonage (P) £5300; Invercargill St. Peter's Church (A) £10,000; Otautau Hall (P and A) £370; Newfield Church (E) £5000.

Note:

1. In some cases approximate costs only can be given.
2. A great deal of voluntary labour has been given aggregating many thousands of pounds.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—1957

The Committee has considered various recommendations from District Synods and reports as follows:—

Auckland (Agenda Page 106).

The list is as under as at 31/5/57. Since that date some loans have been advanced and new loans promised but the list coincides with the date of the annual report:—

Auckland: Marion Avenue Church £1000; Homai (Hall) £1000; Henderson (Parsonage) £1000; Kaeo (Parsonage) £1000; Manurewa (Hall) £1000; Keri Keri Hall (£500).

South Auckland: Otorohanga (Parsonage) £1000; Maeroa (Hall) £900; Huntly (Parsonage) £800.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Mārton (Parsonage) £1000.

H.B.-Manawatu: Gisborne (Church) £1250; Napier (Church) £1000; Napier South (Church) £1000; Wairoa (Parsonage) £300.

Nelson: Motueka (Classroom) £800.

North Canterbury: Bryndwr (Classrooms) £1000; Belfast (Church) £500; Central Mission (Parsonage) £1000; Greendale (Church) £1000.

Otago-Southland: Newfield (Church) £1250.—Total: £18,300.

South Auckland (Agenda Page 116).

It is pointed out, as was observed in correspondence with a certain trust:—

- (a) Par 13—Law Book page 154—states that all loans shall be made on such terms and conditions as the Committee shall determine.
- (b) On the Application Form those conditions are set out including the following:—
 1. "When applying for a Loan Trustees must agree to comply with the Conditions of Loans as printed in the Law Book, and on the Application Form, and must engage faithfully to fulfill the same."
 2. "The building will be insured with the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Department, unless prior to any loan being

promised the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee shall have agreed by resolution to an application from the Trustees to modify this rule in order to satisfy the terms of a mortgage previously existing, the particulars of which shall have been communicated to the Committee."

Taranaki-Wanganui (1) (Agenda Page 106).

The reason why no report appeared in the Synod Agenda this year is that this matter deals with the basic structure of our Church policy which has been established for generations. Any alterations proposed in connection therewith must have far-reaching effects and must be carefully considered in every aspect. Several consultations on the matter have been held between the Legal Adviser and the Connexional Secretary by way of preliminary investigation. To submit a report, however, on such a vital matter which was not the result of thorough investigation on the part of those qualified to study it, would be extremely unwise. A few short months is obviously inadequate for such a task. It was not considered necessary to state the foregoing facts in the Synod report this year. A report will be furnished when the necessary material has been gathered and facts assembled.

(11)—**Gibson Trust** (Agenda, page 109).

Rec. 2 (3C) Delete words after "Paerata." The Committee points out that the addendum which the Synod wishes to delete is a reference to an explicit statement contained in the Will of the Testator and as such should not be ignored.

(3D)—(Agenda, page 109).

The Synod proposal is to delete (1) any specific annual grant for the proposed Gibson Memorial Hall at Manaia (the home of The Testator) and (4) any submission to Conference of proposed grants.

The Committee included these two recommendations for the following reasons:—

- (a) The proposed Memorial Hall will most definitely give expression to the testator's generosity and concern for young people. It was considered advisable to provide some form of endowment for such an object.
- (b) This will be a Connexional Fund and not merely a District Fund and as in the case of other Connexional Funds recommended grants are reported to and approved by the Conference.

The Committee considers that this latter provision should remain. It decided that consultations should be held at Conference in respect to recommendations (1) and (2) from the Synod.

North Canterbury (not in Agenda).

(D.3) Substitute "special consideration for preference."

The Committee accepts this amendment.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That District Advisory Committees be as named, together with District Property Secretary and District Chairman in each case. Convener: District Chairman.

NORTHLAND:

Messrs W. J. Court and A. H. M. Farrell.

AUCKLAND:

The Revs. J. C. Draper, L. R. M. Gilmore, Messrs H. M. Patrick and F. M. Souster.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Rev C. B. Oldfield; Messrs W. B. Young and H. Longbottom.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

The Revs J. H. Hall and W. H. Greenslade; Messrs M. S. Hughson and L. M. Moss.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

The Revs G. H. Goodman, L. C. Horwood; Messrs A. H. Fisher, C. V. Woodfield, J. P. Boyd, J. H. Oldham, and L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON:

Rev C. O. Hailwood and Mr T. M. Pacey.

NELSON:

The Revs A. M. Costain, H. E. Harkness and D. W. Edmonds, Messrs J. S. White and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Nil.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

The Rev A. R. Witheford and Mr H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs H. A. Cochrane and D. J. D. Hickman; Messrs A. Froggatt, E. McLeod, and G. R. Galbreath.

3. That the Committee for 1958 be as on page 10 herein.

Supplementary Report of Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

REPORT ON ROBERT GIBSON TRUST

(1956 Mins. Conf. pp 104-106)

The Conference of 1932 recorded its appreciative acceptance of a bequest by the late Mr Robert Gibson of Manaia under the terms of which the sum of £5000 was left to the Methodist Church of New Zealand, together with a farm for the purpose of establishing an orphanage and training farm for boys in South Taranaki.

(Note. The above is the text of the relevant resolution in Mins Conf 1933 page 133. It is obvious from a reading of the Will that this particular resolution was wrongly worded. The correct form would have been "For the establishing in South Taranaki of an orphanage and training farm for boys," which gives a different meaning).

The Conference of 1944 expressed its approval of the establishment of a Methodist Training Farm for boys from orphanages and other orphan boys in the Dominion on the property so bequeathed, preference being given to orphan boys whose parents were either of the Methodist or the Presbyterian faith—this being in accordance with the testator's will. Decision was also recorded concerning provision for the erection of suitable buildings when a sufficient capital sum had been accumulated, and income was being earned for maintenance of the same.

Subsequently it was realised that the need for such an orphanage and training farm did not exist and that there would

not be adequate capital to finance it. Further, the wishes of the testator could be given effect to in other and more effective ways. Accordingly, the Conference of 1955 gave general approval to a scheme which complied variations in the terms of the Trust created by the Will and referred the said scheme to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for detailed examination and report. The general ideas in that scheme form the substance of the recommendations set out below.

From the foregoing it will be clear that the terms of the Trust clearly show that the intention of the testator was to assist orphan boys preferably from Methodist or Presbyterian homes to fit themselves for life in a rural community. There is no restriction in the Will as to the district from which such boys could come to the training farm which was originally envisaged. Boys from the South Island as well as from the North Island would have been eligible.

The Church caters for young people in many ways. It has a boys' college at Paerata, numerous hostels, and several children's homes. On a district and local basis it provides such facilities as camp sites and buildings, organises its young people in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Clubs and so on—and provides the necessary buildings, equipment and staff for such service.

In cases where it is impracticable to carry out a Trust, as in the present instance, the Supreme Court has the power to approve of a scheme submitted to it providing for variations of the original terms of the Trust.

The Conference of 1956 received certain recommendations affecting the above Trust from the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod and from the Gibson Trust Advisory Board (see 1956 Mins. pp 104-106). The recommendations of the Board were referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for examination and report. The Committee now makes the undermentioned recommendations.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman,
H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. (1) That the prior resolution of Conference authorising the erection of an Orphanage on the Robert Gibson Trust property and any later resolutions for the use of any funds of this Trust be rescinded.

(2) That the President in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee is hereby empowered to take all steps necessary to obtain the variation of the provisions and trusts of the Will of Robert Gibson Dec'd. and to seek an order of the Supreme Court of New Zealand whereby:

- (a) The use of the farm lands devised and the application of any part of the Trust Funds, whether capital or income in or towards the establishment or maintenance of an Orphanage and training farm for boys shall be in the discretion of, and not be mandatory upon the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (b) The capital and income of the Trust may be used by the Methodist Church of New Zealand for work among young people.

- (c) Such order shall seek such further or other powers, authorities and discretions as shall be deemed necessary by the President.

(3) That upon the consent of the Court having been obtained as aforesaid the Trust shall be under the control of a Trust Board under the direction of, and responsible to the Methodist Conference and that as an immediate direction to any Trust Board so appointed, Conference now resolves:

- (a) That a capital sum of not less than £5000 whether in cash or Trustee Investments shall be at all times held in the trust accounts as a permanent capital fund.
- (b) That out of accumulated funds the Trust Board shall make such a grant as may be approved by the Conference or by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, acting on behalf of the Conference, for the erection of a Youth Centre at Manaia vested in the Trustees of the Manaia Methodist Church which shall be named "The Robert Gibson Memorial Hall."
- (c) That the Trust Board shall make available from time to time out of income such moneys as may be necessary for bursaries for boys attending Wesley College, Paerata. In the interim until the establishment of the Trust Board, proposals as to the number, value and conditions, of such bursaries shall be prepared by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee who shall report to next Synods and Conference. In the granting of the bursaries special consideration shall be given to orphan boys whose parents had been either Methodist or Presbyterian.
- (d) The residue of the annual income shall be distributed as follows:
- (i) An annual grant to the Trustees of the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall for general maintenance thereof.
- (ii) An annual grant toward the work of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and the Masterton Methodist Children's Home.
- (iii) The balance to be for such forms of youth work including the acquisition of land and the erection of buildings shall be determined, preference being given for such work in the Taranaki-Wanganui district.
- (iv) Each year a statement of recommended grants shall be presented to the Conference for approval.

(4) That pending the order of the Court aforesaid, the present advisory Board of Trustees, viz.: The Chairman for the time being of the Taranaki-Wanganui district, Messrs O. T. Parry, L. M. Moss, K. F. Andrews, A. Pettigrew, M. S. Hughson and S. W. Bailey, shall continue in such office and are hereby re-appointed as an advisory board

C—Report of Custodian of Deeds

1957.

For the year ended June 30, the following records have been dealt with:—

1. **Certificates of Titles:** have been received and acknowledged as under—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT: Takapuna, Kaukapakapa, Wellsford, Rawene, Te Atatu.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Waitoa.

WELLINGTON: Lower Hutt, Raumati Beach.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Opawa.

NELSON: Seddon, Spring Grove.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Waitohi.

OTAGO SOUTHLAND: Half-Way Bush.

2. **New Trusts** have been registered as follows:—

AUCKLAND DISTRICT: Stanmore Bay.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Egmont Village.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Napier South (Wesley)

NORTH CANTERBURY: Sumner Parsonage, Oxford Parsonage, Halswell.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: D.Y.C. Camp Site.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Half-Way Bush, Palmerston-Waikouaiti Parsonage.

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

	Trusts	Renewals	Regis- trations
Auckland District	36	71	106
South Auckland	18	57	47
Taranaki-Wanganui	10	35	26
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	13	26	29
Wellington	11	23	24
Nelson	10	17	24
North Canterbury	17	21	57
South Canterbury	4	7	20
Otago-Southland	20	42	76
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H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXIX.—What is the condition of the various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

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

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 1957.

Careful attention has been given to repairs and maintenance of all properties, which have cost £1110. This year these have been almost entirely of an internal nature. This item is bound to increase as buildings age.

Our contribution of £1500 to Trinity Theological College has been maintained.

£1500 has been provided for our Capital Renewal Fund which now amounts to £3856 5s 4d.

As authorised we are arranging to make a temporary loan to Trinity Theological College for the purpose of building the new Chapel.

The members of the Board are:

Revs E. W. Hames and J. C. Draper.

Sir Joseph Stanton.

Messrs E. A. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, P. Dellow, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham and W. F. Winstone.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman,

F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1957.

As indicated in last year's report, the roofs of the shops comprising the property of the Trust, with the exception of the "People's Palace," have been thoroughly overhauled, and these extensive repairs are responsible for the heavy charge this year to Repairs and Maintenance, comprising £1050 of the total charge of £1503. This means, however, that the shops are in better condition than for a long time past, and as far as can be seen will not be requiring any major attention for some time.

Substantial increases in the shop rentals will be effective from August 1957, and the Trustees have agreed to the granting of a Lease for a term of Five years to any tenants signifying their desire for a change from a weekly tenancy.

A grant of £400 was again made to Trinity Theological College.

The Trustees have to report that, after protracted negotiations, the Salvation Army authorities notified them that having finalised arrangements for the purchase of the Bible Training Institute Building in Scotia Place, they would not be renewing the lease of the "People's Palace," which expires at the end of 1957. As they will not be taking possession of the new property until December 1959, or possibly June 1960, they requested a new Lease for 2½ years on the expiration of the present lease; the Trustees have agreed to this, on an appropriately increased rental.

This period of 2½ years will give the Trustees an opportunity of framing a policy for the best utilisation of the property when it reverts to them.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted,

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

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report of the Board, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1956.

Once again our main activity has centred around the provision of the financial requirements for the running of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home, and generally to co-operate with and advise the Home Committee, whilst our association with Rangiatea Maori Girls' College has been maintained through three of our members serving on the Board of Management of the College which we have supported with the usual annual grant.

Masterton Methodist Children's Home:

Following its usual practice, the Home Committee has reported direct to the Conference, and the Board endorses the recommendations contained therein. The Board places on record its continued appreciation of the unstinting service which members of the Committee and staff give in the interests of the children under their care.

The age of the Home has necessitated a large increase in maintenance costs, and this, coupled with the need to replace portion of the furnishings, has resulted in a large increase in the financial requirements for the year.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' College:

Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and G. C. Burton have continued to act as our representatives on the College Board.

For a number of years our report has expressed concern at the various delays which have held up the establishment of the major project, and it is therefore particularly pleasing to record that the building project has now been commenced and that it is anticipated that the buildings will be ready for occupation towards the end of 1958.

Finance:

There has been an increase of £62 in interest received, and a small reduction in revenue expenses results in an increase of £83 in the general revenue carried down. However, an increase of £842 in the cost of maintaining the Masterton Home has resulted in the excess of revenue over expenditure dropping by £760. Capital account now stands at £45,576 7s 9d.

The Capital Account of the Masterton Home has been increased by the transfer thereto of a bequest of £200 from the Estate of the late S. C. Carver, but capital expenditure at the Home amounting to £356 has been charged to the Capital Account, resulting in the balance being now £17,142 18s 11d.

General:

Messrs F. E. Wells and J. H. Conly, who have represented the Masterton Home Committee on the Wellington Board for a number of years have both tendered their resignations. The Board wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the services which these gentlemen have rendered both as members of the Board and of the Committee.

Messrs J. F. Cody and W. L. Churchill are nominated to represent the Masterton Committee as members of this Board.

The Board unanimously recommends to the Conference that the Rev R. Thornley be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

M. A. McDOWELL, 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.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

TRUSTEES:

Rev W. H. Greenslade, Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith, R. L. Cooper, A. H. Bone, M. H. Barnitt, F. H. Barnitt, K. Andrews, L. Bellringer, J. P. Horn, and W. P. Okey, (Secretary).

The Financial year ending June 30, 1957, has not been marked by any special features.

There has, however, been considerable activity in the transfer of sections while several applications for the subdivision of allotments have been before the trustees for consent.

The actual numbers are, Transfers (20) Subdivisions (4). In addition a number of plans and specifications for new Dwellings and shops have been examined and approved. All have been of high standard and an acquisition to the property generally. The shops and business premises erected in the Moturoa area have included a Chemist shop and a Doctor's surgery. The Rev W. Tahere and Mrs Tahere recently took over occupancy of the parsonage dwelling situated on the Mission Hill.

Accounts for the year reveal an income from rentals, etc. of £1652 and a sum of £876 carried forward from last year. The total expenditure amounted to £1894 and the balance at the close of the year amounted to £632.

There are 176 lessees on the register. The total area of Grey Trust Property is 87½ acres and the present unimproved value of same is £103,150.

During the year the Rev E. T. Olds who had been Chairman of the Board since November, 1949, retired and moved to take up residence in the Auckland district. It was during his Chairmanship that the subdivision of the Mission Hill and Russell Reid properties embracing some 40 new allotments was carried out. This involved the Chairman and his Trustees in a considerable amount of extra work. Practically the whole of these sections now have beautiful homes, with splendid views of city and sea, established on them.

We take this opportunity of expressing our very sincere appreciation of the good work carried out by Rev E. T. Olds and of his consideration as a Chairman. It is our fervent hope that his health may continue to improve.

We welcome Rev W. H. Greenslade, as our new chairman and trust that his connection with the trust will be pleasurable and successful.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

7.—KIA IWI MISSION ESTATE

RESOLUTIONS

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

8.—GIBSON ESTATE TRUST.

(See also Question XXXVIII)

That the financial statement be received and adopted.

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

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957

The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st May, 1957 presented with this report reveal a successful year's operations.

Income:

Earned income is as follows: Premiums and commission, £2982 6s 4d; Mortgage debenture and deposit interest £2382 16s 11d. Costs of administration were £909 17s 10d. The sum of £4455 5s 5d was transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account. Adding to this amount the sum of £560 7s 7d brought forward from last year after provision for grants, the total herein is £5015 13s. The sum of £2000 has again been transferred to Fire Loss Reserve and £200 to Investment Contingency Reserve. Grants recommended amount to £2400. Grants and transfers thus total £4600 leaving the sum of £415 13s to be carried forward.

The income from premiums is £845 16s 6d less than for last year. It was anticipated in last year's report that premium rates for most areas would be reduced during the year after a review of the rating had been carried out. The reduction has varied of course, according to the area, type of building and so on.

Interest earnings have increased by the sum of £242 7s 6d.

Accumulated Fund and Reserves:

After provision made as above, the Accumulated Fund stands at £33,500, the Fire Loss Reserve at £21,115 and the Investment Contingency Reserve at £2618 12s 11d.

New Insurance:

New and additional cover written up during the year amounted to £363,545.

Grants:

The Board recommends the following grants for the current year:

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund	£420
Church Sites Fund	£480
Social Service work (capital expenditure)	£1500

£2400

Claims:

Claims amounting to £403 5s 3d have been paid to seven Church Trusts and to four personal insurers, but our re-insurance provision has met the full amount involved.

Competitive premium rates and rebates:

In spite of the fact stated above that premium rates have been reduced considerably, the Board has received some criticism

because certain non-tariff organisations will offer lower rates than those quoted by the Board.

The whole matter of competitive rates and rebates was reported on fully to the Conference of 1951. It hardly seems necessary to repeat at length what was stated in that report in which the policy of the Board was fully explained. Also information was given to a Committee of that Conference concerning the contract which the Board has with its re-insuring Company. That Committee reported to the Conference that it was not only satisfied but deeply impressed with the favourable terms of the contract which resulted in such advantages to the Church. The Conference re-affirmed its approval of the policy of the Board. The salient features of the matter are summarised herein:

(a) Our premium rates are those determined by the Underwriters' Assn. which consists of all insuring companies in New Zealand, except some four non-tariff organisations.

(b) Favourable terms for insurance are not restricted to the amount of premium charged. Other important factors enter in. Our re-insuring contract is most advantageous to the Church as a whole, as has been previously reported to Conference through its special Committee.

(c) The concessions offered to some Trusts by non-tariff companies are more than met by the Connexional Fund in the form of rebates which are aggregated and given not to individual trusts but to the Church as a whole in the form of annual grants. Ultimately the Conference is the insured party as all property is vested in local trustees who under the provisions of the Model Deed administer such property for and on behalf of the Conference.

Workers' Compensation Act:

As previously reported to Conference, under the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1950, provision was made for the inclusion of ministers of religion and other full time workers as well as voluntary workers within the life of the Church. Many circuits have arranged for cover to be arranged for their ministers as well as for caretakers, organists, and voluntary workers engaged in "working bees," etc.

The question has been considered as to whether it should be compulsory for each circuit to arrange for such insurance. It should be pointed out that arrangements have been made for the Home Mission Department whereby all Deaconesses and full-time workers under its control are covered under the provisions of this Act.

It is held by some that ministers are most likely to sustain injury while driving a motor-car and in that event there is adequate insurance. Questions have also been raised as to what extent the provisions of the Act would extend to ministers as compensation can be claimed only for injury or disability incurred within actual working hours. What are the working hours of a Minister? In reply to that query the Board states that a very liberal interpretation of the Act would be made in this respect and the provisions of the Act would be made to apply in a very general way apart from obvious exceptions such as holidays and so on.

It would be possible for the Board to arrange for a comprehensive policy to be taken out to include all Ministers, Home Missionaries and others engaged in full-time pastoral duties. A schedule of payments and possible allowances would be worked out and each circuit would be charged with an annual premium.

A typical case is given. Premium at 3s per cent based on Stipend plus value of house allowance (£700 approx)—£1 1s p.a. Compensation in the event of disability at present is as follows:

The minimum and maximum weekly compensation payable is £2 7s per week and £9 9s per week respectively. With reference to the maximum amount, that is based on 80 per cent of the Workers' Average Weekly earnings but must not exceed the maximum amount mentioned.

Provision is now made for Dependents' Allowances as follows: £1 per week for a wife and 10s per week for each child under the age of 16. In no case, however, may the total compensation and allowances exceed 90 per cent of the Worker's weekly earnings.

It is for the Conference to decide the general matter of policy. If it considers that the present voluntary basis should be superseded by compulsory insurance the Board, on its instructions, can prepare a comprehensive schedule and submit same to Synods and Conference for approval.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be approved: Social Service (Capital expenditure), Auckland Central Mission £500; Christchurch Central Mission £500; Dunedin Central Mission £500; Church Sites Fund £480; Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund £420. Total £2400.
3. That the Board investigate the possibility of increasing the subsidy from the Fire Insurance Fund to the Home Acquisition Fund.
4. That all ministers and full-time agents of the Church be covered under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act, and that such cover be compulsory and the premiums borne by Circuits and Departments of the Church concerned.
5. That it be mandatory for Circuit Trusts to insure all voluntary workers and those engaged in working bees in the Circuit.
6. That the Fire Insurance Fund Board be asked to report further to Synods and Conference on the matter of insurance of S.S. Teachers and similar voluntary workers.
7. That the Board be as printed on page 10 herein.

QUESTION XLII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference Respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

As instructed by last Conference a standard set of account books for use by District Financial Secretaries has been prepared and supplied to those concerned for use as from July 1, 1957. It is expected that the system will prove both simple and effective. The matter of circuit account books will be dealt with later.

In the near future a different suite of offices on the same (top) floor of Epworth Chambers will be occupied by the staff. The reason for the change is that more space is required than the present suite affords.

Last Conference designated the Rev H. L. Fiebig for re-appointment as Connexional Secretary for a further term of six years as from the 1st February 1958 and the Committee now recommends accordingly.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Rev H. L. Fiebig, B.A. be re-appointed as Connexional Secretary for a further term of six years as from February 1, 1958.

3. That the following appropriations be approved: Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £850; Fire Insurance Fund, £850; Church Building and Loan Fund, £550; "Methodist Times" £400; General Purposes Trust Fund, £375; Contingent Fund, £350.

4. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 10 herein.

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

Trinity Methodist Theological College

A. REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1957

The past year has been one of considerable activity for the Council, with property matters requiring much planning and activity. Improvements to the present buildings and extensions to meet the growth of the work are necessary and the College will need to be much in the thought of our people.

Connexional Appeal:

With reference to these needs, the Church Council recommends that College be given right of way for an appeal to the Connexion in 1959. It should be noted that the College has made no major appeal for over 30 years. The time has come for an appeal for a capital sum to consolidate and extend our work. This is necessary for the following reasons:—

(a) Conference has already given its approval to the erection of a Chapel in anticipation of a public appeal to the Church.

(b) The growth of the country and the demand for more ministers make it clear that we shall need to provide for more Divinity students. Also the trend is towards a longer course for the men we have. Unless the balance of Hostel and Divinity School is to be upset, we shall need to provide more beds. We should seek to extend to 75, at least. The best economic unit is about 80, according to a recent survey.

(c) We require major repairs and some alteration to the existing buildings. There are some grave defects at present, e.g., it will be necessary to replace the metal windows in the near future, and also to undertake a major refurnishing scheme beyond the normal budget.

The Council has engaged an architect who is preparing estimates of cost. It seems evident that the Council will need a two-year appeal at the rate of £1 per member per year.

New Chapel:

The foundation stone of the new Chapel was laid by Dr H. Ranston on May 4. It was a great joy to all that the Doctor was

able to perform this task. The contractors are making good progress and the Chapel will be ready for use at the beginning of the year.

Circuit Boundaries:

So far as Circuit affiliation is concerned, the College is now linked with the Auckland Central Circuit. This was amicably agreed to by the East and Central circuits and students and staff are happy in their association with Pitt Street church.

Revision of Regulations:

Because of this change and to clarify certain other points, some revision of the regulations relating to the College are necessary and the following are suggested:— (Law Book, pp. 96-101), p. 97 (10). Delete.

p. 97. Add (IIa)—The Ministerial Staff appointed to the Theological College by the Conference shall be members of the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit in which the College is placed in the Minutes of Conference, and they shall have a vote on all matters under the jurisdiction of the Quarterly Meeting, excepting questions of Ministerial invitations and staffing of the Circuit, and matters of finance under the jurisdiction of such Quarterly Meeting, relating solely to the Circuit.

p. 98 (15)—Delete first sentence to "Conference.

p.98—Following par. 16, add 16a. "For purposes of record, Theological Students shall hold their Church Membership in the Circuit under which the Theological College is placed in the Minutes of Conference; but for purposes of discipline they shall be responsible to the Principal and to the Committee of Oversight as in par. 16 above. Their status as Local Preachers and their seat in Quarterly Meetings shall be in suspense."

p. 98 (17)—Delete.

p. 98 (18)—Delete.

pp. 100-101 C (Control of Collegiate Church etc).—Delete sects 24-33.

School for Christian Workers:

One of the objects of the College is the provision of facilities to assist in the preparation of candidates for the ministry and of other Christian workers.

On a number of occasions the Conference has asked Trinity College Council or the Board of Studies to consider the establishment of a School for Christian Workers in connection with the College. The College has hesitated to commit itself for a variety of reasons, viz—

1. The teaching staff of the College has been fully occupied without further responsibilities.

2. It was uncertain whether there would be a steady supply of students. If the scheme petered out for lack of support, it would be unfortunate.

3. The question of cost had also to be considered. The College has no margin over present commitments.

The position has now altered in certain respects.

1. In 1959 for the first time in its history the College will enjoy the full uninterrupted services of three teachers. This would mean that the organisation and the greater part at least of the teaching in such a School could be undertaken by the present staff, without undue strain.

2. The establishment of the School could be linked usefully with an improvement in the standard of ministerial training. Our

present academic minimum standard for Candidates is School Certificate. This is too low. If the Conference required Candidates to pass in say two units of a degree course, and prospective candidates of lower status were required to spend a year in the School for Christian Workers, and graduate therein, this would secure for the School a continuity of students; and it would also enable the staff to attack the basic theological course at something like University level, and by modern methods. The Church has never closed the door to the ministry against men who possess gifts and graces, even though their educational advantages have been poor; but we ought to do more to help these men to reach something like professional status.

3. The next few years should see a rapid increase in the number of ministers in active work, owing to the few retirements anticipated.

4. In view of the high wages received by many young people today, it does not seem unreasonable to suggest that in a majority of cases they might pay for this year of training themselves.

N.B. (1)—The School would be open to women as well as to men; (2) Men would be invited to live in Trinity, but could live out if they preferred; (3) The School would be virtually a full-time activity. Some of its classes might be held in the evening, and be open to bona fide students from city churches, at a small fee.

Appreciation:

The spirit of the College continues to be most happy and this reflects credit upon staff and students. The council expresses its appreciation particularly of the unstinting services of the staff in a heavy year, with one member overseas; including the excellent supervision of the domestic side of the College.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH, Chairman.

ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary.

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This year we have 22 students in residence, together with 1 student-pastor, 4 married men with permission to live out, and 1 woman, making 28 in all. Life in a crowded hostel is not always pleasant, even to young people, but it is a valuable discipline to the average man, and teaches useful lessons. During the year the life of the College and hostel has proceeded smoothly, and under the lead of Mr H. W. Kitchingman, the Senior Student, the men have been most co-operative. The great majority of our hostel men to-day are Methodists. While we have no desire to turn the hostel into a closed society, it is a matter for satisfaction that our people are more than ever aware of the College and are making full use of its facilities. We urge our Methodist people who contemplate sending their sons to Trinity to pencil in their names at least 12 months ahead.

There has been some dislocation of classes this year owing to the absence abroad of the Rev J. J. Lewis. The Rev L. P. Schroeder has come to our aid by taking the Senior N. T. Greek class, and Principal Nicholas of the Congregational College has taken the N.T. Teaching (Paul) and the N.T. Exegesis. To our admiration and delight, Dr Ranston volunteered to conduct a weekly class in the Wisdom books, and to him we are especially indebted. The Principal taught Theology (Church Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things), Christian Ethics, Church History (modern period), Junior Greek, Elementary Hebrew and English. Dr Williams took the Pastoral Theology in its various branches, includ-

ing Homiletics and Christian Education, together with Intermediate Greek and Biblical Introduction.

Since the war there has been live debate all over the world about the theological curriculum. In general it seems that we cannot afford to neglect the traditional disciplines of Biblical and Theological study, but that we must as certainly add to them the new insights and disciplines that come from the modern understanding of man. It is a tribute both to the foresight of the Board of Studies and to the ability of the President-Elect, that the services of Dr Williams are in demand, not only in the training of Methodists, but among Congregationalists and Baptists, Anglicans and Presbyterians. It must be recognised however that the ordinary theological course grows heavier. It is harder than ever to combine it with a University course, so that candidates must be urged to complete their degree before entering theological college, where possible. And it is more than ever necessary that we should lift the entrance standard. With these things in view we commend the report on the project for establishing a School for Christian Workers, as one step in the right direction.

Given more time, we could also do more to introduce the student to practical aspects of the work, combining theory with practice. We have made a very cautious beginning this year by attaching some of the senior group who have no university responsibilities, to local churches. But very little can be done along this line until we have a four-year course.

In general, the position is encouraging, and we look to the future with a sober confidence.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

We are pleased to report a satisfactory financial year. An estimated debit in the budget of £244 has been converted to a credit of £215 6s 9d.

Receipts: Our income was very much in line with our budget, except in one item—receipt from Hostel Fees. We had an increase of £543 19s 9d, due to the benefit over the full year of the increase in fees, also an increase of three paying students. Budget £4000, actual £4543 19s 9d.

The College Council is most fortunate in the loyal support from Trust Boards, and the support we receive from the Contingent Fund and the Central Finance Committee. This steady and constant support is of great assistance in financial policy, and enables us to carry on work efficiently.

Friends of Trinity: Through their loyal support, and the continuous efforts of Mr Keith Lawry, our organiser, we have received £249 12s. This money has been paid to our New Chapel Fund, and we would like to thank you for this effort.

Expenditure: There was more variation from our budget on this side, some up, some down. House and Service increased, and for the first time for a number of years was above budget figure. This must be expected with rising costs. Budget £4400, actual £4684 16s 1d.

Repair and Maintenance: Budget £500, actual £417 13s 7d.

Furnishings: Budget £400, actual £111 2s 3d.

However, the gain here was largely used in paying for a new roof on 134 Grafton Road, £347 15s.

Owing to delays in starting the new College Chapel, we did

not have an item of expenditure appearing in the Budget, £100 for interest.

It is pleasing to note that we were able to reduce the mortgage on 134 Grafton Road. Budget £145 17s 6d, actual £302 19s 1d.

Dr. D. O. Williams and the students under his supervision have carried out repair work on the College premises. This is a very real and substantial contribution to our College funds which does not show in actual figures, but its real worth is known and greatly appreciated by those administering the College.

Chapel Building Fund: Through the assistance of Probert Trust, Emsley Trust, Connexional Fire Insurance Board and the Home Mission Department, loans have been received to complete the building of the New College Chapel.

Also as previously stated, all the money from Friends of Trinity is going to the New Chapel Fund. We would like to thank a number of people for donations given to Mr Hames, and hope that all who can will support us.

To date £1905 7s 2d has been paid out for the building of New Chapel.

We have at the Bank of New Zealand at call a further £1094 2s 10d, and at Auckland Savings Bank £2691 14s 11d.

New Organ Fund: Stands at £1877 5s 5d at end June, and we still have a further payment of £1000 to come.

This fund has benefited by the sale of the Collegiate organ to Wesley College, a total of £2000. We hope to purchase a new organ for the Chapel from this money.

I think that great credit should go to our College Principal, Rev. E. W. Hames, for his drive and administration ability in bringing the Chapel project to this stage, and also our thanks to him for capable administration of the College, which is of great assistance to me as Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1958

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st July, 1957	215	6	9
Probert Trust	1,500	0	0
Emsley Trust	65	0	0
General Purpose Appeal	1,000	0	0
Contingent Fund	1,400	0	0
Home Mission Board	150	0	0
Foreign Mission Board	75	0	0
Prince Albert College	400	0	0
Pitt Street Church	100	0	0
Hamilton Trust	50	0	0
Friends of Trinity	250	0	0
Hostel Fees	4,800	0	0
Debit Balance	150	0	0

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PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	4,800	0	0
Special Women Students	100	0	0
Stipends and Allowances	2,400	0	0
Bursaries	200	0	0
Connexional Charges	219	0	0
Rates	275	0	0

Insurances	160	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	600	0	0
Furnishings	500	0	0
Telephones	72	0	0
University Fees	100	0	0
Rent Board Room	13	10	0
Printing and Stationery	50	0	0
134 Grafton Road—Interest and Principal Repayment	174	0	0
Friends of Trinity (Chapel)	250	0	0
Chapel Building Fund—Interest	225	0	0
Sundries	16	16	9

£10,155 6 9

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Council and Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Rev Dr D. O. Williams be thanked for his services and re-appointed as Tutor in Pastoral Theology for a further term of six years.
4. **Regulations:** That the revised regulations as in the report be approved by the Conference in principle and be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
5. That the Law Revision Committee draft concise regulations to cover any instances where institutions of the Church to which ministers are appointed by Conference are located within a Circuit.
6. That Conference commend the proposal to open a School for Christian Workers in connection with the College, if possible in 1960; and that the Council be authorised to bring forward a detailed scheme in 1958.
7. That Conference record appreciation of the work of the Tutorial Staff during the year, noting especially their willingness to undertake extra work during the absence overseas of Rev J. J. Lewis.
8. That Conference express its thanks to Dr and Mrs D. O. Williams for their excellent supervision of the domestic arrangements of the College, and to Mesdames Hames and Williams for their personal interest in the students' welfare.
9. That the Council bring down a report on staffing to Synods and Conference in 1958.
10. That the Conference express its thanks to the Solomon Islands people for their gift to the College Chapel of timber for furnishing the Chapel, and also for a gift of £126 (N.Z.) to the building fund.
11. That with a view to strengthening the training of students in Systematic Theology, the College Staff investigate the possibility of including in the year's course special seminar groups on specific theological topics in relation to preaching.
12. That the College authorities arrange for students to attend circuit quarterly meetings during their course of training.
13. That pa. 13, p. 97 of the Law Book be altered to read "Eleven" instead of "Eight."
14. That the Council be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Colleges and Hostels?

(1) Wesley Training College

(A) REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 1957.

With gratitude the Board reports another successful year with the College roll remaining full, the finances sound and the prospects for the future bright.

By increasing the fees charged to pupils to £190 per annum the loss on running the College was reduced last year to £472 and this reduction accounted for the improved revenue result for the year. The total cost of operating the College without charging depreciation on the buildings and improvements was £28,978 which included salaries and wages £15,435 and beneficiary work by way of reduction of fees mainly to Maori pupils £2047.

The financial year ended December 31, 1956 showed an over-all surplus of income of £7019 with the Capital Account standing at £189,973.

The official opening of the Assembly Hall by His Excellency the Governor General, Lieutenant General Sir Willoughby Norrie on October 15, 1956 was a pronounced success, the Hall which seats 500 being filled to capacity with pupils, parents and friends and the neatness and trim appearance of the College and its surrounds together with the efficient organisation of the programme made this day one of the most memorable in the history of the College.

Under continued efficient management, the farm operations showed a pleasing profit of £2148 and in the present year to date production has again increased.

A brick veneer house for a married teacher and a Durock siding house for a shepherd have been erected at Paerata during the year and have helped to bring the staff establishment up to the desired level.

The returns from the sale of scoria decreased during the year but nevertheless the Maurice Harding Park once again made a substantial contribution to the funds available to the Board.

Although the 50 lots of the new subdivision at Waikowhai which were offered at public auction were fully disposed of at a total annual rental of £1461, it will be some years before the Board obtains any benefit from the subdivision as an undertaking has been given that the special bank overdraft of £10,000 raised to carry out the roading of the subdivision will be reduced by lodging the annual rentals received in full.

One lot was withheld from the auction as it is intended to grant this section to the Auckland South Circuit for use as a church site.

For many years worship in the College Chapel has been assisted by an organ of beautiful tone but of insufficient volume for the building and the Board was fortunate that the Trustees of Trinity College offered a suitable organ which with the generous help from parents and friends of the College has been purchased and installed and will be dedicated at the Annual Commemoration Service.

The entrance to the College has been greatly enhanced by the gift from the Old Boys' Association of a Gateway of striking design and by widening the approach and planting the surrounding area

with suitable shrubs an immediate impression is made on visitors to Paerata.

Many other donations and gifts have been received during the year including two grants for the library from the Maori Purposes Funds Board and we would like here to acknowledge our indebtedness to our many friends and well-wishers for their kind and generous actions.

It was most pleasing to the Board to learn in the last New Year's Honours List of the knighthood conferred on the Honourable Sir Joseph Stanton a previous Chairman and a continuing member of the Board.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

(B) REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

Roll:

The College is full to capacity with 154 boarders, 26 of whom are in the Intermediate Department, and 2 are engaged as Student Workers. There are 12 in Form VI.

Staffing:

We are fortunate to have a complete teaching staff again this year. New arrivals are Mr H. H. Marshall, B.A., formerly of Thames; Mr H. T. Crudgington of Auckland; Mr P. F. M. Rowland B.Sc., of Australia and Mr J. V. Buckton of Papakura.

Very faithful service is being given by staff in all departments under Mr J. L. Ballantine, M.A., First Assistant; Mr H. C. Squier, Bursar; Mr J. L. Browning, Farm Manager; and Miss I. Leslie, Senior Matron.

Extensions and Additions:

In accordance with announcements made last year, the Board has continued to seek ways and means to enlarge the College in order to enrol more boys, and to improve facilities in order to make the College as efficient as possible.

At the present time additions are being made to the kitchen and diningroom block to enable us to cater for up to 300 boarders. Two new houses have been erected for staff. Playgrounds, water-supply and drainage have been improved in order to meet increased demands.

The pipe-organ, formerly in Trinity College, has now been installed in the Chapel. The new Assembly Hall has been furnished adequately, and is proving to be a great boon to the School. The Memorial Gateway presented by the Old Boys' Association is a handsome contribution to the scheme of beautifying the College and is another indication of the practical interest the Association is taking in the School.

The Year's Programme:

SCHOOL. The numbers taking the various courses are being maintained, about a third taking Agriculture, a third Professional and the other third General subjects. There are 32 Senior boys in the Divinity Class. Boys enter for the School Certificate and University Entrance Examinations and this year one boy will be a candidate for University Scholarship.

SPORT. Four Cricket teams have been entered in Senior inter-school Competitions, five teams in Football, with Swimming, Tennis and Athletic Teams entering for inter-school competitions.

CLUBS. There is keen activity in connection with Scouts, Ambulance, Young Farmers' Club and Maori Club. The Y.F.C. De-

bating Team has won the District A Grade Debating Contest this year for the second time in succession. The Choir (of 90 members) plays an important part in concerts and choral services throughout the year.

FARM. This continues to provide an excellent training ground for students, and a useful addition to revenue. Production has been increased again, and it appears that 1957 will be a good year on the farm.

Visits and Visitors:

It has been a privilege to receive visits from the President and Vice-President of Conference; Dr Maldwyn Edwards; Dr R. B. Lew of Australia; the Congregations of the Franklin area at a Rally; the Men's Fellowships of Auckland; the Franklin M.W.M.U. for their Easter Service and Garden Party; and many others. Boys have also travelled out to functions in the City or to take part in services.

It is possible to give only a small indication of the life and activity of the College in such a report as this. Synods and Conference may be assured that good work is being done and that we are grateful for the support given to us and the confidence reposed in us.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports of the Board and the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That Conference congratulates Sir Joseph Stanton on the Knighthood conferred on him in New Year's honours.
4. That Conference express its appreciation of the valuable work of the Principal, teachers, and staff.
5. That the Board for 1958 be as printed on page 14 herein.

(2) Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel

A.—Secretary's Report

I have the honour to submit herewith the Report of the Board the eleventh Conference of which took place in the Whiteley Youth Centre, New Plymouth, on Saturday April 13, 1957.

There was a full attendance of Board Members.

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to Rev W. H. Green-slade who replaces Rev E. T. Olds on the Board. Mr Hurley referred to the valuable contribution Mr Olds had made to the work of the Board, especially to the running of the existing Hostel and the supervision of the Board's property at Spotswood, and regretted that his health was such as to cause his family and friends anxiety.

The Chairman made reference to the passing of the Rev R. P. Rakena who had been a member of the Board since its inception and members observed a period of silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

A Report presented by members of the Local Committee, namely, Rev E. T. Olds, Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith and the Secretary, stated that negotiations in connection with the sale of 26 acres of the Spotswood Property to the Ministry of Works for a Co-educational High School had been successfully

concluded, the price obtained being £12,000. The same Committee reported that permission had been granted to the Taranaki County Council to encroach on part of the frontage of the Board's land for the purpose of extending the sewerage and forming a footpath up to the New Primary School which adjoins our property. Extension of the sewerage would do away with the need for septic tanks. On the Board's behalf, and upon the advice of the Architect, it had been agreed to contribute £150 to the extension. The Local Committee had controlled the felling of some trees which were split into fencing posts and the residue used as firewood for the Hostel.

The Treasurer's audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1956, were presented and adopted.

It was resolved to ask Conference to permit an amendment to the constitution whereby the Chairman of the Taranaki Wanganui Synod and the Superintendent of the Taranaki-Waimarino Maori Circuit could be included on the Board.

TENDERS FOR NEW HOSTEL: The Board's Architect, Mr M. G. B. Harvey, presented six tenders which had been lodged with him for the erection of the proposed Hostel on the Board's land at Spotswood, Main South Road, New Plymouth.

The lowest Tender and the one recommended to the Board as worthy of acceptance was that of Messrs Bowers and Schwieters, Builders and Contractors, New Plymouth, of £49,716. Included in this price were numerous items such as the excavation of the site, formation of driveway, built-in wardrobes, etc., as enumerated by the Architect and embodied in the Specifications.

The Architect drew the Board's particular attention to the letter of May 17, 1957, from the Connexional Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand commenting on the plans submitted to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for approval. Mr Harvey dealt very fully with the different comments and recommendations and explained his particular reasons for adopting the method of construction he recommended and which he maintained, if properly carried out, would suit local conditions. The Board applied a considerable amount of time to consideration of the plans and specifications and decided to make certain alterations to comply with some of the recommendations of the Connexional Board.

It was agreed that provision should be made for a general purposes room, garage, workshop, wood and coal store, etc. and an examination of the financial resources having revealed that an additional building to include these things could be considered, the Architect was accordingly instructed to prepare a Plan in the light of the discussions and to obtain a price from the successful tenderer. The Architect was also requested to prepare final sketch plans and Specifications to submit to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee; the Maori Affairs Department; and the Ministry of Works seeking authority to build, and it was resolved that the basic tender of Messrs Bowers and Schwieters be accepted subject to the foregoing approval being obtained.

A Special Sub-Committee consisting of Mr A. Eaton Hurley (Ex Officio) Rev W. H. Greenslade, Chairman, Messrs M. H. Hughson, W. P. Griffith and the Secretary, was appointed to approve final plans and the Tender and attend to signing of the Contract.

An estimate of the cost of furnishing the New Hostel was prepared by a Special Sub-Committee the total figure being approximately £4275.

MATRON IN CHARGE: It was resolved that Sister Evelyn B. Marriott be appointed as Matron in charge of the New Hostel.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: It was agreed that Mr A. Eaton Hurley be re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

FOUNDATION STONE: The matter of laying the Foundation Stone was deferred for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board which meeting was left in the hands of the Chairman to convene.

An Interim Management Committee to examine such matters as Furnishing; Staffing; Number of Boarders, etc. was appointed. This committee to be the existing Hostel Committee with the addition of Sister Marriott and Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith, Rev W. H. Greenslade to be Chairman and Convener.

Trustees of the Grey Institute Trust were appointed to supervise the Board's land at Spotswood with power to have the land on the Omata Road frontage subdivided into building lots to the best advantage.

Since the Board meeting important developments have taken place. The final plans and Specifications have been submitted for the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and subject to a slight variation in construction, which is being attended to by the Architect, approval to build has been given. Likewise the Maori Affairs Department and the Ministry of Works have given their consent.

The position now is that building has actually started and good progress is being made by the contractors.

Sub-Committees have commenced to function and interest in the project is quickening, especially among the Maori people now that something tangible is in evidence.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

B.—Matron's Report

It is my privilege to present the 17th Annual Report of the interim Hostel for Maori School girls. During the time of the opening of this hostel until now, one hundred Maori girls have been trained here for longer or shorter periods.

When the Hostel was opened in 1940 it was thought that it would only be a short time before the new place would be built and a school for domestic training established in Taranaki.

So fast has been the advance and development of Maori education that to-day the emphasis is not laid on domestic science but rather on higher education.

The Church has had to keep up with this developing need and to-day we provide the Christian background with a certain amount of home training, but girls come to us primarily for board while they attend an Intermediate or High School. We do not lose sight of the importance of the Hostel training which makes our Hostels more than boarding Hostels. Education needs to be supplemented with this home training.

Throughout the year, this small Hostel has been full with twelve girls, all of whom now attend Post Primary School. Like all the girls of the Hostel before them they have enjoyed the life in the Post Primary School and also of the Hostel.

Some of the pupils are acquitting themselves well while others are benefiting more from the social contacts that this life offers them.

There has been one change in the staff. Mrs S. Halliday, after three years as our supervisor, moved to Rotorua, and Mrs D. Deighton was appointed to take her place.

Without giving case histories it is difficult to show what has been done by the Church through its Hostels over the years but sufficient is it to know that many young people have had an opportunity that they would not otherwise have known.

Many parents have written and offered their thanks for what we have done for their girls. The Church should know this because the thanks is to them for the establishment of these hostels.

The erection of the new Hostel will meet an urgent need in the life of our young Maori people. The Church through the Hostels must father the young Maori girls. The people trust us to do it. We cannot fail them.

E. B. MARRIOTT, Matron.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports and financial statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Constitution of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board be amended as follows:

To clause 2, dealing with the membership of the Board, add:

(j) The Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui Methodist District Synod.

(k) The Superintendent of the Taranaki-Waimarino Maori Circuit.

3. That the Board for 1958 be as follows:—

Rev W. H. Greenslade, Superintendent Minister of the New Plymouth Circuit.

Messrs A. Heaton Hurley, G. C. Burton, A. D. Priestley, representing the Board of the Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments.

Rev G. I. Laurenson, Rev E. Te Tuhi and Mr Frank Penn, representing the Home and Maori Missions Board.

Mr E. L. F. Buxton, representing the Kai Iwi Farm Mission Trust.

Messrs M. S. Hughson and W. P. Griffith, representing the Grey Institute Trust.

Rev H. Darvill and Mr H. T. Awarua and Misses N. Stewart and C. Trewin, nominated by the Synod of the Taranaki-Wanganui District.

Miss B. Cannell, nominated by the Board.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30th June, 1957, are presented to Conference with this report.

Annuitants and Contributors. The number of annuitants at date is 60 (60) supernumeraries and 52 widows of ministers (49). The figures in brackets indicate the number last year. There are 202 contributors (192).

Income. The Revenue Account reveals income received as follows:

From Ministers' Subscriptions and Circuit Subsidies	£7,852	0	0
From Mortgage Debenture and other Interest and Commission (after allowing £200 for Investment Contingency Reserve)	£4,016	15	11
From Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) (after providing £500 for depreciation and £400 for maintenance reserve)	£3,692	12	0

Annuities. The sum of £8,424 17s 1d has been paid during the year in annuities, together with £360 for furniture grants to three ministers who retired in February.

Commutation. Payments aggregating £2,666 5s were made under this option.

Accumulated Funds (Supernumerary). The amount herein last year was £133,668 13s 3d. The sum of £6,210 19s 7d has been added, being transfer from the Revenue Account (£6,110 19s 7d) and donation £100. £172 3s 6d has been refunded to ministers who resigned and £2,666 5s paid in commuted annuities. This leaves a balance of £137,041 4s 4d, being an increase of £3,372 11s 1d for the year.

Investments. These are as follows:

(a) Mortgages	£72,653	5	1
(b) Debentures and Government Stock	£63,485	0	0
(c) Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) (after depreciation and maintenance reserves allowed for at £12,150)	£42,583	11	4
(d) Deposit Accounts	£11,545	13	1

Of the above the sum of £53,897 1s 10d is deposited on account of Allied and Connexional Funds.

Interest Earnings. From all investments a return of 5.65% has been received on the actuarial formula.

Allied Funds. These are as follows:

	£	s.	d.
(a) Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund—			
Accounts Total	22,027	16	7
Payments Made	469	13	9
Contributors—191.			
(b) Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund—			
Accounts Total	3,453	11	2
Payments Made	461	14	0
Contributors—16.			
(c) Deaconess Retiring Fund—			
Accounts Total	14,565	14	10
Payments Made	778	8	3
Contributors—50.			

Personal Subscriptions in Arrear.

The position herein is satisfactory there being only two contributors seriously in arrear.

General.

The above summarises the operations of the Funds during the current financial year. The report of the Actuary with his recommendations concerning a new scale of annuities and payments is being submitted in a supplementary report. It is pointed out in the meantime that it was not possible to present a report on this matter to Synods as evidently was expected according to

some Synod recommendations. The end of the financial year is June 30. To close the books of such a large fund, have the audit completed and give time for the Actuary to compile his report and submit same to the Board for consideration, requires a great deal more time than the short period between the end of the financial year and the time of Synods at the end of August.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT METHODIST SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD REPORT ON ANNUITY SCALE

As reported to last Conference the Board felt that this year it would be in a position to recommend an increase in annuities and furniture grants.

The Report of our Actuary is presented to Conference herewith for the five-year period ending 30th June, 1957. This reveals an actuarial surplus of £34,111. This surplus satisfactorily offsets the deficiency of £9173 reported in 1947.

It was vitally necessary to bring the Fund to this stable position in respect to revenue, capital and interest earnings before any steps could safely be taken to increase expenditure.

The Board now has pleasure in submitting for the approval of Conference the new scale recommended by the Actuary. In round figures this represents an increase of approximately 33 1-3 per cent on present payments. This has been made possible by the following factors:

- (a) Increased revenue from personal subscriptions, circuit subsidies, and gifts resulting in—
- (b) Additional capital which in turn has—
- (c) Lifted the interest earnings at—
- (d) Higher ruling interest rates,

Plus

- (e) A consolidated position in respect to the Fund's major investment, namely Epworth Chambers.

While the financial state of the Fund is now sufficiently stabilised to provide for increased benefits it is obvious that such over-all increases will have the effect of changing the present actuarial surplus into an actuarial deficiency.

On the other hand there will be each year a favourable margin between increased revenue and increased expenditure which will be sufficient to ensure that the interim actuarial deficiency so created will be gradually eliminated.

The position in 1947 was that a deficiency existed which was steadily increasing. The position now is that a deficiency must be anticipated for a period but it should be steadily reduced each year to the vanishing point.

It is obvious that to maintain such a position there must be adequate assured income and it will be necessary to maintain at least the present level of revenue. No complete control can be exercised over those factors which determine a substantial proportion of the revenue of the Fund, namely interest earnings on capital. On the other hand there are three factors which give an acceptable degree of stability:

- (1) An assured level of revenue from subscriptions and subsidies.
- (2) The fact that the Fund has been valued by the Actuary on a conservative basis, which, of course, is essential.
- (3) The facts stated in the previous paragraph (a) - (e) above.

To illustrate the position the following table is appended. (Detailed intermediate figures are not given).

Years of Service.	Minister's Annuity		Widow's Annuity	
	Present.	Proposed.	Present.	Proposed.
10 ..	£48 4 1	£50 0 0	£27 17 8	£30 0 0
15 ..	55 16 8	75 0 0	33 6 8.	45 0 0
20 ..	65 16 4	100 0 0	39 19 0	60 0 0
25 ..	79 9 0	125 0 0	48 7 8	75 0 0
30 ..	98 0 4	150 0 0	59 6 0	90 0 0
35 ..	122 16 4	175 0 0	73 6 8	105 0 0
40 ..	155 3 4	200 0 0	91 2 4	120 0 0

In regard to the proposed scale the following points are noted:

- (a) A slightly different approach has been recommended by the Actuary, namely that the annuity for ministers should be at the rate of £5 for each year of service and that for widows at the rate of £3 for each year of service of the husband. Except for slight variations here and there, the general proportions are maintained at very much the same level as at present.
- (b) No basic alteration has been made in respect to the proportion of the widows' scale to the ministers' scale.

Our Actuary reports on this matter as follows: "It must be realised how costly widows' annuities are. If widows were given the same rate of annuity as ministers the cost of the widows' annuities would be greatly in excess of the cost of ministers' annuities. Serious anomalies would arise if a higher scale of widows' annuity applied while the husband was in active service than applied thereafter. Consider two cases: One where the husband dies aged say 64, in active service, and the other aged 65 and just retired."

For the above reasons and those stated in last year's report the Board considers that the position of any extraordinary cases can best be met by other means within the powers of the Board.

Present Annuitants:

In previous reports it has been pointed out that it has to be anticipated that in some cases difficulty will be encountered in regard to successfully relating any increase in annuity payments to Social Security benefits in regard to present annuitants. There is the possibility of increased payments from our Fund being counterbalanced by reduced benefits in the other direction. The Board is now able to report that further consultations with the Social Security Commission have resulted in this difficulty being overcome. Each case will have to be taken on its merits and arrangements made as between the board and the annuitant in regard to the best way of paying and receiving any increase in annuity. In short, the question is one of income on the one hand and of capital on the other.

Furniture Grant:

In respect to the Furniture grant paid to a minister on retirement or to the widow of a minister who dies in the active work it is proposed that this grant be on a graduated scale according to years of service at the rate of £5 per annum. Provision is made,

however, for a minimum payment of £120 where the years of service are fewer than 24.

Use of Commuted Annuity:

In the first draft proposals of the Board covering Commutation, provision was made for such commuted sum "to be used for the purpose of a home or for such other purpose which may be approved by the Board." On instructions received from the Social Security Commission that had to be altered and the second half of the clause deleted. (Law Book, page 137, para 34.)

Representations have been made on several occasions to the Commission concerning the possibility of this requirement being waived in certain cases. It was always stated in reply that under the relevant section of the Act (62d) this was not possible.

On the matter being ventilated again this year advice was received that the question of commuted pensions, allowances and annuities in relation to the assessment of social security benefits had been reviewed. It has been decided by the Commission to waive the condition requiring that the capital amount be applied to the purchase of a home or the repayment of a mortgage on an existing home. Thus commuted sums may now be paid to super-annuitants who are social security beneficiaries without any penalty being incurred under the terms of Section 62 (d) of the Social Security Act. This means that the original proposal of the Board may now be written into the regulations and amendments will be made in due course to the relevant parts (33) and (34) of the Law Book.

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund:

The Board was instructed by last Conference to report on the matter of personal contributions being compulsorily increased, with possible larger subsidies being granted by the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.

This matter was reported on in 1953. Provision is made in the regulations for any minister to pay more than the stipulated amount of £4 per annum. The amounts compulsorily paid to provide for future retirement must be related to the amount of stipend received and living costs generally.

The Board is favourably disposed to increased contributions as such but considers that any decision concerning compulsory increases in respect to this Fund should come not from the Board but from the ministers themselves. The question of higher subsidies has not been reported on by the Fire Insurance Fund Board although it has been considered by the same. When a decision has been reached concerning personal payments further consideration will be given to the matter of subsidy.

General:

Conditions are changing rapidly in regard to social and economic conditions. One result could be that in the case of some supernumeraries or widows of supernumeraries it would be undesirable to burden themselves with the cost of the purchase of a house, the maintenance of same and the attendant worry connected therewith. In some cases it would be unwise to invest a comparatively large capital sum in a property for two ageing persons, or in some cases for one such person for a somewhat limited period. Other arrangements might be more helpful. In such cases a substantial capital sum would not be required. An adequate income would be the answer.

As was pointed out at last Conference, some general consider-

ation has been given by the Board to the fact that it might make available accommodation to a certain degree in the form of houses, flats, or double units. It would be quite possible for the Board to invest a certain amount of capital in this way. To be of the maximum assistance to beneficiaries, rental charges would have to be as low as possible. It is reiterated, however, that to avoid discriminating against a given number of annuitants and to be fair and just to all, the money so invested would have to attract at least the average rate of interest earned by the Fund. It would be inequitable for the Board to make available to a limited number of annuitants accommodation at a reduced rental, as that would in effect be granting to them financial benefits denied to other annuitants.

On the other hand no doubt there would be some who would be prepared to pay a rent which would meet the above requirements. At the same time, this would be of considerable help to the annuitants concerned, saving them the work and worry of caring for a property in their declining years.

Various aspects of this matter are being studied and will be reported on in due course.

A Minister Who Has Previously Served as a Home Missionary:

In its report to the Conference of 1956 the Board stated that the question had been raised as to the possibility of a Home Missionary who is subsequently received into the Ministry being given the right to buy into the Supernumerary Fund for the years that he has served as a Home Missionary.

The basis of this request is the fact that such a man gives to the Church a term of service actually in excess of that for which he serves as a Probationer and a Minister in Full Connexion. For example, a man may serve as a Home Missionary for three years and then be received as a Probationer, subsequently being admitted as a minister in Full Connexion in which status he continues for say thirty-seven years. When he retires he is recorded as having served as a minister for thirty-seven years and receives benefits for that period (not for forty years). It is stated that he thus forfeits benefits for three years of his total term of forty years' service. The request, therefore, is that such a man should be able to pay the personal contribution plus circuit subsidy, plus accrued interest, for those three years and thus obtain benefits on retirement on the basis of forty years' service to the Church.

The following points are noted:

(a) A Home Missionary is compulsorily a contributor to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund. At present the personal payment is £10 per annum, the combined Circuit (or H.M. Station) and H.M. Departmental subsidy being £20 per annum. When a Home Missionary is received as a Candidate for the Ministry he receives the full sum standing to his credit in that Fund (at the rate of £30 per annum)—whether he goes straight on to Probation or is sent to Trinity Theological College. Using the hypothetical case cited above such a Home Missionary would receive back the sum of approximately £100. For the same period of three years a minister would have to his credit in the Supernumerary Fund approximately £120 (the annual total payment being £40), plus a share in the capital of the Fund into which his contributions are paid, and from which his subsequent benefits are received.

The point to be noted at this stage is that a Home Missionary who thus later becomes an ordained minister does NOT forfeit in toto benefits for the years during which he served as a Home Missionary but only in part.

A Home Missionary who is received as a Candidate is given the opportunity of transferring to the Supernumerary and Home Acquirement Funds from the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund an amount sufficient to cover three years of probation. (This is entirely optional.) This is of assistance to him financially when he commences Probation.

It is desirable to do full justice to all who give full-time service to the Church—hence this report. It must be remembered, therefore, that a young man who enters Trinity College (without having served as a Home Missionary) also gives full-time service to the Church. He gets no financial credit for those student years as far as the Supernumerary Fund is concerned. It is our practice to regard years of service rendered in the ranks of the Home Missionaries as the pre-requisite period of training in lieu of years spent at Trinity College. Thus if one young man serves for three years as a Home Missionary and later is received as a Probationer, and at the same time another goes to Trinity College, they both give three years to the Church in preparation for their life's task. If the one (Home Missionary) were able to buy into the Supernumerary Fund for those three years there is a discrimination against the other who is not allowed to do so.

The conclusion reached, therefore, is that a Home Missionary might reasonably be allowed to exercise the option (if he so desires) of buying into the Supernumerary Fund for his years of service as a Home Missionary over and above the first three years. This proposal has the approval of our Actuary, if the Conference so decides.

For the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

**METHODIST SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD
REPORT OF ACTUARY, 1957**

P.O. Box 1062,

WELLINGTON, C.1.

17th September, 1957.

The Board of Management,
Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist
Church of N.Z.,
CHRISTCHURCH, C.1.

Sirs:

In accordance with your instructions I have valued the Supernumerary Fund as at 30th June, 1957, and have pleasure in reporting as follows:

Some changes affecting the finances of the Fund have been made since 1952 when the Fund was last valued. The most important are that members' subscriptions have been increased to £16 per annum and Circuit levies to £24 per annum.

The membership of the Fund has increased since 1952 as follows:

	Ministers	Supernumeraries	Widows
At 30th June, 1952	188	54	44
Entrants	46	18	15
	<u>234</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>59</u>
Superannuated	18		
Resigned	10		
Died	4		
	<u>32</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>
At 30th June, 1957	202	60	52

Of the 202 Ministers shown above two were without pastoral charge and therefore not contributing to the Fund at the valuation date. All of the sixteen Ministers and Supernumeraries who died left widows, and one widow compounded her claim on the Fund in terms of Regulation 42.

The financial transactions of the quinquennium under review are summarised in the following account.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT

1st July, 1952, to 30th June, 1957

	£		£
Fund	130,238	Annuities	41,871
Subscriptions	14,775	Furniture Grants	2,723
Circuit Levies	22,014	Commutations	16,742
Interest and Rents	32,264	Subs. Refunded	849
Donations	2,114	Expenses	3,253
Commissions	1,074	Fund, 30/6/1957	137,041
	<u>£202,479</u>		<u>£202,479</u>

The effective interest yield on the Fund increased steadily throughout the five years from £4 1s 4d to £5 16s 3d per cent, and averaged £5 per cent per annum. The corresponding average for the preceding intervaluation period was £4 7s 7d per cent.

The experience of the Fund in those contingencies upon which payment of benefits depends has been examined and compared with the results of similar investigations made in conjunction with previous valuations. Where necessary through paucity of data the Fund's own experience has been related to those of other similarly constituted funds. In this way factors have been deduced which, combined with interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, form a suitable basis for valuing the Fund.

The results of the valuation are:

VALUATION BALANCE-SHEET

As at 30th June, 1957

Present Value of—		£
Current Annuities to Supernumeraries		33,148
Current Annuities to Widows		23,498
Prospective Annuities to Supernumeraries		92,065
Prospective Annuities to Widows		56,006
Furniture Grants		5,385
		<u>£210,102</u>
Present Value of Future Subscriptions and Levies	£107,172	
Fund at 30th June, 1957	137,041	
		<u>244,213</u>
Surplus Disclosed by Valuation		£34,111

As the 1952 valuation disclosed a surplus of £2,385, the present surplus of £34,111 represents an improvement in the financial position of the Fund of £31,726. The main reasons for this substantial improvement are the increased rates of subscription and levy now payable by Ministers and Circuits respectively and the higher interest yields now being secured on the Fund.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

S. BECKINGSALE,
Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the following Financial Statements be received and adopted:—

Supernumerary Fund, Benevolent Fund, Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

3. **Annuities:**

That as from the 1st February, 1958, annuities for Supernumerary Ministers be at the rate of £5 for each year of service and for widows at the rate of £3 for each year of service on the part of the husband.

4. **Furniture Grant:**

That par. 50 (page 140) of the Law Book be amended to read: "A Minister on becoming a Supernumerary shall be entitled to receive from the Fund a furniture grant at such rate as may from time to time be determined by the Conference. From 1st February, 1958, the grant shall be at the rate of £5 for each year of service. The widow of a minister who has died in active work shall receive a similar grant. Provided that the minimum amount payable in every case shall be £120.

5. **Home Missionaries Received into Ministry.**

- (a) That when a Home Missionary who has served for more than three years as such is received as a Probationer he may exercise the option of buying into the Fund for the number of years in excess of three for which he thus served as a Home Missionary. In the case of a Home Missionary who proceeds to Trinity College for three years, the proviso concerning the three year limitation shall not apply.
- (b) Such payment shall be at the ruling rate of annual personal contribution and annual Circuit subsidy plus compound interest for the number of years involved.
- (c) In the case of Probationers received after 1st February, 1958, such option must be exercised not later than three months after the applicant has been received on Probation.

6. **Use of Commuted Annuity:**

That the Board report on the position of present annuitants who have not been able to commute hitherto because of restrictive Social Security legislation which applied in their case.

7. That the Conference convey to Mr L. G. K. Steven its appreciation of his long and valued service to the Supernumerary Fund Board both as a member and latterly as Chairman. His wide experience has enabled him to make an outstanding contribution to the work of the Board.

8. That the Supernumerary Fund Board examine the possibility of incorporating the personal accounts of ministers in the Home Acquirement Fund in the Post Office Savings Bank, under the new provisions for special accounts bearing Government subsidies, when they are opened for the special purpose of purchasing a home.

9. That the Board for 1958 be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XLV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust (Inc.)?

Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

The amount held on behalf of some 103 various trusts and deposit accounts is £63,317/3/0, together with a capital sum of £30,350/10/0 in the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund.

During the year the following new Trusts have been accepted:—M. E. Taylor Trust: Waddington Parsonage Trust: Rangiora Furnishings Trust: Woolston Maintenance Trust.

In the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund grants amounting to £511/14/9 were paid to six Ministers and one Home Missionary who had not received from their circuits the standard stipend. It is gratifying to note that circuits are meeting successfully the situation particularly in view of their increasing obligations in this connection.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

Methodist Children's Fund

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1957

The Treasurers have pleasure in reporting that young life in Methodist parsonages is being well maintained, the allowances paid out for 1957 being only two below the record of 1956. The annual allowance in respect of each child has been maintained at £10 and a total of £3180 has been distributed during the present year. The District allocation of allowances is as under:—

Auckland	.....	76½
South Auckland	.....	30½
Taranaki-Wanganui	..	27
Hawkes Bay - Manawatu	.	29½
Wellington	.....	41
Nelson	16½
North Canterbury	43½
South Canterbury	...	21½
Otago Southland	31½

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The total of allowances paid during 1956 was 320. The number of registrations already recorded by the end of September indicates that there is every likelihood the number of claimants for 1958 will be at least as high as for the past two years, and it is accordingly recommended that the amount of £3300 be again made available to the Fund for the coming year.

The need for more prompt advice of new arrivals is again stressed. It is surprising how many Ministers wait until the year's warrants have been issued and then write in reporting a birth frequently many months after that event. This often involves not only unnecessary work but also misunderstanding and sometimes disappointment. The attention of Ministers, particularly Ordinands with families, is drawn to the Law on the subject and they should note that new arrivals should be registered not later than the end of January in order to qualify for inclusion in the distribution for the ensuing year. Registration details required are the child's full name, sex, the town of birth and the date.

ROBERT THORNLEY,
T. M. PACEY, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers Rev R. Thornley and Mr T. M. Pacey, be thanked and re-appointed.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Budget be received and adopted.
3. That the levies be increased by £500 for 1958.
4. (a) That the Home Mission Department continue to pay £25 into the Ecumenical Travel Fund.
(b) That the Ecumenical Travel Fund be administered by the General Purposes Trust Board.
5. That the Contingent Fund Treasurers consider the question of allowing first class railway fares for main trunk travel.
6. That the Consultative Committee be the President of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Rev E. W. Hames, and Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, and the Treasurers.
7. That the Treasurers, Rev Wm. Walker and Mr A. H. Winston, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.
8. 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 1957.

During the year 57 removals were carried out compared with 60 in 1955-56 and 42 in 1954-55. The average cost per removal has shown a very welcome reduction to £46 6s 8d, the lowest for several years and compares with £59 6s 4d last year and £51 15s 11d in 1954-55. This reduction in the average cost is due to:—

1. There were only three large Inter-Island removals.

2. Many of the North Island removals were carried out by one firm who were able to work return loads.

3. There were a larger number of younger Ministers moving.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the co-operation of many of the Ministers in arranging their removals in such a way that the costs have been kept to a minimum.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows an excess of Income over Expenditure of £190 4s 7d and the Committee hopes that the present levy of £2800 will be sufficient to cover the next year's removals.

The Committee trusts that Conference will carefully consider all removals with a view to keeping the total cost within the levy.

W. E. CLOTHIER,

B. H. RISELEY, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.

2. That the levy for the ensuing year be £2800.

3. That the treasurers, Rev B. H. Riseley and Mr W. E. Clothier be thanked and be re-appointed.

4. That Mr F. H. Sowden, Honorary Auditor, be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

5. That the maximum for removals be Inter-Island £125, within an Island £75.

6. That the Committee be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions?

Foreign Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1957.

Our procedure is now well established of submitting this, the report of the work of the Board, through District Synods to Conference. After the findings of the overseas District Synods are before us, a further supplementary report will be submitted direct to Conference.

Staff:

Each year brings its record of retirements. Not only have the resignations of Sisters Effie Harkness and Jessie Grant, noted at last Conference, since taken effect, but Sister Olive Money, (Secretary to the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District) is now prevented, on health grounds, from resuming her work after furlough.

We have notice of the impending withdrawals of Sister Norma Neutze (in view of her approaching marriage), Mr R. A. Mannall (on family grounds), and Mr W. R. Sharples, who has more than fulfilled his three year term as carpenter. Mr D. G. Petersen has completed his term under the Order of St. Stephen.

Sisters Audrey Highnam and Lesley Bowen have commenced their nursing service in the Solomons. Sister Phyllis Rudolph goes later to teach there after her George Brown College course at Sydney.

Sister Merle Carter will return to the field after success in a tropical nursing course at London, also completed by Sister Jessie Grant.

Two further Solomon Islands workers, Eroni Sunde of Teop and Sikota Bo of Choiseul, with their wives, have taken appointments in the New Guinea Highlands. John Pirah having withdrawn for family reasons, there are now six of these men serving as overseas missionaries financed by the Solomon Islands Church.

Vacancies:

Before Synods meet, appointments are likely of a nursing sister and a carpenter to the Solomons. Needed still, are a new secretary, a carpenter and a mechanic for the Solomons, and a woman teacher for the Highlands of New Guinea. We expect to seek a ministerial appointment at Conference to fill the impending vacancy in the staffing of the Solomon Islands District.

Home Base:

With no male missionaries on furlough in the first half year, North Island deputation arrangements presented difficulties.

Thanks are accorded to Mrs T. Shepherd, the Revs J. Churchill, F. H. Woodfield, P. F. Taylor, Mrs Taylor and Mr D. G. Petersen for help given.

During the second half year the visits of Mr G. T. Dey to North Canterbury and of the Rev C. J. Keightley to Nelson and Otago-Southland promise the first-hand report of the Highlands work that so far the South Island Circuits have lacked.

By taking the film "Men of the Mountains" to South Auckland, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Northland and South Canterbury, the General Secretary hopes to complete this year his second visitation of all New Zealand circuits. . . Later in the year he plans to consult District Foreign Mission Committees regarding the pattern of his own future deputation.

Literature:

"The Open Door" and "The Lotu" have both continued with rising circulation and general acceptance. No special literature has been published this year, but supplies have been stocked of the Australian booklet "Children of the Mendi Valley" by Beth Priest. These have sold well.

Islanders in New Zealand:

At the request of the Auckland Synod Standing Committee, the General Secretary has arranged for a visit later this year by the Rev R. W. Allardice, the Chairman of the Samoa (Independent) Methodist District. It is hoped that the visit will help us to more effective work amongst the increasing number of Samoan Methodists in New Zealand.

Matters Referred to the Board by 1956 Conference:

(a) **Chairmanship of the Solomon Islands District:** The Board has this matter under close consideration and hopes to report thereon direct to Conference.

(b) **Papua New Guinea Highlands District:** The Board accepted an invitation for the General Secretary to be present at the annual meeting in February of the Australian Mission Board. Recommendations drafted there, subsequently approved by the General Conference, grant district status to the new mission. The laws of the Methodist Church of Australasia shall, in general, apply. New Zealand workers have equivalent rights and privileges with Australian workers. The terms of co-operation (Minutes of Conference 1953, amended 1954) shall continue in force. The first Chairman of the new district is the Rev G. H. Young.

(c) **Clerical Treasurer:** No appointment is yet possible. The Lay Treasurer and the General Secretary are sharing the duties of the office.

(d) **Higher Education in the South Pacific:** The General Secretary is in touch with the Australian Board re plans for possible joint Methodist or wider action for theological training in both the Central Pacific and the New Guinea area. So far, plans are very tentative. Some enquiries have been made re the prospects of a university being established in Fiji. The General Secretary raised the issue at Sydney and the President pursued it at the General Conference.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union:

The Board welcomes into office the new Dominion Executive at Auckland, and rejoices in the happy co-operation established with these enthusiastic leaders of the Union.

Youth Department:

The visit of the two Solomon Islands representatives to the Ecumenical Youth Conference was followed by brief periods in a number of selected circuits, where Simon Rigamu of Teop and Solomon Alu of Vella Lavella shared in and observed youth activities and Church life in general. This visit was a joint effort of the two Departments, the cost being shared between them and the Solomon Islands Church. Reports both from New Zealand and the Solomon Islands indicate a wholly favourable reaction to this project.

Presidential Visit:

Once again the visit of the President of the Conference to the General Conference in Australia made possible a visitation of the Solomon Islands District by the leader of our Church. Four weeks of arduous travel were undertaken. Bad weather prevented the complete fulfilment of the itinerary, but reports have come of enthusiastic and valuable gatherings at many points. Mrs Dudley privately accompanied the President on his visit.

Stipends of Workers:

As directed, the Board made due enquiry, as a result of which increases, equivalent to those made in New Zealand, were added to the stipends of all workers. The Board has granted to Tongan and Fijian workers an increase equivalent to that granted on their fields by the Australian Board.

General Secretary:

The General Secretary completes this year six years of service in this appointment. Last Conference having designated him for reappointment, his name is presented this year for formal reappointment for a second six-year term.

Finance:

As the work grows and inflation continues, our costs continue to rise. Income in New Zealand seems to be increasing. The initial impact of the various planned giving programmes appears to be favourable. It is too early, however, to assess the long range effect. In the Solomon Islands, the guaranteed price for copra has been further reduced. This is reflected in a decline this year in the Islands giving. This year is the last in which the guaranteed price scheme will operate; it is difficult to foresee the effect on the economy of the Islands of the return next year to a free copra market.

The General Secretary has shared in the deliberations of the Conference Committee on Church Finance and budget Systems. Information has been supplied to guide the Committee, which has incorporated in its report various safeguards deemed necessary by our Board's Officers, who now give general assent to the committee's report and recommendations.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1957

(Based on Annual Synod minutes and workers' reports).

Solomon Islands.

For the first time our total Methodist community in the Solomons exceeds 20,000. "In almost every department of the Mission's work there has been change," writes the District Chairman, "and a measure of frustration above the average, but, in spite of all, development has been evident, and throughout the year I have been conscious of the guiding Hand of God." The changing situation in the towns of Gizo and Honiara, the application of new Government policies in education, record bad weather in several islands, vexatious European staffing vacancies, have all conspired to make the year a difficult one. Strong reinforcements of Roman Catholic workers have entered one traditionally Methodist area. The circuit report notes that eleven such workers now serve in an area where till recently there was but one priest.

Distinctly encouraging, however, is the report of the spiritual state of the work. Two further translation projects have matured during the year. The Gospels and Acts in Bambatana and Petats respectively have been published and won an early response from the people. The translation of the Old Testament into Roviana is proceeding. A supplementary hymnbook in Choiseul, duplicated by a group in New Zealand, has also been welcomed. The "Methodist Messenger" fulfils its mission; literature programmes for most circuits are in train. One circuit is placing special emphasis on family devotional life. A Conference of indigenous workers asked for a more devotional celebration of Good Friday, and this has also been effected. The return of Simon Rigamu and Solomon Alu from their New Zealand visit and the return on furlough of two of the Solomon Islands workers in the New Guinea Highlands have been matters of keen interest and spiritual benefit among the people. In thanksgiving for the service of their New Zealand ministers, the people of the Solomons have contributed £125 N.Z. towards the new chapel building at Trinity College.

In the midst of the usual busy medical and dental programme our workers have been aware of a resurgence of superstitious practices among some, which have necessitated disciplinary measures. In spite of this, however, the Medical Superintendent reports that there is a definite increase in the desire for medicines. The opening of the isolation ward at the Helena Goldie Hospital has marked a distinct advance in the treatment of the numerous patients with tuberculosis. Generally, patients have responded well to treatment for this complaint, there having been only a few deaths of hospital patients in recent years. A visit to the leprosy centre at Ozama by Mr P. J. Twomey of the Lepers' Trust Board enabled him to see the development of the work there since his last visit nine years ago. Subsequently he added to the numerous benefactions of his Board by transferring to the Mission £1000 to provide a power plant for Ozama, making possible physiotherapy treatment.

Our educational programme has been marked by the first full year of the new District Girls' School at Kihili and by the commencement of teaching training work at Kekesu. The process of centralising our village schools, and freeing the catechists more for their pastoral tasks among the people has been furthered. The District is proposing to move the High School section of the District Training Institution to Bilua.

The pace of our building activities has quickened. One new mission house, and one altered tell the record for Buka; in Siwai, the sisters' quarters and the maternity annexe have been completed; at Bilua improvements in the medical buildings and the erection of the Boys' Hostel; at Banga, a definite commencement with the College buildings. In addition, the reports list many village churches and schools of which the most notable has been the rebuilding of the Falamai Memorial Church, first erected by the men of the forces on Mono, Treasury Island.

Papua New Guinea Highlands District.

The first Synod of the new mission district was held at Mendi in August, "an historic occasion," writes the District Chairman. From the Synod, the New Zealand ministerial missionary, the Rev C. J. Keightley has come to New Zealand on furlough, and will be at Conference.

During the year steady progress has been maintained in both Mendi and Tari Circuits. The staff have been on patrols among the people and several teachers' stations have been established out from both main stations.

Whilst no new European station has yet become possible, it is now proposed to move Mr Keightley into the Mendi Circuit, preparatory to the next likely extension move. Sister Edith James at Tari will be due for furlough during 1958. Mr G. T. Dey has returned to his building programme at Mendi, after furlough in New Zealand. The Synod's request for further staff is noted by the mission Boards, on both sides of the Tasman. New Zealand remains committed to supplying a woman teacher, but so far no appointment has been possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ended August 31 1957

Income and Expenditure.

The financial year commenced with the gloomy prospect of a deficit of £5,832. This prediction was based on an expected substantial decrease in the Islands income, on estimated returns from New Zealand circuits equivalent to the average of the past three years, and on increases in the New Guinea Highlands and the New Zealand expenditure.

The relatively happy ending was a deficit of £2,112. Of this amount £1,961 absorbed the balance of the net accumulated credit balances of former years in the General Reserve Account, leaving £151 to be carried forward.

The unexpected improvement was due to a variety of factors. Although the receipts from Solomon Islands Circuit Contributions and Sales of Produce fell as expected, arrears of Government Grants more than compensate for the decreases and a surplus of Islands Income over the estimate resulted. New Zealand contributions were greatly in excess of the estimate and nearly £2,000 greater than the 1956 contributions. This improvement was not due wholly to increased giving in the circuits, though this was a feature of the year's returns. As a result of the prompt remitting of donations, in a number of cases the whole or a substantial part of two years' income was received during the one financial year.

The Expenditure was slightly in excess of the estimate, and in the case of the New Zealand Working Expenses would have been below but for unforeseen items.

Once again it has been necessary to estimate expenditure in the New Guinea Highlands District, as the financial statements had not arrived at the time of the preparation of the accounts. The estimates include only known expenses.

The Future.

It must be assumed that costs will continue to rise, and that maintenance of the present staff and facilities in both the Solomon Islands and the Highlands Districts will make great demands on the resources of the Islands and the New Zealand Churches. An increase in Islands Contributions is expected, but it would be unwise to anticipate a large increase on the present income from New Zealand Circuits, particularly in view of the changing basis of church finance. A large deficit is feared for 1957-58.

Clerical Treasurer.

This is the first Treasurer's report for many years that has not been prepared in collaboration with the Rev A. Blakemore, as Clerical Treasurer, or, as was the case last year, by the Treasurer alone.

As I was absent from New Zealand when last year's report was prepared, I take this opportunity of paying a tribute to the valuable services given by Mr Blakemore and of recording my regrets at the severing of a very happy personal and official relationship.

G. S. GAPPER, Lay Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's 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 1957-58 be received and adopted.
4. **Financial Situation:** Grateful for the increased missionary giving of many circuits, and recognising the helpful effect of numerous budget and stewardship canvasses to that end, nevertheless, Conference is alarmed at the financial prospects of our overseas missionary society. Rises in New Zealand giving have failed both to keep pace with the steeply mounting costs and to counter unsteadiness in the income on the field. Conference recognises that though this tendency has been present for some years, its effect was obscured from the Church until earlier surpluses had been exhausted and the Solomon Islands giving had receded somewhat from recent record levels.

Conference notes with approval the intention of the Board (1) To further during the year the move towards a definite commitment by the Solomon Islands Church for a share of the total field budget and (2) To investigate the working of our Islands properties.

Conference receives with concern, however, the intimation that, failing a substantial rise in New Zealand income, some early reduction of our overseas staff is inevitable, at a time when the needs of the work are calling for expansion.

Conference believes that our overseas missionary programme should be presented to our people as a privilege accorded New Zealand Methodists of helping in Christian evangelism, service and nurture overseas. The needs of this work are requiring increasing support each year. Conference therefore appeals to all Circuits,

whether or not they operate a comprehensive budget scheme, to make adequate and increasing provision for these needs.

Conference foresees that the introduction of a connexional budget will allocate proportionately the missionary needs of the Church to all circuits. In the meantime, therefore, as Circuits plan their financial programme, those who so far have not attained the present Dominion average level of 14/- per member, are directed to plan to that end, and all Circuits are urged to plan for annual increases in their financial returns to overseas missions.

5. **Greetings:** That Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to the workers overseas, the Solomon Islands Church, and the Board of Overseas Missions of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

6. **New Guinea Highlands District:** That congratulations of the Conference be accorded the workers of the New Guinea Highlands Mission on the granting of district status by the Methodist Church of Australasia.

7. **Rev J. R. Metcalfe:** That, having agreed to the transfer of the Rev John R. Metcalfe to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, Conference record its appreciation for his long term of service on our Mission Field. After early business experience, training at Cliff College and brief home missionary service in England, Mr Metcalfe emigrated to Australia. Home Mission service in Victoria was followed by candidature in 1916. On ordination, Mr Metcalfe was appointed in 1920 to the Solomon Islands District.

Some years later Mr Metcalfe married Sister Ivy Stanford, whose field service commenced in 1916. They have now thirty-eight and forty-two years of service respectively on the field, the marks of which are left indelibly on Choiseul, Teop, and Roviana Circuits. Mr Metcalfe's work on Choiseul began as colleague to the late Rev V. Le C. Binet, at a time when that island had yet to be fully pacified and evangelised. Later, when Bougainville and Buka became a separate Circuit, Mr Metcalfe became the first Superintendent and stationed himself at Teop. After further years on Choiseul, Mr Metcalfe was one of the missionaries who remained through part of the Japanese occupation, until evacuated by the American forces. The war over, he returned to Choiseul, transferring in 1951 to Roviana on his appointment as Chairman of the District.

Mr and Mrs Metcalfe have often been referred to as model Circuit missionaries. Certainly they have been much loved by the people among whom they have served. A careful administrator, one mark of Mr Metcalfe's work as Chairman has been close attention to detail. A card index of all the Methodist people of Choiseul remains as a record of a painstaking interest in the religious and medical welfare of his people.

The Church greets both these veteran workers, who now sever their connection with our Conference, and conveys to them the thanks of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

8. **Resignations:** That the appreciation of the Conference be accorded to the following workers who during 1957 have terminated their service in the Solomon Islands District: Rev T. and Mrs Shepherd (1947-57), Mr R. A. and Mrs Mannall (1952-58), Sister Olive Money (1954-57), Sister Norma Neutze (1955-57), Mr W. R. Sharples (1954-57).

9. That Conference re-appoint the Rev Stanley G. Andrews as General Secretary for a second six-year term.

10. That, while retaining his appointment as General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department, the Rev Stanley G. Andrews be stationed for 1958 in the Roviana Circuit and nominated for appointment as Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

11. That for 1958 the time of the Rev Stanley G. Andrews be suitably divided between the field and the home base.

12. That the Rev Albert Blakemore be appointed acting-deputy General Secretary and Acting-Clerical Treasurer for 1958.

13. That Conference receive favourably the information that it is the intention of the Board to nominate the Rev George G. Carter to the 1958 Conference for appointment as Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

14. That, during the year, the Foreign Mission Board examine the proposal to appoint a suitable lay missionary as Secretary to the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.

15. That, in view of the staffing situation in the Solomon Islands, because of the lack of suitable volunteers for service (including ministers, engineer and secretary) together with the serious staffing situation in the Home Church, the Rev A. H. Voyce be urgently requested to consider remaining for a further period of nine months.

16. That Conference express thanks to the Rev Dr R. and Mrs Dudley for the visit they paid to the Solomon Islands District during Dr Dudley's Presidential year, and for the benefit thus afforded the workers and people.

17. That C.O.M.I.C.A. be requested to investigate further the possibility of the establishment of a university in the South Pacific.

18. **Representatives to C.O.M.I.C.A.:** Rev S. G. Andrews (Substitute Rev R. Thornley); Mr S. N. Roberts.

19. **District Foreign Mission Conveners:**

NORTHLAND: Rev A. W. E. Silvester.

AUCKLAND: Rev W. E. A. Carr.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev I. C. E. Ramage, M.A.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev F. H. Woodfield.

WANGANUI: Rev J. H. Thompson.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Mr J. H. Oldham.

MANAWATU SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev J. K. Watson, B.A.

WELLINGTON: Rev I. M. Raynor.

NELSON: Rev A. Newman.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev P. A. Stead, B.A.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev L. F. Bycroft.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev W. J. Henderson.

20. That the members of the Foreign Mission Board for 1958 be as printed on page 11 herein.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union of N.Z.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, 1957-58

As we review the records of our Union for the year just ended, we desire firstly to pay tribute to the memory of those of our members who have been called home to their reward. Up and down the Dominion, many groups have suffered bereavement, and we offer our sincere sympathy. There are three names, however, which we should like to mention. Mrs Liggins, who was the last

remaining member of the first Dominion Executive, and Mrs F. Thompson and Mrs A. H. White, also past Dominion Executive members. Their passing has brought to many a sense of loss—yet joy to know their call "Home" was to receive the "Well done" from their beloved Lord whom they served so faithfully.

This year has been one of changes, and we foresee the possibility of greater changes in the future—but we are glad to report that our pattern of progress is unchanged and our women are answering the challenge with greater efforts to further our "Women's Work for Women."

Executive

Before the Executive was moved to Auckland, five meetings were held in New Plymouth and since then eight were held in Auckland. Devotional sessions opened each meeting, and we have felt very definitely that God's helping and guiding hand has been upon us. We appreciate the assistance and advice of Revs Dr Dudley, G. I. Laurensen and S. G. Andrews.

Membership

This is most difficult to assess because often Gleanings boxes are not opened until after the books have closed, so we have counted ALL gleanings this year together with active members, making a total of 6196.

Auxiliaries

The total number of auxiliaries remains the same—219. Mt Eden Evening and Runanga have now become Gleaners Groups and two Northland auxiliaries have gone into recess. We are glad to welcome new Auxiliaries at Allenton, Bunnythorpe, Newfield and Wairoa Evening.

District Councils

Nineteen district councils still function well—special meetings and conventions have been organised in each—thus maintaining interest. Most districts held Christmas and Easter meetings.

President's Letters

2400 letters are printed each month and these find their way into many groups and homes and are greatly appreciated for they keep members and friends up-to-date with the movements and work of our Sisters and Deaconesses. The President's letter to the Open Door seeks to remind an even wider circle that there is an increasing need to know what is being done on our Mission fields.

Deputation

Sister Norma Graves visited the Northland District and covered a big area there and spoke at meetings in Wellington and Christchurch en route. Sister Winifred Bennett travelled to the West Coast and completed a fine deputation there. Sister Myra, though not actually doing official deputation work, spoke at several meetings while at home on furlough.

President's Visitations

Mrs Carter attended the Manawatu Convention and carried out an extensive itinerary in the Hawkes Bay district and has spoken in the Waitemata, Franklin and Auckland districts. She also represented the M.W.M.U. at the Deaconess House Jubilee, and travelled to Wellington to attend a meeting of the Church Finance Committee.

Staff

There has been a great deal of movement of the Island staff this year. Sisters Rewa Williamson, Myra Fraser and Norma Graves returned to the field—Sister Myra returning early in order to take over from Sister Effie Harkness who has retired. During twenty-five years in the Solomons, Sister Effie has endeared herself to the natives and Europeans alike, and she will be greatly missed, because of her loving yet practical nature. Her contribution to the work overseas is surely a great one and will live on over there although she has come back to New Zealand. Three new Sisters joined the staff early in the year, when Sister Audrey Highnan (nurse) went to Choiseul, Sister Beulah Reeves went to Kihili to assist Sister Ada Lee at the girls' school and Sister Lesley Bowen (nurse) went to Roviana. Sister Phyllis Rudolph (teacher) entered George Brown College in Sydney, to prepare for service in the Solomon Islands. We are indeed thankful that God heard and answered the prayers of our women that these workers should be provided. Miss Beryl Grice—twin sister to Sister Audrey Grice—visited her sister on the field for three months and has remained on in the employ of the Foreign Mission Board for nine months to assist at Roviana.

Overseas Box Organiser's Report

Allocations were smaller this year owing to increased staff—two workers on the station received £18 each, three and workers on a station received £14 each. In reviewing this department, one realises more than ever the big change that has taken place since the scheme was inaugurated by Mrs Smethurst thirty-five years ago. No longer do we despatch "Gift boxes" as we knew them, while the number of cases of used linen has declined mainly because of high freight costs and the tightening up of Customs Regulations in the Islands. However, the workers still receive their gifts through the medium of the Gift Box fund and purchasing direct or by someone at home. The Department has shopped for ten workers this year, and fifty-four parcels have been posted, while some have been sent in cases with out-going workers. Cases of used linen also have been sent with new or returning workers for distribution on the field, and we urge members to save good-quality linen (sheets are best) and give to any workers who leave from or visit their district—otherwise send to Box Organiser, C/o Methodist Church, Pitt Street, Auckland, or C/o Mission Office, Central Mission Building, Auckland (P.O. Box 5023), where much of the packing is done. Sisters still ask for sewing pieces and used tennis balls and are most appreciative of the practical help they receive through the Box Department. To all contributors we say, thank you.

Smethurst Home Report

During the past year three Sisters have occupied the flat for their full time holiday period, and have found it a haven of quiet rest from their active work. In addition, local deaconesses have found opportunity to spend week-ends and also odd days, on many occasions during the year, and have expressed appreciation for a delightful home where they can have even a brief respite from their daily routine.

Gleanings Secretary's Report

The number of letters sent out has risen to 1960, as against 1892 at this time last year. However, returns show 1827 boxes issued with only 165 boxes opened. Quite a number of Gleaners

are now included in budgeting schemes, and no doubt this accounts for some of the discrepancy as shown. The total returns of Gleaners is £1,694/11/3, an increase of £121/15/6 on last year. This is very encouraging, and we are grateful to all our gleaners for their share in our work, both financially and spiritually.

Stamp Secretary's Report

I would like to thank all our members who have worked so diligently cleaning, preparing and selling stamps during the year. I wish to stress the importance of saving ALL stamps. Our Stamp Fund this year amounts to £866/4/9, a decrease of £83 on last year's figures. I feel that we could quite easily increase our income considerably by using ½d stamps on all correspondence between Auxiliary members. If this is not possible, would you please use the Plunket Stamp or any other special issue that comes on the market?

Distributing Secretary's Report

Since January this year, I have sent out to District Distributing Secretaries, Deaconesses in New Zealand, Sisters and women workers in the Solomons and in the New Guinea Highlands, 3,434 copies of the President's letter. I do hope that the ½d stamps (3,369 of them) have found their way back to the District Stamps Secretaries! Easter Offering envelopes were also sent to all districts.

Organiser of Home Sisters' Parcels

It is with pleasure that I report that there has been a considerable increase in the supply of parcels to the Home Sisters this year. 588 parcels, 6 sacks and 1 carton of books have been sent, making an increase of 18 parcels alone. Special thanks to Thames Valley District who contributed 95 parcels. A request has been made for books of the semi-religious and educational type now out of date. Authors such as E. P. Roe, and H. B. Stowe are appreciated by the Maori children. Underclothing, overcoats, children's clothing, especially boys' trousers, and O.S sizes are always in demand. May I suggest that Depot Managers send to me at the end of the year, their totals of parcels sent? It would help in the compiling of my report. A grateful thanks to all districts who have contributed so liberally and to all Depot Managers in charge of this important part of M.W.M.U. service.

Prayer Calendar

This has proved most helpful and we are grateful to the Spiritual Advance Committee for the improved edition this year.

Conclusion

We thank one and all for messages of love and encouragement which have come to us during the year, and we know that the prayers of the members have helped us through a difficult period of settling in. We trust that our faults will be forgiven, and pledge ourselves to do our utmost to promote the work of the M.W.M.U.

GLADYS CARTER, President.

GRACE BEAVIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.
2. That Section 4, page 193 of the Law Book, be deleted and the matter be referred to the Law Revision Committee.

3. That Conference express to the Methodist Women's Missionary Union appreciation of the continued service rendered to the Missionary activities of the Church at Home and Overseas. In particular, Conference values the high spiritual tone of the work in the local auxiliaries, and the zeal shown throughout the whole organisation of the Union.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

The Church is conducting its work to-day in a more rapidly expanding community. Maori and European populations are increasing at such a rate that the challenge of new Church needs in buildings and staff is taxing our resources and making for much heavier demands on this Department every year. Our task grows more exacting with each new advance but we thank God for the opportunities presented to us.

Staffing:

Owing to the policy of opening Circuits with Parsonages to Probationers who have been given permission to marry, every Parsonage is this year occupied, but we have a serious number of single Probationers' appointments vacant. These growing areas, needing trained full-time appointments, are not easy to fill with supplies. One great need is to work towards a Parsonage to enable settled appointments to be made in the extension areas.

Marginal Appointments:

There are two or three centres where our work is numerically weak but where we should have a supply to keep work going during the lean period so that the inevitable change and growth will find us still in a position to appoint full time agents. We need several experienced preachers, preferably retired or independent folk who would be willing to maintain our work in return for lodgings and a nominal remuneration by way of allowances. Such service would be of inestimable value to the Church in these marginal appointments just now.

Matters referred by Conference:

Minutes of Conference, Page 137. Resolution 14.

1. Use of Laymen for Routine Administration and Appeal Work of the Department.

A special committee of the Board gave long consideration to this question and finally asked the lay members of the committee to formulate the report to the Board. The substance of their report is as follows:—

The desire for this suggested move does not arise from any dissatisfaction with the service rendered by the present officers of the Department but from the shortage of ministers for Circuit appointments. As there should be at least twenty additional men available for Circuit work within the next three years, this aspect of the question does not present sufficient argument for a major change of policy.

There is little of the "appeal work" of the Department that could be called routine: Similarly in the necessary periods in Auckland between Deputation work, the administrative work which is far from being merely routine work, is able to be carried

by the Department officers, and this also allows for the meetings of Boards and committees.

While on Deputation work, the Department officers in fulfilling their duties as outlined in our law, are fully occupied with surveying and advising on Church Extension projects and needs, and much consultation with District and Circuit leaders. For this, experience and knowledge of church law and procedure are vital.

An important aspect of the work of the Department officers is that of personal and private contacts with the ministers on their travels. Ministerial status makes for so much freedom of contact in many situations, that it appears essential for a fully effective ministry. Were a layman to be appointed, whose gifts would qualify him to exert a helpful ministry in this field, it is probable that the Church would desire to give him ministerial status.

The almost certain introduction of an overall Budget system in our Dominion, incorporating the financial needs of the Department, will have some bearing on the work and the need for travelling and Deputation work may taper off, but it is too early to judge this.

The Department leaders need to be travelling evangelists, able to concentrate when needed, on special localities and points of need.

In the light of the above considerations the Board has no recommendation to make.

Minutes of Conference, 1956, Page 137. Resolution 15.

2. Status of Women Home Missionaries in Relation to the Status of Members of the Deaconess Order.

This matter rose from a concern lest the status and prerogatives of women Home Missionaries might cause some suitable prospective Deaconesses to turn aside from Deaconess Training and Deaconess status. As directed by Conference, a full comparative statement of the position was studied by both the Home Mission Board and the Deaconess Board and after careful consideration both Boards are satisfied that the position is quite satisfactory.

Minutes of Conference, 1956, Page 137. Resolution 16.

3. Rights and Privileges of a Home Missionary Supply.

(In recent years we have had the greatly appreciated services of several Ordained Ministers of sister Communion. For purposes of administration these have been listed in the Minutes of Conference as "Home Missionary Supplies," but owing to their Ministerial Status, most of the following clauses do not apply).

In theory, all Home Mission Service is "supply service" by laymen, but owing to the "frontier conditions" in our growing country, we have as a Church developed our Home Mission work into an order of service with reasonable continuity of employment.

"Home Missionary Supply" service is a further extension of this work on a more temporary basis. It provides a sphere of full-time service on an emergency or temporary footing. It frequently involves senior men of mature experience who offer to serve for a brief term and who should not be required to face a set course of study or examinations.

Normally a "Home Missionary Supply" is required to be a fully accredited Local Preacher. Unless the location of the appointment necessitates otherwise, a "supply" is not gazetted as a

minister under the Marriage Act, nor authorised to conduct the Sacraments. Provision for special cases is covered by Conference regulations. The appointment is looked on as an interim one.

In the event of the appointment being a separate Circuit or Home Mission Station, all official meetings are chaired by the Chairman of the District, or his nominee.

A "supply" has no relationship to the Retiring Funds of the Church.

A "supply" who is a member of the Methodist Church and who has served for at least one year prior to the date of the election, may vote on the appointment of Home Missionaries' Representatives to Conference, but may not be eligible for such appointment.

In view of their Pastoral relationship to the work in the District, supplies may attend the Representative Session of Synod as observers when invited by the Chairman.

It is our judgment that the law of the Church should be examined to provide that all workers in the full-time service of the Church in pastoral appointments should be ineligible for election as lay Representatives to Conference except as provided in paras. 358 (b) and (c) of the Book of Laws. P. 69.

4. Designation of Assistant Superintendent.

Minutes of Conference, 1956. P. 136. Resolution 8 (b).

This question has occupied a great deal of the time of the Executive and of a special Committee since last Conference.

The Board is very reluctant to relinquish the services of Rev B. M. Chrystall. His term of service has been an outstanding one and he has never been more valuable and helpful to the Department than he is at present. Our wish would be to retain him in his present appointment. His position is by no means a junior one, and the very nature of his work brings him into touch with every aspect of our Connexional life. He expresses his mind freely on policy within the Department circles, as well as in the wider life of the Connexion.

However we have been compelled to take notice of strong representations that he should at least for a period, return to Circuit work in 1959, in order that his experience should be available to the Church in any positions of Senior leadership for which he would be eligible, and very regretfully we have decided to recommend that Mr Chrystall's present appointment with the Department should terminate at the end of the next Connexional year.

The Board has given most careful thought to the question of a nomination of a successor and we have now pleasure in submitting a recommendation in this connection.

The Capital Funds of the Department:

We report a very full programme of transactions in our Special Loans Account. Last year's Balance Sheet revealed a total of seventy-two loans in existence to an aggregate figure of £50,661 6s. This represents a very significant measure of assistance towards the establishment of our Church property position throughout the country. Some of this has been made possible by the temporary deposit with us at call of considerable sums totalling £23,593 at July 31, 1956. The need for repayment of some of these loans to meet local needs, has this year hindered our advancing certain promised new loans as early as we had hoped. It is a challenging

fact that we could advance another £15,000 in urgently needed loans if the capital were available in our funds. This all speaks of the great need there is for further strengthening of the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund with which we co-operate in enabling many Trusts to proceed with property developments. Last year the interest earned by the Investment Funds Board resulted in £2076 6s 9d, being transferred to the Home Mission Fund.

The Mission Property Trustees are at present in negotiation with the Whangaroa officials with a view to establishing a working partnership in the administration of the historic "Wesleydale" farm property at Kaeo. The capital necessary for this development, has called for building a reserve in this Fund to facilitate the plan. It should prove mutually helpful to the Board and to the local work.

Committee on Church Finance and Budgeting:

During the year, we have been in close touch with the above committee. Our representatives attended a special meeting, and submitted a carefully prepared statement of the factors to be taken into account as they affect the working and the special problems of our Department.

Conclusion:

We greatly appreciate the assistance given by ministers and Circuit officials in carrying through the local Deputation programme this year and we confidently look for a further strong lead in this way next year.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.
GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.
JOSEPH C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Maori Work:

This year should not pass without special reference to the outstanding and distinctive contribution made to the Maori Mission by the President of the Conference in a series of meetings among the Maori people. Coming as the President of the whole Church, Pakeha and Maori while at the same time being of a non-European race, he has been able to speak to the hearts of the people as probably no other President has done in our time. We are very grateful for the inspiration and vision he has given to our workers and people. His visits to Auckland Centre, Taheke Hui, North Auckland; South Taranaki Rally at Taiporohenui, and the Maori King's Coronation Anniversary Hui at Ngaruawahia, especially will be spoken of and remembered for many years to come.

The Taheke Hui:

One event which will long be remembered was the organisation at Taheke of a week-end hui of the Church in the Northland. Good numbers attended in spite of the influenza epidemic. Those who were able to rally from the various settlements gained much from their fellowship. A typical Maori touch was the way people of all denominations worked together in the local hospitality arrangements. We are sure this hui has set a pattern for similar gatherings throughout the Mission and we are grateful to Rev R. D. Rakena and his committee for their initiative.

Visitation of General Superintendent:

The greatest part of the year has been taken now in fulfilling the programme of intensive Maori Mission visitation. It has been a

heavy programme with very little time left in Auckland. The Board is grateful to the Rev B. M. Chrystall for his efficient and painstaking attention to many important details of the work, thus leaving the General Superintendent free to give his attention to the Maori field. The visits have revealed many problems and confirmed impressions gained by less intensive visits in the past. The outstanding conclusion is that our people greatly value the contacts we are able to bring from the Church at large and they are eager for more frequent pastoral contacts everywhere. Our staff are all working under high pressure and the work is full of opportunity. There are definite signs of encouragement. It is too early as yet for a clear analysis of the impressions to be set out in detail and the visits have thus far been chiefly to meet the people and survey the work in general.

Waikato Appointment:

The Board desires the principle of the appointment to be confirmed, but in the light of the Stationing needs we shall not press for an appointment at this Conference.

Statistics:

A statistical schedule was circulated to all Maori Circuit Ministers and Deaconesses. These were collated in each Circuit by the Circuit Superintendent and presented to District Synods and through them to the General Statistical Secretary. They reveal a wide coverage of families and a vast network of activities. As reported at last Conference, membership is not an easy matter to classify in the Maori work as all Maoris consider that Baptism makes them members of the Church concerned, and unless they definitely leave the Church and join another, they are members still of the Church of their baptism. The whole conception of Church Membership and its responsibilities and privileges is being presented to them at every opportunity. The ministers have been instructed to mark particularly on their rolls all those who have been received into full Membership on profession of faith. The holding of Reception Services for groups of people has meant a great deal in several settlements this year; and this will be extended as the opportunity presents itself. The total of 8962 members, and 2689 families under pastoral care are all checked within the Districts.

THE GENERAL WORK

Deputations:

We desire to express our special thanks to all who have assisted during the year in local Deputation arrangements. Especially would we mention Rev B. H. Riseley, who did most of South Canterbury. We thank also District Home Mission Secretaries and some of the Men's Fellowships who carried a great deal of responsibility, thus releasing Mr Laurensen and Mr Chrystall for their other duties.

Some Districts, however, did not consider that Deputations or interchange of preachers for Home Mission Sunday would be justified. We regret this and would urge the real necessity of making the Home Mission effort really significant. We are disturbed that in the South Island, of 55 Circuits that have so far completed their efforts, 36 are down on last year, and only 19 show an increase.

The Financial Position:

We would request Conference to direct that every Circuit conducting local budget schemes, carry an adequate allocation for the Home Mission Fund, and that all Circuits treat the target seriously. We would point out that the target sent out to Circuits after

Conference, represents the actual amount needed for the year, and failure to meet any target means definite loss on the year, and further increase in the Home Mission Overdraft.

The Bookroom:

At the last meeting of the Literature and Colporteur Committee, Mr H. J. Beavis, who has been on our Bookroom staff as Assistant Manager, and later as Manager, for a total term of twelve years, intimated that on medical advice he is compelled to resign from this position, as from the 1st of November. This has been noted with regret and steps are being taken to seek a suitable successor. Under Mr Beavis's leadership, the business of the Bookroom has steadily grown and it is now a recognised feature of our Church activity.

Order of St Stephen:

We are grateful for a splendid year of service under the Order of St Stephen given by Mr Peter Stubbs, at Abbotsford, Dunedin.

Home Missionaries' Study Conference:

The Board intends holding the Home Missionaries' Study Conference in the May School Vacation, and we desire again that in every District the Chairman should facilitate the attendance of all Home Missionaries for the full period of the Conference.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

JOSEPH C. DRAPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the financial statements of the General Account of the Home Mission Department, the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board, the Methodist Mission Property Trustees, the Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted.
(b) That the matter of the Auditor's Certificate and recommendation be referred to the President and his Committee of Advice, for consideration and decision.
3. That Conference approve as a statement of the present law of the Church the section on "Rights and Privileges of a Home Missionary Supply," except for the last paragraph which is received only.
4. That the Law Revision Committee examine the Law of the Church concerning lay representation as it affects all workers in the full-time service of the Church in pastoral appointments.
5. That the Rev G. I. Laursen be appointed for a further term of six years as General Superintendent.
6. That the Rev B. M. Chrystall, B.A., be appointed as Assistant Superintendent for a further twelve months.
7. That the Rev J. A. Penman, B.A., be designated for appointment by Conference, 1958, as Assistant Superintendent for a term of three years.
8. That the Treasurers, Rev B. M. Chrystall, B.A., and Mr H. M. Patrick, M.V.O., be thanked for their services and reappointed.
9. **Senior Home Missionaries:** That Revs H. Prowse and F. D. Peterson be granted the status of Senior Home Missionaries.
10. That Conference express its sincere thanks to Mr H. J.

Beavis for his services to the Church as Manager of Epworth Book-room (Auckland).

11. **Home Missionaries' Study Conference:** That all Districts be requested to co-operate fully in facilitating the attendance of all Home Missionaries at the Home Missionaries' Study Conference for the full period of the Conference.

12. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1958 be received and adopted.

13. **Home Mission Fund Finances:** That Conference, in recognising the serious need for a lift in Home Mission Income to meet the increasing costs of the work, direct all Circuits conducting budget canvasses to incorporate in their budgets an adequate and increasing allocation for the Home Mission Fund, and request all Circuits to recognise the Home Mission Targets as the actual amount needed to cover the authorised expenditure.

14. That the Auditor of the Home Mission Department Accounts, Mr W. A. Smith, and the Auditor of the Accounts of the Literature and Colporteur Society, Mr R. N. Cook, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

15. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to all who have assisted the work of the Department during the year, especially the voluntary Deputations, and the District and Circuit Home Missionary Secretaries and Committees.

16. That the District Home Mission Conveners be as follows:
NORTHLAND: Rev N. W. Olds.

AUCKLAND: Rev G. T. Gilbert.

FRANKLIN SUB-DISTRICT: Rev W. Lloyd Divers.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev C. H. Bell, B.A.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev J. M. Blight.

WANGANUI SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev J. H. Thompson.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Mr I. E. Funnell.

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev H. C. Matthews, B.A.

WELLINGTON: Rev I. J. Ruck.

NELSON: Rev H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev W. J. Henderson.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev C. D. Clark, B.A.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev O. T. Woodfield.

17. That the Board for 1958 be as printed on page 11 herein.

QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission Report

FOR 1957.

We thank our Heavenly Father for many blessings and some real encouragement in our Maori field this year. It has been a full and busy year.

Last year we presented a long and detailed survey of our Maori work. This survey was brought up to date in the light of Conference decisions and printed in full in our published Annual Report. It should prove a valuable source of reference for a long time to come.

Obituary:

Once more we have to report a sad and heavy loss to our

work in the sudden death of Rev Matarae Tauroa, at Te Patunga, Kaeo. Mr Tauroa was a Supernumerary minister who last Conference had the joy of sharing in the Ordination of his son to the full work of the ministry. We greatly miss our brother at a time when his experience and gifts would have been invaluable to the younger men. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and family.

A further loss during last Christmas period was that of Mr Rameka Eru, an elderly Senior Maori Home Missionary in Hokianga.

Rev H. A. Darvill:

Last Conference appointed Rev H. A. Darvill to Hawera to be Acting-Superintendent of the Taranaki - Waimarino Maori Circuit. We wish to record our gratification that the people have given such a warm and encouraging reception to this appointment. Mr Darvill has started very well indeed and we pray for him a most rewarding and effective ministry there.

The Young Maori Ministers:

Our three young Ordained Maori Ministers have all made an excellent start in their Circuits and we have many indications that while they are as yet feeling their way into the full pattern of Maori Mission life, they are winning the trust and respect of their people, and as they gain experience they should prove a very effective team.

Waikato Circuit:

We again pay our tribute to the helpful service being rendered to the work by our "Kaumatua," Rev A. J. Seamer. He is Acting-Superintendent of the Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits and "Father" to the Hostels in Hamilton. His advice both to Mission staff and to Maori folk from a wide area is eagerly sought and greatly appreciated.

The Circuit work in the Waikato is requiring an addition to the staff to gain a knowledge of its detailed organisation and to become conversant with the pattern of the Maori work.

There are several very promising Maori youths whose thoughts are turning firmly towards the ministry, and with the co-operation of Wesley College we hope to be able to bring them forward as candidates for the full work of the ministry. Until sufficient Maori Ministers are trained, we need to ask for the appointment of a suitable Pakeha to bridge the gap between trained Maori ministers and the Maori Circuit needs. We will be recommending to Conference such an appointment to the Waikato Maori Circuit.

General Superintendent's Travelling:

At the time of preparation of this report the General Superintendent has completed a series of brief but detailed visits to each Maori Circuit. He has found much appreciation of the visits, among both staff and Maori folk in general and he reports that the experience thus far fully warrants the continuance of this special emphasis into next Connexional year, as decided by last Conference.

South Island:

Negotiations are in train with Mr Wera Couch for a series of visits by him to the South Island Maori Settlements. We commend him to our ministers and people. His experience should enable him to build very helpful contacts between the South Island Maori families and our Church life.

M.W.M.U.:

We again express our deep appreciation of the valuable help given so willingly to our work by the M.W.M.U.

Maataapuna:

We have found it necessary to discontinue for the present the publication of our Maori-English Magazine. The need is there but it is difficult to carry such a venture in our scattered districts. We must continue some method of bringing news and information to our Maori families, and within the Circuits proposals are being considered for establishing Circuit News-letters with possibly an annual issue of "Maataapuna" to serve the whole Mission area.

Relationships with the Pakeha Work:

In addition to the proposals outlined in last year's report we would appeal to our Pakeha Churches to endeavour to co-operate with our Maori Mission staff in supplying voluntary helpers for transport and for Sunday School teaching. Various sects are today making great inroads into our work because every member of their sect is an evangelist or is ready to offer assistance with cars to gather our people and take them to their gatherings. This lay effort is a great challenge to our own laity.

Conclusion:

We commend this work to the continued prayerful support of our Church.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

JOSEPH C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev H. A. Darvill be appointed as Missionary in Maori work for a further term of three years.
3. That Conference affirm the principle of the appointment of a (European) minister to the Waikato Maori Circuit.
4. That the following be referred to the Home Mission Department for consideration: "That the travelling allowances of Deaconesses be met by the Department, and that the proceeds of the sale of any articles (as, eg., used clothing) be paid into the department."
5. That the attention of the Law Revision Committee be drawn to Par. 3, Section (c) of the Supplementary Report on the Maori Mission work on Page 148 of the 1956 Minutes of Conference so that appropriate action may be taken to bring the question, "What is the report of the Maori Mission within the District?" on to the Synod Agenda.

QUESTION LII—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

A—N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

Report for 1957.

The National Executive met in Wellington, on May 6, 1957, and the President of the Conference presided. The Hon Minister of Health, Mr J. R. Hanan, addressed the meeting on matters of immigration, child welfare, the problems of the elderly people, hospitalisation, and the mentally sick.

Constitutional Matters:

Vice President and Lay Treasurer. The Meeting expressed its approval in principle of the attendance of the Vice President of

the Conference, and the Lay Treasurer of the Association if he or she wished to attend the Annual Meeting. These appointments automatically fill the Laymen's representation in the District in which they are situated.

Compassionate Immigration: The Association was prepared to accept its share of the 'hard core refugees' in our Institutions.

Budget Committee: Resolved that this M.S.S.A. urge that in all budget systems instituted within the Church, sufficient flexibility be safeguarded to allow for continued publicity from all departments, and for spontaneous individual special gifts outside the budget pledges.

Children's Homes: The new building had been successfully completed at Auckland. The two areas of land at Mount Albert and Epsom had been leased, and would bring in revenue in perpetuity. The orphanage was full and there was also a good staff. At Masterton a new recreational hall was proposed, and the 10s subsidy had meant a further £700 a year. A new Master and Matron had been appointed at Christchurch.

Te Atatu Hostel: The future of the Te Atatu Hostel was under consideration, and the suggestion of re-establishment closer to the Centre of the City was referred to the appropriate Boards.

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Wellington: The matter of acquiring the Pendennis Hostel in Wellington, as well as procedure in regard to the Maori Boys' Hostel in New Plymouth were approved in principle. The Social Service Trust at Wellington had been enlarged by experienced laymen from Wellington circuits. Plans for a new ward and hospital at Wesley Haven had been approved. Agreement had been reached on the basis of partnership with the Hebrew Deckston Trust which has been recorded in legal form, now acceptable to both parties. Another partnership in the scheme would be the Church of Christ Ladies Auxiliary.

Auckland: Ten cottages, including nine double and fourteen single units to be known as 'Leigh Haven' on the Mount Albert site was approved, together with a completely new hospital at Mount Eden.

The principle of using existing hostels for dinner, bed and breakfast in the holiday seasons was approved. Steps were being taken to amend the law so that multi-storey buildings, containing Churches and Sunday Schools could have assessable and non-assessable portions for rating purposes.

Christchurch: At Christchurch, the Cambridge Terrace and Mission folk were working happily together. The new Hospital wing at Wesley Lodge was in the course of construction. A new Maori Boys Hostel was now re-housed in a two storey building.

Dunedin: Improvements to the Eventide Home, a New Hostel scheme, new Centre at the Octagon, and a hospital wing at Wesley Manor were approved.

J. R. McKenzie Trust: Members were advised that each Board should apply direct to the Secretary of the Trust, P.O. Box 5006, Lambton Quay, Wellington, C.1.

Social Security Benefits: Many enquiries had been made regarding the adequacy or otherwise of Social Security Benefits. In general, married couples could manage. Single people had already had their pensions increased, and with an extra 15s per week from the Special Assistance Fund, together with a clothing grant, and

assistance from the Old People's Welfare Committees, there was no recommendation made.

Hostel Appeal Allocation: It was resolved that the Appeal which is to be held in June, 1957, should be divided as follows:—
Dunedin 40 per cent.
Wellington 40 per cent.
Christchurch 20 per cent.

Legal Information re Awards and Terms of Employment:

(a) The meeting decided that the legal advisers of our various institutions which are engaged in institutional work, be asked to confer with Mr H. de R. Flesher, with a view to elucidating its relationships to awards and terms of employment.

(b) That the President be asked to consult with his legal adviser and report to the Chairman of the M.S.S.A. for information only, concerning the relationship of all our institutions to the employment of labour and their relation to the Awards of the Arbitration Court, and further to include a report concerning the Constitution of our Institutions in relation to what is a true religious and charitable organisation.

It is desirable not to allow ourselves to be controlled by the Labour Department regulations, but that we must meet the ruling standards in Wages and Conditions, and that we have a right to expect a 'plus' from those giving Christian service.

Chaplains and Church Institutions:

Where a Social Service of any kind is situated within the bounds of a particular Circuit there should be a clear cut decision whether a minister of that Circuit is the Chaplain or the Superintendent of that particular Social Service. Chaplains should be nominated by the Mission, Church or Department concerned and approved by the Standing Committee and Conference. The Chaplain who is appointed to an Institution shall have the individual spiritual oversight of the Institution. There should be regular visitation of guests and staff in co-operation with the Matron to conduct prayers periodically. The Chaplain should make himself available to the Institution for spiritual counsel when required.

The Association will deal with the staffing and some form of order for workers in our Institutions at next meeting.

The Report by the Commission of Central Missions will come direct to Synods and Conference.

A. EVERIL ORR,
Convener, and Official Representative of N.Z.M.S.S.A.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
- 2 (a) That the Rev A. R. Penn be official chaplain to Astley House and Tyler House.
(b) That the Rev L. P. Schroeder be official chaplain to Winstone Lodge.
(c) That the Revs R. Rogers and L. P. Schroeder be joint chaplains to Seamer House.
3. That the M.S.S.A. investigate and report to next Conference regarding Superannuation for staff members of Eventide Homes, Orphanages and similar institutions.
4. That the Rev A. E. Orr be thanked for his services and be reappointed as Convener and Official Representative of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

B—Commission on Central Missions

REPORT

QUESTION 1. What is the function of Central Mission activity within the life and economy of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

The commission is firmly convinced that there is a continuing need for the specialised ministry of Central Missions in the larger cities of New Zealand. The need remains for a Central Mission preaching function, to enable the Methodist Church to make an evangelistic break-through to the particular kind of person with whom the Central Mission has chiefly to do.

There is an urgent need for the Methodist Central Mission to act as the properly constituted agency of social relief for city Methodism; to act as the clearing-house for all applications for assistance that are made to circuit ministers—a central authority to investigate, to screen and to assess the urgency of all such appeals and to regulate the social relief work of Methodism generally in the larger cities. There is a continuing ragged edge of social need among a certain class even to-day amid times of comparative prosperity; Methodism is called to exercise her traditional social concern in this sphere in the name of Him to whom no one turned in vain.

Finally, there is that newer development of social service in this age for which Methodist Central Missions have become widely known and appreciated: the care of the aged and the infirm, children's homes, prisons and hospital chaplaincy work, hostels for youth, etc. This work of compassion belongs peculiarly to the Christian Church and our Methodist Central Missions already occupy an honoured place out of which they could not now contract without severe loss of prestige to our New Zealand Methodist Church.

QUESTION 2. What is the relation of the social service work of Methodist Central Missions to the welfare legislation of the State?

While the commission recognises with gratitude and appreciation all that the State has done and continues to do to improve the economic and social conditions of the community, it records its conviction that there is still a vital place for distinctively Christian social service in the community, ancillary to the State's programme of welfare legislation. There are occasions of acute distress sometimes for individual persons and for families—circumstances of distress for which the slower moving social concern of State departments is unable to provide—and this kind of urgent assistance falls within the ministry of the Central Mission.

In terms of the total Christian witness and evangelism of the Methodist Church, there must always be a place for the demonstration of social concern and of specific works of compassion; the Central Mission is obviously the organisation within Methodism best suited to make this witness to the community.

There are Methodist young people who may seek to express their sense of Christian vocation in some form of social service; the Central Mission organisation within the Church can provide opportunities for such dedicated service and if these opportunities are not so provided somewhere in the economy of Methodism, our young people are tempted to seek them outside our own fellowship.

QUESTION 3. The cost of providing suitable buildings and plant for modern social service work has become the largest capital expenditure item of our Methodist economy: ought there to be any limiting principle observed in the matter of the amount of finance involved in this kind of undertaking or in the objects for which such finance is raised?

The commission would point out that the State assumes a large amount of financial responsibility to-day for all approved social service work undertaken by the churches, so that where large sums are mentioned for capital expenditure in Central Mission work in Methodism, it is quite erroneous to assume that such money is being raised from within our Methodist economy only; that is not so. The State is a generous participant in all our major Central Mission projects. Even in the matter of current maintenance costs to-day of Methodist Central Missions, there is evidence to suggest that there is a greater sum received for this work from sources outside the church than from within the church economy.

The situation could arise where too many social service projects are opened up than our resources are capable of meeting or available personnel could adequately staff, but the commission is of the opinion that our men in charge of Central Missions are aware of this hazard and are exercising caution in this respect.

The commission believes that the answer to this kind of problem is to be found in a strong policy of building endowment so that along with the provision of facilities for Central Mission activity, a block of buildings may also produce revenue through rentals and letting which would greatly assist Central Mission finances.

QUESTION 4. What are the practical conditions of the relationship between city Methodist churches or circuits and the social service work of Central Missions?

What are the responsibilities of circuits towards a Central Mission in their synodal district?

The commission is aware of the fact that the Conference has approved in principle the proposal for a connexional and local Budget System of Church finance, but affirms its opinion that the right of a Central Mission, a right laid down by church law and conference resolution, to appeal to circuits for financial assistance is something that may not be challenged by any minister or circuit official. Superintendent ministers and circuit officials may need to have their attention called to this fact. Areas of responsibility have been defined: Auckland-South Auckland; Wellington-Hawkes Bay-Manawatu-Taranaki; Canterbury-Nelson; and Otago-Southland.

The commission considers that it devolves as a matter of duty as of courtesy upon the missionary in any area to give due notice to all circuit superintendents of his itinerary or his intention to make a special visit. It is equally an obligation on the part of circuit ministers to co-operate with the missionary and in courtesy and helpfulness grant him such opportunities as he may desire for presenting his appeal to Methodist persons or to congregations.

The commission is firmly of the opinion that this special right of approach and of entry of the missionary of our Central Mission work must on no account be infringed by circuits seeking to develop local social service projects of their own. No circuit has any authority to make an appeal for a social service project of its own to any other circuit or to Methodist people outside its

own boundary, except with the express permission of the Conference.

The commission supports the point of view of the Methodist Social Service Association that no new project or major extension of social service, involving capital expenditure or requiring continued support, should be commenced without the approval of the Executive Committee of the M.S.S.A. and the Conference.

The commission is of the opinion that there ought to be at all times as much co-ordination as possible between financial appeals by Central Missions and circuit and other connexional appeals. Lack of foresight in long term planning in these matters can lead only to competition and conflict of interests among the various financial claims of the whole church; this kind of situation leads easily to annoyance at the local congregation level and prejudices the success of all the appeals of the church.

L. GORDON HANNA, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Commission be reappointed and the Report referred back for further consideration and for evidence to be sought from a wider Circuit representation.

C—City Missions

REPORTS 1957.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

Devotional Life:

There has been an increase in attendances at public worship and the youth work is well maintained.

Homes and Hospital:

(a) Astley House. A new wing, which was officially opened on May 25 provides a total accommodation for 56 guests and staff.

(b) Tyler House: Officially opened in November 1956, is fully occupied, and it will be necessary for a further wing to accommodate men whose health is in a weak state. Sister Margaret Frampton has been appointed Matron. These two projects have cost approximately £70,000.

Leigh Haven:

Ten separate homes of two and three self contained units are to be erected for the accommodation of aged couples, elderly single women and men. The cost will be £64,000 towards which the Hospital Board is making a special grant and a Government subsidy will be available. With the completion of "Leigh Haven" the Trustees will have expended about £170,000 on this site.

Wesley Convalescent Hospital:

A new hospital is to be erected on the present site, probably using the present hospital as a nurses home and administration. A surgical and Medical wing is also under consideration. There would be a Government subsidy on the project.

Campbells Bay Health Camp and Waiheke Holiday House:

The work continues at the Health Camp and the Waiheke property leased for a period of five years but provision made for cottages to be erected to provide holidays for family groups.

Winstone Lodge:

Mrs M. Wood has been appointed Matron and there are 30 girls in residence.

New Building Scheme:

The fund has been augmented and now stands at £160,000. A further £90,000 is required. Building will commence in 1960.

Finance:

Two legacies have been received: £50 from the A. H. Weaver Estate, and the anonymous gift of a house at Grey Lynn.

PONSONBY**The Christian Community Centre:**

The spiritual work at St Johns continues and 25 people were recently received into Church Membership. Youth work and clubs are maintained for all ages and nationalities. Elderly people living in single rooms and married couples on pensions continue to receive physical and spiritual help. A successful Christmas pageant was presented in the Auckland Domain, and a Christmas Day Carol Service was held in Albert Park. Youth Opportunity Hostel and 19 acres of land surveyed into over 50 sections is to be offered for sale, and the Hostel scheme will be transferred to a site nearer the city. The 80th Anniversary of St Johns will provide opportunity to liquidate the remaining debt on the recent Church renovations.

CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION:**Eventide Homes:**

43 aged people are cared for in the two homes, Wesley Lodge (Christchurch) and Wesley House (Picton). The properties are in good order and being well maintained.

Wesley Hospital:

Built as a wing to Wesley Lodge the Hospital will accommodate 18 patients. One Ward has been named the "Harold Sharp Ward" in Memory of the late Rev Harold Sharp. The amount of the Hospital contract is £31,829. A further £3000 will be expended in furniture and equipment in addition to moneys already used for this purpose.

Maori Hostel:

A new property situated in Springfield Road was purchased at a cost of £6500 for our Maori Hostel work. The Stanmore Road Hostel is on the market. The official opening of the new hostel was held on April 13.

Social Relief:

Through the Goodwill Store, Hot Meals' Service and the provision of accommodation, clothing and finance where necessary, the social relief work of the Mission has continued.

Amalgamation:

After consultations it has been agreed to recommend to Conference that Cambridge Terrace Circuit and the Central Mission be united under the title, "Cambridge Terrace Methodist Central Mission" with the sub-title, "Central Mission, Christchurch" to be used in Social Service Appeals and publicity. The new cause shall be controlled by a Board of Management as provided in the Law Book. The staffing recommended is two Ordained Ministers and one Deaconess, the City Missioner to be the Superintendent.

Staffing and Administration:

In addition to the Superintendent and Deaconess there is a Social Service Secretary, a Public Liaison Officer, who is responsible

also for the bookkeeping, and also a Field Officer. Much of the work of the Board is carried out through sub-committees which manage the affairs of each department. The work and interest of the Conveners has made for greater efficiency in each branch of the work.

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Central Church and Mission:

The witness and work of the Mission has been maintained during the absence of the Superintendent on his various duties as President of Conference. A combined canvass by the Wells Organisation has made the Circuit financially independent.

Extension Work:

Plans for the Waverley extension continue and it is intended to build a Church Hall there. A section at Frankton (near Queens-town) now stands in the name of the C.M.C.M. and awaits further consideration regarding its use.

Social Services:

Each of the three main institutions, the Eventide Home and Hospital, Wesley Manor and the Dunedin Citizen's Day Nursery, is now in the charge of an experienced and certificated Matron. The general staffing position of the geriatric work still presents some difficulties.

Negotiations with a view to establishing a Home for the Aged at Timaru are proceeding and a draft constitution is under consideration for the administration which will be under the Methodist and Church of England Communions.

The Dunedin Hostel is now administered by the C.M.C.M. and a forward Hostel policy is necessary and immediate action contemplated.

Rebuilding Project:

Rebuilding on the Octagon site is one of the main concerns of the C.M.C.M., the present buildings being in a serious state of disrepair and inadequate for the Church's work and witness. To this task of rebuilding the Church must commit itself in the spirit of sacrifice and dedication.

WESLEY CHURCH (WELLINGTON CENTRAL) Social Services Trust (Inc.)

Hospital and Ward Block:

Work on the new buildings will soon commence. An appeal is being made for £5000 from the District for 1957-59.

The Jewish Block:

Negotiations have been made with the Deckston Hebrew Trust for a Jewish accommodation block as a unit within Wesleyhaven, and under the final control of the Wesleyhaven Trust.

Thanks:

Many voluntary workers, especially the Women's Committee and the Trustees, have given great assistance in the development of Wesleyhaven.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports from Auckland Central Mission, Ponsonby, Christchurch Central Mission, Dunedin, and Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust be received and adopted.

2. That this Conference hereby approves of the establishment of an Anglican-Methodist Old Peoples' Home at Timaru and confirms the incorporation of the Anglican-Methodist Old Peoples' Home (Timaru) Trust Board under the Religious, Charitable and

Educational Trusts Act in accordance with the constitution approved by the Social Service Council of the Diocese of Christchurch and the South Canterbury, Otago-Southland Area Committees of the M.S.S.A.

3. That the Boards of Management of Central Missions be as follows:

(a) **Auckland:** Superintendent Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of the District, Revs E. W. Hames, L. R. Gilmore, Dr H. Ranston, L. B. Neale, A. J. Seamer, Wesley Parker, and the Ministers of the Takapuna, Mount Albert and Remuera Churches; Mesdames M. Spurge, I. Sweetapple, J. Tyler, E. Mills and Miss E. Booth, Sir William Jordan, Messrs A. E. Hayman, A. E. Cashmore, J. Trenwith, L. J. Moor, F. Penn, E. A. Astley, R. T. Garlick, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey, W. Woodward, A. H. Winstone, R. Simpson and N. Mee, together with the Circuit Officials and Trustees of the Mission properties.

(b) **Christchurch:** Revs W. E. Falkingham, H. G. Brown, H. L. Fiebig, A. K. Petch, V. R. Jamieson, W. T. Blight, C. D. Clark, L. W. Willing, J. C. A. Williams, A. O. Harris; Mrs R. A. Marsh, Sister Doreen Bulford; Messrs G. S. Salter, F. G. Colechin, P. A. Le Brun, N. J. Hillary, Dr S. C. Peddie, and Circuit Officials.

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

REPORT FOR 1957

One student has been in training this year, and although there have been certain difficulties in working on her own, she has acquitted herself with satisfaction to all concerned. It is very gratifying to know that four young women will be sitting the Examination for entry in 1958.

The House, under the guidance of Mrs Gauntlett has continued to exercise an influence for the Kingdom. Mrs Gauntlett has had another year of heavy responsibility and the Board is deeply indebted to her. We would express appreciation of the widening interest in the work of the House, the generosity of the Ladies Guilds and other interested friends in its maintenance.

Jubilee of the Order:

The highlight of the year has been the Jubilee Celebration when over 50 Deaconesses and Ex-Deaconesses gathered in Deaconess House for a full programme. The Methodist women of Canterbury made it possible for us to entertain the whole Convocation for the three days. This included some outstanding social functions. We wish to inform the whole Church of this generous gesture to the Deaconess Order. Under the excellent leadership of the Vice-President of the Conference. Sister Rita Snowden who was also the President of the Convocation the whole proceedings brought inspiration to all. The Jubilee was also of great benefit to Board members who were impressed with the variety of fields of service represented in the Order as well as the quality and devotion of its members.

Jubilee Brochure:

The Board prepared a small publication setting out the history of the Order over the years. We express appreciation to Sister Ruth Fawcett for preparing the initial draft, and the Rev A. O.

Harris for his painstaking work in getting the material ready for the press.

Deaconess House:

The property has been inspected by the Building Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund. Certain alterations are to be made. The building is in a satisfactory state of repair, for the period the Board needs the House in the present locality. The area is being absorbed by commercial interests, but there is no immediate need to move to another site.

Rev A. H. Fowles:

The Board wishes to pay tribute to the service of the Rev A. H. Fowles who for 20 years was a Lecturer in Deaconess House. For many years he lectured in four subjects. Upon his retirement, the Board expressed sincere thanks for such splendid service.

Curriculum:

The whole course of training has been under review for some time and the Board has prepared a new curriculum to commence in 1958. This will be submitted to the Examination Committee of Conference.

Conference Resolution:

1956 Minutes of Conference, page 165, Res. 3.

This resolution has received careful consideration and the Board desires to maintain the present position as outlined in the Law Book, page 121, paragraph 12

This decision has been based on the experience of the Board during the years when the age of entry was relaxed. We recognize, that each application must be taken on its merits, but at the same time remind the Church that there is an emotional and spiritual maturity required in a candidate for Deaconess work. A number of Deaconesses have to work in isolated places where they are thrown on their own resources. This, along with meeting and dealing with people, requires a maturity which only some experience of life can provide. Evidence was submitted to the Board that young women can enter the teaching and nursing profession at a much younger age than 21 years. Again, we maintain the conditions are entirely different. We recognise, however that the call to a particular sphere of service can come very early in life, and we believe that most young women who feel called to Deaconess work are prepared to accept these intervening years as important years of preparation.

Conference Resolution, Minutes of Conference, page 137. Resolution 15:

The Deaconess Board in consultation with the Home Mission Board has given consideration to the status of women Home Missionaries in relation to the status of members of the Deaconess Order. The present position is satisfactory to both Boards.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted, except for the section re "age."
2. That a Candidate for Deaconess work be of at least eighteen years of age at the date of commencement of training.

3. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the Deaconess Board and staff.

4. That thanks be expressed to Mrs C. H. Colechin and Mrs P. A. LeBrun for long and valued services on the Deaconess Board.

5. That thanks be expressed to the ex-Vice-President for presenting to many young women the claims of the Deaconess Order.

6. That the Board be as printed on page 11 herein.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Children's Homes?

Children's Homes

Auckland:

"Wesleydale" is a comfortable, modern home, with 63 girls and boys in residence with ages ranging from 3 to 18 years. Their health has been good and their school reports satisfactory. The senior boy plans to enter medical school and another is preparing to study Law. The children attend the Mt Roskill Church and combine in the various youth activities. A large storeroom for clothing, several cupboards and shelves, a vegetable storeroom and a bicycle stand have been added. The gardens are kept in good order.

19 sections at Epsom and 22 sections at Mt Albert have been leased under Glasgow lease at a total rental of £2415. The Trustees raised a mortgage of £7000 to develop the Mt Albert property, and this amount will be repaid out of rentals over the next 10 years or so.

The Board depends upon the Christmas Appeal for financial support of its work and asks that Circuits compiling their Budgets consider the claims of the Board in the giving of the people.

Masterton:

With 4 admissions and 3 departures the number in the Home is 27. The permanent staff remains the same. There have been some changes on the Committee during the year. After 35 years of continual use the property has reached the stage when some major repairs are necessary including the entire replacement of the roof and extensive plumbing repairs. Plans are being prepared for the replacement of the recreation shed, originally removed from Featherstone Camp after the 1st World War. The contribution from the Circuits this year reached a record figure of over £1100 and reflects the success of the Stewardship Campaign in many circuits. With rising maintenance costs the additional finance is most acceptable.

South Island:

There are 52 children in residence. The health of the children has been excellent. Holiday homes were secured for the children during the Christmas period, and for the first time during the May holidays, and it is hoped that this will be continued in the future.

The Master and Matron, Mr and Mrs G. Howells, tendered their resignation, on account of Mrs Howell's health. They served the Children and the Church for 7½ years and the Board fittingly acknowledged their work. Mr and Mrs N. R. Karston from Motueka have been appointed Master and Matron.

Heavy expenditure has been required in the upkeep of the buildings and the provision of better facilities within the Home.

The Combined Street Day Appeal realised £1150 as our share, and the Government Capitation Subsidy has greatly benefited the Home during the past six months. The Board has agreed to being included in the Conference scheme of budgeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Boards of Management 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 1957

The Committee reports a satisfactory year with progress in several ways.

Circulation.

There is no doubt that the most effective way of increasing the circulation of our paper is by personal effort within each congregation. Again this year we adopted the method of supplying circuit agents with a number of copies for free distribution. Over 2500 copies of a special institutional issue were sent out in April. Whereas 404 new subscribers were enrolled during the year ending April 30, we have had 178 new names for the commencement of our new year as at May 1, and are hopeful that the number of such enrolments will steadily continue.

We are still a long way from realising our aim—our Church paper in every Methodist home. Since 1937 our Church membership has risen by about 9 per cent. Our "Times" enrolment has increased in that period of twenty years by over 100 per cent. Further reference is made in another paragraph to this question of increasing our circulation.

Format.

It will be readily agreed that our subscription rate of 12s 6d is very reasonable for a fortnightly paper of 28 pages. By maintaining the subscription at as low a rate as possible, however, we put a limit on our financial resources. Within that limit, in co-operation with our printers, the best efforts are made to produce the paper in as attractive and readable form as possible. This year colour has been used on the cover pages and various typographical alterations effected.

Editorial.

While the outward appearance of a journal is important, it is by its contents that it must be judged. The Rev W. T. Blight B.A., B.D. is now in his eleventh year as Editor and during those years has served the Church in a remarkable way. The content and range of material provided issue after issue continue to be most informative, useful and inspiring. He expects to superannuate in February of next year and thus freed from circuit duties will be able to devote much more time to the paper than at present. The Committee feels that the Church is fortunate in having the benefit of his continued services in this way, and heartily recommends him for re-appointment for a further term of three years.

Finance.

On the year's operations we show a loss of £49 11s 1d. For a period our printers had to use newsprint instead of white

paper which is the reason for printing costs being slightly lower than last year. Non-recurring items in purchases of stationery required for several years, accounts for an increase in office expenditure, together with the item showing the heaviest increase, namely postages and distribution.

Law Book (Page 53).

Attention is drawn to par 8 of the Agenda for the Circuit Quarterly Meeting—(Connexional paper).

It is obvious that in many circuits very little attention is paid to this required question. When the attention of some circuit superintendents has been drawn to a serious state of arrears of subscriptions, complaints have been received from them as to why such a state of affairs was allowed by the office to continue. The fact is that complete lists are sent out at least three times a year to agents. If this question were faithfully dealt with by the Quarterly Meeting the matter would be kept under control. We emphasise the point that the asking of this question in the Quarterly Meeting is not a mere formality. It gives the opportunity of checking up on an important aspect of our Church life and of seeing that steps are taken regularly to interest our people in their own paper.

Committee:

The Committee records its appreciation of the useful contribution made by the Rev A. O. Harris, retiring member this year, who has served for eleven years.

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the Rev W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., be thanked for his valued services as Editor and that he be re-appointed for a further term of three years.
(b) That the Committee consider its policy with a view to the appointment on a part-time basis of a trained Christian journalist.
3. That the Rev C. P. Lucas be thanked for his valued services as Associate Editor during the past five years.
4. That the Rev H. S. Kings be appointed Associate Editor for the ensuing year.
5. That appreciation be expressed of the willing services of contributors of regular articles and of the valued assistance of all circuit agents.
6. That the Committee consider illustrating the front cover of the "Methodist Times" in a way that reveals to our people the facts of the Christian Faith and follow a theme such as the Christian year.
7. That the Committee be as printed on page 11 herein.

B—Board of Publications

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

The Board's publication programme has not been very extensive this year, but plans are in hand for a considerable expansion in the near future. Our greatest need still lies in the direction of getting our publications to our people. Evidence comes to us

from time to time that pamphlets issued several years ago are still in demand, simply because people have not known about them. We therefore draw attention to the resolution of last Conference urging the appointment of Literature agents in each Circuit.

The Prayer Manual:

The 1957 Prayer Manual was very well received and by mid-year the entire edition had been sold out with orders still coming in. The 1958 Manual will be available within a month of the close of Conference.

Audio-Visual Aids:

While the Board's Chairman was overseas recently, he secured tape-recordings of several of the more important addresses at the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska. These have been made available to interested Circuits.

Future Publications:

As recommended by last Conference we are proceeding with the preparation of suitable Methodist "tracts." We are also issuing shortly a booklet on "Mormonism and the Churches."

It is proposed that after each Conference significant extracts from reports be issued under the title of "Methodist Viewpoints." We are suggesting that these be paid for by the Contingent Fund and sent to Circuits for free distribution.

Methodist Times:

Until the matter of a possible merging of the "Methodist Times" with the "Presbyterian Outlook" has been finally dealt with, no progress can be made in the direction of the Board's ultimate objective of the appointment of a full-time Editor-Manager, who would also be Director of Publications. If the proposed merger takes place, it will simply mean that our policy has been fulfilled in an unexpected way. However, should negotiations break down, the Board is of one mind in keeping the Editor-Manager policy steadily in view.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

L. R. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a leaflet containing significant extracts from Conference Reports be published under the title "Methodist Viewpoints" for wide distribution among our people, the cost to be borne by the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Board of Publications consider the publication of a simple courteous inquiry leaflet which could be used in a house to house visitation, which would introduce the visitor, state his purpose, and solicit the Church affiliation of the householder.
4. That the Board of Publications be requested to investigate the suitability to New Zealand conditions of "The Tools," published by the Epworth Press, London, and if suitable, steps be taken to make them available to the whole Church.
5. That the Board be as printed on page 12 herein.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

Navy:

We have no chaplains 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:

C.M.T. CAMPS. The Rev A. Newman has completed a tour of duty at Papakura and the Rev I. J. Clucas will go into camp in September. Mr Newman has reported that the opportunity to serve in a C.M.T. Camp provided him with a satisfying sphere of labour.

N.Z. DIVISION. The Revs W. S. Dawson, D. B. Gordon and R. F. Clement have served their term of appointment and have been replaced by the Revs G. T. Gilbert, J. A. Penman and H. I. Shaw whose appointments will be for a period of three years.

CHAPLAINS' COURSE. A Chaplains' Course of Instruction has been held at Trentham; the Revs A. Newman, P. P. Rushton and C. F. Peart attended and have been Commissioned.

Air Force:

Early in the year the Rev P. D. Ramsay signified his readiness to make himself available for a Circuit appointment and will be relinquishing his Air Force appointment in February 1958. Mr Ramsay has done a worthy work as a Service Chaplain. The Committee places on record its appreciation of his work and wishes him much happiness in the Circuit to which he is to be appointed.

General:

The policy of the Government in respect to the Armed Services is being revised. At the time of making this Report the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council has not been called together; it is, therefore, not possible to give any information as to the effect of these changes in respect to Chaplains' Department. It is not possible, at this stage, to say whether there will be a request for a successor to the Rev P. D. Ramsay. The Committee begs leave to submit a supplementary Report direct to Conference.

V. R. JAMIESON,
Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev P. D. Ramsay be commended for his efficient service during his term in the R.N.Z.A.F.
3. That the Revs P. P. Rushton and C. F. Peart be commissioned as Chaplains.
4. That one Minister be released for Chaplaincy work in the Armed Services for a short term period (i.e., three years).
5. That the Rev V. R. Jamieson be thanked for his services as Senior Chaplain and reappointed.
6. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and R. Hardie Boys be thanked for their services as Treasurers and reappointed.
7. That the Rev P. P. Rushton be designated for duty in C.M.T. Camps in 1958 if required.

8. That Rev G. R. Harris be nominated as honorary chaplain to the Navy and officiating chaplain to the Army at Devonport.

9. That the Rev W. E. Moore be nominated as honorary chaplain to the Navy at Lyttelton.

10. That Synod Standing Committees make nominations of honorary chaplains to ports in their District and refer same to the Dominion Advisory Council.

11. That the Rev Harris Whitfield be congratulated on receiving the award of the Efficiency Decoration.

12. That the District Advisory Committees be:

Northern: Revs R. F. Clement, W. S. Dawson, I. J. Clucas, G. T. Gilbert, L. P. Schroeder, B. M. Chrystall, Wesley Parker, Messrs R. T. Garlick, and G. C. Riddell.

Central: Revs V. R. Jamieson, H. I. Shaw, P. D. Ramsay, L. Greenslade, Messrs T. M. Pacey, H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston, R. Hardie Boys.

Southern: Revs V. R. Jamieson, P. A. Stead, E. Baker, T. H. Carr, Messrs H. G. Smith, P. A. Le Brun, B. A. Caygill.

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)

REPORT FOR 1957.

The work of the Society is proceeding satisfactorily but much more could be done were there money and leisure to do it. During the year there have been some losses by death and resignation, but these have been made up by the enrolment of a number of new members.

1957 Proceedings:

The following is the official list of Proceedings for 1957. (The serial number differs from the figures given in the booklets, and members should make corrections accordingly):

Vol. 15 No. 1 Rawene 80th Anniversary Booklet.

Vol. 15 Nos. 2 and 3 "The Ladies of Wesleydale."

Vol. 15 No. 4. Deaconess Jubilee Booklet.

An Apology:

The appearance of Mr S. G. Macfarlane's "History of Free Methodism in New Zealand" was delayed for over a year by sheer pressure of work. It will be available by the end of 1957.

Annual Meeting:

Mr F. G. Glen will be the Lecturer at the Annual Meeting. His subject will be "Sidelights on Methodism in the Auckland area during the Maori Wars."

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.

QUESTION LVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1(A)—Church Union Committee

REPORT FOR 1957

The Church Union Committee met in Wesley Church Lounge, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on 11th July, 1953, to receive the official results of the vote upon the principle of Church Union. The President presided over an attendance of 26 members. Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year to make arrangements for the taking of the vote, to prepare an Every Member Statement, and to approve the Committee's Report, for submission to Synods and Conference.

Conference of Representatives of Joint Regional Committees:

Twenty-seven representatives of Joint Regional Committees attended the Conference called by the Joint Standing Committee at the Salvation Army Hostel at Akatarawa from 27th-28th February, 1957. While this was not a Conference on a Church representative basis it is of interest to note that there were present 11 Presbyterians, 8 Methodists, 6 members of the Church of Christ and 2 Congregationalists. Reports were received from Joint Regional Committees of action taken or contemplated to ensure that in all congregations members were acquainted with the issues involved in the vote on the principle of Church Union. Reports revealed that enthusiasm and activity varied in each locality but that the over-all situation was reasonably satisfactory. Following discussion on further suggested steps it was recommended to the Joint Standing Committee that an Every Member Statement presenting the issues at stake be prepared for circulation to members in all four denominations.

Arrangements for the Taking of the Vote:

Letters to Synod Standing Committees and to March Quarterly Meetings concerning the procedure for the taking of the vote at the district and circuit level were prepared and circulated by the Executive Committee. District Returning Officers and Scrutineers and also the Circuit Scrutineers carried out their duties with commendable enthusiasm and efficiency, and for this the Committee is most grateful. Articles setting forth the issues involved and the procedure to be adopted for the taking of the vote were published in the "Methodist Times."

Every Member Statement:

As a result of the unanimous recommendation of the Akatarawa Conference, but bearing in mind the differing situation in each of the negotiating churches, the Joint Standing Committee recommended to the Union Committees of the four Churches that each Church prepare its own statement. The time factor made it necessary for this matter to be handled in our own Church by the Executive of the Church Union Committee and the Executive's action in preparing and circulating to circuits such a statement was approved at the meeting of the Church Union Committee. Seeing that the pros and cons had been set forth in the study booklet "Shall We Unite?" the Executive Committee felt obliged to express in its statement the mind of the Conference.

Call to Prayer:

In company with members of the other negotiating Churches our people were called to observe a Special Week of Prayer from the 2nd-9th June, 1957, for Divine guidance concerning the vote on the principle of Church Union. Thanks are due to the President for his fine Call to Prayer which was read from pulpits on Sunday, 2nd June.

Results of the Vote:

The Committee reports to Synods and Conference that:

1. The issue submitted to our people was: "I am persuaded that the Methodist Church of New Zealand should seek union (should not seek union) with the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, the Congregational Churches in New Zealand, the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and with other Churches which are similarly convinced of the obligation to seek union."

2. The District and Total Returns are as follows:

	For	Ag'st	In- valid	Total Votes Cast	Total Mem- bership	P.C. of Votes Cast	P.C. of Mem- bers Voting	P.C. of Mem- bers
Home Mission ..	14	—	—	14	14	100.0	100.0	100.0
Foreign Mission Auckland ..	42	1	—	43	43	97.7	97.7	100.0
South Auckland	4,537	230	43	4,810	6,767	94.3	67.0	71.1
Taranaki - W'nui	2,301	150	10	2,461	3,433	93.6	67.0	71.1
H.B. - Manawatu	1,423	178	6	1,607	2,345	88.6	60.7	68.5
Wellington ..	1,838	223	7	2,068	2,883	88.9	63.8	71.8
Nelson ..	2,800	150	9	2,959	3,400	94.7	82.4	87.0
N'th Canterbury	1,297	104	8	1,409	1,594	92.1	81.5	88.5
S'th Canterbury	3,480	200	14	3,694	4,158	94.2	83.7	88.9
Otago - Southland	1,106	72	12	1,190	1,515	92.9	73.0	78.5
	1,875	218	17	2,110	2,527	88.9	74.2	83.5
TOTALS ..	20,713	1,526	126	22,365	28,679	92.7	72.3	78.0

3. The returns indicate the following position: 78 per cent of our members voted. Of that number 92.7 per cent voted in favour, 6.8 per cent voted against. 5 per cent votes were invalid.

The percentage of votes cast to total membership was: 72.3 per cent in favour, 5.3 per cent against, .4 per cent invalid.

4. In reporting this result the Committee believes that the vote clearly indicates that a sufficiently large majority favours that further steps be taken to negotiate with other Churches, which so desire it, with a view to formulating a possible basis of union.

It is recognised that each Church participating in the vote must determine its future procedure in the light of the vote of its own members. It is the conviction of this Committee that negotiations should continue.

Union Churches:

Reports concerning the Union Churches revealed that in almost all cases the congregational life and work was happy and vigorous. Problems concerning the questions of ministerial appointments and the furnishing of manse still present difficulties not easy of solution. It was felt that the question of the future of Union Churches would need special consideration in light of the recent vote on the principle of union.

Reciprocal Membership with the Churches of Christ:

This matter, together with the proposal of a Union Church at Burwood, and other matters held over until after the taking of the vote, were referred to the Joint Standing Committee for consideration and report.

Joint Standing Committee Report:

The report of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union unfortunately is not available this year for Synods, but will be presented to Conference.

R. DUDLEY, President.

A. K. PETCH, Convener.

B. REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE, 1957

Introduction:

The Joint Standing Committee submits the following report of its work through the year. The committee acknowledges its indebtedness to the Rev Ashleigh K. Petch, of the Methodist Church, for his leadership throughout last year as convener of the committee.

1. Joint Regional Committee Conference:

In accordance with the decisions of the four Churches in November, 1956, the Joint Standing Committee arranged in February, 1957, a conference of representatives of Joint Regional Committees together with members of the Joint Standing Committee. There were present at the conference, eleven members of the Joint Standing Committee and sixteen representatives of Joint Regional Committees. The conference reviewed the steps that had been taken throughout recent years in the movement towards Church Union and discussed the importance of the Joint Regional Committees in co-ordinating the extension work of the four Churches, especially in new housing areas. Representatives of the various committees reported on the work of their own committee and plans were made for preparing for the vote in June and for clarifying the procedure for the taking of the vote.

2. Vote Upon Principle of Church Union:

The work of the committee for this year was concentrated upon the preparation for the taking of this vote, co-ordinating the procedure for the vote and upon consideration of the results of the voting when they became available.

3. Results of Vote on Principle of Church Union:

	Members.	Votes Cast.	% of Members Voting.	Votes in Favour.	% of Votes in Favour.
Presbyterian	76,005	48,958	64.4	37,011	75.6
Methodist	28,679	22,365	78	20,713	92.7
Associated Churches of Christ	3,546	3,046	75	2,854	93.7
Congregational Union N.Z. ..	2,070	1,476	71.3	1,305	88.4
	% of Membership who Voted in Favour.	Votes Against.	% of Votes Against.	% of Membership who Voted Against.	Invalid Votes.
Presbyterian	48.7	11,622	24.4	15.3	325
Methodist	72.2	1,526	7.3	5.3	126
Associated Churches of Christ	80.5	182	6	5.1	10
Congregational Union N.Z. ..	63	155	11.6	7.5	16

4. Interpretation of Results of Voting:

A special meeting of the committee was called when the results of the vote were available and opportunity was taken for a full and

frank discussion of the significance of the results. General satisfaction was expressed at the strong support in the vote for proceeding together to find a satisfactory basis for union. It was clear, however, that tremendously important decisions had now to be made and that these decisions were of course the responsibility of each of the four Churches involved in the voting.

The committee was of the opinion that great gain would accrue from a well-prepared joint conference some time next year to survey the relationship between the Churches and to consider possible next steps. A recommendation along these lines was sent on to the Church Union Committees of the four Churches.

5. The Place of the Vote in the Accepted Programme:

The Joint Standing Committee was set up in 1951. The Churches concerned approved in 1954 a programme which consisted basically of:

- period of preparation and education,
- first vote on principle of Church Union,
- if first vote favourable, closer association amongst Churches involved and joint study to prepare acceptable basis for union.
- second vote on proposed basis.

In pursuance of this programme, the education programme was carried out; the study book, "Shall We Unite?" was prepared and widely used; Joint Regional Committees were authorised in 1954 and have since been established throughout the country; the Joint Assemblies and Conferences were held in Auckland in November, 1956, at which the representatives of the four Churches present at the United Act of Worship declared, "before God and the world, that sharing the Christian faith we do now enter into a new relationship, covenanting with God and 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."

This is the general background and setting against which the committee feels the results of the vote should be considered and the decisions for future action taken.

6. Value of the Joint Standing Committee:

Throughout the year the committee became aware of the importance and value of co-ordinating any joint activities of the four Churches, such as the simultaneous Assemblies and Conferences in November, 1956, and the vote on the Principle of Union in June, 1957, and of the necessity of providing an opportunity for representatives of the Churches to come together regularly to study together matters of common interest in the movement towards union and to grapple together with problems that arise in different ways.

7. Union Parishes:

Reports from the four Union Parishes indicate once more that relationships within each congregation are most harmonious and that in each parish progress is being made. In accordance with the decisions of the Assemblies and Conference last year the Corstorphine Union Church is now associated with Columba Presbyterian Church to form a separate parish under the Presbytery of Dunedin, and although care has been taken to preserve its union nature, no separate report is included this year.

(a) **Marchwiol:**

The work has been going on steadily. The congregation is at present engaged in a Stewardship Campaign.

During the year Communicant Membership has increased from 124 to 148; Sunday School from 300 to 344—three rooms of the public school are used for the Beginners' Department numbering over 130.

There are 53 people engaged regularly in teaching and leading of youth.

The Girls' Life Brigade has increased from 39 to 45 and Boys' Brigade from 14 to 26.

The Bible Class membership is the same as last year.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is dispensed every two months.

The finances are sound and improving—credit balance increased during year from £222 to £284.

Chief difficulties are in desire to maintain close interest in life of the three Churches involved.

The term of present minister, the Rev L. S. Dewar, a Presbyterian appointment, has been extended for one year.

(b) **Raglan:**

On January 9, 1957, the Rev R. McD. Durham, of the Congregational Church, was inducted to the charge and the congregation is happy and making progress under his ministry.

During the vacancy, just on half of the services were conducted by the lay preachers' group of the congregation.

Membership stands at 135 (including Congregational 37, Methodist 50, and Presbyterian 41). Since the end of the Church year, nine members have been received on profession of faith.

(c) **Taita—St John's Union Church:**

St John's Union Church, Taita, has just completed its tenth year as a parish. Six years ago, with the appointment of a minister of its own, the parish was assisted by substantial grants from the parent Churches. For the past year the parish has been independent of outside assistance, has met the increases in stipend and other commitments. The income for the year was £1,022.

The membership roll stands at 81, there are 7 members of Session and 11 people on the Management Committee. The Sunday School roll stands at 226, with 42 in the Bible Classes. The greatest need at the moment is for more accommodation to cope with the many youth activities.

The spirit of the congregation is a happy and cordial one and the people of St John's are convinced that they have proved that Church Union is practicable.

This parish is now vacant as the minister has been called to another charge.

(d) **Wainulomata:**

There has been great activity and development in this parish during the past year.

The small hall in Devon Street, Wellington Road area, has been completed. Regular services with increasing attendances are held and the Sunday School has commenced.

The renovation of the old church has been completed,

The new church hall is almost finished and is due to be opened in February—this is a fine building and a great deal of the work has been done by voluntary labour.

Plans have been advanced for erection of a manse and it is hoped to make a start on this project before long.

An organised Church canvass was carried out with greatly beneficial results in every field of the congregation's life.

A new Methodist appointment is expected in February.

8. **Constitution of Committee:**

Consideration has been given to the Constitution of the Joint Standing Committee, but after preliminary discussion it was decided that this matter would best be left until the purpose of the committee is clarified following the decision of the Churches as a result of the recent vote.

9. **Union Parishes:**

The committee has begun a detailed consideration of the constitution of the union parishes, having in mind on the one hand a deep sense of harmony and unity which is a notable feature of all the union parishes and on the other hand the difficulty and at times apparent frustration of endeavouring to maintain full contact and take full part in the life of the parent Churches involved in the union parish.

10. **Burwood:**

See addendum.

11. **Finance:**

The suggestion approved last year for meeting the expenses of the committee, namely contributions by Presbyterian Church £20, Methodist Church £12, Congregational Churches £4, and Associated Churches of Christ £4, has been found to be adequate and it is recommended that this arrangement be continued for the coming year.

R. S. ANDERSON,

Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express thanks to all District Returning Officers and Scrutineers and to all Circuit Scrutineers for their services in the taking of the vote.
3. That Conference, having received the results of the vote upon the principle of Church Union, declare to the other negotiating Churches that the Methodist Church desires to proceed with further negotiations.
4. That Conference welcome the resolutions of the Presbyterian Assembly requesting the Joint Standing Committee to proceed with the preparation of a Doctrinal Basis and to investigate the possibility of United Theological Training and indicate to the Union Committees of the four negotiating Churches and to the Joint Standing Committee, its ready support of these proposals.
5. (a) That Conference approve the holding, next year, of a Conference of the Union Committees of the four negotiating Churches to survey present relationships to each other and also possible next steps in negotiations.
(b) That the order of reference for the above Conference include the consideration of:
 - (i) Spheres of co-operation and common action, such as Youth Work, Missions, Social Services, etc.

(ii) Schemes of Union (e.g. South India, Ceylon, Nth. India. etc.), and Reports of Conversations on Church Union (e.g. between the Church of England and the Methodist Church in England, and between the Church of England and the Church of Scotland in Scotland).

(iii) Procedure for consultation and regular exchange of information.

(iv) Consideration of the advisability of establishing further Union Churches at this stage.

(c) That the Joint Standing Committee, in consultation with the Union Committees of the Churches concerned, be authorised to make arrangements for the Conference.

6. That the attention of Synod Standing Committees be drawn to the resolution of Conference 1954 (Mins. p.165 No. 2) regarding the establishment of Regional Joint Committees.

7. (a) That there be appointed a working Executive Committee on Church Union to be centred on Wellington.

(b) That provision be made for more adequate lay representation on the Committee.

(c) That Conference Officials (President and Vice-President and Secretary of Conference), Chairmen of Districts, Principal of the College, Heads of Departments (Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Youth and M.S.S.A.) be ex-officio members of the Church Union Committee.

8. That the Joint Standing Committee Members for 1958 be: Revs E. S. Hoddinott, G. H. Goodman, A. K. Petch, A. J. Johnston, W. F. Ford, W. R. Laws and Messrs R. H. Ellis and A. R. Dellow.

9. That the members of the Executive Committee and ex-officio members be as printed on page 10 herein.

2—Central Finance Committee

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General Appeal 1956:

This appeal was made on the same basis as for previous years—i.e. 1s 6d per member. In addition certain Districts had to raise the amounts required for their Hospital Chaplaincy. The result of the appeal was not as satisfactory as that of the 1955 appeal — £2519 8s 6d being received as against £2631 8s 9d for 1955. North Canterbury did particularly well. Three Districts, Auckland, Taranaki - Wanganui and Otago - Southland failed to reach their quotas. Auckland raised only three - quarters of its quota, Otago-Southland just over four-fifths.

On June 30, 1957 the Committee had £1168 18s 10d in hand which will enable it to make its usual distribution of one-half of the promised grants.

Matters Referred to the Committee by Conference:

(a) New Zealand Alliance and National Society on Alcoholism:

The Committee, after referring the matter to the Temperance Committee is prepared to recommend that the Grant to the New Zealand Alliance be increased to £200. This is £50 more than for 1957 and twice the amount allocated in the 1956 appeal.

The Committee is of the opinion that a grant of £25 be included in future appeals for the National Society on Alcoholism.

(b) **Grant to the Spiritual Advance Committee:**

The question of a Grant to this Committee has been carefully considered. The Spiritual Advance Committee is a Standing Committee of the Conference. No Standing Committee receives a grant from the General Appeal. Those which require financial assistance receive it from the Contingent Fund. The Central Finance Committee is of the opinion that financial assistance should be given from the Contingent Fund not from the General Appeal.

(c) **Local Preachers Association:**

This association is worthy of assistance from the Church, and it is fitting that it should receive a grant from the General Appeal.

The Committee suggests that a Grant of £50 be included in future appeals. It is realised that this is only a token payment but in view of the fact that the Church will be required to meet additional amounts for present beneficiaries of the fund the Committee cannot recommend a larger grant.

(d) **Finance for Tours of Overseas Official Visitors:**

Further consideration of this matter will be given after more information is received from the Spiritual Advance Committee.

Budget for 1958 Appeal:

The Committee submits the following Budget:—

Trinity College	£1000
National Council of Churches	375
Council for Christian Education	200
Armed Forces Chaplaincy Fund	100
Local Preachers' Association	50
New Zealand Alliance	200
National Education Society on Alcoholism	25
University Chaplains:	
Auckland	30
Wellington	70
Canterbury	75
Otago	42
	— 217
	£2167

Information has been received by the Committee that the National Council of Churches and the Council for Christian Education are revising their Budgets and that our Church will be requested to increase the financial assistance given by it to these organisations.

To meet the above amounts the Committee is recommending that for the 1958 appeal the basis be 1s 9d per member.

Hospital Chaplaincy:

The amounts required in the various Districts for Hospital Chaplaincy are as follows:—

Auckland	370
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	65
Wellington	50
North Canterbury	100
Otago - Southland	30

The Committee approves of the above five amounts being raised.

WM. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.
H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statements be received and adopted, except the section on "Grant to Spiritual Advance Committee."

2. Grant to Spiritual Advance Committee:

That the Central Finance Committee arrange for the contributions from Circuits for the Spiritual Advance Committee to be received through the General Connexional Appeal, to take effect in 1959.

3. That the basis of the appeal for 1958 be 1s 9d per member plus the amount required in any District for Hospital Chaplaincy.

4. That the budget for 1958 be adopted.

5. 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:

NORTHLAND: Revs A. W. E. Silvester, A. T. Kent and D. G. Stubbs, and Messrs G. H. Lendrum, H. E. Walters, and W. J. Court.

AUCKLAND: District Chairman, Rev E. W. Hames, Rev L. R. M. Gilmore, District Financial Secretary, Messrs A. Turner, H. P. Mourant, and G. S. Gapper.

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, G. H. Goodman, R. G. Bell, C. H. Raynor, Messrs A. H. Fisher, W. N. Brewer, J. H. Oldham and L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON: District Chairman, one to be appointed; Messrs T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston, J. H. McFadden, and D. Taylor (Convener).

NELSON: District Chairman, one to be appointed; Messrs A. Thomas, 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. P. Withell and P. G. Woodnorth.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: District Chairman, Financial Secretary; Messrs J. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson and A. L. Stanton.

3—Stipend Committee

No Report called for this year.

RESOLUTION

That a Memorandum over the name of the President be addressed to Circuit Stewards and Chairmen of Departments referring to the increase in stipends as from 1st February, 1958, as resolved by Conference, 1956, and recorded in Minutes of Conference, 1956, pages 184 and 185.

4—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

Finance Assistance for Purchase of Cars:

The work of the Board for the past year has been mainly confined to the providing of finance to enable Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits to acquire cars. The Hire-Purchase restrictions imposed by Government regulation, as referred to in earlier Annual Reports, continue to operate and it has been necessary to adopt, for the most part, other means than by taking security over the vehicle to assist in providing finance for the purchase of cars on terms which are within the means of the borrowers. This has mostly been achieved by way of supporting guarantees and on behalf of the whole Church, the Board records its appreciation of the action of a number of interested laymen who have acted and are acting as guarantors.

At the present time financial assistance is being given to 21 Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits, loans totalling £5188. All obligations are being satisfactorily met. During the year, 8 new loans totalling £2417 were granted and 18 loans have been fully repaid.

Availability of Cars:

The supply position is now somewhat easier but it is necessary for an intending purchaser, as far as is possible, to anticipate his car needs and to place a firm order with the local dealer as far in advance as is practicable.

Travelling Allowances:

For several years past, Conference has adopted the Public Service scale of car travelling allowances. As from the beginning of 1957, an amended Public Service scale was announced. This provides for slight increases in the mileage allowance in some sections and the classification of motor-cars was changed from a horse-power basis to one of cylinder capacity. Overall the changes do not amount to much. They were reported in the "Methodist Times" and were then recommended to Circuits for immediate adoption. The new scale, as set out hereunder, is now submitted to Synods and Conference for adoption.

Miles per annum	CAR MILEAGE SCALE		
	Under 1000 c.c. Pence per mile	1000-2000 c.c. Pence per mile	Over 2000 c.c. Pence per mile
0-1,000	7.5	8.75	9.75
1,001-2000	6.75	7.75	8.75
2,001-3,000	6.25	7.25	8.25
3,001-4,000	6.0	7.0	8.0
4,001-5,000	5.75	6.75	7.5
5,001-6,000	5.5	6.5	7.25
6,000-7,000	5.25	6.25	7.0
7,001 and over	5.0	6.0	7.0

There is evidence of some confusion as to how the scale operates. The correct method of use is again set out by way of the following example. Assuming a medium-sized car doing 4500 miles per annum on Church work, the allowance payable would be as under:—

First 1000 miles at 8.75d per mile.....	£36	9s	2d
Second 1000 miles at 7.75d per mile	32	5s	10d
Third, 1000 miles at 7.25d per mile	30	4s	2d
Fourth 1000 miles at 7.0d per mile.....	29	3s	4d
Final 500 miles at 6.75d per mile	14	1s	3d
Total allowance for year	£142	3s	9d

Annual Accounts:

The Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1957, show an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £110 13s 6d with an Accumulated Fund of £456 10s 6d. In spite of a general increase in Interest rates, the rate charged on loans by the Board has remained unchanged at 4½ per cent. Certain Church Departments and Trusts have continued to give very practical and much appreciated assistance by depositing temporarily unused funds with the Board as under:

Foreign Missions Dept.	£3000
Youth Board	£750
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust.	£1000

Conclusion:

The Board has continued to take an active interest in the work of committees dealing with Minister's Stipends, Budget schemes, and the promotion of a better understanding of Christian Stewardship. There is still evidence that, in some quarters, Ministers and Home Missionaries are being required to operate cars for Church work at the expense of their stipends or personal resources. It is urged that in the preparation of Budget and other schemes, full provision be made by Circuits for transport and that our Ministers and Home Missionaries be relieved from this personal sacrifice and anxiety.

M. A. McDOWELL, 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 Scale of Travelling Allowances as set out in the Report be approved and that Circuits be urged loyally to adopt same.
3. That the Board be as printed on page 13 herein.

5—Closer Relations with Australia Committee

This year has been one of continued contacts with Australia and several points are worthy of mention.

The President of the Conference, Rev Dr Raymond Dudley, visited Australia and had contact with some of her mission fields, for example, New Britain. At the General Conference he advocated the setting up of a Pacific University, and pleaded for closer relations between Australia and New Zealand.

Dr Dudley's visit to the Australian Church was greatly appreciated. The following is the Resolution of the General Conference.—

"Conference records its deep appreciation of the fraternal visit of the President of the New Zealand Conference, Dr Raymond Dudley, and Mrs Dudley. The ministry of Dr Dudley has been an inspiration to the Australian Church, and the fellowship that has been shared has surely strengthened the ties that bind the two Churches together."

The General Secretary of Overseas Missions, the Rev S. G. Andrews, visited Australia in February and was present at a most important meeting when constitutional matters were discussed

regarding the New Guinea Highland field, and this area was granted District status. This joint enterprise is a major activity in closer relations.

Dr R. B. Lew, as President-General of the Australasian Methodist Church, visited New Zealand after attendance at the 9th World Methodist Conference in America, and the Rev R. W. Allardice, Chairman of our Church in Samoa, has paid a significant visit to investigate the residence and care of Samoan people in New Zealand. Their mission work is under the care of the Australian Conference.

Mention should also be made of the inclusion of Australia and New Zealand women in the World Federation of Methodist women, which movement was inaugurated with the World Council of the Methodist Church at Junaluska, September, 1956. This has resulted in the appointment of an Area Vice-President for Australasia, Mrs Raymond J. Latham. This is a field to be explored in days to come.

The George Brown Mission College is becoming of greater importance to us as more of our mission workers train there prior to going to the field.

Personal contacts continue to be of importance, and there is a growing awareness of partnership. Some ministers and laymen who have worked with the New Zealand Church are retired in Australia or still working there and these keep links vital and worthwhile.

This growing together is of profound importance for our nation as our heritage includes the Western tradition. The Asian movement toward closer Church co-operation is of the greatest import and now our official link is through the Rev Alan Brash. We are involved in the Asian revolution and our unity and mutual understanding may well be a major factor in days to come in respect to understanding and peace in the Pacific.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the past Chairman and Committee be thanked for their services.
3. That the Committee for 1958 be: Rev R. F. Clement (Chairman), the President of Conference, the Revs E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, S. G. Andrews, A. H. Scrivin, W. Walker, Wesley Parker, W. E. Allon Carr; Messrs L. W. Peak, G. S. Gapper, R. T. Garlick, T. L. Hames. Convener: Rev W. E. Allon Carr.

6—Church Finance and Stewardship Committee

REPORT FOR 1957.

Last Conference approved in principle the Committee's proposals for a Connexional and Local Budget System of Church Finance. It also directed the Committee to prepare a detailed budgeting scheme in consultation with the Boards and Departments affected and to confer with the Law Revision Committee regarding "the changes necessary in the law for an early implementing of the scheme."

The Committee has had discussions with representatives of the Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Youth Departments and the Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Guild Fellowship. Each of these bodies also supplied written statements setting out its views on budgeting, as did the Convener of the Social Services Association. In the light of the additional information thus gained, the Committee submits for consideration the following report and recommendations.

Comments on Local Church Budgeting:

There did not appear to be any real objection to the introduc-

tion of comprehensive schemes of budgeting at the Circuit level, provided that the following requirements are met:—

- (a) Such schemes are preceded by education in stewardship;
- (b) Such schemes are comprehensive;
- (c) Steps are taken to ensure that, in some way, young people are included in the financial canvass of the local church;
- (d) Provision is made for equitable sharing of budget surpluses and deficiencies amongst the various departmental funds and the local circuit;
- (e) Adequate allowances are made in schemes for contingencies;
- (f) Targets are adequate and are regarded as minima and not the upper limits to the giving of our people.
- (g) Such schemes do not interfere with the regular flow of money to departments.
- (h) Members of organizations are not debarred from raising, within their own ranks or from those outside the church circle, funds for minor expenditure (Women's Guild Fellowship).
- (i) The introduction of such schemes does not rule out entirely "appeals for special needs in its programme of work" (Home Mission Department).
- (j) The introduction of such schemes does not take away from a City Mission the privilege of appeal in its own district area—to Church members, to the general public, to trusts and to organizations (Social Services Assn.).

The M.W.M.U. was, for a number of good reasons, concerned lest Missionary Auxiliaries should be forced by Circuits to come completely into local budget schemes. It stated "there are several departments and accounts in our Union that we feel will not be able to be part of any budget scheme." It was also perturbed about the lack of uniformity of treatment of Auxiliaries in schemes already introduced.

The Church Finance and Stewardship Committee agrees that the requirements numbered (a) to (g) above should be met by any schemes of local budgeting. Whilst appreciating the special circumstances of Ladies' Guilds (see (h) above), the Committee considers that they should be encouraged to come within the budget schemes, except for their own internal incidental expenss. With regard to (i) and (j) the Committee considers that the "special needs" of departments should be taken care of by building up reserves over a period of years. This could be done by providing each year in the departmental budgets a reasonable amount for contingencies. Such an approach is preferable to a special appeal throughout the connexion whenever something unusual arises. The Committee is also of the opinion that the needs of City Missions, insofar as they are met by the Circuit giving, should be included in the annual budget and distributed equitably amongst circuits in the district on an annual basis. Nothing of what has been just stated is, of course, intended to mean that departments and City Missions should be debarred from making direct appeals to select individuals.

The Committee is of the opinion that Women's Missionary Auxiliaries should be allowed to decide for themselves whether they wish to come in to local budget schemes.

Developments in Local Church Finance:

A questionnaire on local budgeting schemes was sent to Superintendents of Circuits in March, 1957. The 89 replies received

revealed that 29 circuits were operating or had recently operated some budget scheme, while a further 20 were about to commence or were considering such a scheme.

Of the Circuits which replied to the questionnaire, 6 completed "Wells" schemes and 3 tried an "Every Methodist Canvass" scheme. In respect of each scheme one Circuit was doubtful whether it would use the same method again, while the remaining 7 would repeat. The Committee has now disposed of almost 100 sets of the "Every Methodist Canvass" material. There is a growing interest in this method of fund-raising.

From what the Committee has learnt during the past twelve months, it is clear that before long a majority of circuits will be operating a comprehensive local budget scheme of some kind or other. The Committee has not itself so far produced a special N.Z. Methodist budgetary or fund-raising scheme. It has had to content itself with supplying information regarding established schemes. These appear to be satisfactory, provided the local Churches or Circuits in introducing them meet the requirements mentioned in the last two paragraphs of the previous section of this report. The Committee hopes to be able to report further on this matter to Conference.

Comments on Connexional Budgeting:

Boards and departments showed themselves more concerned about the suggested Connexional Budgeting scheme than they were about local budgeting schemes. The main points made were:

(a) There was need for considerable flexibility to allow for unpredictable rises in costs on the mission fields and also to cover special and changing needs.

(b) The introduction of the new scheme should not take place until the organisation has been properly worked out and education of our people undertaken, including the presentation of sample budgets for individual circuits, enabling them to see what would be required of them.

(c) Departmental budgets should be presented individually for Conference approval, not presented to Conference in a composite form after review by a representative committee as was suggested in last year's report; in other words, the representative committee should not be a controlling or approving one, merely a co-ordinating one.

(d) Provision should exist for moneys from legacies and other special gifts to go direct to departments, outside the approved budget; likewise gifts made at Youth Conferences and camps.

(e) In fixing individual allocations it should be remembered that capacity to give varies from circuit to circuit, apart from differences in membership.

(f) Care should be taken not to weaken personal links between circuits and departmental representatives.

(g) The necessity of keeping trading activities outside the budget scheme.

(h) The amounts received as a result of budget appeals should go direct from circuits to departments, not through the District Financial Secretary or through a central headquarters.

Suggested Connexional Budget Scheme:

Bearing in mind the views of boards and departments, as set out above, the Committee suggests the adoption, from February 1, 1960, of a connexional budget scheme to embrace funds raised from Circuits for the following—

- (a) Home and Maori Mission Department.
- (b) Foreign Mission Department.
- (c) Youth Department.
- (d) Orphanages and Children's Homes.
- (e) City Missions.
- (f) Combined Connexional Appeal.
- (g) Connexional Levies.
- (h) Such other special funds as may be established from time to time.

It is proposed that each of the above should submit to Conference each year details of funds which it requires during the next twelve months from Circuit sources in the ordinary way, i.e. other than by direct approach to selected individuals or through legacies and other special gifts. These estimates would be given preliminary consideration by a representative Conference committee, to ensure that the total amount required of Circuits was within their reasonable ability to meet. Then after approval by Conference, the committee (or some other standing committee, such as the Central Finance Committee) would have the responsibility of breaking down the estimates into District assessments, but with sufficient detail to indicate the district assessment under each fund.

Each Synod Standing Committee (or the District Finance Committee) would be responsible for breaking down its district figures into Circuit assessments in respect of each agency, and also for ensuring that details reach Circuits without delay. The Standing Committee might find it necessary to make a small levy on Circuits for Committee expenses. This would be added to the assessments before they were issued to Circuits.

To enable Circuits to know what amounts to include in their local budgets on account of the above agencies, it would be necessary for each agency to budget some 27 months in advance. For example, amounts to be allocated to Circuits during the first year of the new scheme, the period February 1, 1960 to January 31 1961, would need to be submitted for approval of Conference in November, 1958. This may present some difficulties, but should not be insuperable in view of the limited extent of budgeting involved, especially if a fairly substantial sum is allowed each year for contingencies.

The Committee agrees that amounts raised by individual Circuits for each agency should be sent by the Circuits direct to that agency and not through District Financial Secretaries or through the central committee. If necessary, it might, however, be desirable to use the Secretaries or the central committee to do the follow-up work where Circuits failed to meet their assessments.

Circuit Assessments Under Connexional Budget:

It was suggested by the Home Mission Department that the Committee should include in this report sample local budgets to give Circuits some idea of what they might be called upon to find for connexional purposes. Budgets showing the provision being made for connexional requirements by seven representative Circuits for 1957 appear below. In studying them it should be remembered that individual circuit assessments cannot be worked out on a membership basis alone. They will vary according to a number of factors particularly on account of differences in inherent capacity to give.

According to information supplied by the Home Mission Department, its income from circuit appeals for 1956 was £18,400. The Foreign Mission figure was £19,274. With 28,215 members on June 30 1956 we have a per capita rate of giving of 13s 2d in the one case and 13s 8d on the other. Obviously under a connexional budget scheme which made adequate provision for expansion of mission work and contingencies these figures would have to be stepped up. This, too, must be kept in mind in studying the sample budgets set out hereunder. Also, the necessity of providing for City Missions and the expenses of Synod Standing Committees must not be overlooked.

Representative Local Budgets (Actual Figures):

Item	City Circuit (500 members)	City Circuit (300 members)	Town Circuit (190 members)
Home Missions ..	475	240	150
Foreign Missions ..	475	240	150
Youth Department ..	125	150	20
Children's Homes ..	100	50	30(1)
Connexional Levies	225	195	100
Combined Connex. Appeal	85	50	20
"Advance Methodism" (or alternative) Appeal ..	400	300	200
Total	1885	1225	670

Item	Town Circuit (140 members)	Semi-Rural Circuit (380 members)
Home Missions	100	275
Foreign Missions	100	375
Youth Department	25	45
Children's Homes	25	75
Connexional Levies	110	175
Combined Connexional Appeal	15	30
"Advance Methodism" (or alternative) Appeal	140	150(2)
Total	515	1125

Item	City Circuit (115 members)	Rural Circuit (180 members)
Home Missions	100	200
Foreign Missions	100	225
Youth Department	10	25
Children's Homes	20	52
Connexional Levies	65	100(3)
Combined Connexional Appeal	10	20
"Advance Methodism" (or alternative) Appeal	100	100
Total	405	722

(1) Plus £50 for Central Missions.

(2) Also includes "Social Services."

(3) Estimated; not shown separately.

Education in Christian Stewardship:

As this Committee has pointed out previously, all plans for the stimulation of Church finance by organised methodical giving

must have one firm basis—the cultivation of a deep sense of stewardship amongst our people. This must ever remain primarily the responsibility of the local church, through pulpit, study group, Bible Class and Sunday School. Assistance can, however, be given to the local church by the supply of suitable study material and general literature.

The Committee has studied literature prepared on the subject of stewardship by the "Every Methodist Canvass" Committee of Victoria, the Wells Organisation, the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and a number of Church bodies in U.S.A. and Canada. Much of this material is excellent, but not altogether suitable for our own requirements. The Committee is, therefore, going into the question of preparation of local material and will keep in touch with the Youth Department, which is understood to be preparing a study on stewardship. There appears to be a very fruitful field of work here for the proposed Department of Christian Education.

Amendments to the Law:

After Conference has declared itself on the Committee's proposals relating to local and connexional budgeting, a report will be furnished on the amendments necessary in the law.

Trained Staff:

Last Conference recognised that the introduction of a budget system demanded a trained staff and referred the matter back to the Committee for further consideration and report. The immediate need is for an expert to advise circuits about the introduction of local budget schemes. The Committee is at present pursuing a possibility in this regard. Once a comprehensive connexional budget scheme is decided upon further staff will be needed if its introduction is to be satisfactorily carried out.

M. A. McDOWALL, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

Supplementary Report, 1957

The Committee wishes to comment further on two matters mentioned in its report to Synods and also to deal with one of the resolutions from the Otago-Southland Synod.

Developments in Local Church Finance

In the last two sentences of the above section of the report to Synods it was implied that the Committee might be placing before Conference proposals for "a special New Zealand Methodist budgetary or fund-raising scheme." After further consideration the Committee has decided not to proceed with such proposals, (a) in view of the cost of producing literature, etc., (b) because a large number of Circuits have already adopted satisfactory budget or fund-raising schemes and (c) because certain existing schemes seem to meet requirements.

Education in Christian Stewardship

In this section of the report to Synods it was stated that the Committee intended to look into the question of producing suitable literature for educating our people in Christian stewardship. The Committee now proposes to pursue the matter in collaboration with the proposed Department of Christian education.

Confidential Giving and Public Pledging

The Otago-Southland Synod has asked that the Committee examine the implications involved in confidential giving and public pledging and report to Conference. This matter has presumably

become a live issue because most present-day fund-raising schemes involve pledging.

From what it has read of overseas practice, where pledging is very common, and from what it has learnt of New Zealand experience, the Committee is satisfied that the pledging by our people of a definite proportion of income each week for God's work is to be whole-heartedly commended. The Committee does not, however, favour the public announcement of amounts pledged by individuals, as, it is understood has been done on occasions. This can be most embarrassing, as individual circumstances which appear to be similar often vary greatly.

In the Committee's view a pledge given by an individual or a family should be made to the canvass visitor alone, who should treat the matter as confidential. If this rule is observed, the only person in the local Church who will have full information concerning pledges will be the recorder. He should be carefully selected as one who can keep his own counsel and who enjoys the confidence of his fellow Christians.

If despite the above safeguards a person does not wish to pledge, experience shows that it is often possible to persuade him to accept envelopes and to use them to make a regular weekly contribution.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Circuits proposing a local budget system be required: (a) to secure the approval of the Chairman of the District, and (b) to meet the requirements mentioned in the last two paragraphs of the section of this report headed "Comments on Local Church Budgeting." (c) To provide opportunity for individuals who for their own reasons do not pledge on a local budgeting system, to give not only to local objectives, but also to Missionary and Connexional objectives.
3. That the Committee have further consultations with the Church Departments concerned with regard to the proposed method of remitting Budget Funds from Circuits in the light of the practice of sister churches
4. That all Circuits be encouraged to carry out an adequate programme of training in Christian stewardship and to introduce a comprehensive local budget scheme.
5. That a Connexional Budget Scheme as outlined in this report be introduced, from February 1, 1960 and that the Standing Committee on Church Finance and Stewardship be responsible for working out details of its implementation in consultation with the Secretary of Conference and the boards and committees involved.
6. That the Committee prepare a model local Church Budget Scheme.
7. That the Committee, in collaboration with the Department of Christian Education, give guidance to the Connexion on Stewardship Campaigns, which safeguard the principles of our Evangelical Theology and Ethics.
8. That in view of the general movement towards the adoption of Circuit Budget Schemes and the recommendations of the Finance and Budget Committee concerning same, the Committee examine the financial structure of the Church as it relates to the separ-

ate bodies (i.e., Trusts) within Circuits, considering specifically whether a "Cabinet" representative of all the interests within the Circuit might not more satisfactorily handle the total financial requirements of the Circuits.

9. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund for the Committee's work during 1958.

10. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 10 herein.

7—Welfare of the Ministry Committee

The Committee met on several occasions and also prepared a series of questions which were submitted to the Rev Dr Maldwyn Edwards concerning the welfare of the ministry as it obtains in England. Dr Edwards gave considered replies to most questions and these answers have largely defined the future discussions of the Committee

The Committee wishes to nominate a larger Committee and be permitted to continue inquiries and discussions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be Revs W. T. Blight, A. K. Petch, H. G. Brown, J. D. Grocott, N. P. Larsen, W. A. Chambers, P. Guthardt, H. V. Utting (convener), Messrs A. Crothall, M. Anderson, and D. A. White.

QUESTION LIX.—Who are Members of the Standing Committees?

A. Committee of Privileges:

The President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, Revs C. O. Hailwood, E. S. Hoddinott, R. Thornley, Messrs S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey, H. de R. Flesher, N. P. Alcorn, R. Hardie Boys. 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. E. A. Carr, R. F. Clement, W. Walker, and E. W. Hames, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, Legal Adviser, Messrs L. F. Peak, G. S. Gapper, T. L. Hames, F. M. Souster, and W. F. Winstone. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?

NORTHLAND:

Rev A. W. E. Silvester (Chairman), the Ministers of Port Albert, Paparoa, Ruawai, Dargaville, Whangarei, Hikurangi, Whangaroa-Bay of Islands, Hokianga, Hokianga North, Mangonui and Northland Maori Circuits, and Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliff, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court (Secretary), V. Gravatt, J. Keightley, H. E. Walters, W. Wotherspoon, G. Ferguson, J. T. Wililams, and Tawai Kawiti.

AUCKLAND:

Chairman of the District, Rev E. W. Hames, 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, F. J. Handy, Rangi Rogers, and Messrs S. E. Chappell, A. E. Freeman, C. K.

Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames, F. Souster, B. O. Stokes, G. H. Parkes, T. H. Todd, R. E. Adams, N. Wilson, C. R. Howell, J. C. Tietjens, G. W. Matheson, A. G. Harris, W. Davison, E. E. Mudford, R. McCorkindale.

FRANKLIN AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Superintendent Ministers of the area and Messrs C. M. Buttimore, E. L. Curnow, R. Craig, A. W. Elder, A. M. McKerras, E. Tunncliffe, W. H. Brownlie, D. Oldfield, C. Darby, H. E. Leadley.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Chairman of the District, and Superintendent Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Ororohanga, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Tauranga, Waihi, Whakatane, and Thames Circuits, Rev S. J. Werren, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, W. A. Collins, T. G. M. Spooner, R. Horne, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, J. B. Beeche, D. H. Payne, A. Buss and R. E. Williams, one from Putaruru. Convener: The Secretary of the District.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Chairman of District, and other Ministers of the District, Messrs K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, D. I. West, W. Greenwood, J. P. Harding, R. R. Dean, W. H. King and P. C. Hill. Convener: Rev J. M. Blight.

WANGANUI AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Revs G. R. Thompson, E. D. Grounds, J. H. Thompson, T. L. Bennett, R. S. Andrews, Messrs E. L. F. Buxton, W. S. Thrush, R. S. Doughty, S. Laurenson, N. Dixon and H. Queree. Convener: Rev E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

The Ministers and Home Misisonaries; Messrs B. F. White, J. R. Grigg, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, J. G. Bleakley, L. Cotter, F. Ansell and W. Holloway.

HAWKE'S BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Ministers of the area; Messrs J. P. Boyd, J. H. Oldham, G. Winter, F. Gooday and Circuit Stewards of Napier and Hastings. 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, Ministers of Nelson, Waimea, Motueka and Blenheim Circuits, Mrs L. G. White, Messrs R. C. A. Marshall, A. F. Thomas, E. S. Wratt, F. H. Southgate and C. G. Parker.

WESTLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Ministers of Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika and Reefton Circuits; Messrs L. McDonald, T. Watson and W. A. Judkins.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Revs H. L. Fiebig, W. T. Blight, V. R. Jamieson, Dr W. G. Slade, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, W. A. Chambers, R. V. Utting, 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. White, P. A. LeBrun, C. R. M. Manhire, W. F. Ashe, B. A. Caygill, P. B. Birkett, and E. J. Ridgen.

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 Marchwiell Union Parish.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs Dr R. Dudley, G. R. H. Peterson, H. A. Cochrane, L. Shapcott, A. J. Handyside, O. M. Olds, W. K. Abbott, A. F. Collins, E. Heppelthwaite, W. Green, W. J. Henderson, J. W. Reddihough, A. E. Tardif, Messrs J. McIndoe, G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. Chirnside, A. H. Harman, J. B. Lyth, and E. McLeod; Mesdames M. R. McIndoe, A. C. Gibson, and E. R. Patton and Miss M. Guthrie.

SOUTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers of Southland; Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs. E. A. Humphries, W. T. Pethick, E. McCulloch, W. G. Coventry and H. C. Mackenzie.

QUESTION LXI.—1 (a) What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?

Law Revision Committee

REPORT FOR 1957

The Committee has met on numerous occasions during the year and now submits its report and recommendations on various matters referred to it.

1. PREACHERS AND CONSCIENCE

(Resolution 10 1956 Minutes Page 66)

As directed the Committee has drafted a preamble, and this is at present being considered by the Faith and Order Committee. This matter will be finalised next year.

2. STATUS OF A WOMAN MINISTER WHO MARRIES

(Resolution 10 1956 Minutes Page 66)

The North Canterbury Synod Standing Committee appointed Rev W. T. Blight, H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott and Dr W. G. Slade and Mr H. de R. Flesher the Committee to consider this matter. Inquiries are being made overseas on this matter. It will not be possible for the Committee to submit a report to Conference this year

3. WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP

(1956 Minutes page 74)

The proposed amendments in the Constitution of the Women's Guild Fellowship have been considered by the Committee.

The Committee recommends that sub-section (10) of section 519 Law Book page 157 be repealed and the following substituted therefore:

(11a) The New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall consist of:

- (a) The Presidents of District Guild Fellowships
- (b) Members of the Executive Committee holding office prior to the annual meeting of the Fellowship
- (c) Representatives from District Guild Fellowships.

(11b) Each District Guild Fellowship shall be entitled to one representative for each fifteen or fraction of fifteen guilds in the District.

(11c) In the event of a District President being unable to attend she may appoint a substitute.

(13) Add: And shall consist of the officers of the New Zealand Guild Fellowship together with the President of the District Guild

Fellowship of the District in which this Executive Committee is stationed.

4. DUTIES OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT (1956 Minutes page 137 Resolution 17)

The Committee has been directed to review the clauses in the previous Law Book relating to the duties of the General Superintendent with a view to making explicit the meaning and intention of paragraph 505 Reg. (25a).

The wording in this regulation is as follows:

The General Superintendent shall:

(a) Act as General Superintendent of the Home Maori Missions and Church Extensions activities.

In the previous edition of the Law Book the duties of the General Superintendent were set out in detail, two pages being used. When the Law Book was being revised the Committee carefully considered the list of duties and finally drafted the provisions as they now stand. These were submitted to the Home Mission Board and approved by it.

The General Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the Board. His duties should not be explicitly stated. As times change so will his duties. Only in special instances should his duties be specifically stated. Such special duties are provided for in regulation 25 b, c, d, e.

In ordinary business we have General Manager, General Secretary, Chief Accountants. These descriptions in themselves show what is expected of the person holding such an office.

In our Church in the case of the Foreign Mission Society a General Secretary is appointed. There is no detailed exposition of his duties.

In the Youth Department there is the Senior Youth Director who is "the Chief Executive and administrative adviser of the Department."

The Committee is of the opinion that the title General Superintendent clearly shows what is expected of such officer and what he should do. Therefore, it does not recommend any change.

5. HANDING OVER ROLLS AT INDUCTION SERVICE (1956 Minutes page 196 Resolution 5 page 198 Resolution 4)

This matter has been considered again by the Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee.

The following wording is now recommended.

That the address to the New Minister on Page 8 of the Induction Service read as follows:

"In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I welcome you to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in this Circuit and in token of your induction I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

I now hand to you your Roll of Church Members, and charge you to be diligent and faithful in the pastoral care of this people.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you, and grant you grace faithfully to fulfil your vocation as a Minister of the Gospel among this people."

6. MAORI WORK AND AGENDA FOR QUARTERLY MEETING

(1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 6)

This Committee last year reported on a suggestion that a question on Maori work be included in the agenda for Youth Councils that it considered that the position was adequately met in the existing law.

Regulation 22 deals with the matters to be considered by District Youth Councils. Clause (f) provides "Consider Maori Youth activities in the area."

Regulation 29 sets out what Local Youth Councils have to consider. Clause (f) provides for consideration of "Maori Youth Activities in the area."

It is clear that both the District and Local Youth Council must consider matters relating to Maori Youth Work.

Therefore, the Committee submits that the position is adequately met in the existing law.

7. DUTIES OF CIRCUIT STEWARDS

1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 7

The Committee has been directed again to consider a resolution of 1947 relating to stipends and arrears and circuit accounts. The Committee last year submitted that such a resolution was not in order for inclusion in the Law Book.

As stated in last year's report there is no contract for remuneration between the minister and his circuit. Each minister receives an allowance.

Conference from time to time indicates what the minimum allowance should be. It certainly directs Circuit Stewards that such should be minimum amount paid. If however it is not paid it is impossible for a minister to take action to secure payment. Thus legally speaking there are never any arrears and it would therefore be wrong to show any amounts short paid in any accounts.

The Committee therefore is of the opinion that it is not in order to incorporate the resolution in the Law Book.

8. SECRETARY OF THE LEADER'S MEETING

(1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 10)

The Committee sees no reason why the Secretary of the Leaders' Meeting should not be appointed from the members of the Leaders' Meeting instead of from the Society Stewards as at present. A wide choice would be available.

There is no such restriction under the British or the Australian Constitution.

The Committee therefore recommends:

- (i) That Paragraph 237 (J), Page 42, be repealed.
- (ii) That Paragraph 268 (I), Page 47, be amended by deleting the words "one of the Society Stewards" and substituting "one of its members."

9. CIRCUIT QUESTIONNAIRE

(1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 11)

The Committee recommends that this matter should be referred to the Secretary of Conference for consideration when a further supply of forms is being obtained.

10. (1) ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT
(1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 12)

The Committee has been requested to consider a proposal that the Vice President should be elected twelve months in advance.

This is the practice in the British Conference. The Committee sees no insuperable difficulties in the way of giving effect to such a proposal. However it is of the opinion that this is a matter which should first be decided by Conference itself.

If the proposal is approved then the British Law with certain modifications to suit New Zealand conditions could be adopted.

(2) With regard to the Vice President elect being ex officio member of certain committees care must be taken that no greater privileges are granted to him than are granted to the President elect. For example, the President elect is not ex officio a member of the Home Mission Board or the Foreign Mission Board. If it is desired that he be a member of the Church Council then he could be the representative of his District therein or he could be one of the laymen required to balance the ministerial members. This matter can be further considered once the Conference has made its decision on (1) above.

11. HOME MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES AND
CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION
(1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 9)

The members of the Deaconess Order and the Home Missionaries both have the right to elect two of their number as members of the Conference (Law Book paragraph 358 b and c).

No Home Missionary is eligible for election as a lay representative (Law Book paragraph 366). A Home Missionary can go to Conference only as the representative of his fellow Home Missionaries. A Deaconess under the existing Law had been accorded the right to be elected to represent the Deaconess Order and in addition she may be elected to represent a circuit, or any board or Committee in or of which she is a member provided of course that Paragraph 357 is complied with.

It is noted that both Home Missionaries and Deaconesses are members of Synod but Synod is not a legislative body.

All Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in the active work are full time paid workers of the Church. They both are integral parts of the Church in its preaching, pastoral and sacramental work. Both are set apart as it were from the laity.

No Deaconess or Home Missionary can really effectively represent the view of the laity. It is submitted that any Quarterly Meeting in electing a Deaconess as its representative to Conference is in actuality surrendering one of its greatest privileges that of direct representation in the Conference. This has been explicitly recognised when it was provided that no Home Missionary shall be eligible for election as a lay representative.

It is submitted that it was never intended that a Deaconess should be eligible for election as a lay representative. Certainly some circuits and boards have in the past elected Deaconesses as their lay representative but surely it was intended that a Deaconess should only represent the Deaconess Order. It is pointed out that only a Deaconess in the active work can represent the Order.

Thus it is seen that there is an anomaly. One person employed by Church to carry out preaching and pastoral work,

i.e. a Deaconess, is eligible for election as lay representative—yet another similarly employed, i.e. a Home Missionary, is ineligible

Both Deaconesses and Home Missionaries are set apart from the laity in order that they may fulfil their appointed tasks. Therefore, they cannot truly represent the laity.

It is, therefore, submitted, that as far as their eligibility for election as lay representatives they should both be in the same position. Therefore, the Committee recommends that paragraph 366 be amended by inserting the words "no Deaconess and" before the words "no Home Missionary."

12. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMITTEES—METHOD OF HANDLING SAME IN CONFERENCE—RIGHT OF CONFERENCE TO AMEND SUBSTANCE OF A REPORT

(1956 Minutes page 199 Resolution 13)

The report of a Committee or board is the considered statement of that Committee. Conference cannot alter the substance of such a report. If Conference does not approve of a report or any part of it it may simply receive the report, it may reject it or it may refer it back to the Committee. When it adopts the report such report becomes a statement of the Conference.

Sometimes recommendations are included in the body of the report. The Conference has power to vary the recommendations of any Committee. The Secretary of Conference should see that the recommendations are at the end of the report or separate from it. There would then be no confusion.

Most reports deal with only one subject and the recommendations follow.

Some reports such as the report of the Law Revision Committee deal with many aspects of the life of the Church. Each such statement is really a separate report and accordingly the recommendations thereon should follow the statement.

Reports which are considered by Committees of Details cannot be amended by such Committees. Recommendation submitted with the report however may be amended by the Committee of Detail.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Sections 1-9, and 12, be adopted.
3. (a) That the Law Revision Committee frame regulations for the election of the Vice-President of Conference one year in advance.
(b) That Section 10 (2) be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
4. That Section 11, "Home Missionaries and Deaconesses and Conference Representation" be referred back to the Law Revision Committee for fuller consideration.

QUESTION LXI.—(b) Who is appointed the President's Legal Adviser?

That Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1957.

The following are among the topics considered by the Committee:

1. World Methodist Conference at Junaluska.

A fair coverage of the Dominion was made by delegates who returned from Junaluska. The effective distribution of the message is dependent upon the early return of the delegates and thorough district organisation. The committee communicated with the Secretary of the World Methodist Council suggesting the production of a brief and well-illustrated popular report immediately at the close of any future World Methodist Conference.

2. Closer Relations with South-East Asia:

The Methodist Church welcomes the proposal emerging from the Sumatra Conference to establish the East-Asia Christian Conference. Here is a fact of supreme significance for Christians throughout the world, especially for Christians in New Zealand and Australia. This Conference will be an instrument of continuing co-operation among the Churches and Christian Councils in East Asia.

We also welcome the nomination of the Rev Alan A. Brash for appointment as Associate-Secretary with responsibility for inter-Church aid. We concur with the comment of Dr W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. "It is of tremendous significance that the Asian Churches in setting up an Asian area organisation have felt led not only to include the Churches of New Zealand and Australia in full membership, but have nominated a New Zealander as one of the Secretariat."

Every New Zealander must come to realise that while our roots are in the "West" and while our circumstances and environment are western, we cannot escape the fact that God has placed us at the very doors of the East and we are called to share actively in the evangelistic task in this part of the world.

3. Overseas Travel Fund:

On several occasions during the past few years our Church has appointed representatives to overseas gatherings of an Ecumenical nature, but no adequate or secure provision has been made for meeting the financial commitments involved, although some measure of assistance has been given through private contributions and the Contingent Fund.

The Committee feels that a worthy choice of representation must be governed by the ability of the people selected to represent the Church adequately, and to transmit the message and purpose of these gatherings to the Church as a whole. Ministers and Lay men should be equally eligible for selection. Further, it is already an established principle that when the Church makes an official appointment of any kind it accepts responsibility for the financial commitments involved. The time has come therefore, to adopt an agreed basis of representation at overseas Church gatherings, and to ensure that the required finance is available.

Until an overall Budget Scheme is established an Overseas Travel Fund should be operated, the money to be raised through Connexional Levies and the Fund to be administered by the Con-

tingent Fund in consultation with the Ecumenical Committee. It is estimated that approximately £500 must be set aside annually for this representation. The World Council of Churches meets every six years and the World Methodist Conference once in 5 years.

In regard to the basis of representation the Committee suggests that Conference should provide for three representatives to each Assembly of the W.C.C. and to each World Methodist Conference. Normally the President of the Conference should attend the World Methodist Conference but he would not necessarily be a member of the delegation to the W.C.C. Assembly. There is also great value in the attendance of the President-Elect at such a Conference, in order that he may share its inspiration with the whole Church in his Presidential year.

4. N.C.C. Mental Hospitals Conference:

A Conference will meet in Wellington on August 27 and 28. The purpose of the Conference is to provide an opportunity for the Churches to discuss together the kind of work they are able to do in the Mental Hospital institutions of New Zealand and discuss ways and means of improving it. In consultation with districts, Methodist representatives to this Conference were appointed.

5. Theological Staffs Conference:

A Conference will be held in Christchurch in May 1958 and the Committee welcomes this new expression of the Ecumenical Movement.

6. Life and Work Conference:

In the 1955 Minutes of Conference Resolution No. 8 Page 180 our Methodist Church asked the N.C.C. to investigate the possibility of holding another National Conference on Life and Work. It is proposed that such a Conference be prepared for and be held in 1959.

7. Report of Women's Committee N.C.C.:

The work of the Women's Committee, together with the work of the local branch Women's Committees, seems to have taken on new impetus this year. Ecumenical Schools for women have been organised throughout the country and have met with amazing success. A Branch Conference was held in May during which an idea was discussed that this committee should organise a "Fellowship Day" to be held on the local district level. Discussion centred around the possibility of a theme being suggested for the whole of New Zealand, a set day to be used for this, possibly in September or early October. It is expected that plans will be finalised at the Annual Meeting next year after branches have had a chance to discuss the matter further. During the year a booklet "Knowing our Neighbours, Studies on the Churches in South East Asia" has been published. There are now eleven branch Women's Committees throughout New Zealand. The organising of the World Day of Prayer continues as a major work which is growing in scope and interest each year.

8. Maori Section—N.C.C.:

The work of the Maori Section has continued throughout the year. The Hostel for Maori apprentices in Rotorua has functioned satisfactorily, and a six-bed extension has been approved by the Government. Visits by Maori Ministers to the Invercargill Borstal and Burwood Training Centre have continued. This is the 10th year of the Section's life, and the publication of some of the papers that have been produced on various subjects during that time is contemplated. The Section is sponsoring the nomination

of the Rev Lane Tauroa for an Ecumenical Fellowship to study overseas.

The most significant decision taken during the year has been the initiation of Faith and Order discussion. This will open up a field that has been largely untouched thus far.

The Annual Meeting was held at Otaki. Among the visitors was Mr Arun Sircar, an Indian of the Episcopal Methodist Church, who was an S.C.M. Secretary and was visiting New Zealand at the time. The officers elected for this year are: Chairman—The Very Rev J. G. Laughton; Vice-Chairman—The Rev E. Te Tuhi; Secretary—The Rev H. A. Darvill.

9. Youth Committee of the N.C.C.:

The Rev Philip Potter, a Methodist on the N.C.C. Staff at Geneva, visited N.Z. early in 1956 and spoke to many congregations and left a fine record among the Youth Groups. In July, the Rev O. M. Olds represented N.Z. at a Work Camp in Indonesia. The reports from the Work Camp give high praise to the leadership and expert assistance he gave to the project. Mr Olds made a valuable report on his return. The Recreational Leadership Course under Mr Don Riesterer had an exceedingly busy year and conducted six courses in various places. The Annual Meeting agreed to organise a Work Camp in New Zealand during 1957 and the Committee is now planning a camp in Canterbury. There are smaller Work Projects in other centres. Twenty-three candidates sat the Diploma course examinations. Because of the increased amount of work entailed by the expansion of the activities of the Youth Committee it has been decided to secure the appointment of a secretary who can give the major amount of his time to the work of the Committee.

The most important activity of the Committee in 1956 was the organisation of the Palmerston North Camp. The judgment of overseas and New Zealand people who attended was that the Camp was an outstanding success. 1053 attended. The average age was 21. Methodists numbered 229. Among Methodists who took a prominent part were the Rev R. Mathias, Dr M. Winiata and the Revs A. J. Johnston and W. F. Ford. The theme was "Christ Unites." A number of resolutions were forwarded to appropriate authorities on Church union, international questions, public questions, education, Maori Affairs and Work Camps. Two Solomon Islanders attended. The Conference was given appreciative reference in Australia, U.S.A. and Great Britain.

Y.C.N.C.C. Christmas Appeal totalled £644. £500 to bring Miss Juliet Saloh to New Zealand for a year's training. £100 for scholarships at Salatiga Christian Teachers' Training College. £45 for Indonesian Youth Council. The Palmerston North Conference offering was £787 distributed as follows: £65 Indonesian Youth Council; £400 for eight scholarships in theology, teaching, youth leadership; £200 for travel for a student to Australia for Youth Studies; £131 for training students in Youth Leadership.

10. General:

We would remind the Church of the practice of the World Council of Churches issuing a Whitsunday message and would courteously suggest that Presidential messages be so timed as not to conflict with this practice.

The N.C.C. Christmas Appeal is always open until the end of March and where Churches in loyalty to the Orphanage Appeal

concentrate at the Christmas Season on this Appeal, the practice of linking the N.C.C. Appeal with observance of the Harvest Season is to be commended.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman,
ROBERT THORNLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be authorised:
 - (a) £375 to the Budget of the N.C.C.
 - (b) £6 Affiliation Fee to the N.C.C.
 - (c) £125 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 the Churches over the signature of the President.
4. (a) That an Ecumenical Travel Fund be established and be administered by the General Purposes Trust Board.
 - (b) That Conference accept official financial responsibility for the travel of up to three official appointees to World Council Assemblies and World Methodist Conferences. Normally the President shall be one of these in the case of the World Methodist Conference.
 - (c) That an amount of £500 per annum be raised through connexional levies and administered by the General Purposes Trust Board.
 - (d) That the Ecumenical Committee be requested to give further thought to:
 - (i) The methods of selection of official representatives.
 - (ii) The basis of allocation for meeting the expenses of such selected representatives.
 - (iii) And other relevant matters, and that it report to next Synods and Conference.
5. That Conference endorse the action of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand in accepting membership in the South-east Asian Christian Conference, and pledge its support.
6. That Conference congratulate the Rev Alan A. Brash, M.A., B.D., on his appointment as Associate-Secretary of the S.E.A. Christian Conference.
7. That Conference urge upon our people their active support of all projects enterprised by the N.C.C. which are designed to strengthen Christian Witness in South-east Asia.
8. That the study booklet, "Knowing Our Neighbours," be commended to Church groups.
9. That the attention of the N.C.C. be drawn to the infiltration and under-cover activities of the International Council of Churches in New Zealand and that the N.C.C. make available to Ministers a brief statement dealing with the allegations of this group and to take any other action which it deems advisable.
10. That the Ecumenical Committee take the initiative in arranging, in consultation with Synod Standing Committees, suitable itineraries for representatives returning from overseas Ecumenical Conferences.
11. That this Conference be associated with the N.C.C. in renewing the invitation to Dr Billy Graham to visit New Zealand.

12. That Conference support the N.C.C.'s fraternal visit to Indonesia and ask the Ecumenical Committee to take active steps to bring this matter before the Methodist people.

13. That the following matter be referred to the Ecumenical Committee for consideration: That as the next step towards Union the negotiating Churches give serious consideration to a united Evangelistic Mission to the Nation.

14. That the Annual Report of the Religious Film Society be received and that the Methodist Representatives be the Revs G. I. Laurenson and A. Jolly, Messrs J. Walker, and G. Eady.

15. That the Representatives on the following Committees be:

(a) **National Council of Churches:** Revs Dr R. Dudley, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, R. Thornley, with Rev G. H. Goodman as alternate.

(b) **Women's Committee, N.C.C.:** Mesdames R. G. Pearce, H. F. Ford, and Rev P. M. Guthart, B.A. Miss M. Blakey, Corresponding Member.

(c) **Maori Section N.C.C.:** Revs G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. Rogers, and H. A. Darvill.

(d) **Youth Committee, N.C.C.:** Miss Meriel Beaumont and Mr J. Olds.

16. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 11 herein.

QUESTION LXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1—Faith and Order Committee

REPORT 1957.

The Faith and Order Committee has met at monthly intervals, and during the year has given attention to the following matters:

1. Printing Order for Service of Holy Communion adopted by Conference, 1956.

2. Membership and the Place of Children in the Church (Mins. 1956, p. 207, rec. 5).

3. Order of Service for the Laying on of Hands (Min. 1956, p. 68, rec. 4).

4. Design of New Membership Card (Mins. 1956, p. 59, rec. 4).

5. Formula of Basic Truths for Ordinands (Mins. 1956, p. 212, rec. 2 (b)).

6. Handing Over of Rolls during Induction Service (Mins. 1956, p. 198, rec. 4).

Printing Order for Service of Holy Communion:

In consultation with the Connexional Secretary, and with the aid of technical advice from Mr E. P. Salmon (whose assistance the committee gratefully acknowledged), the committee has pursued the matter. After studying samples of printing in various types, the committee made the following recommendation to the Connexional Secretary:—

Rubrics in 8 point italics.

Minister's section in 8 point ordinary Roman.

Responses and people's section in 8 point black face.

Membership and the Place of Children in the Church:

The committee has given careful attention to this matter, and submits the following statement:

1. Infant Baptism as Reception and Incorporation into the Church.

"Baptism being a sacrament, the baptised child is, in a real sense, incorporated into the Church."

If the Methodist Church of New Zealand cherishes a place in the Catholic Church, she must share in the Church's doctrine and practice of the sacraments. Further, if the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is dominical, it must be seen to possess the highest authority and significance. It is "of divine appointment and perpetual obligation." It is the divinely appointed rite of initiation into the Church. The biblical basis of this was circumcision, the rite of initiation into the people of God under the Old Covenant. From this there is a clear line of development leading up to baptism as practised by the Apostolic Church. The fundamental idea of baptism in the primitive Christian Church was baptism into, the New Covenant.

The Christian Church is the People of God re-constituted by Jesus Christ. The New Covenant is continuous with the Old Covenant. The Church is the Body of Christ in the sense that it continues and promotes the life of the People of God. The Church is, at one and the same time, the object of God's grace and the instrument of His purpose.

It follows that if Infant Baptism as practised by the Methodist Church of New Zealand is to have the authentic character of the dominical Sacrament of Holy Baptism, it must be regarded as the rite of reception into the Church. At baptism a child is received into the Church of Christ. The baptised child becomes a member of the Church.

The justification of the Church's action is not pragmatic. The test of the child's right to be so received is not ability to confess faith or show good works. The sacrament has its chief significance in the fact that, in the name of Christ, and in view of the Universal Atonement, the Church takes to herself a new member.

This concept of reception into membership in no way precludes the need for growth and development in Christian faith and living. As growth and development take place there will be fuller participation in the life of Church, with added privileges and responsibilities, and at appropriate times decisions and steps.

2. Confirmation as Responsible Acceptance of the Membership Conferred at Baptism:

"The existing Methodist rite of "Recognition of New Members" should be conceived as a form of "confirmation" with certain qualifications necessary to safeguard the Methodist emphasis."

If the baptised child is regarded as a member of the Church, there is no question of "reception" into membership or of the "Recognition of New Members." Any such service will be a "confirmation" of existing membership, whatever precise form it may take.

If this approach is adopted, certain specific emphases and safeguards are necessary to ensure that the characteristic features of Methodist Church membership are preserved:—

(a) The primacy of conversion should be preserved. Confirmation should follow conversion and be conditional upon it.

(b) The pragmatic test of fitness for confirmation should be retained. Ability to testify to personal experience of the grace of

God is the most important qualification. Confession of faith should be distinctly personal in character.

(c) Any idea of automatic progression should be rejected. It is the hope and prayer of the Church that every child baptised in infancy will grow in grace and enter into full communion, but it should not be taken for granted that every baptised child will reach the stage of confirmation.

(d) When an adult is baptised on confession of faith, the conditions for reception into membership are fulfilled.

(e) Special attention is drawn to the words in the Order of Service for the Recognition of New Members, "The same Lord and Master. . . give answer to these questions." (P. 110).

(f) A special pastoral problem should be recognised in those persons who have been baptised, but who do not subsequently present themselves as candidates for confirmation.

3. Membership as Sacramental Fellowship:

"Membership would, therefore, be communicant membership. Here, too, specific qualifications would be required to safeguard the Methodist emphasis and to prevent misunderstanding."

(a) The Church should stress the great importance of participation in Holy Communion in relation to membership. The Methodist Church holds that the Lord's Supper is "of divine appointment and perpetual obligation," and that it is "the privilege and duty of members of the Methodist Church to avail themselves" of it. In all normal circumstances members are expected to be communicants.

(b) The present service for "The Recognition of New Members" should be designated "Confirmation."

(c) The Table of the Lord still needs to be safeguarded against any form of irreverent approach by the reading of words warning all communicants to "be in love and charity with their neighbours." The Methodist Church could not countenance formal observance of the Lord's Supper.

(d) Communicant members from other churches would not be excluded from Holy Communion in the Methodist Church.

(e) The traditional evangelical import of Holy Communion should and could be preserved, the invitation being so worded that the Service may be an occasion for the acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord.

4. The Pastoral Responsibility Involved in Infant Baptism:

"A pastoral problem emerges in connection with the baptised who do not come to the point of personal confession of faith and responsible acceptance of the privileges and duties of membership."

When a child is baptised the congregation prays for and looks forward to the awakening of personal faith and the acceptance of the privileges and responsibilities inherent in membership.

A great responsibility rests upon every minister, congregation, Church member and parent who is party to the baptism of an infant. The responsibility of the local congregation is to be a true household of faith. The congregation should pray for itself as well as the child. Every baptism should impress upon the congregation its sacred duty to care for the baptised, and to ensure that they are "brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

This responsibility for the Church in no way displaces or reduces that of the parents of baptised children. The emphasis

laid upon the part played by the home in Christian nurture can never be too strong. The ideal is full co-operation between the Church and the home.

In her task of Christian nurture the Church must ever look to the grace of God and His promises. The Church never performs her duty perfectly. The ideal home does not exist. This failure on the part of Church and home is responsible, to some extent, for the fact that not all baptised children come to the point of personal confession of faith. It should be borne in mind, however, that the principal participant in baptism and child nurture is God. When Church and home have done their best with God's help, they can but commit the result in trust to Him. The ultimate outcome of baptism is hidden in the mystery of the ways of God. The Church is not called upon to accept the full and final responsibility for the work of God's grace. The Church is expected to be thoroughly conscientious and as efficient as possible; but it does not follow that if she fails partially or wholly the work of God's grace is thwarted. This is borne out by experience. Sometimes when the Church seems justified in expecting good results they are poor. Sometimes where, humanly speaking, there is little promise the results are good.

The Church can never conclude that God's work of grace has failed, and that the prayer and promise of baptism cannot be fulfilled. The relationship established between the Church and the baptised can never be completely severed even though, as seen from the human side, it appears to have little remaining reality.

Order of Service for the Laying On of Hands:

The Order approved by the British Conference, together with that appended to Dr L. D. Weatherhead's book "Psychology, Religion and Healing" have been studied, and recommendations forwarded to the Spiritual Healing Committee.

Design of Membership Card:

The Committee gave consideration to suggestions received from the Welfare of the Church Committee, and forwarded a number of suggestions. The Committee does not favour the pictorial type of card and recommends the issuing of a plain and dignified card similar in size and form to the present Communion Card.

Formula of Basic Truths for Ordinands:

The Committee was not clear as to the intention of this Conference resolution, but interpreted it as a question to be put to ordinands by the President before the Examination Committee concerning their present sense of call into the Ministry. The following is suggested:

"As a candidate you testified to your conversion and call to preach. Since your acceptance you have undergone a course of training, and passed the tests required of you. As a result the Church is now satisfied concerning your competence and theological equipment.

"And now the Church must ask you whether, after your training and a period of probation in circuit work, you are now persuaded that God is calling you into the Ministry in full connexion with the Methodist Church of New Zealand; that you can with a whole mind and heart preach the fundamental doctrines of Evangelical Christianity, and to that end commit yourself unreservedly and irrevocably in Ordination."

Handing Over of Rolls during Induction Service:

The suggestions of the Law Revision Committee have been studied and some suggestions made.

Outstanding Business:

The committee has dealt with items of business in order of urgency, and the following are outstanding:—

Handbook of History, Doctrine and Polity.

Theological Principles Governing Church Architecture.

Status of Ministers and other agents retiring on account of ill-health.

Emblem for New Zealand Methodism.

These matters are in hand, but the committee has no report to make at this juncture. It is the intention of the committee to proceed with work on the revision of the Order for Baptism at the earliest opportunity.

The committee seeks permission to continue its work in these fields.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. SILVESTER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the report be adopted, excepting Paragraphs relating to "Membership and the place of children," and "Formula of Basic Truths for Ordinands."
3. That the section on "Membership and the place of children," be referred to the March Synods for discussion with a view to adoption by Conference, 1958.
4. That the section on "Formula of Basic Truths for Ordinands" be referred to the Examination Committee.
5. That a grant of £5 be made to the Faith and Order Committee from the Contingent Fund.
6. That the Committee make a separate statement for the guidance of ministers on the problem raised by the presentation of children for Baptism by parents who are not in any satisfactory relationship with the Church.
7. That the Committee be granted permission to continue its work as outlined in the report.
8. That the Faith and Order Committee consider:
 - (a) The action of the British Conference in issuing a new Hymn Book incorporating various Orders of Service.
 - (b) Consultation with the General Conference of Australasia in this matter in relation to the contents and use of our own Book of Offices.
9. That the Faith and Order Committee initiate action necessary to a revision in due course of the New Zealand Supplement of the Hymn Book.
10. That the Committee for 1958 be as printed on page 11 herein.

2—Radio Committee

REPORT FOR 1957.

The present Convener took up his duties late in May and has attended only one meeting of the C.R.A.C.

The Central Radio Advisory Committee:

Mr Peter Cape, a member of the Staff of the National Broadcasting Service, has been appointed to assist in the supervision of Religious Broadcasting. He acts as adviser to the Director on Religious matters and adviser to the C.R.A.C. on broadcasting matters. Mr Cape is an Anglican Priest. Under his guidance there is considerable experimentation with new forms of religious broadcasting and new programmes have been put on the air.

A series of B.B.C. Church services have been broadcast over the YC Stations; Lenten talks, and an Easter Festival from the Christchurch Cathedral, have been broadcast. The N.B.S. is building up a library of Children's Religious Plays. We also welcome the new feature over the YA network, "Faith and Works," on the first Sunday of each month at 1.30 p.m. This magazine programme of news about the Christian Churches is designed specially for the benefit of church people. The National Broadcasting Service desires contact with Christian leaders in other centres and would welcome items of news relating to the Church and Christian life which would be of interest to members of all denominations. Daily Bible Readings are now being broadcast. Rules have been drafted to govern dramatic productions for Children's Broadcasts. In consultation with the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, the C.R.A.C. is considering the issues involved in the likely introduction of TV in New Zealand. A memorandum on denominational broadcasting has been circulated among member churches and is being examined by the Methodist Central Committee.

The Methodist Central Committee:

(a) **Children's Sunday Service:** The Committee is consulting with districts where children's services are conducted in regard to experimenting with this service on a national basis. The Youth Department has agreed to give every assistance with this project. In view of the detailed issues involved it is likely that the year 1959 will be the earliest date when it will become practicable.

(b) **Report from Rev W. H. Greenslade:** The Committee looks forward to receiving a report on trends in Religious Broadcasting and Television based on Mr Greenslade's overseas experience and has undertaken to meet costs of duplicating the same.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference welcome the appointment of an officer of the department to assist in the supervision of Religious Broadcasting and express appreciation for the co-operation of the N.B.S. with the Churches through the C.R.A.C.
- (3) That the Contingent Fund make a grant of £10 to the Radio Committee.
- (4) That being convinced of the extraordinary opportunities offered by mass media of communication (radio and T.V.) for

evangelisation and Christian witness, and of the near impossibility of developing any worthy T.V. religious service in this country at denominational levels, Conference ask the N.C.C. to investigate immediately the establishment of an Inter-Church Department of Christian Communications to administer, direct, and make necessary representations on behalf of Churches in association with the department.

(5) That the Church Council consider the establishment of a Methodist Church Department of Communications to administer and direct Methodist mass communication, in association with any Inter-Church Department which may be formed.

(6) That a Committee consisting of the Radio Committee, together with the Convener of the Board of Publications, Director of Christian Education, Rev W. W. H. Greenslade, and Rev B. M. Chrystall and Mr Leo Foster, prepare a report on Res. 5 above for submission to the Church Council in 1958.

(7) That Conference express appreciation for the outstanding work of the Rev W. W. H. Greenslade.

8. That the Committee be as printed on Page 13 herein.

3--Committee re Printing Financial Statements

The following report and recommendations are made by a sub-committee appointed by the Auckland Synod Standing Committee in harmony with Resolution 4 (2), page 212, Minutes of Conference, 1956.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO BE PRINTED IN . . . AND THOSE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM . . . THE MINUTES OF CONFERENCE

Proviso:

Where it is recommended that accounts be not printed in full it is on the understanding that the main items in the Account should be included in the body of the Report, in linotype.

Noting particularly:

- (1) Indebtedness, if any; and
- (2) Balances . . . and also
- (3) Special items of income and expenditure.

If this principle is accepted (and the accounts which are necessary to it are cyclostyled for the Conference Committee of Detail), the following detailed recommendations are made:

- (1) **Foreign Mission Department:** Income and Expenditure Account to remain as at present. Balance Sheet to be condensed.
- (2) **Home and Maori Mission Department:** Some saving has already been achieved by including some Funds which were separate in the General Account.

The following should remain:

Investment Funds Board Statement and Balance Sheet.
Property Account.
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust.

One page will be saved from the Literature and Colporteur Account by eliminating the Trading Account and the Profit and Loss Account, leaving ONLY the Balance Sheet to be printed.

The following are being eliminated:

Maori Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund (being merged with the Connexional Account).

Investment Funds Board "Special Loans Account."

(3) The Committee recommends that the following accounts be NOT printed:

N.Z. Local Preachers' Benevolent Fund Account.
Food Parcels' Account.

Youth Department Trading Account.
Appropriation Account.

(Administrative and General Expenses can be included in the Income and Expenditure Account. Balance Sheet should be abbreviated.)

Probert Trust Board Receipts and Expenditure Account.
James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Trust Fund Account.
Elmsly Trust.

Grey Institute Trust.

Robert Gibson Trust (to be attached to report).

Connexional Secretaryship Committee (Income and Expenditure Account.) (May be summarised as a footnote to the Balance Sheet.)

Trinity College New Organ Fund.
New Chapel Fund.

General Purposes Trust Board—Connexional Appeals Fund (Receipts and Payments). (Already in report.)

Removal Expenses Revenue Account.

Deaconess Institution Furniture Renewals Account.

Auckland Children's Home—Epsom Leasehold Sections.
Revenue Account.
F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund.

Advance Methodism Income Account—Include in Report.

The Committee also recommends that the following Accounts be CONDENSED:

Youth Department Balance Sheet.

Church Building and Loan Fund Balance Sheet.

Wesley Training College Balance Sheet. (Reduce to one page.)

Rangiatea College Trust Board—

Income and Expenditure Account. Reduce to one page.
Balance Sheet. Reduce to one page.

Masterton Children's Home—

Receipts and Payments. Reduce to one page.
Balance Sheet. Reduce to one page.

South Island Orphanage—Balance Sheet.

Methodist Board of Publications.

R. E. CLEMENT, Convener of Committee.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Recommendations be received and adopted and referred to the Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION LXIV.—

(a) **When Shall the District Synods be held?**
During the week ending 30th August, 1958.

(b) **When and Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?**
On Wednesday, 5th November, 1958, at 7.30 p.m., in the Durham Street Church, Christchurch.

MISCELLANEOUS

President of Conference and Expenses of Supply: That as it is customary for the President of Conference to travel widely during his year of office and this occasions lengthy absences from his circuit, and as many circuits are not favourably placed to find supply for the President nor are they well informed on the scale of reimbursement for Presidential supply expenses or able themselves to meet any considerable additional expenses arising from supply arrangements, the Church Council consider the matter along the following lines:—

That with regard to the supply necessary, occasioned by the absence of the President from his Circuit, Conference, through the appropriate Committee, prior to the induction of the President:

1. Advise his circuit of the plans for the use of his time during his year of office and ascertain whether the circuit will be able to arrange supply during any absences of the President. If the circuit cannot so arrange, then the Conference make arrangements to ensure that worthy supply is available.

2. At the same time the circuit should be advised of the scale at which it will be reimbursed for supply expenses and a figure to cover estimated expenses should be agreed between the circuit and the Conference.

3. Any adjustment on this figure when the final amount of the supply expenses is known should be carried to the Contingent Fund for the following year.

4. As an alternative to providing in his year of office for the expenses of a President the amount of expenses actually incurred by a circuit should be a charge on the Contingent Fund in the following year. This would avoid the necessity for estimating these expenses in advance.

Thanks: That Conference thank the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and his assistants, the Trustees of the St Paul's Church, the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches and the Salvation Army, and the Hostesses for valued service rendered to the Conference.

D. O. WILLIAMS, President of Conference.
P. A. LeBRUN, Vice-President of Conference.
G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary of Conference.

Palmerston North,
15th November, 1957.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1957

YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Pages 7 and 8, Sections 47, 48 and 49 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:—

47. **Baptismal Roll.** A record of all baptisms shall be kept by the Minister and a certificate shall be given by him to the parents or guardians of each child. The certificate shall set-forth: (a) That the child is received into the congregation of Christ's flock, and (b) the responsibilities undertaken by the parents or guardians to bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

48. **Young People's Rolls.** Rolls shall be kept for each department in the Church's Educational work as under:—

- (a) Nursery—From birth to four years.
- (b) Beginner-Primary—From five to seven years inclusive.
- (c) Junior—From eight to ten years inclusive.
- (d) Intermediate—From eleven to twelve years inclusive.
- (e) Bible Classes—
 - (1) From thirteen to eighteen years inclusive.
 - (2) Nineteen years and over.

49. **Family Pastoral Roll.** A Family Pastoral Roll which is to be in card form shall be kept by the Minister.

SOCIETY STEWARDS—LEADERS AND LEADERS' MEETING

Page 42, Section 237 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (j).

Page 47, Section 268 (1) is hereby amended by deleting the words "one of the Society Stewards" and substituting therefore "one of its members."

CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING—ORDER OF BUSINESS

Page 55, Section 290 (11) is hereby amended by deleting the words in brackets "(third Sunday in September)" and substituting therefore the words "(fourth Sunday in September)."

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Page 97, Section 502 is hereby amended by deleting the word "eight" in the first line of sub-section (13) and substituting therefore the word "eleven."

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Page 106, Section 503 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (30) and substituting therefore:—

"The Sunday School Superintendent shall be appointed annually by the Leaders' Meeting on the nomination of the Local Youth Council. The Sunday School staff shall elect annually the other officers of the School."

ORDER OF DEACONESSES

Page 121, Section 506, sub-section (12) is hereby amended by deleting the words "twenty-one" in line three thereof and substituting therefore the word "eighteen."

THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Page 136, Section 511 is hereby further amended by adding the following sub-section:—

(27) a. That when a Home Missionary who has served for more than three years as such is received as a Probationer he may

exercise the option of buying into the Fund for the number of years in excess of three for which he thus served as a Home Missionary. In the case of a Home Missionary who proceeds to Trinity College for three years, the proviso concerning the three-year limitation shall not apply.

b. Such payment shall be at the ruling rate of annual personal contribution and annual Circuit subsidy plus compound interest for the number of years involved.

c. In the case of Probationers received after 1st February, 1958, such option must be exercised not later than three months after the applicant has been received on Probation.

Women's Guild Fellowship

Page 156, Section 519, is hereby amended by adding the words "or Guilds" after the words "A Women's Guild" in the first line of sub-section (1).

Page 157, Section 519 is hereby further amended by repealing sub-section (11) and substituting therefore the following:—

(11a) The New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall consist of:—

(a) The Presidents of District Guild Fellowships.

(b) Members of the Executive Committee holding office prior to the annual meeting of the Fellowship.

(c) Representatives from District Guild Fellowships.

(11b) Each District Guild Fellowship shall be entitled to one representative for each fifteen or fraction of fifteen guilds in the District.

(11c) In the event of a District President being unable to attend she may appoint a substitute.

Section 519 is hereby also further amended by adding to sub-section (13) the following:—

"and shall consist of the officers of the New Zealand Guild Fellowship together with the President of the District Guild Fellowship of the District in which this Executive Committee is stationed."

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Page 193, Section 5 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (4).

Page 195, Section 6 (g) is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (3).

Page 193, Section 5 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (b).

MEMORANDUM

Conference (1957 Minutes, page 83) established the Department of Christian Education incorporating the present Youth Department. The objects and constitution of this new Department have not yet been decided upon in such form as to be included in the Law Book.

SUPPLEMENT TO LAW BOOK

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS SINCE 1st OCTOBER, 1951.

I. Corrections:

(a) Page 38. Section 218—**The Vice-President**: Add the following: "He shall have some part in the conduct of the Ordination Service at the Conference at which he is elected."

Section 219—Delete the last sentence.

(b) Page 46. Section 254 (d)—**Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers**: In line three delete the word "by" and substitute the word "to."

(c) Page 54. Section 9 (E)—**Invitation to Minister**: Read (June meeting).

(d) Page 60. Section 321—**District Ministerial Committee**: Delete the word "Probationers."

Section 323—**Synod Representative Session**: After the word Committee in (a) insert the words "and Probationers whose names appear on the station sheet for the District."

(e) Page 79. Section 388—**Examination Committee**: After line 5, insert the words: "Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference and ten other ministers"

(f) Page 165.

Appendix I. **The General Rules of the Society**. In line 21, after het words "as we would" insert the word "not."

II. Change of Title

Synod Standing Committee

Page 68. Section II.

The name of the "District Executive Committee" shall be changed to the "Synod Standing Committee."

(1955 Minutes, p. 69)

Consequential Amendments

Page 65. Section 34, question (22a); Page 68. Section 351; and Page 77. Section 379, question (60): In each case delete the words "District Executive" and substitute therefor the words "Synod Standing."

III. Amendments and Additions:

Members' Rolls

Page 2. Section 7 is hereby amended by adding the following:

"All Members' Rolls and Circuit Schedules shall be submitted by the Superintendent Minister to the March Meeting of the Ministerial Committee which shall make suitable arrangements for the examination of the same."

(1956 Minutes, p. 194)

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49. **Family Pastoral Roll.** A Family Pastoral Roll which is to be in card form shall be kept by the Minister. (1957 Minutes, page 81.)

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.)

Appointment of Ministers—Engagement of Agent between Conferences

Page 21. Section 128 is hereby amended by adding the following:
"Acting in consultation with the Home Mission Board."

(1956 Minutes, Page 197)

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).

Circuit Stewards Duties

Page 41, Section 228 (c) is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting the following therefor: "Such furniture shall include curtains and shall exclude linen, blankets, cutlery, crockery and kitchen utensils."

(1956 Minutes, page 197)

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).

Society Stewards—Leaders and Leaders' Meeting

Page 42, Section 238 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-Section (j).

Page 47, Section 268 (1) is hereby amended by deleting the words "one of the Society Stewards" and substituting therefor "one of its members." (1957 Minutes, page 194.)

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, p. 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.)

Page 55, Section 290 (11) is hereby amended by deleting the words in brackets "(third Sunday in September)" and substituting therefor the words "(fourth Sunday in September)." (1957 Minutes, page 98.)

Page 55, Section 290 is hereby further amended by adding the following question: "(15A) Are there any matters remitted by the Synod Standing Committee to this Meeting?"

(1956 Minutes, page 65)

District Synods—Boundaries

Page 61, Section 318 is hereby amended by adding the following: "Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide a district into areas"

(1956 Minutes, page 198)

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 Synods—Agenda

Page 66, Section 340 is hereby amended by adding the following: "(42A) What is the report of the Synod Standing Committee?"

(1953 Minutes, page 62)

Section 340 is hereby further amended by adding the following: "(47A) Who is nominated as lay representative to the Church Council?"

(1956 Minutes, page 66)

Synod Standing Committees Constitution

Page 68. Section 351 is hereby amended by adding to the beginning of the section the following: "A Synod Standing 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)

Section 351 is hereby further amended by repealing the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: "The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three and not more than fifteen Ministers and an equal number of Laymen"

(1956 Minutes, page 65)

Duties

Page 68. Add the following sections:

345a. Where a District is subdivided into one or more areas pursuant to paragraph 318, Conference may on the nomination of the Synod Standing Committee appoint in respect of each area an area sub-committee consisting of no fewer than 3 and not more than 15 Ministers and a similar number of Laymen.

354b. The area sub-committee shall within its area carry out such duties of the Synod Standing Committee as are allocated to it by such Committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

354c. The Chairman of the district shall be ex officio Chairman of the area sub-committee. Conference may, on the nomination of the Chairman, appoint a Minister to act as his Assistant and when required act as his deputy within the area."

(1956 Minutes, page 198)

Conference Agenda

Page 75. Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing (18) and substituting therefor the following: "(18a) What Ministers or Probationers have permission to serve with other organisations during the year? (18b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission 'to Rest' during the year?"

Section 379 is hereby further amended by repealing (28) and substituting therefor the following: "(28) What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for an Ordained Minister?"

(1956 Minutes, page 195)

Section 379 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.)

Page 77. Section 379 is hereby amended by adding the following: "63A. When shall the next District Synods be held?"

(1956 Minutes, page 66)

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 years." (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, Section 480 is hereby amended by the following addenda:

480A: All general appeals made on behalf of various funds and organisations, whether Methodist or otherwise, authorised by the Conference, except those for Home and Foreign Missions, Children's Homes and the Youth Department and any other specially authorised by the Conference, shall be made under the supervision of the Central Finance Committee.

480B: The Central Committee shall inquire of the treasurers of such funds and organisations their requirements, prepare a budget, and submit the same for the approval of Conference.

480C: The amount to be raised shall be allocated by the Central Committee throughout the Districts on a membership basis. District Committees shall allocate the District Quota to the circuits on a similar basis.

480D: The amounts raised in each District shall be remitted by the District Chairman to the General Purposes Trust Board, which Board, under the direction of the Central Committee, shall distribute the same.

480E: A special Sunday in August or September in each year shall be set apart when the amounts required in the Circuit shall be received and dedicated. Consequently retiring collections shall not be taken for the above appeal.

480F: No new appeal shall be allowed during the year unless it receive the previous consent of the President and the Central Finance Committee. (1951 Minutes, page 165)

Faith and Order Committee

Page 91, Section 488A. Add the following: "A Faith and Order Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. The Committee shall consider matters relating to the doctrine and policy of the Church, and report thereon to Synods and the Conference. (1952 Minutes, page 171).

International Affairs Committee.

Page 91, Xb. An International Affairs Committee be established. (1957 Minutes, page 90.)

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 Service Association" after the words "Senior Youth Director." (1955 Minutes, page 69.)

Trinity Theological College

Page 97, Section 502 is hereby amended by deleting the word "eight" in the first line of sub-section (13) and substituting therefor the word "eleven." (1957 Minutes, page 120.)

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).

Page 106, Section 503 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (30) and substituting therefor:—

"The Sunday School Superintendent shall be appointed annually by the Leaders' Meeting on the nomination of the Local Youth Council. The Sunday School staff shall elect annually the other officers of the School." (1957 Minutes, page 80.)

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-section (33) of Section 504 is hereby amended by deleting the figures £50 in the first line on page 111 and substituting therefor: £100. (1956 Minutes, page 130)

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.)

Order of Deaconesses

Page 121, Section 506, sub-section (12) is hereby amended by deleting the words “twenty-one” in line three thereof and substituting therefor the words “eighteen.” (1957 Minutes, page 165.)

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).

Page 123, Section 506 (31) is hereby amended by repealing the last section thereof and substituting therefor the following: “The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee for information only its list of recommended appointments.

(1956 Minutes, page 196)

Removal Expenses Fund

Page 126, Section 508 (11) is hereby amended by deleting all the words after the words “two removals” and substituting therefor the following: “be as from time to time determined by the Conference.”

(1956 Minutes, page 124)

Supernumerary Fund

Page 136, Section 511 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section 27.
(1953 Minutes, page 117)

(27) a. That when a Home Missionary who has served for more than three years as such is received as a Probationer he may exercise the option of buying into the Fund for the number of years in excess of three for which he thus served as a Home Missionary. In the case of a Home Missionary who proceeds to Trinity College for three years, the proviso concerning the three-year limitation shall not apply.

b. Such payment shall be at the ruling rate of annual personal contribution and annual Circuit subsidy plus compound interest for the number of years involved.

c. In the case of Probationers received after 1st February, 1958, such option must be exercised not later than three months after the applicant has been received on Probation. (1957 Minutes, page 134.)

Section 511 (35) is hereby amended by adding the following: “Provided that in the case of a Minister who is in receipt of a War Veteran's Pension he may commute in full his interest in the Fund. This proviso

shall not apply to the remaining annuity of the widow of such War Veteran.”

Page 140, Section 511 (50) Amount of grant at present is £120.
(1951 Minutes, page 112)

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund

Page 144, Sub-section 9 of 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).

Women's Guild Fellowship

Page 156, Section 519, is hereby amended by adding the words “or Guilds” after the words “A Women's Guild” in the first line of sub-section (1).

Page 157, Section 519 is hereby further amended by repealing sub-section (11) and substituting therefor the following:—

(11a) The New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall consist of:—

- (a) The Presidents of District Guild Fellowships.
- (b) Members of the Executive Committee holding office prior to the annual meeting of the Fellowship.
- (c) Representatives from District Guild Fellowships.

(11b) Each District Guild Fellowship shall be entitled to one representative for each fifteen or fraction of fifteen guilds in the District.

(11c) In the event of a District President being unable to attend she may appoint a substitute.

Section 519 is hereby also further amended by adding to sub-section 13 the following:—

“and shall consist of the officers of the New Zealand Guild Fellowship together with the President of the District Guild Fellowship of the District in which this Executive Committee is stationed.” (1957 Minutes, page 192.)

Women's Missionary Union

Page 193, Section 5 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (4).

Page 195, Section 6 (g) is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (3).

Page 198, Section 9 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (b). (1957 Minutes, page 147.)

Standing Orders of Conference

Page 161, Section 521 is hereby amended by adding to Sub-section 10 the following:—“(f) Mover and seconder of a motion for the adoption of 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, 1957.

As Conference, 1957, closes, the traditional Methodist question is pressed upon us all—"What more can be done to promote the work of God?" The question is urgent for all those who face the facts revealed by the Conference reports.

1. New Zealand is steadily growing in population but the Methodist Church is not growing at a rate sufficient to maintain our percentage level in the population. We are not making ground but are slipping back despite the small annual gains in membership that are reported. Conference was not willing to pass over such a state of affairs nor to tolerate any cheap rationalisations. A strong committee was set up to meet during a very busy conference, and the report that came out of many hours of hard work was unanimously accepted by Conference and referred to the whole Church for urgent action. You will be hearing in due course of the practical steps that the Conference is urging in this urgent matter.

2. Despite the "welcome auguries for the future work of our Church" that the 1956 Pastoral Address saw in the fourteen ministers received into full connexion and the twelve candidates for the ministry received, this year's Standing Committee was faced with a heartbreaking situation having insufficient ministers available to staff existing stations and none for the new appointments urgently awaiting full-time agents. The ministerial resources of the connexion fell short of the demand by nine ordained ministers and thirteen probationers. Against this we accepted this year, only six candidates for the ministry.

Despite the serious view that Conference took of these disquieting reports there seemed to be a hopeful and buoyant spirit in the sessions. It was not that we turned a blind eye to our difficulties but because we caught again a glimpse of our resources in Christ and His resources in the hundreds of devoted laymen who stand loyally behind the Church. Conference realised, to quote Sister Rita, that we have "frozen assets" in the Church and these assets we are determined to use. Several Conferences have dealt with the question of increasing avenues for lay activities in the Church but so far the emphasis has been upon administrative and routine work. The emphasis to-day must be on lay activity in the fields of witness and fellowship. This was the theme of the inspirational addresses at the Conference.

The Rev L. C. Horwood, at five morning sessions of the Conference elucidated in the clearest and most compelling fashion the duty and privilege of witnessing for Christ that falls upon ALL who bear His Name. Watch the "Methodist Times" for these addresses and as the President put it to the Local Preachers "let no one take away from you the privilege of Christian witness."

Mr A. E. Crothall brought to the Conference a report on the development of lay activity in the British Methodist Church. Mr Crothall is a business man who brings to every topic he handles a practical down-to-earth-ness which is most refreshing. His was a call to action and a clear statement of the steps to be taken. With the Vice-President, Mr P. A. Le Brun, Mr Crothall is prepared to travel around the Connexion with this vital practical message to laymen and we hope that Districts will make early request for a visit.

Sister Rita Snowden during her Vice-Presidential year, made a unique and valuable impact on the whole Church. In her report to Conference she challenged us to "LEARN AND CARE"—words which have become a slogan already. Her vital point was that we should learn how to make our witness for Christ and should develop a yearning, caring love for those outside the Kingdom.

The third address at the Conversation on the Work of God was on Fellowship. The Rev. W. E. Allon Carr told us of his experience in fellowship groups. This was a thrilling story of what is actually being done today at Dominion Road Church and gave an effective answer to all those who believe that true Methodist Fellowship meetings are not practicable in these modern days. It is in fellowship that we live and grow. It is in fellowship that we make our witness and learn how to make a more compelling witness. Would that every Church in the connexion had an active group at work seeking the means of growth in Grace and overflowing in effective witnessing.

Avenues for lay service are opening out in both Home and Overseas Mission Departments. With the great demand for full-time agents, the Home Mission Department will be glad to consider applications from laymen who would like to give a term of full-time service to the Church. Already we have several retired laymen so serving. A glance through the Home Mission Stationing sheet will show how many retired ministers are acting as "supplies" so that great needs may be met. It was a real inspiration to hear, during the Youth Department business, an account by Rev. W. A. Burley of the Correspondence Sunday School to which he is devoting his years of retirement. This is a large and significant task, and Mr. Burley's radiant bearing spoke volumes for the satisfaction he gains out of this labour of love.

There is great need also for laymen who are in touch with the Maori situation to plan and make cordial approaches to our Maori folk with a view to setting up one New Zealand Methodist Church that shall be neither Pakeha nor Maori, but a conservation of the strong points of both cultures. Our Maori brethren are afraid of absorption and it is not sufficient to say to them, "Come and join the pakeha church and be good pakehas." We could profit greatly by an injection of Maori culture in our church. They can teach us much in the realm of corporate action and in the linking together of religious work and hospitality, to mention only two points. The General Superintendent will be glad to hear any constructive suggestions towards the solving of the great and complex problem of creating of the twain—one. Mr. Laurenson in his address to the Conference Missionary Meeting, told of his concentration upon the visitation of the Maori people in their own homes this year. So he is attempting to gather the facts relevant to the problem.

It was a great experience to hear the Rev. Cliff Keightley speak of his work in the New Guinea Highlands where a new pattern of missionary activity is being worked out. Before the first convert is won the staff are planning for the indigenous Church which is to be. So too, in the early stages of the Mission, attention is being given to the establishment of coffee plantations so that the tribesmen can make an economic entry into the wider world. In the Solomons also plans are being worked out for the transfer of some power and responsibility to the members of the native Church.

Laymen and laywomen are increasingly finding openings for Christian service in the Overseas fields. Besides Missionaries and Deaconesses, doctors and nurses, there are openings for Teachers, Carpenters, Mechanics and even a Secretary. Tradesmen from the home Church have given invaluable service in the rebuilding of the Mission properties and in much new building work. Mr Philip Taylor went to the Solomons as a carpenter and gave a term of useful service. He caught the fire of missionary zeal and returned to New Zealand to offer as a candidate for the ministry and after three years in College and one on Probation he was ordained at the Conference and is to go out to the Solomons almost immediately. The Solomons are dependent upon boats as a means of communication. The Mission owns £40,000 worth of boats which must be kept in order. Missionaries say that they would rather have the assurance that the engine will function till port is reached rather than have large insurance covers on the engines themselves. Mr R. A. Mannall has served as mechanic in the Solomons and with Mrs Mannall is due to return to New Zealand. There is a great current need for an engineer to take his place—a mechanic with experience in diesel engines and with some skill in workshop practice is eagerly awaited.

Laymen are needed everywhere—active laymen who long to make a real contribution to the work of God. Efficient work is called for and that means training and skill. Conference considered this matter under two reports.

1. The Youth Department is to be taken up into a wider Department of Christian Education. This is not merely a change of name but action following the modern realisation that people can keep on learning when the period of their formal education is finished. Adults can learn and keep on learning. This is one of the secrets of growing old gracefully. Despite the adage old dogs are learning new tricks.

There are so many areas of church life and work where greater efficiency is needed and plans are being made for adults to have learning experiences that shall equip them to take a real share in the teaching, witnessing, shepherding and welfare activities of the Church

2. The Trinity College report tabled initial proposals for the establishment of a School for Christian Workers at Trinity, which it is hoped to inaugurate in 1959. This school will be open to laymen and laywomen and will make available training courses specially designed to add to the equipment of church officers and workers.

Both in its business discussions and in its inspirational addresses the Conference strongly and hopefully turned towards the laymen of the Connexion.

Rise up O men of God,
For you the Church doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up and make her great."

For and on behalf of the Conference.

D. O. WILLIAMS, President.

P. A. LeBRUN, 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.	Sir Donald 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, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.	Philip A. LeBrun, J.P.	Gordon R. H. Peterson

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931
 †For Validating Regulations see 1944 Minutes, page 10. § February, Exec. Comm. of Conference.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1887—Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Toronto) Foundation Fellow of
Trinity College. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (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—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.)</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 (Sup.)
" Odell, Henry J. (Sup.)
" Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
(Toronto) (Sup.)</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)
" Fordyce, Robert E. (Sup.)
" Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)
" Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)
" Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Melb.) (Sup.)
" 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>1922—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.)
" Taylor, Cecil R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.
" Harris, G. Raymond
" Voyce, A. Harry</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.
" Laurenson, George I.
" Penn, Athol R.
" Raynor, Ivo M.
" Silvester, A. Wharton E. (M.M.)
" Utting, Harry V.</p> |
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| <p>1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.
 " Hailwood, Charlie O.
 " Handy, Francis J.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 " Horwood, Leonard C.
 " Kent, Arthur T.
 " Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 " Draper, Joseph C.
 " Leadley, E. Clarence
 " McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D.
 (Mt. Union, U.S.A.)
 " Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D.</p> <p>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</p> <p>1932—Day, Reginald
 " Hickman, D. J. Donald
 " Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D.
 " Jenkin, William C.</p> <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.
 " Daglish, J. Ainsley
 " Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.
 " Patchett, Ralph E.</p> <p>1934—Goodman, George H.
 " Johnston, Andrew J.
 " Matthews, Howard C., B.A.</p> <p>1935—Duder, Clifford L.
 " Hanna, L. Gordon
 " Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 " Thornley, Robert, M.A.
 Dip.Soc.Sc.
 " Witheford, Arthur R. B.A.</p> <p>1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John
 " Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.
 (Lond.)
 " Norwell, Leslie T.</p> <p>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, E.D.</p> <p>1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
 " Grice, Reginald
 " Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Agr.Sc</p> | <p>1939—Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
 " Oldfield, Charles B.
 " Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.</p> <p>1940—Dawson, John B. B.A.
 " Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.
 " Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
 " Greenslade, Lawrence
 " Jones, Alan O.</p> <p>1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.
 " Brown, Harold K.
 " Darvill, Harold A.
 " Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
 " Woolford, Henry J., M.A.</p> <p>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, Ranginohora
 " Willing, Leonard V.
 " Williams, J. C. Aldwyn</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1945—Green, Warren
 " Gregory, William H.
 " Shapcott, Leonard</p> <p>1946—McDonald, D. I. Alistair
 " Moore, Harry
 " Olds, Norman W.
 " 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> |
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| <p>1949—Baker, Edward
 „ Benny, T. Ralph
 „ Burt, Douglas H.
 „ Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
 „ Ford, Wilfred F., B.A.
 „ Garner, William M. (Sup.)
 „ Keightley, Clifford J.
 „ Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A.
 „ Olds, J. Stanley
 „ 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., B.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.
 „ Rushton, Percy P.
 „ Tahere, Te Awaha W.
 „ Trebilco, David L.
 „ Watson, Alexander C.</p> <p>1955—Abbott, William K.
 „ Bennett, Trevor L.
 „ Boyd, Edward P.
 „ 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
 „ Ziesler, John A., B.A., B.D.,
 (Lond.)</p> <p>1957—Bell, G. Basil W.
 „ Brough, Gordon D., B.A.
 „ Cropp, James F.
 „ Downer, Maurice H.
 „ Fowler, Irwin J.
 „ Guthardt, Phyllis M., B.A.
 „ Kitchingman, Henry W.
 „ Mabon, John C.F.
 „ Nicholls, Trevor L.
 „ Reddihough, John W., F.R.G.S.
 „ Russell, Kenneth H.
 „ Scarr, Geoffrey E.
 „ Taylor, Phillip F.
 „ Walker, Bryan A., M.A.</p> <p>1958—Climo, Frederick J.
 „ Gilbert, Wilfred S.
 „ Glen, Frank G.
 „ Hamlin, R. John
 „ Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS

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| <p>1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)
 1944—Piani, Timothy
 1944—Taufa, John
 1944—Palavi, Daniel
 1953—Vula, Aisake</p> | <p>1955—Bitibule, John Veo
 1956—Maka, Ahofitu
 1957—Pataaku, Samson
 1957—Zio, Joeli</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.

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| 2. H.M.—Home Missions. | F.M.—Foreign Missions. |
| M.M.—Maori Missions. | C.S.—Connexional Secretary |
| Y.D.—Youth Department | Th.C.—Theological College. |

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	.. 1	Abbott, William K., 81 Johnson Street, Milton ..	.. 137
1944	.. 3	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead Auckland, N.5. .. .. .	.. 20
1956	.. 3	Andrews, Robert S., Taihape .. .. .	.. 62
1943	.. 7	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. .. .. .	.. F.M.
1947	.. 2	Attwood, A. Francis, Paeroa .. .. .	.. 32
1924	.. S	Bailey, John H., Hill Street, Warkworth, Northland (1956)	29
1949	.. 2	Baker, Edward, 22 Union Street, New Brighton Christchurch, E.3. .. .. .	.. 106
1953	.. 3	Baker, Frederick J. K., Paparua, Northland .. .. .	.. 9
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	.. 30
1941	.. 4	Bell, Charles H., B.A., Tainui Street, Matamata .. .. .	.. 40
1957	.. 2	Bell, G. Basil W., 56 Foyle Street, Bluff .. .. .	.. 144
1944	.. 2	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., 100 West Street, Feilding .. .. .	.. 75
1956	.. 3	Bennett, George L., Box 38 Ohura .. .. .	.. 50
1955	.. 4	Bennett, Trevor L., Cuba Street, Marton .. .. .	.. 64
1949	.. 3	Benny, T. Ralph, 5 William Street, Gore .. .. .	.. 139
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur A., No. 2 R.D., Te Puna, Tauranga (1950)	43
1951	.. 1	Besant, H. David, B.A., 36 Kings Road, Panmure, Auckland, E.2. .. .. .	.. 15
1954	.. 2	Billinghurst, Noel D., Te Puke .. .. .	.. 43
1907	.. S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Road, Stoke, Nelson (1947) .. .. .	.. 95
1923	.. S	Blakemore, Albert, 4 Thornton Road, Milford, Auckland N.2. (1946) .. .. .	.. 19
1900	.. S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1. (1944) .. .. .	.. 18
1904	.. S	Blamires, Ernest O., 11 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5. (1946) .. .. .	.. 79
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 98 13th Ave, Tauranga (1930)	.. 43
1930	.. 4	Blight, J. Montgomery, 179 Regan St., Stratford .. .. .	.. 54
1917	.. S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 5032, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2. (1957) .. .. .	.. 104
1955	.. 1	Boyd, Edward P., Scotland Street, Roxburgh .. .. .	.. 145
1922	.. 4	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu .. .. .	.. 46
1957	.. 2	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., 10 Shelbourne St., Nelson .. .. .	.. 95

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1943	.. 1	Brown, Clifford G., Wainuiomata, Wellington	.. 87a
1916	.. S	Brown, George E., 611 Blockhouse Bay Road, Auckland, S.W.3. (1956)	.. 16
1941	.. 7	Brown, Harold K., 226 Thames Street, Morrinsville	.. 35
1924	.. 3	Brown, Hubert G., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.1.	.. 105
1910	.. S	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951)	
1914	.. S	Burnet, Oswald, 6 Horseshoe Lake Road, Shirley Christchurch, N.E.2. (1954)	.. 106
1951	.. 1	Burrough, Amos W., 10 Freyberg Street, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	.. 68
1949	.. 2	Burt, Douglas H., Box 12 Ruawai, Northland	.. 8
1956	.. 3	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Kirk St., Otaki	.. 93
1944	.. 2	Bycroft, Leslie F., 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 120
1955	.. 2	Cable, Wilfred J., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill	.. 141
1931	.. 4	Carr, Thomas H., C.F., 336 Selwyn St. Addington, Christ- church, S.W.1.	.. 109
1931	.. 8	Carr, W. E. Allon, 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1	.. 13
1951	.. 8	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., Methodist Mission, Kekesu. Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [10]
1917	.. S	Chambers, Ernest B., 52 Woodlands Road, Glen Eden, Auckland (1956)	.. 17
1944	.. 6	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 46 Radley Street, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.. 107
1933	.. 13	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., 28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.W.2.	.. H.M.
1937	.. 3	Churchill, John, 30 Church St., Te Aroha	.. 34
1950	.. 6	Clark, Colin D., B.A., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1.	.. 108
1942	.. 2	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., C.F., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3.	.. 11
1947	.. 3	Clements, Leslie C., C/o Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie Post Office, Wellington	.. 81
1958	.. 1	Climo, Frederick J., Main Rd, Greytown	.. 88
1951	.. 4	Clucas, Ivan J. Silverdale, Northland	.. 28
1939	.. 6	Cochrane, Herbert A., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin, W. 1.	.. 133
1942	.. 1	Collins, Alan F., 80 Wesley St., Dundedin, S.1	.. 131
1915	.. S	Cooke, Percy I, Te Atatu Rd., Te Atatu, Auckland (1952)	.. 17
1905	.. S	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2., (1947)	.. 16
1949	.. 10	Cornwell, Gordon A.R., Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [11]
1918	.. S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sci., South Tee, Pieton (1955)	.. 99
1909	.. S	Cottom, Harry, Springston R/D., Canterbury (1949)	.. 113
1953	.. 4	Craig, Hughan M., Taitua St., Taumarunui	.. 49
1943	.. 1	Cramond, George W., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 127
1957	.. 1	Cropp, James F., 43 Jellicoe Rd., Manurewa	.. 24
1933	.. 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Otorohanga	.. 47
1941	.. 14	Darvill, Harold A., 107 Waihi Road, Hawera	.. H.M.
1940	.. 2	Dawson John B., B.A. 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	.. 90
1943	.. 5	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2., C.F.	.. 19
1932	.. 3	Day, Reginald, 274 High Street, Carterton	.. 89
1917	.. S	Dennis, John, 28 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.. 19
1929	.. 1	Dickens, Charles E., 82 Murray Place, St. Albans Christchurch, N.1	.. 111
1954	.. 3	Dickie, Arthur W., 83 King St., Whakatane	.. 44
1947	.. 3	Divers, W. Lloyd, 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	.. 25

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1940	.. 2	Dixon, Haddon, C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2453, Auckland.	11
1944	.. 4	Dorrian, A. Peter, 67 Shearman Road, Waimate	.. 122
1957	.. 2	Downer, Maurice H., 5 Garden Place, Lower Hutt	.. 85
1930	.. 4	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 42 Melanesia Road, Kohimarama Auckland, E.1	.. 15
1935	.. 1	Duder, Clifford L., 38 Sealey St., Thames	.. 30
1931	.. 7	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 56 Royal Terrace Dunedin, C.2.	.. 128
1954	.. 1	Eastwood, Eric R., Cromwell	.. 146
1952	.. 2	Edmonds, David W., Auckland Street, Picton	.. 99
1948	.. 2	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 31 Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	84
1911	.. 8	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum Street, Paeroa (1948)	.. 32
1943	.. 8	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P. O. Box 1449, Christchurch, C.1.	.. 105
1956	.. 3	Falla, H. Rabey, 95 Sullivan Ave., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.. 113
1924	.. 13	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, C.1. C.S.	
1919	.. 8	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	.. 104
1948	.. 2	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 64 Norway St., Wellington, W.1.	Y.D.
1916	.. 8	Fordyce, Robert E., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (1956)	52
1957	.. 2	Fowler, Irwin J., Apiti	.. 77
1911	.. 8	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1., (1941)	.. 106
1937	.. 5	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton, C.F.	.. 37
1949	.. 8	Garner, William M., Thames (1957)	.. 30
1919	.. 8	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland (1947)	.. 19
1952	.. 2	George, R. Leslie, 18 West Rd., Northland, Wellington W.2.	80
1952	.. 9	Gibson, Loyal J., Greendale No. 1 R/D., Christchurch	.. 120
1952	.. 2	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., C. F., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill Auckland, S.2.	.. 13
1958	.. 1	Gilbert, Wilfred S., Mace Street, Reefton	.. 100
1940	.. 5	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 15
1958	.. 1	Glen, Frank G., Liemen Street, Otautau, Southland	.. 143
1934	.. 2	Goodman, George H., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.. 73
1950	.. 3	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 12 Marsden Road, Greymouth	.. 102
1956	.. 3	Grant, Ian D., 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn Auckland,	11
1945	.. 3	Green, Warren, 12 Barr Street, Balclutha	.. 138
1940	.. 2	Greenslade, Lawrence, 18 Matai Rd., Hāpaitai, Wellington E.2.	.. 82
1931	.. 2	Greenslade, William W. H., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	52
1939	.. 2	Grice, Reginald, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	.. 36
1928	.. 3	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	.. 110
1943	.. 7	Grounds, Edmund D., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	.. 60
1954	.. 4	Grundy, John, M.A., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson	.. 96
1957	.. 2	Guthardt, Phyllis M., B.A., c/o 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	.. 110
1928	.. 1	Hailwood, Charlie O., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	.. 85
1947	.. 12	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1926	.. 3	Hall, James H., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth	.. 52
1952	.. 3	Hall, John R., Geraldine	.. 124
1923	.. 20	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House" Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1958	.. 1	Hamlin, R. John, Bombay, Auckland	.. 26
1928	.. 3	Handy, Francis J., 64 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7.	.. 22
1952	.. 2	Handyside, Allan J., 811 George St., Dunedin, N.I.	.. 129
1935	.. 4	Hanna, L. Gordon, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.	.. 15
1916	.. S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I., (1947)	.. 15
1938	.. 5	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 45 High Street, Blenheim	.. 99
1910	.. S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1 (1951)	.. 104
1926	.. 3	Harris, G. Raymond, 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	.. 18
1900	.. S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes Street, Waimate, (1940)	122
1939	.. 1	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., 'Friendship House,' (20a) Bueckburg, West Germany	.. 79
1954	.. 1	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 3 Delta Street, Dunedin, N.W.1	.. 128
1932	.. 2	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 5 Chapman St., Invercargill	.. 139
1948	.. 1	Hilder, Basil J., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake	.. 58
1912	.. S	Hinton, George B., 28 Carrington Street, Christchurch, N.I. (1949)	.. 111
1938	.. 3	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 235 Karori Road, Wellington W.3.	80
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	.. 66
1936	.. 5	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.. 114
1929	.. 4	Horwood, Leonard C., 801E, Queen St., Hastings	.. 66
1900	.. S	Hunt, George P. 25 Claude Road, Manurewa Auckland (1949)	.. 24
1942	.. 1	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Riemenschneider St., Manaia	.. 57
1922	.. S	Jack, J. Francis, 15 Northboro Rd., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1956)	.. 19
1932	.. 12	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.I., C.F.	.. 106
1919	.. S	Jefferson, Alfred E., 49 Gray Ave., Papatoetoe (1954)	.. 21
1932	.. 6	Jenkin, William C., Springston No. 4 R.M.D., Christchurch	113
1934	.. 6	Johnston, Andrew J., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington, S.I.	81
1943	.. 1	Jolly, Albert, 213 Sandringham Rd., Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1	.. 13
1940	.. 5	Jones, Allan O., 98 North Street, Timaru	.. 119
1899	.. S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green Street, Lower Hutt, (1940)	85
1949	.. 5	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	.. 3	Kent, Arthur T., C.F., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	.. 6
1924	.. S	Kings, Harry S., 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956)	.. 92
1957	.. 1	Kitchingman, Henry W., Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	.. 2
1956	.. 3	Kitchingman, Owen, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyyn Wellington	.. 79
1927	.. 5	Larsen, Norman P., 15 Verran Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch, N.W.1,	.. 111
1927	.. 20	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	.. H.M.
1912	.. S	Lawrence, Frederick B., Sadlier St., Stoke, Nelson (1949)	96
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931)	15
1938	.. 7	Laws, William R. M.A., B.D., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	.. 72

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1930	.. 6	Leadley, E. Clarence, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	.. 67
1900	.. 8	Leadley, Frank E., 7 Fowlers Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.E.2. (1940)	.. 16
1953	.. 3	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 8 King Edward Street, Eltham	55
1958	.. 1	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 78 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt	.. 85a
1942	.. 6	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1939	.. 1	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.. 116
1935	.. 3	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Queen Street, Waiuku	.. 27
1957	.. 1	Mabon, John C.F., 14 Middelton St., Johnsonville	.. 83
1948	.. 11	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	.. 25
1934	.. 5	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., C.F., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	65
1909	.. 8	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	.. 99
1946	.. 6	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	.. [8]
1930	.. 1	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 320 Hardy St., Nelson	.. 95
1953	.. 2	McKay, Archibald W., Regent Street, Waihi	.. 33
1946	.. 4	Moore, Harry, 105 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson	.. 96
1931	.. 4	Moore, William E., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.. 107
1942	.. 2	Morrison, William J., M.A., 116 Barrs Rd., Old Hill, Staffs., England.	.. 37
1918	.. S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood, Christchurch E.1. (1953)	.. 106
1911	.. S	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 39 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland (1952)	.. 12
1953	.. 2	Newman, Allan, 40a Henley Street, Westport	.. 101
1954	.. 4	Newton, Alan H.V., Wesley Tce., Te Kuiti	.. 48
1957	.. 2	Nicholls, Trevor L., Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu	.. 94
1949	.. 3	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 64 Albert Road, Pahiatua	.. 71
1937	.. 1	Norwell, Leslie T., 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	.. 21
1915	.. S	Odell, Henry J., C/o 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, C.3. (1953)	78
1939	.. 7	Oldfield, Charles B., 66 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 38
1910	.. S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 21 Alpha Street, Cambridge (1951)	36
1915	.. S	Olds, E. Thomas, 28 Bannerman Rd., Auckland, W.2 (1957)	15
1949	.. 3	Olds, J. Stanley, 216 Earn St., Invercargill	.. 142
1946	.. 3	Olds, Norman W., Awakino Rd., Dargaville	.. 7
1951	.. 5	Olds, O. McLennan, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 134
1933	.. 26	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., C.F., Box 5104, Auckland C.1.	.. 12
1953	.. 3	Osborne, John H., Mouatt St., Waitara	.. 53
1947	.. 2	Parker, Francis H., 13 Fraser Cres., Upper Hutt	.. 86
1917	.. S	Parker, Frederick J., 6 Irene Ave, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1952)	15
1931	.. 1	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., C/o 52 Queen's Drive, Dunedin, S.2	.. 131
1918	.. S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3. (1950)	.. 15
1929	.. 7	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	13
1930	.. 6	Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D., C.F., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	.. 11
1902	.. S	Patchett, Ernest D., 36 Orakau Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1945)	.. 15
1933	.. 4	Patchett, Ralph E., 19 Regent Street, Hawera	.. 56
1931	.. 3	Payne, Herbert W., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	24
1955	.. 1	Peart, Cuthbert F., C.F., C/o 24 Liverpool St., Hamilton	37
1953	.. 1	Penman, John A., B.A., 2 Westend Rd., Herne Bay, Auckland, W.1	.. 14
1927	.. 3	Penn, Athol R., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2...	.. 16

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1938	.. 7	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Chester St. Christchurch,	C.1 104
1925	.. 8	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	.. 132
1943	.. S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch, S. E. 3. (1948)	.. 107
1954	.. 5	Rakena, Ruawai D., Waima, Hokianga	.. [1]
1949	.. 5	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 30 Matai Street, Hamilton	.. 37
1950	.. 1	Ramsay, Philip D., 100 Waiwhetu Rd., Lower Hutt	.. 85
1901	.. S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	.. 16
1951	.. 4	Raynor, Charles H., Ashhurst	.. 74
1927	.. 2	Raynor, Ivo M., 18 Orari St., Ngairo, Wellington, N.4.	.. 83
1957	.. 2	Reddihough, John W., 24 Passmore Cres, Maori Hill Dunedin, N.W.1.	.. 130
1952	.. 2	Reid, Ian W., 30 Keko St., Tokoroa	.. 41
1911	.. S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	.. 114
1906	.. S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Road, New Plymouth (1945)	.. 52
1955	.. 1	Rigg, Frank S., 162 Sutherland Rd., Wellington, E.3	.. 82
1947	.. 4	Riseley, Benjamin H., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 115
1942	.. 4	Rogers, Ranginohora, 519 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.1.	.. [2]
1911	.. S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington E.5. (1949)	.. 82
1951	.. 1	Ruck, Idris J., 39 Strathavon St., Miramar Wellington, E.4	.. 82
1954	.. 1	Rushton, Percy P., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland	.. 4
1957	.. 2	Russell, Kenneth H., Hokitika	.. 103
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)	.. 16
1956	.. 3	Scammell, Bruce, 29 Rimu Street, Helensville, Auckland	.. 28
1957	.. 2	Scarr, Geoffrey E., Hikurangi, Northland	.. 5
1950	.. 2	Schroeder, Leonard, P. B.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.5.	.. 15
1912	.. S	Scrivin, Arthur H., "Roviana" 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1952)	.. 15
1903	.. S	Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	.. 12
1945	.. 2	Shapcott, Leonard, 95 Fitzroy St., Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 131
1952	.. 2	Shaw, Harry I., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	.. 87
1946	.. 1	Shepherd, Trevor, Park Ave., Oxford	.. 118
1944	.. 5	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 32 Edmonton Rod., Henderson, Auckland	.. 17
1927	.. 2	Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.) DeMerle St., Kaikohe Northland	.. 2
1938	.. 5	Silvester, John, M.A., 83 Kolmar Street, Papatoetoe	.. 23
1918	.. S	Skuse, Thomas, No. 2 R.D. Kumeu, Auckland (1956)	.. 17
1915	.. S	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 198 Clyde Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1957)	.. 104
1923	.. S	Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace Ext., Durie Hill, Wanganui (1949)	.. 59
1952	.. 3	Spindler Sydney J., 230 High St., Dannevirke	.. 69
1951	.. 6	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, N.1.	.. 111
1947	.. 2	Stewart, Edmond S., 45 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows, Hawkes Bay	.. 65
1947	.. 2	Stewart, Edmond S., Gloucester St., Taradale, Napier	.. 65
1953	.. 3	Stubbs, David G., Port Albert, Wellsford R/D...	.. 10
1955	.. 2	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., North Esplanade Rd., Te Kuiti	.. [4]
1954	.. 5	Tahere, Te Awha W., 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	[5]

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1924	.. S	Taylor, Cecil R., 23 Garreg Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch N.W.1 (1955)	.. 111
1957	.. 1	Taylor, Phillip F., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1911	.. S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., Oturei, Aratapu, Nth. Wairoa (1954)	H.M
1941	.. 5	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 42 Malfroy Road, Rotorua	.. 42
1946	.. 7	Thompson, George R., E.D., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	59
1951	.. 3	Thompson, John H., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	61
1955	.. 2	Thornicroft, Neville, 82 Pah Road, Motueka	.. 97
1935	.. 2	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4.	79
1908	.. S	Tinsley, Robert B., 77 Fox Street, Hamilton (1949)	.. 37
1951	.. 2	Toothill, Harry W., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Northland	.. 1
1954	.. 1	Trebilco, David L., 107 Dyers Pass Rd., Cashmere, Christchurch, S.2	104
1952	.. 4	Trebilco, George R., Neville St., Warkworth, Northland	.. 29
1927	.. 3	Utting, Harry V., 23 Aynsley Terrace, Christchurch, S.E.2	107
1926	.. 33	Voyce, A. Harry, Buin Bay, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [9]
1956	.. 1	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., C/o 75 Taranaki St., Wellington C.3	.. 79
1912	.. S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	.. 15
1954	.. 3	Watson, Alexander C., Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1939	.. 5	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., C.F., Box 17 Rongotea, Manawatu	.. 76
1914	.. S	Werren, Samuel J., 17 Murray Street, Maeroa, Hamilton	37
1938	.. 1	Whitfield, Harris, E.D., C.F., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui Christchurch, N.W.2	.. 112
1931	.. 12	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	.. Th.C.
1943	.. 5	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, E.1.	106
1942	.. 4	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Shirley Road, Shirley, Christchurch N.E.1	.. 106
1935	.. 2	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., C.F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	.. 125
1953	.. S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	.. 52
1950	.. 4	Woodfield, Frank H., 63 Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth	.. 52
1950	.. 5	Woodfield, Owen T., Willowby R.D., Ashburton	.. 126
1941	.. 3	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 60a 13th Av., Tauranga	.. 43
1955	.. 3	Wood, Ronald H., 10 Onslow Street, Huntly	.. 39
1955	.. 1	Ziesler, John A., B.A., B.D., C/o 5 Paice Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.. 13

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1941	.. S	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Gibson's Rd., Tuakau (1954)	.. [2]
1944	.. 12	Taufa, John, Kieta, South Bougainville, New Guinea	.. [9]
1944	.. 11	Palavi, Daniel, Tearaka, Private Bag, Kekeku, Bougainville	[10]
1944	.. 4	Piani, Timothy, Senga, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	[8]
1950	.. 5	Vula, Aisake, Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1955	.. 3	Bitibule, John Veo, Skolotan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [11]
1956	.. 2	Maka, Ahofitu, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1957	.. 2	Pataaku, Samson, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1957	.. 2	Zio, Joeli, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]

HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1908—1928 and 1946—	W. E. Sleep (Retired)	11
1917—	A. L. Witheford, (Retired) 14 Claude St., Claudelands, Hamilton	24
1919—	J. W. Bayliss (Retired). Awaroa Rd. Henderson, Auckland	20
1922—	H. Ashworth, (Retired) 571 South Rd. New Plymouth	22
1922—	C. Robinson (Retired), 108 McGrath St. Napier.	7
1924—	R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah Rd. Motueka.	7
1924—	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce. Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	20
1925—	(Senior H.M.) W. J. Henderson 78 Church Street, Mosgiel	4
1926—	W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland, N.2.	20
1928—	R. Coombridge (Retired) Kerikeri Central, North Auckland	8
1939—	(Senior H.M.) H. R. Wright, Okato, Taranaki	4
1940—	W. J. Bryant (Retired) Ford Street, Opotiki (Retired 3rd year)	1
1941—	T. Steele (Retired) Dick Street, Reefton	1
1944—	(Senior H.M.) C. E. Roke, Westgate Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	4
1946—	(Senior H.M.) O. L. Christian, Inglewood, Taranaki	3
1948—	(Senior H.M.) H. Prowse, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	2
1948—	(Senior H.M.) F. D. Peterson, Robinson Street, Foxton	4
1952—	F. L. Johnson, P.O. Box 11, Kohukohu, Hokianga.	7
1956—	F. E. Trim, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	3
1958—	D. I. Robertson (Retired) Onetangi P.O. Waiheke Island, Auckland	1

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1956—	G. K. Greening, Woodend	3
1956—	G. H. J. Yearbury, 5 Walnut Avenue, Ashburton	3
1957—	Stephen Hargreaves, 20 Marston Road, Timaru	2
1958—	L. H. Barber, C/o 60a 13th Avenue, Taruanga	1
1958—	J. E. Langley, 99 Marua Rd., Ellerslie, Auckland	1
1958—	A. C. Hight, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	1
1958—	S. A. Neal, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	1
1958—	F. E. Waione, Broad Bay, Dunedin	1

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

Thomas Walker, Coromandel.		
Rev. W. M. Isitt, Ngongotaha, Rotorua		
E. H. Downer, Gilligan Street, Palmerston, Otago		
A. E. Tardif, 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers		
Brian W. Sides, 30 Richmond Avenue, Northcote, Auckland, N.4		
Andrew G. Reid (non-resident Student of Trinity College) Walmsley Rd., Mangere, Auckland. S. E.5		
J. H. Conway, (non-resident Student of Trinity College) 170 West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland		
L. E. Salter, 48 Marchant Street, Putaruru		

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	31
1930—	Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired)	2
1932—	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	11
1932—	Paikea H Toka., 5 Miro Street, Kelston, New Lynn, Auckland	9
1934—	Huru Wiperi, Paparua, North Auckland	2
1934—	Heemi Rihimona, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	18
1936—	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato	13
1937—	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, Kawhia	7
1938—	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	21
1938—	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki, Auckland.	5
1939—	John Harris, P.O. Box 30, Kaiwaka, North Auckland	20
1940—	Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	19
1942—	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, R/D, Kawakawa	17

Ent.	Name and Address	Yaers
1944	—Te Urunga Pura Wetere, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti	1
1944	—Paki Manga, Main South Road, Otorohanga	15
1944	—Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	15
1945	—Tame Ponui, P.O. Kopaki, King Country	10
1946	—Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	13
1946	—Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia, King Country.	13
1946	—Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau.	13
1946	—Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	13
1947	—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	12
1948	—Nguru Winikerei, Marakopa, King Country	11
1950	—Maharaia Winiata, Ph.D., 25 Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland	9
1950	—Houtai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167, Kaikohe	8
1950	—Te Iwikau Waaka, R/D 4, Rotorua	9
1951	—Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamutu.	8
1952	—Matene Hori de Thierry, Rangiriri, Waikato	7
1952	—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato.	7
1952	—Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	7
1952	—J. Hatoitoi Pihama, Higgins Road, Frankton Junction.	7
1952	—Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Rd., Onerahi	7
1952	—Tutu Keepa, Thomas Street, Ngaruawhaia, Waikato.	7
1954	—Alexander Grahame Kahui, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato. 5	
1954	—Te Akonga Pihama, Methodist Maroi Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	5
1955	—Wera Couch, Rapaki, Lyttelton.	4
1957	—Taipua Te Uira, Taharua, King Country	2
1957	—Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura, Aramiro, R/D, Raglan	2
1958	—Himiona Waata, No. 3 R/D, Hikurangi	1
1958	—Marshall Rite, Waimiha, King Country	1

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
1935	—Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahunu" 110 Grey Street, Onehunga Auckland, S.E.5
1936	—Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton
1939	—Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiata Maori Girls' Hostel, 455 South Rd., New Plymouth
1939	—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Methodist Central Mission, 35 Octagon, Dunedin
1943	—Sister Anne Wilson, P.O. Box 172 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 Mavis Dickie, Box 9, Otorohanga.
1948	—Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch
1948	—Sister Grace Clement, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti
1949	—Sister Betty Yearbury, 21 Longfellow Street, Opunake
1949	—Sister Frances Smith, Box 400, Hamilton
1950	—Sister Evelyn Taylor, 17 Hamon Avenue, Threee Kings, Auckland
1954	—Sister Winnifred Bennett, Box 400, Hamilton.
1954	—Sister Joyce Gribble, C/o 77 Pretoria Street Lower Hutt
1955	—Sister Doreen Bulford, Central Mission, Box 1449, Christchurch.
1955	—Sister Kathleen Rogers, Box 21, Rawene, North Auckland
1955	—Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Methodist Central Mission, Box 5104, Auckland.

- 1956—Sister Lorraine Flowers, 630 Fergusson St., Palmerston North
 1956—Sister Joyce Foster, 5 Glen Avenue, Papatoetoe
 1956—Sister June Peters, Pahia, Bay of Islands
 1957—Sister Beverley Taylor C/o 130 Grafton Rd., Auckland C.3
 1958—Probationer Ann Saunders, C/o 100 West St., Feilding

MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kihili, Buin, Bougainville
 Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Siwai, South Bougainville,
 Terr. of New Guinea
 Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Myra Fraser, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, 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 Edith James, Tari, Via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea.
 Sister Joy Thompson, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Audrey Grice, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Mary Addison, Buin, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea
 Sister Audrey Highnam, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Lesley Bowen, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Phyllis Rudolph, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Beulah Reeves, Buin, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea

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, "Wesley Lodge," Park Terrace, Christchurch
 1927—Sister Grace McDonald, 10 Ormiston Drive, Knock, Belfast.
 1927—Mrs. C. B. Jones, 11 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland.
 1945—Mrs. Roland Venis, 479 Gt. South Road, Auckland, S.E.6

(b) MISSIONARY SISTERS

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland.
 1935—Mrs. H. Breed, R.D. No. 4., Cambridge.
 1936—Sister Edna White, 479 Gt. South Road, Auckland, S.E.6
 1938—Sister Merle Farland, Box 11, Taichung, Taiwan, Formosa
 1932—Sister Effie Harkness, 14 Atangi Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1

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
Battey, 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
Benny, Henry	Broadfield	1888	1921	16th December, 1956	New Plymouth
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

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Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
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
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau

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Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
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
Greenwood, Fred	England	1868	1897	18th October, 1956	Wellington
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

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Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
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., O.S.A.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 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

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Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George, Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
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
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	1956	Paeroa
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, Hector C.	Geelong, Australia	1884	1920	16th May, 1957	Dunedin
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Victoria	1873	1902	29th June, 1956	Auckland
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

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Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penny, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	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
Pybus, T. Arthur	Yorkshire, England	1873	1897	28th August, 1957	Port Chalmers
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington
Rakena, Piripi	—	—	1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rakena, Rakena P.	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	February, 1956	Rapaki
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, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7th March, 1957	Christchurch
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

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Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	—	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A.	Christchurch	1885	1910	1956	Christchurch
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch	1868	1891	4th January, 1950	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, G. Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1st June, 1951	Greytown
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
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

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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
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
Woodward, C. William	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
General Account	396 4 9	Bank Deposit: National Bank of N.Z. at credit Benevolent Fund ..	111 12 7
Benevolent Fund Account	1111 12 7	Less debit General Account ..	3 15 3
			<u>107 17 4</u>
		Government Securities: N.Z. Govt. Stock at 3%	
		General Account	400 0 0
		Benevolent Fund	1000 0 0
			<u>1400 0 0</u>
	<u>£1507 17 4</u>		<u>£1507 17 4</u>

Audited and found correct.
R. J. LEATHWICK,

30/9/1957.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Directors Salaries	..	..	548 8 1	Contributions	..	..	3,511 6 7
Office Salaries	..	..	630 11 1	Youth Conference	..	..	60 16 7
Property Expenses—Christchurch	..	..	70 13 1	Duplicating Services	..	..	191 13 11
—Wellington	..	..	119 9 5	Film Hire	..	..	10 16 0
Connexional Charges	..	..	136 10 11	Interest	..	..	1 2 5
Grants—D.Y.C.	..	115 0 0		Excess of Expenditure over Income	..	..	321 18 1
—Y.C.N.C.C.	..	25 0 0					
			140 0 0				
Travelling Expenses	..	..	329 6 4				
Solomon and Simon	..	..	91 8 0				
Christian Education Handbook (nett)	..	..	421 7 0				
Home Sunday School and Bible Class	..	..	120 19 8				
Depreciation	..	..	380 4 6				
Printing and Stationery	..	..	590 11 3				
Postages	..	..	175 15 8				
General Expenses	..	..	335 16 5				
Film Expenses	..	..	1 19 2				
Youth Convention	..	..	4 13 0				
			<u>£4097 13 7</u>				<u>£4,097 13 7</u>

D. M. HAY,
Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Sundry Creditors		175 14 0	P.O.S.B.—Special Appeal Fund		279 0 7
Loans—H.M. Board secured by			.. —Motor Car Fund		272 18 2
Mortgage Ch'ch Property ..	1,092 4 11		.. —Special Purposes Fund		1,347 6 5
Mortgage Wgton. Property ..	915 19 11		.. —New Ventures Fund		70 3 0
		2,008 4 10	.. —Parsonage Extension		201 15 3
Special Reserves:			.. —Parsonage Furniture		35 2 2
Special Appeal	1,551 10 7		.. —General Fund		38 13 4
Motor Car	387 18 2		Sundry Debtors		1,326 11 2
Special Purposes	1,347 6 5		Car Advance		65 0 0
Missions	402 7 2		Christchurch Property—Cost Less Depreciation		1,562 10 0
New Ventures	570 3 0		Wellington Property—Cost Less Depreciation ..		3,718 11 2
Parsonage Extension	396 15 3		Christchurch Furniture—Cost Less Depreciation		460 12 0
Parsonage Furniture	260 19 8		Wellington Furniture—Cost Less Depreciation ..		898 0 0
		4,917 0 3	Equipment		1,384 16 4
National Bank of New Zealand		325 13 2	Films		113 5 6
Accumulated Fund (1/7/56) ..	4,821 18 5		Loan—H.M. Transport Trust ..	750 0 0	
Transfers from Special Reserves	845 7 2		(Spec. Appeal) Accrued Int. ..	22 10 0	
					772 10 0
Less Excess of Expenditure over	5,667 5 7		Stock on Hand (Printing and Stty.) ..		225 0 0
Income	321 18 1		Cash on Hand		4 7
		5,345 7 6			
		£12,771 19 9			£12,771 19 9

PATRICK, FEIST, JACK AND MIDDLEBROOK,
AUDITORS.
7/10/1957.

D. M. HAY,
TREASURER.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON)—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1957

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Sundry Creditors—				Sundry Debtors	4,880	17	1
Youth Department	1,127	15	4	Less Sales in Advance	2,107	5	11
Trade	1,292	15	6				2,773 11 2
			2,420 10 10	Stock in Hand—Trade	1,870	0	0
Capital Account 30/6/56	1,718	1	5	—Printing and Stationery	75	0	0
Add Profit For Year	1,400	9	1				1,945 0 0
			3,118 10 6	Equipment			7 3 2
				National Bank of New Zealand			812 18 0
				Cash in Hand			9 0
							£5,539 1 4
			£5,539 1 4				£5,539 1 4

Trading Account

To Stock 30/6/56	2,250	0	0	By Sales	9,889	8	8
Purchases	6,589	0	5	Stock in Hand 30/6/57	1,870	0	0
Sales in Advance (1957)	2,107	5	11	Sales in Advance (1956)	1,878	18	11
Gross Profit	2,692	1	3				
			£13,638 7 7				£13,638 7 7

Profit and Loss Account

To Salaries	950	0	0	By Gross Profit	2,692	1	3
Postages	184	2	8				
Printing and Stationery	64	11	2				
General Expenses	92	18	4				
Net Profit	1,400	9	1				
			£2,692 1 3				£2,692 1 3

PATRICK, FEIST, JACK AND MIDDLEBROOK,
AUDITORS.

7/10/1957.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
Revenue Account for Year Ending 31st May, 1957

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount of Loans at 31/5/56	33,446	18	9	By Loans Repaid	7,285	11	11
„ New Loans Advanced	22,650	0	0	„ Amount of Loans at 31/5/57	48,811	6	10
	£56,096	18	9		£56,096	18	9

Sites Fund Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grant for Sites	175	0	0	By Donations	100	0	0
				„ Interest	33	3	3
				„ Transfer from Capital Account	41	16	9
	£175	0	0		£175	0	0

Administration Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Authorised Appropriation	450	0	0	By Working Expenses	248.	17	7
„ Stationery, etc.	177	1	11	„ Trust Contributions	176	11	0
„ Rates	2	1	6	„ Interest	266	17	6
„ Balance	194	2	10	„ Hymn Book Commission	131	0	2
	£823	6	3		£823	6	3

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1957

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Loans Account—							
Accumulated Funds				45,940	0	0	
Capital Fund—							
Bequests:							
Thomas Emsley	1,500	0	0				
H. H. Wake	50	0	0				
David Graham	50	0	0				
W. H. Duke	100	0	0				
Samuel Lawry	50	0	0				
Geo. Winstone	1,000	0	0				
Thomas Fee	50	0	0				
W. G. Andrews	100	0	0				
Anonymous	200	0	0				
R. Keightley	50	0	0				
				3,150	0	0	
Donations:							
Mrs E. Winstone-Blackwell ..	500	0	0				
Anonymous	100	0	0				
Rev. J. Olphert	10	0	0				
Anonymous	100	0	0				
Anonymous	50	0	0				
Anonymous	50	0	0				
Anonymous	50	0	0				
J. C. Dobby	150	0	0				
				960	0	0	
Peace Fund				1,150	0	0	
Special Loans Account				700	0	0	
Advance Methodism Fund (Grants)				6,398	16	4	
General Purposes Trust Fund ..				1,000	0	0	
Trust Accounts				813	10	6	
Sites Fund Account—							
Balance at 31/5/56	266	0	4				
Less Transfer from Revenue A/c.	41	16	9				
				224	3	7	
Peace Fund				246	10	8	
				470	14	3	
Bank of New Zealand				945	14	8	
				1,416	8	11	
Administration Account (Interim)—							
Capital Fund (as per Contra) ..				300	0	0	
				£61,828	13	9	
Loans Account—							
Outstanding Loans	51,491	17	8				
Less Working Expenses	2,633	8	2				
				48,858	9	6	
Less Interest				47	2	8	
							48,811 6 10
Deposits—							
Supernumery Fund	5,313	5	4				
Bank of New Zealand	2,046	13	0				
Post Office Savings Bank	3,036	14	10				
Fire Insurance Fund	90	16	4				
							10,487 9 6
Trusts Accounts—							
Bank of New Zealand	808	0	0				
Supernumery Fund	5	10	6				
							813 10 6
Sites Fund Account—							
Post Office Savings Bank	1,260	13	0				
Supernumery Fund	155	15	11				
							1,416 8 11
Administration Account—							
Accumulated Deficit at 31/5/56	111	8	1				
Sundry Debtors	151	12	7				
Bank of New Zealand	36	19	4				
							300 0 0
							£61,828 13 9

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to their correctness. 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, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG, Treasurers.
H. de R. FLESHER,

R. H. SHERRIS,
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditors.
9th August, 1957.

ADVANCE METHODISM FUND
Statement of Receipts and Payments as at 31/5/57

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Contributions. 20/6/55-31/5/57	40,017	19	7	Printing and Distribution	573	19	10
				Advertising	97	6	8
				Stationery, Postages, Exchange, etc.	157	16	9
				Transfer to Loans Capital	26,140	0	0
				Transfer to Grants Account	13,048	16	4
	<u>40,017</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>40,017</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>

Grants Account as at 31/5/57

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Transfer from Advance Methodism Fund	13,048	16	4	Grants—			
				Rothesay Bay	600	0	0
				Te Atatu	600	0	0
				Marion Avenue	1,000	0	0
				Tokoroa	1,950	0	0
				Kawerau	500	0	0
				Taupo	250	0	0
				Cottle Block (Upper Hutt)	700	0	0
				Islington	300	0	0
				Halswell	250	0	0
				Alexandra	400	0	0
				Newfield	100	0	0
				Balance Unpaid		6,650	0
	<u>13,048</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>			6,398	16
						<u>4</u>	
							<u>13,048</u>
							<u>16</u>
							<u>4</u>

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & RENOVATION:		RENTS	5,957 19 10
No. 1 Block	663 1 1	INTEREST	271 19 2
No. 2 Block	60 5 8		
No. 3 Block	97 4 4		
Cottages, etc.	289 10 9		
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	1,110 1 10		
DEPRECIATION on Buildings	1,500 0 0		
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	221 0 6		
RATES	195 12 11		
SUNDRIES:			
Audit Fee	10 10 0		
Land Tax	96 7 1		
Bank Charges	1 0 0		
Sundries and Legal Charges	37 16 4		
Secretary's Salary	150 0 0		
Commission on Rents, etc., collected	174 1 10		
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	469 15 3		
SURPLUS for the year	2,733 8 6		
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	£6,229 19 0		£6,229 19 0
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Paid to Theological College	1,500 0 0	Balance, 30th June, 1956	18,911 17 2
Balance, 30th June, 1957	20,145 5 9	Surplus for the year	2,733 8 6
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	£21,645 5 9		£21,645 5 9

P. F. PRESCOTT,

A. R. MARTIN,
Auditors.

August 23rd, 1957.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	42,530	9 1	FREEHOLD PROPERTIES:		
INCOME ACCOUNT:			Great North Rd.—		
Balance as at 30th June, 1957	20,145	5 9	Land	17,580	0 0
			Buildings	35,440	7 3
			Less Depreciation	1,500	0 0
				<u>33,940</u>	<u>7 3</u>
					51,520 7 3
			P.O. SAVINGS BANK:		
			Deposit		3,051 2 10
			NATIONAL SAVINGS		
			ACC. No. 1/9552		3,726 19 0
			NATIONAL SAVINGS		
			ACC. No. 1/10142		
			(Capital Renewal		
			Fund)		3,856 5 4
			BANK OF N.Z.:		
			Current Account		482 10 5
			CASH IN HAND		38 10 0
					<u>38 10 0</u>
					£62,675 14 10
					<u>£62,675 14 10</u>

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1957, 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 1957, as shown by the books.

P. F. PRESCOTT,
A. R. MARTIN,
Auditors.
August 23rd, 1957.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 Months Ending 30th June, 1957

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS									
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d				
Balance 1st July, 1956				4,621	10	1	Interest on Mortgage	307	10	0			
Rent Received				3,990	9	4	Rates to 31/5/57	836	1	9			
Interest—							Repairs and Maintenance	1,503	2	6			
Auckland Savings Bank	9	6	0				Insurance	118	3	4			
Government Stock	81	5	0				Land Tax	97	5	10			
				90	11	0	Salaries	84	6	8			
							Legal Expenses	14	13	0			
							Sundry Expenses	3	5	1			
										2,964	8	2	
							Grant to Trinity College				400	0	0
							Sundry Debtors				28	15	0
							N.Z. Govt. Stock—						
							£1000 at 3% maturing 15/2/58	988	15	0			
							£2000 at 3½% maturing 15/9/59	1,960	0	0			
											2,948	15	0
							Balance—						
							Auckland Savings Bank	337	9	0			
							Bank New Zealand	2,023	3	3			
											2,360	12	3
											£8,702	10	5

MEMO: Bank of New Zealand Mortgage £6,000.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Prince Albert College Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1957. In my opinion the above statement of Receipts and Payments correctly sets out the transactions for the period and as shown by the books.

Auckland, 26th July, 1957.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman,
P. DELLOW, Secretary.

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Auditor.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Capital Account	45,459	12	2				
Plus Net Revenue	116	15	7				
	<hr/>			45,576	7	9	
Masterton Capital Account	17,298	18	11				8,000 0 0
Plus Bequests	200	0	0				16,113 6 9
	<hr/>						617 0 0
Less Capital Expenditure	17,498	18	11				21,330 6 2
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	<hr/>			17,142	18	11	51 5 0
Newcombe Trust Fund	51	5	0				12,543 9 8
Plus Interest	9	15	0				54 13 0
	<hr/>			61	0	0	1,000 0 0
	<hr/>						960 16 7
	<hr/>						1,344 1 4
	<hr/>						49 17 10
	<hr/>						300 0 0
	<hr/>						415 10 4
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	<hr/>			£62,780	6	8	£62,780 6 8

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1956, and I have received all the information and explanations I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the said Books.

WELLINGTON.
28/8/57.

G. T. WITHERS F.R.A.N.Z.
AUDITOR.

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE

Statement of Account of the Public Trustee's Administration, 30th June, 1956, to 30th June, 1957

ESTATE ACCOUNT		Dr.	Cr.
Balance:	.. .. .		3,494 1 4
Public Trust Office:			
Interest—30/6/56 to 30/6/57			
at 3¼%	.. .. .		131 0 6
Balance:	.. .. .	3,625 1 10	
		£3,625 1 10	£3,625 1 10
Balance	.. .. .		£3,625 1 10
DEVISE ACCOUNT		Dr.	Cr.
Balance	.. .. .		13,404 9 4
Implements Accounts:			
Depreciation Transferred:			
Top Farm	.. 9 2 5		
Lower Farm	.. 20 8 5		
			29 10 10
Farm Accounts:			
Net Profit Transferred:			
Top Farm	.. 1,532 12 11		
Lower Farm	.. 1,266 6 11		
			2,798 19 10
Public Trust Office:			
Interest—30/6/56 to 30/6/57 at 3¼%			502 2 0
Farm Supervision Account:			
O.T. Parry — allowance for mileage and expenses		50 0 0	
Balance:	.. .. .	16,685 2 0	
		£16,735 2 0	£16,735 2 0

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1957

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Accumulated Funds	.. ..	33,500 0 0	Mortgage Investments	.. ..	11,298 7 5
Fire Loss Reserve	.. ..	19,115 0 0	Mortgage Interest accrued	.. ..	70 4 0
Plus provision	.. ..	2,000 0 0			11,368 11 5
Investment Contingency Reserve		21,115 0 0	Government Stock	.. ..	11,485 0 0
£2367 12 10 plus Appreciations £51	.. ..	2,418 12 10	Debenture Investments	.. ..	35,210 0 0
Plus provision	.. ..	200 0 0	Debenture Interest accrued	.. ..	476 5 2
		2,618 12 10			47,171 5 3
Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c.	.. ..	415 13 0	DEPOSITS:		
Recommended Grants	.. ..	2,400 0 0	P.O. Savings Bank	.. ..	1,172 19 3
Sundry Creditors	.. ..	356 12 9	Supernumerary Fund	.. ..	740 8 10
Bank of New Zealand	.. ..	521 6 7			1,913 8 1
Natural Calamities Fund:			Premiums Due	.. ..	1,148 11 7
Accum. Fund as at 31/5/56	.. ..	1,460 7 3	Govt. W.D. Premiums Due	.. ..	886 18 4
Plus Interest	.. ..	51 2 3			
		1,511 9 6			
Plus Grants	.. ..	75 0 0			
		1,586 9 6			
Less Grant Made	.. ..	25 0 0			
		1,561 9 6			
		£62,488 14 8			£62,488 14 8

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those 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, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
E. R. CAYGILL,
Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.
F. M. SOWDEN, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auditors.

30th August, 1957.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
To Salaries	2,603 13 8	By Appropriations	3,025 0 0
.. Office Rent	150 0 0	.. Registration Fees	46 4 0
.. Connexional Charges	135 0 0	.. Board Room Rents	72 7 6
.. Telephone and Bank Charges, etc	51 14 9	.. Duplicating	6 17 1
.. Stationery and General Expenses	117 13 9	.. Interest	6 3 2
House Property—17 Merivale Lane:		.. Deficit	204 2 0
Rates and Insurance	39 14 6		
Repairs and Maintenance	86 17 1		
Interest	51 0 0		
	<u>177 11 7</u>		
Depreciation Reserve	125 0 0		
	<u>£3,360 13 9</u>		<u>£3,360 13 9</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors	130 6 11	Bank of New Zealand	274 4 2
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund:		Master Roll (Stock)	326 6 6
House Mortgage	1,700 0 0	Less Salcs	<u>161 19 0</u>
Provision and Reserves:			164 7 6
Depreciation — Merivale Lane		House Property—17 Merivale Lane	2,621 12 5
Property	688 5 7	Furniture	500 0 0
Office Equipment	65 5 7	Office Equipment	400 0 0
Salaries Fluctuation Reserve	146 12 5		
	<u>900 3 7</u>		
Leigh Camp Trust	36 1 6		
Capital Account:			
Balance as at 1st July, 1956	1,397 14 1		
Less excess of Expenditure			
over Income Transferred	<u>204 2 0</u>		
	<u>1,193 12 1</u>		
	<u>£3,960 4 1</u>		<u>£3,960 4 1</u>

I report that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended the 30th June, 1957. I certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account is properly drawn up so as to show the correct financial position of the Committee as at 30th June, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
W. T. BLIGHT,
Treasurers.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B. Com., A.P.A.N.Z.
Auditor.
6th September, 1957.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
(Incorporated under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act)
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		CURRENT ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors	121 14 6	N.P. Savings Bank: Deaconess' Acc. ..	80 8 11
Deaconess' Trust Fund	80 8 11	N.P. Savings Bank	5,995 13 8
Accumulated Funds:		Post Office Savings Bank	5,080 17 6
Balance, 1st July 1956	28,632 18 0	National Savings	11,494 5 2
Plus profit on Sale of Land	9,677 7 8	Balance at Bank N.S.W.	672 11 7
	38,310 5 8	Fixed Deposit Bank N.S.W.	8,041 17 5
Less loss for year	298 4 6		31,365 14 3
	38,012 1 2	Levin Borough Council	100 0 0
		Sundry Debtors	150 0 0
		Trewin Bequest Investments:	
		3% Govt. Stock 15/4/63	200 0 0
		2 x £100 Hamilton Boro. 4½% ..	200 0 0
		Debentures due 1/7/60	200 0 0
		5 x £100 Waikato County 3½% ..	500 0 0
		Debentures due 1/9/69	2,200 0 0
		Mortgage at 5%	3,100 0 0
		Fixed Assets:	
		Land	4,523 15 3
		Improvements	525 3 11
			5,048 19 2
		Land sold to Govt. (net)	11,936 6 10
		Less Profit Tsfd.	9,677 7 8
			2,258 19 2
		Present Cap. Val. of Land and Improvements	2,790 0 0
		Furniture, Fittings, Tools, etc. ..	810 12 4
		Less Depreciation	102 2 0
			708 10 4
			38,214 4 7
			38,214 4 7

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1957, and certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of my knowledge and the information given to me, and as shown by the records of the Trust

New Plymouth,
10/9/57.

F. V. MORINE,
F.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Accumulated Funds:			Investments:		
Balance Forward	133,668	13 3	Mortgages	72,653	5 1
Capital Appeal Fund	100	0 0	Debentures	63,485	0 0
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	6,110	19 7			
	<u>139,879</u>	<u>12 10</u>			
Less Subs. and Levies transferred or refunded	172	3 6	Less Investment Fluctuation Reserve	2,209	5 2
	<u>139,707</u>	<u>9 4</u>	Plus provision	200	0 0
Less Annuities Commuted	2,666	5 0	Plus premiums	152	7 6
				<u>2,561</u>	<u>12 8</u>
Freehold Property Maintenance Reserve		137,041 4 4	Freehold Property Plus Additions	53,374	8 5
		400 0 0		<u>959</u>	<u>2 11</u>
Deposits:					
Connexional Funds	9,511	11 8	Less Depreciation Reserve	11,250	0 0
Allied Funds	44,385	10 2	Plus provision	500	0 0
		53,897 1 10		<u>11,750</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Sundry Creditors and Accruals:			P.O. Savings Bank (1)	2,193	0 4
Rates accrued	299	10 0	do. (2)	2,227	18 3
General Treasurers Melbourne	104	5 0	Bank of N.Z.	7,124	14 6
Personal Subscriptions paid in Advance	696	6 0			
Sundry Creditors	103	13 8			
		1,203 14 8	Sundry Debtors, Accruals and Prepayments:		
			Annuities Prepaid	698	12 9
			Rents Accrued	38	4 8
			Rents due	580	7 4
			Mortgage Interest Accrued	533	9 5
			Debenture Interest Accrued	742	6 1
			Personal Subs in Arrears	905	3 9
			Circuit Levies due	1,338	0 0
				<u>4,836</u>	<u>4 0</u>
		<u>£192,542 0 10</u>			<u>£192,542 0 10</u>

We have examined the above balance sheet and revenue account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
13th August, 1957.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BENEVOLENT BRANCH
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
To Appropriation		9	10	By Balance as at 30th June, 1956		550	19
" Stationery and General Expenses		2	2	" Donations		14	17
" Grants		550	15	" Interest		66	2
" Balance		319	11	" Bequest—Est. Clare Gunby Bunby		250	0
		£881	19			£881	19
			6				6

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

Capital Account		1,400	0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund		1,719	11
Revenue Account		319	11			4	4
		£1,719	11			£1,719	11
			4				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, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
 G. S. SALTER,
 Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
 Auditors.
 13th August, 1957.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND

Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Retiring Allowances	461 14 0	By Balance as at 30/6/56	3,552 1 10
Home Mission Board Refund	9 0 0	.. Contributions:	
Transfer to Supernumerary Fund	128 0 0	.. Personal	144 0 0
Benefits Surrendered	9 0 0	.. Circuit	108 0 0
Balance as at 30/6/57	3,453 11 2	.. Home Mission Board	121 10 0
			373 10 0
		.. Interest	135 13 4
	<u>£4,061 5 2</u>		<u>£4,061 5 2</u>

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

To Interest to Contributors' Accounts	135 13 4	By Balance as at 30/6/56	271 11 9
.. Office Expenses:		.. Interest	139 15 5
.. Authorised Appropriation	60 0 0	.. Forfeitures	9 0 0
.. Stationery and General Exp.	23 3 4		
	83 3 4		
.. Balance as at 30/6/57	201 10 6		
	<u>£420 7 2</u>		<u>£420 7 2</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Personal Accounts	3,453 11 2	Debentures	3,110 0 0
Capital Account	584 15 0	Debenture Interest Accrued	19 2 4
Revenue Account	201 10 6	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	1,110 14 4
	<u>£4,239 16 8</u>		<u>£4,239 16 8</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
12th August, 1957.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
To Retiring Allowances	..	..	778 8 3	By Balance as at 30/6/56	..	..	13,076 9 0
" Balance as at 30/6/57	..	..	14,565 14 10	Contributions:			
				Personal	..	752 15 0	
				Circuit	..	257 5 0	
				Home Mission Board	..	288 15 0	
				Foreign Mission Board	..	400 0 0	
				Interest	..		1,698 15 0
							568 19 1
			£15,344 3 1				£15,344 3 1

Revenue Account

To Interest Contributors' Account	..	568 19 1	By Balance as at 30/6/56	..	1,602 9 0
.. Office Expenses:			.. Interest	..	719 14 5
Appropriation	..	60 0 0			
Stationery and General Exp.	..	22 12 5			
		82 12 5			
.. Balance as at 30/6/57	..	1,670 11 11			
		£2,322 3 5			£2,322 3 5

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Personal Accounts	..	..	14,565 14 10	Debentures	..	..	2,475 0 0
Capital Account	..	..	2,500 0 7	Debenture Interest Accrued	..	..	21 18 3
Revenue Account	..	..	1,670 11 11	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	16,239 9 1
			£18,736 7 4				£18,736 7 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 Funds as at 30th June, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
 G. S. SALTER,
 Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
 Auditors.
 13th August, 1957.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
To Withdrawals	..	..	469 3 9	By Balance as at 30/6/56	..	..	20,563 12 9
.. Forfeitures	..	..	38 10 0	.. Personal Subscriptions	..	..	736 4 4
.. Balance as at 30/6/57	..	..	22,027 16 7	.. Fire Insurance Subsidy	..	..	389 0 0
				.. Interest to Contributors Accounts	..	..	846 13 3
			<u>£22,535 10 4</u>				<u>£22,535 10 4</u>

Revenue Account

To Interest to Contributors	..	..	846 13 3	By Balance as at 30/6/56	..	..	197 17 0
.. Office Expenses:				.. Forfeitures	..	..	38 10 0
.. Appropriation	..	..	140 10 0	.. Interest on Deposits and Investments	..	..	805 1 11
.. Postages, Stationery, etc.	..	..	25 18 4	.. Adjustment of Subsidies	..	..	5 0 0
			166 8 4				
.. Balance as at 30/6/57	..	..	33 7 4				
			<u>£1,046 8 11</u>				<u>£1,046 8 11</u>

Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Personal Accounts	..	..	22,027 16 7	Debentures	..	..	8,795 0 0
Revenue Account	..	..	33 7 4	Debenture Interest Accrued	..	..	71 1 0
				Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	13,195 2 11
			<u>£22,061 3 11</u>				<u>£22,061 3 11</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, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
13th August, 1957.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
To Interest to Trust Accounts	2,213 15 1	By Commission	79 14 9
.. Authorised Appropriation	275 0 0	.. Interest on Deposits and Investments	2,454 14 5
.. Stationery and General Expenses	99 10 6	.. Excess Expenditure over Income	53 16 5
	<u>£2,588 5 7</u>		<u>£2,588 5 7</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Connexional Funds	16,992 19 7	Debentures and Government Stock	51,825 0 0
Church Trusts	34,688 19 11	Debenture Interest Accrued	438 15 1
Personal Trusts	3,129 6 6		<u>52,263 15 1</u>
Canberra Church Trust	83 14 5	Less Investment Fluctuation Reserve	421 10 3
Connexional Appeal	1,167 1 10		51,842 4 10
Hostels Appeal	201 1 7	Loans to Trusts:	
T.W. Newbold Trust:		Addington Trust	452 2 4
Capital Account as at 30/6/56	5,662 2 11	White Swan Road Trust	1,242 0 0
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	221 7 8		<u>1,694 2 4</u>
	<u>5,883 10 7</u>	Deposits:	
Winstone Memorial Trust:		Supernumerary Funds	12,120 12 6
Permanent Capital		P.O. Savings Bank (No. 1)	74 11 9
A/c. at 30/6/56	27,312 13 2	do. (No. 2)	85 12 1
Plus Revenue	361 0 0		<u>12,280 16 4</u>
	<u>27,673 13 2</u>	Bank of New Zealand	3,131 7 2
Grants Capital		Freehold Property (Newbold Trust)	2,400 0 0
A/c. at 30/6/56	1,744 18 10	Freehold Property (Winstone Trust)	21,645 16 8
Plus Revenue less		Sundry Debtors (Rents—Winstone Trust)	673 5 8
Grants	931 18 0		<u>£93,667 13 0</u>
	<u>2,676 16 10</u>		
General Purposes Trust:			
Capital Account	1,224 5 0		
Transfer to Revenue A/c.	53 16 5		
	<u>1,170 8 7</u>		
	<u>£93,667 13 0</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, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.

6th September, 1957.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD CONNEXIONAL APPEAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th June, 1957

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
To Balance Forward	.. .. .	1,022 15 6	Distributions:		
Contributions:			Trinity College	.. .. .	1000 0 0
Auckland District	.. .. .	574 7 11	National Council of Churches	.. .. .	300 0 0
South Auckland	.. .. .	260 0 0	Council for Christian Education	.. .. .	200 0 0
Taranaki-Wanganui	.. .. .	156 8 0	New Zealand Alliance	.. .. .	100 0 0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	.. .. .	288 1 4	Armed Forces Chaplaincy	.. .. .	100 0 0
Wellington	.. .. .	333 11 6			<u>1,700 0 0</u>
Nelson	.. .. .	116 10 6	Hospital Chaplains:		
North Canterbury	.. .. .	463 15 3	Auckland	.. .. .	220 0 0
South Canterbury	.. .. .	132 2 3	Palmerston North	.. .. .	65 0 0
Otago-Southland	.. .. .	193 1 9	Wellington	.. .. .	35 0 0
		<u>2,518 18 6</u>	Christchurch	.. .. .	114 0 0
			Dunedin	.. .. .	54 6 8
					<u>488 6 8</u>
			University Chaplains:		
			Auckland	.. .. .	30 0 0
			Wellington	.. .. .	75 0 0
			Christchurch	.. .. .	30 0 0
			Dunedin	.. .. .	35 0 0
					<u>170 0 0</u>
			Sundry Expenses:		
			Office Expenses	.. .. .	12 6 9
			Exchange and Postage	.. .. .	3 19 6
					<u>16 6 3</u>
			Balance Forward	.. .. .	<u>1,167 1 10</u>
		<u>£3,541 14 0</u>			<u>£3,541 14 0</u>

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30/6/57

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE					
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance, 1/7/56—									
Bank Balance				1,346	11	8			
Balances Due by Districts				291	12	8			
.. Current Levies—Districts—									
Auckland	1,540	0	0						
South Auckland	780	0	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui	520	0	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	584	0	0						
Wellington	840	0	0						
Nelson	326	0	0						
North Canterbury	1,104	0	0						
South Canterbury	326	0	0						
Otago-Southland	520	0	0						
				6,540	0	0			
.. Synod Collections—									
Auckland	16	1	9						
South Auckland	18	17	5						
Taranaki-Wanganui	16	16	2						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	11	2	10						
Wellington	9	8	9						
Nelson	9	7	0						
North Canterbury	9	13	4						
South Canterbury	4	17	7						
Otago-Southland	19	9	6						
				115	14	4			
.. Miscellaneous—									
Sale of Agendas	36	15	0						
Sale of Minutes	136	7	9						
Sale of Law Books	27	14	2						
Sale of General Supplies	41	0	5						
Offerings Opening Conference	72	4	7						
Offerings Ordination Service	62	15	3						
Offerings on President's and Vice-President's Visits	96	15	6						
Miscellaneous	15	0	6						
				488	13	2			
By Cost of Conference									
(a) Travelling to Auckland—									
Equalisation Fund	420	0	0						
Official Representatives	324	6	1						
							744	6	1
(b) Printing and General—									
Agendas	289	9	6						
Supplementary Agendas	49	16	6						
Minutes	418	4	6						
Station Lists	22	12	8						
Home and Foreign Mission Statements	93	18	8						
Secretary's Expenses	33	19	7						
Platform Staff	25	0	0						
Stationery and General	11	15	5						
							944	16	10
.. District Expenses—									
Auckland	256	10	8						
South Auckland	150	7	6						
Taranaki-Wanganui	106	13	7						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	60	11	10						
Wellington	125	9	6						
Nelson	44	12	11						
North Canterbury	37	1	5						
South Canterbury	31	7	4						
Otago-Southland	100	11	6						
							913	6	3
.. Synod Expenses—									
Auckland	83	19	2						
South Auckland	106	0	10						
Taranaki-Wanganui	67	11	3						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	57	2	1						
Wellington	32	9	10						
Nelson	17	18	3						
North Canterbury	51	3	9						
South Canterbury	6	13	6						
Otago-Southland	38	9	11						
							461	8	7

CONTINGENT FUND—Continued

„ Ministerial Supply—			
Auckland	20	0	0
South Auckland	22	10	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	3	5	6
			45 15 6
„ Connexional Payments—			
President's Travel, Balance			
1956	20	0	0
President's Supply, 1955/56	86	8	0
President's Travel, 1956/57	100	0	0
Vice-President's Travel	60	0	0
President's Stationery and Ex-			
penses	27	15	0
Printing Synod Reports	135	11	0
Printing Membership Cards	74	11	0
Printing Baptismal Cards	108	15	5
Printing Audit Certificates	4	3	0
Examination Committee	45	0	0
Education Committee Travel	10	8	4
Church Union:			
Expenses Conference	41	11	0
Printing Every Member			
Statement	138	13	0
Printing Voting Papers	61	14	0
Committee Travel	67	7	6
Peace Committee	19	18	3
Church Council	113	11	0
General Connexional Payments	37	17	0
			1,153 3 6
„ Grants—			
Trinity College	1,400	0	0
Connexional Secretary	325	0	0
Deaconess Institute	125	0	0
"Methodist Times"	150	0	0
"Methodist Times" Editor's			
Expenses	13	0	0
Natural Calamities	25	0	0
Overseas Travel	50	0	0
Spiritual Advance	25	0	0
Public Questions	25	0	0
World Council	125	3	3
National Council	6	0	3
Finance and Budgets	40	0	0
Ecumenical Committee	5	0	0

Radio Committee	10 0 0	
Spiritual Healing	10 0 0	
Religious Film Society	4 0 0	
Wesley Historical Society	5 0 6	
Temperance Committee	5 0 0	
Faith and Order Committee	5 0 0	
World Methodist Council	10 0 0	
University Expenses	30 0 0	
		<u>2,393 4 0</u>
„ Exchange and Bank Charges		7 13 3
„ Balances Due by Districts—		
Auckland	37 4 0	
South Auckland	17 6 5	
Taranaki-Wanganui	7 15 10	
Wellington	207 5 5	
Nelson	24 5 11	
North Canterbury	29 18 7	
South Canterbury	0 1 6	
Otago-Southland	67 9 8	
		<u>391 7 4</u>
„ Balance, Bank of New Zealand		1,727 10 6
		<u>£8782 11 10</u>
	<u>£8,782 11 10</u>	

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, together with the District Chairman's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1957, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the fund at that date.

(Signed) J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

Auckland, 3rd October, 1957.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1957

Balance—Bank of New Zealand	65 19 3	Removal Expenses	2,661 3 3
—P.O.S.B.	141 9 10	Expenses, Exchange, Postages	7 15 6
Levies	2,821 5 0	Balance:	
Refund Expenses Home Mission Department	39 0 0	Bank of New Zealand	81 0 3
Interest P.O.S.B.	20 3 4	P.O.S.B.	337 18 5
	<u>£3,087 17 5</u>		<u>£3,087 17 5</u>

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Removal Expenses	2,622 3 3	Levies	2,800 0 0
Exchange, Postages, etc	7 15 6	Interest P.O.S.B.	20 3 4
Excess of Income over Expenditure	190 4 7		
	<u>£2,820 3 4</u>		<u>£2,820 3 4</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Capital Account:		Outstanding Levies	734 14 10
Balance 1st July, 1956	963 8 11	Bank of New Zealand	81 0 2
Excess Income over Expenditure	190 4 7	Post Office Savings Bank	337 18 5
	<u>£1,153 13 6</u>		<u>£1,153 13 6</u>

Audited and found correct.

F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

30/8/1957.

W. E. CLOTHIER,

B. H. RISELEY,

Treasurers.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1957

	LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	3,367	6 5	CREDIT BALANCES AT BANK, 31/8/57.	
Sisters' Salaries Reserve	1,325	5 5	General Account	10,972 1 4
Gleanings	1,694	11 3	Loan—Home Mission Board	1,000 0 0
Kurahuna Fund	407	16 2	Kurahuna Emergency Account	995 1 0
Stamp Fund	866	4 9	Kurahuna Treasurer's Maintenance Account	255 15 6
Medical and Educational Fund	582	7 5	Solomon Islands Capital Fund	760 16 5
Solomon Island Gift Box Fund	443	1 11	Home Mission Capital Fund	982 17 5
Special Objective	2,462	6 0	DEPOSITS WITH GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD.	
Smethurst Estate	823	2 0	Solomon Islands Girls' School	2,712 10 9
			Kurahuna Capital and Depreciation Fund	1,128 11 1
Kurahuna Emergency Fund			Solomon Islands Doctor Fund Investment Account	100 0 0
Solomon Island Capital Fund	760	16 5	Kurahuna Girls' Hostel Drainage Board Debentures	500 0 0
Home Mission Capital Fund	982	17 5	Smethurst Investment Account Drainage Board Debentures	4,000 0 0
Kurahuna Treasurer's Maintenance Account	255	15 6		8,441 1 10
			PROPERTIES.	
Kurahuna Girls' Hostel Bequest	500	0 0	Kurahuna Maori Girls' Hostel Property	7,021 2 0
Solomon Islands Girls' School	2,712	10 9	Less Depreciation	23 6 0
Kurahuna Capital and Depreciation Fund	1,128	11 1		7,007 16 0
Solomon Islands Doctor Fund	100	0 0	Kurahuna Furniture	340 0 0
Smethurst Investment Fund	4,000	0 0	Smethurst Property and Furniture	4,000 0 0
				11,347 16 0
Excess Assets over Liabilities				£34,755 9 6
				£34,755 9 6

I have examined the cash books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union and I have inspected the audited account of "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' Hostel as submitted by the "Kurahuna" Committee. I have accepted the certificate of Deposit with the General Purposes Trust Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the "Kurahuna" and Smethurst Properties and Drainage Board Debentures. I certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet correctly presents the position of the Union's Funds shown by the books and documents as at 31st August, 1957.

10th September, 1957.
AUCKLAND.

HELENA I. HENDRA,
AUDITOR.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MOUNT ROSKILL

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

	LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Capital as at 1st July, 1956	100,778	19 4		
Add Bequests—Estates of:			Properties:	
A. C. Hook	98	9 11	Epsom—Sections at valuation	10,500 0 0
F. E. Knight	898	5 2	Wesley—Sections at valuation	15,575 0 0
P. Lovegrove	25	0 0	Mt Roskill—Land at Valuation	3,780 0 0
J. C. M. Mallach	24	7 11	Improvements and Roading	
A. O. Sparling	50	0 0	1/7/56	2,369 5 10
E. Stevenson	15	0	" year ended 30/6/57	2,742 0 8
	1,096	18 0	Home	67,911 15 0
" Building Fund Donations	12	0 0	Add Additions	1,875 7 0
" Surplus — Wesley Revaluation	2,435	10 7		69,787 2 0
" Surplus Revenue—Leasehold Sections	1,132	6 8	Less Depreciation	700 0 0
" Surplus Revenue Account	700	15 3		8,891 6 6
	106,156	9 10	Shares:	
Endowment Legacies:			Whangarei Light and Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (In Liq.)	
Eliza Gilmore Trust	1,000	0 0	1000 ord. £1 shares fully paid.)	
M. Caughey Preston	2,000	0 0	666 Pref. £1 shares fully paid.)	1 0 0
John Rendell	200	0 0	E. Astley and Sons Ltd. 561	
F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:			ord. shares 14/- @ valuation	631 2 6
Capital	2,011	10 11		632 2 6
Surplus for year	97	5 11	New Zealand Inscribed Stock:	
	3,108	16 10	(including investment of	
Mortgage—A.M.P. Society over Epsom Property	7,000	0 0	Endowment Legacies) N.Z.	
Ground Rents Received in Advance	589	0 5	Government Stock £3300 at cost	3,196 17 6
Sundry Creditors	689	3 5	National Savings Investment Account	2,411 7 3

AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME—Continued

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	408	16	10
			3,108 16 10
Furnishings and Plant	1,944	0	0
Add additions	419	18	5
			2,363 18 5
Less Depreciation	236	8	5
			2,127 10 0
Motor Van	480	0	0
Less Depreciation	96	0	0
			384 0 0
Stock in Hand			100 0 0
Payment in Advance and Sundry Debtors			89 3 9
Bank of New Zealand:			
Current Account	2,507	17	6
Ground Rent Account (held for Mortgage repayment) ..	1,132	6	8
			3,640 4 2
	£120,743	10	6
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board ..			510 0 0

AUDITORS REPORT: I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust as at 30th June, 1957, as shown by the books of the Trusts.

A. R. W. GREGORY.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d				
Recreational Purposes Fund	191	9	9	Furniture and Equipment	1,017	0	0
James Cocker Trust	1	11	7	Additions	22	10	0
Sundry Creditors	412	8	3	<hr/>	1,039	10	0
Balance being excess of Assets over Liabilities	1,251	17	8	Depreciation	104	10	0
				<hr/>			935 0 0
				Motor-car	250	0	0
				Depreciation	10	0	0
				<hr/>			240 0 0
				Tractor and Implements	147	0	0
				Depreciation	47	0	0
				<hr/>			100 0 0
				Live Stock		45	0 0
				Post Office Savings Bank		191	9 9
				Bank of New Zealand		345	17 6
				<hr/>			<hr/>
	£1,857	7	3				£1,857 7 3

J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z., Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home and are of the opinion that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th June, 1957.

Masterton, 22nd July, 1957.

D. A. BARNS, J. A. WELLINGTON, Auditors.

METHODIST TIMES

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th April, 1957

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
Printing and Publishing	.. .. .	2,294 1 6	Subscriptions	.. .. .	3,089 7 1
Address Plates	.. .. .	25 8 11	Advertisements	.. .. .	543 11 9
Process Blocks	.. .. .	68 3 6	Contingent Fund Grant	.. .. .	163 0 0
Distribution Charges	.. .. .	605 14 4	Excess Expenditure Over Income	.. .. .	49 11 1
Exchange	.. .. .	3 8 9			
Agents' Commission	.. .. .	107 8 6			
Editor's Honoraria, Expenses and Contributors Fees	.. .. .	175 13 4			
Office Expenses	.. .. .	190 11 1			
Authorised Appropriation	.. .. .	375 0 0			
		<u>£3,845 9 11</u>			<u>£3,845 9 11</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1957

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Advertisements (unexpired values)	.. .. .	185 4 9	Advertising Accounts in Arrear	.. .. .	244 11 11
Subscriptions prepaid	.. .. .	155 8 2	Subscriptions in Arrear	.. .. .	290 9 2
Agents' Commission Provision	.. .. .	10 4 0	Sundry Debtors	.. .. .	39 10 2
Suspense Account	.. .. .	19 10 1	Petty Cash in Hand	.. .. .	5 0 0
Sundry Creditors	.. .. .	23 11 6	Accumulated deficit as at 30/4/56	427 8 6	
Contingent Reserve A/c.	.. .. .	500 0 0	Plus Balance from Revenue A/c.		
Bank of New Zealand	.. .. .	162 12 4	30/4/57	.. .. .	49 11 1
		<u>£1,056 10 10</u>			<u>476 19 7</u>
					<u>£1,056 10 10</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th April, 1957.

H. L. FIEBIG,
ERNEST H. ANDREWS,
Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
F. M. SOWDEN, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auditors.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st July, 1957

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
To Stock of Booklets 31st July, 1956	253 14 7	By Sale of Booklets and Paper ..	654 16 8
Printing Booklets etc:		.. Donations and Grants:	
—You and the Sects	12 10 0	—Home Mission Fund	55 0 0
—Wesleydale Booklets	28 10 0	—Waimate Church	2 0 0
—State Aid for Private Schools	10 5 6		58 0 0
—Advent Meditation	54 2 6	.. Interest Auckland Savings Bank	6 12 0
—Prayer Manuals	123 1 9		
—Lenten Leaflets	57 7 6		
—A Rule of Prayer	25 0 0		
—Spiritual Advance Committee	44 7 2		
Duplication Paper	190 9 0		
	545 13 5		
	899 8 0		
Less Stock of Booklets 31st July, 1957	322 17 7		
Cost of Booklets Sold	576 10 5		
Petty Cash, Postages, Bank Fees, etc.	35 1 6		
Travelling Expenses	9 16 0		
Rent of Storeroom	13 0 0		
Excess Income over Expenditure	85 0 9		
	£719 8 8		£719 8 8

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Accumulated Funds:		Cash Balances—National Bank ..	500 0 10
Balance 31st July, 1956	1,025 16 8	Cash Balances—Savings Bank	229 18 0
Plus Income for Year	85 0 9		729 18 10
	1,110 17 5	Sundry Debtors	58 1 0
Balance 31st July, 1957	1,110 17 5	Stock of Booklets and Paper	322 17 7
	£1,110 17 5		£1,110 17 5

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Lay Treasurer.

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT:
R H. HAMES, B.Com.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD

Balance Sheet as at the 30th June, 1957

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Bank of New Zealand	—	Bank	22 10 9
Add Interest Accrued	4 1 6	Secured Advances	5189 6 7
	<u>4 1 6</u>		
Loans at Call:			
Foreign Mission Department	3000 0 0		
Youth Department	750 0 0		
Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust	1000 0 0		
	<u>4,750 0 0</u>		
Accumulated Funds:			
Balance, 30th June, 1956	345 17 0		
Add Excess of Income over Expendi- penditure for year ended 30th June, 1957	111 18 10		
	<u>475 15 10</u>		
Balance 30th June 1957			
	<u>£5,211 17 4</u>		<u>£5211 17 4</u>

M. A. McDOWELL, 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, 1957, and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required. I certify that in my opinion the above accounts are properly drawn up so as to show a fair and correct position of the Trust.

WELLINGTON, 12th September, 1957.

T. M. STEPHENS, A.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

MAORI MISSIONS RETURN, 1957

	Auckland	South Auckland	Maniopo	Taranaki	TOTALS
General					
No of Methodist Maori Churches ..	16	—	1	1	18
No of other Preaching Places ..	46	52	47	17	162
No of Ministers ..	4	—	1	2	7
No of Full Time Missionaries ..	—	9	10	—	19
No. of Honorary Home Missionaries ..	9	—	—	1	10
No of Local Preachers ..	—	8	1	—	9
No of Deaconesses ..	8	5	2	3	18
No. of Bible Class Leaders ..	—	—	—	—	—
No of Sunday School Teachers ..	29	14	5	8	56
No. of Women's Fellowships or Guilds ..	15	1	—	4	20
No. of Members of Such Women's Mtgs.	172	12	—	39	223
Membership					
No. of Members on Roll at 30th June ..	5376	1281	941	1364	8692
No. of New Members Received ..	2	12	—	4	18
No. of Families under Pastoral Care ..	1247	620	460	362	2689
Youth Statistics					
No. of Bible Class Members ..	65	55	33	111	264
No. of Sunday School Scholars ..	686	1043	452	395	2576
No. of Baptisms During the Year ..	141	81	15	70	307
No. on Cradle Roll ..	316	—	105	193	614
No. of Bible BClasses ..	6	14	4	8	32
No. of Sunday Schools ..	45	114	31	22	212
Youth Clubs and Brigades, Etc.					
No. of Youth Clubs ..	11	1	1	1	14
No. of Members ..	166	19	8	21	214
No. of Girl's Life Brigade (Members) ..	6	—	—	—	6
No. of Boys' Brigade ..	5	—	—	—	5

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st August, 1957.

EXPENDITURE		£	£	INCOME		£	£
To Solomon Islands Expenses:				To Solomon Islands Contributions:			
Missionaries', doctor's and lay workers' stipends ..		6,710		Roviana Circuit		2,263	
Sisters' stipends		6,953		Vella Lavella Circuit		1,442	
Native ministers' stipends		850		Choiseul Circuit		3,020	
Native Agents' stipends		6,757		Buin Circuit		1,023	
Superannuation and Retiring Funds		724		Teop Circuit		662	
Native ministers' and catechists' retiring funds ..		36		Buka Circuit		947	
Repatriation Fund		100		District Training Institution		137	
Sickness and Accident Fund		57					9,494
Education Account		3,669					
Lighting Account		322					
Boats and Travel:				Government Grants:			
Circuit		520		B.S.I.P.—			
District		3,466		Medical		730	
		3,986		Educational		2,000	
Overseas Travel:				Bougainville-Buka—			
European		2,840		Medical		789	
Native		2,195		Educational		2,261	
		5,035		Fees for Aircraft Services		252	
Furniture Replacements		107		Meteorological Supervision		75	
Buildings		938				6,107	
Agriculture		97		Dental and Medical Services		43	
Station Maintenance—District		48					
Duplicating, Printing and Literature		109		Sales of Produce:			
Duplicating "Methodist Messengers"		111		Vella Lavella		269	
Stamps, stationery and cables		147		Choiseul		173	
Insurances		396		Buka		73	
Insurance—Boats		390		District Training Institution		883	
Lands		106				1,398	
Customs and Boat Clearances		14					
Freights		178		Sundry Receipts:			
Synod Expenses 1956		10		Land Rents		251	
Technical Account		143		Interest on Bank Accounts		50	
Medical Account		5,030		Work done by Lay Missionaries		150	
Plantation Maintenance:						451	
Electric Welder		370					
Copra Drier		99				17,493	
		469		Less Reduction to N.Z. currency		3,385	
Stock written off:						14,108	
Buin		23		To Papua-New Guinea Highlands:			
Teop		1		Government Grants (Est.)		252	
Buka		40		Sundry Income		51	
		64				303	
		43,556					

	£	£
Less Reduction to N.Z. currency		5,881
		<u>37,675</u>
To Papua-New Guinea Highlands Expenses		3,002
To New Zealand Working Expenses:		
General Administration:		
General Secretary's stipend, allowance	675	
House Expenses	125	
Travelling and Car Expenses	177	
Connexional Charges	108	
Clerical Treasurer's Expenses	30	
Office Salaries	585	
Office Rent	192	
Printing and Stationery	112	
General Office Expenses	154	
Typewriter	43	
Audit Fee	21	
Telephones	57	
Travelling—annual meeting	37	
		<u>2,316</u>
Publicity and Deputation:		
Annual Reports	85	
Folders, handbills etc.	148	
Travelling	64	
Subsidy "Open Door" and "Lotu"	48	
Special Deputation	192	
		<u>537</u>
Miscellaneous:		
Deaconess Institution	25	
Trinity College	75	
Interest on Loan	7	
"Methodist Times" Grant	20	
Literature—special	60	
National Missionary Council	55	
General Expenses	6	
		<u>248</u>
President's Visit to Solomon Islands		125
Subsidy, "Isles of Solomon"		50
Missionary Training Expenses		306
Depreciation:		
Projector	60	
Car	75	
		<u>135</u>
		<u>£44,394</u>

	£	£
To Leper Income Transferred		1,167
Medical Income Transferred		1,153
New Zealand Contributions:		
Circuits	20,524	
Native teachers	273	
Orphans	16	
Adoption of Leper Patients	311	
		<u>21,124</u>
Methodist Women's Missionary Union		3,600
Interest		797
Sundry Income		30
Transferred to General Reserve Account		1,961
Debit Balance Carried Forward		151

£44,394

Income of Special Funds for the year ended 31st August, 1957.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£		£
Medical Income transferred to		Medical Fund Income	1,153
Solomon Islands Income	1,153	Leper Fund	3,523
Transferred to Special Funds as per contra	13,334	Leper Relief Vessel	4,000
		Rehabilitation Fund	1,004
		Building and Equipment Fund	955
		Refrigerator Replacement	58
		M.W.M.U. Solomon Is. Girls' School	2,300
		Don Alley Memorial	15
		Solomon Is. Trinity College Fund	126
		Sickness and Accident Fund	114
		New Guinea Highlands	125
		New Guinea Highlands:	
		Solomon Islands Contribution	264
		Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Grant	850
		TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	13,334
	<u>£14,487</u>		<u>£14,487</u>

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1957.

LIABILITIES		£	£	ASSETS		£	£
Solomon Islands District:				Solomon Islands District:			
Circuit Balances	.....	792		Cash in hand and in bank	.....	6,009	
Sundry Creditors	.....	2,130		Debtors	.....	3,965	
Personal Balances	.....	4,449		Stock	.....	17,187	
Retiring Funds	.....	120					27,161
			7,491	Boats	.....		12,000
Solomon Islands District Acc.	.....		3,822	Ranonga Lease	.....		1,008
Solomon Islands Church Building Funds	.....		489				
Loan	.....		200	Investments:			
Sundry Creditors	.....		81	N.Z. Government Stock	.....	90,014	
Special Funds:				National Savings	.....	11,468	
Medical:				Debentures	.....	7,395	
Balance, 1956	.....	34,176		Shares and Stock	.....	4,777	
Less expended	.....	51		P.O. Savings Bank	.....	4,553	
			34,125	Auckland Savings Bank	.....	626	
Support, native orderly	.....		530	Loan, Transport Trust Board	.....	3,000	
				Loan, Home Mission Department	.....	8,000	
Leper Fund:							129,833
Balance, 1956	.....	8,228		Residence, General Secretary	.....		1,240
Added during year—				Motor Car	.....		571
Lepers' Trust Board	.....	3,500		Projectors	.....		240
Donations	.....	23					
Interest	.....	244		Debtors:			
			11,995	Solomon Islands Special	.....	2,196	
Less expended	.....	3,399		New Guinea Highlands	.....	405	
			8,596	Sundries	.....	431	
Leprosy Relief Vessel:							3,032
Balance, 1956	.....	16,737		Stocks:			
Added during year—				Maps	.....	44	
Lepers' Trust Board	.....	4,000		"Isles of Solomon"	.....	130	
Interest	.....	491		Stationery, etc.	.....	168	
			21,228				342
Less expended	.....	4,651		Cash in Bank	.....		7,792
			16,577	Income and Expenditure Account	.....	
Working Capital Account:			24,475	Debit Balance Carried Forward	.....		151
Boat Insurance Fund:							
Balance, 1956	.....	15,321					
Added during year—							
Interest	.....	624					
Appropriation from Income	.....	404					
			16,349				
				Carried Forward			£183,370

LIABILITIES

	£	£
Rehabilitation Fund:		
Balance, 1956	33,375	
Income	1,004	
	<u>34,379</u>	
Less expended	13,069	21,310
	<u>21,310</u>	
Don Alley Memorial Fund:		
Balance, 1956	1,015	
Added during year—		
Donation	15	
Interest	30	
	<u>1,060</u>	
Less expended	154	906
	<u>906</u>	
Building and Equipment Fund:		
Balance, 1956	1,661	
Added during year—		
Bequests	955	
Sale of Gizo property	1,350	
	<u>3,966</u>	
Less expended	3,417	549
	<u>549</u>	
M.W.M.U. Sisters' Quarters, Teop:		
Balance, 1956	340	
Added during year—		
Interest	31	
Transfer	696	
	<u>1,067</u>	
Less expended	20	1,047
	<u>1,047</u>	
M.W.M.U. Solomon Is. Girls' School:		
Received during year	2,300	
Less expended	379	1,921
	<u>1,921</u>	
M.W.M.U. Solomon Is. Girls' School (Equipment):		
Balance, 1956	916	
Added during year—		
Interest	28	
	<u>944</u>	
Less expended	142	802
	<u>802</u>	

ASSETS

Brought Forward

£183,370

Carried Forward

£183,370

ASSETS

	£	£		£183,370
M.W.M.U. Native Girls' Hostels:			Brought Forward	
Balance, 1956	436			
Added during year—				
Interest	13			
	449			
M.W.M.U. Girls' Dormitories:				
Balance	1,400			
Added during year—				
Interest	21			
	1,421			
Less expended and transferred (Teop)	881			
	540			
M.W.M.U. Buka Dormitory:				
Balance, 1956	1,840			
Added during year—				
Interest	56			
	1,896			
Less expended	1,574			
	322			
Lotu Church Fund:				
Balance, 1956	1,183			
Interest added	36			
	1,219			
Lotu Church Window	19			
Elizabeth Common Bequest	55			
Vanes Bequest:				
Balance, 1956	400			
Interest added	19			
	419			
M.W.M.U. Translation Fund		100		
New Guinea Highlands Appeal:				
Balance, 1956	10,454			
Added during year—				
Bequests	125			
Interest	307			
	10,886			
Less Transfer	154			
	10,732			
Less Establishment Costs	657			
	10,075			
New Guinea Highlands Agricultural Work		100	Carried Forward	
				£183,370

LIABILITIES

	£	£
Fire Insurance Fund:		
Balance, 1956	300	
Added during year—		
Premiums	319	
Interest	19	
	<u> </u>	638
Solomon Islands College Fund:		
Received—gift	1,000	
Interest added	23	
	<u> </u>	1,023
Less Gift Duty paid	90	
	<u> </u>	933
Sickness and Accident Fund:		
Balance, 1956	407	
Added during year—		
Interest	114	
	<u> </u>	12
		533
Refrigerator Replacement Fund:		
Balance, 1956	173	
Added during year	59	
Interest	5	
	<u> </u>	237
Vella Lavella Memorial Hall		441
Vella Lavella Boys' Hostel:		
Balance, 1956	1,593	
Interest added	48	
	<u> </u>	1,641
Expended	1,641	
	<u> </u>	
Solomon Is. Jubilee Fund:		8,615
Choiseul Jubilee Fund		393
Boat Reserve		12,000
New Guinea Highlands: Solomon Islands		
Contribution:		
Balance, 1956	865	
Added during year	264	
	<u> </u>	1,129
Solomon Islands, Connexional Fire Insurance		
Board Grant:		
Received during year	850	
Less expended	679	
	<u> </u>	171

ASSETS

Brought Forward	£183,370
Carried Forward	£183,370

LIABILITIES	£	£	ASSETS	
Solomon Islands, Trinity College Chapel Fund:			Brought Forward	£183,370
Donations received		126		
New Guinea Highlands District Account		720		
Exchange Account		4,866		
Reserve Account:				
Balance, 1956		4,884		
Less Transfers—				
Solomon Is. District Acc.	2,923			
Income and Expenditure Acc.	1,961			
	4,884			
		£183,370		£183,370

G. S. GAPPER,
Loy Treasurer.

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, 1957, as shown by the books of the Society. Island assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having been entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

AUCKLAND
17th October, 1957

MACKY & FREAR, Public Accountants
Auditors

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY
TRADING ACCOUNT for year ended 31st July, 1957.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock 1/8/56	5,707	0	11	By Sales	9,294	13	2
" Purchases	6,127	7	5				
	11,834	8	4				
Less Stock 31/7/57	5,865	3	10				
Cost Price of Goods Sold ...	5,969	4	6				
Gross Profit	3,325	8	8				
	£9,294	13	2		£9,294	13	2

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st July, 1957.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accountancy & Audit	90	0	0	By Gross Profit	3,325	8	8
" Advertising	30	12	0	" Interest Received	17	4	11
" Commission	87	11	10				
" Freight & Cartage	1	13	6				
" General Expenses	21	10	4				
" Insurance	12	4	0				
" Interest	128	16	6				
" Light & Power	41	5	0				
" Postages & Stamps	142	1	2				
" Printing & Stationery	74	18	4				
" Rates	72	1	0				
" Rent	400	0	0				
" Repairs & Maintenance ...	10	8	5				
" Salaries	1,627	9	0				
" Subscriptions	4	4	6				
" Superannuation Contribution	39	0	0				
" Telephone & Tolls	32	18	10				
" Travelling Expenses	4	0	0				
" Depreciation:							
Fittings & Equip. 34 19 4	226	6	4				
Renovations 191 7 0	299	8	10				
" Net Profit	£3,342	13	7		£3,342	13	7

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1957.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Sundry Creditors	893	12	11	11	16	11	
Bills Payable	284	15	5	444	8	11	
Subscriptions in Advance	34	13	0				456 5 10
			1,213 1 4				
Home Mission Department Loan Account			2,550 0 0				601 11 9
Van Replacement Reserve			1,335 11 7				
Capital:							
Balance 1/8/56	4,953	9	0				681 16 2
Plus Net Profit	299	8	10				5,865 3 10
			5,252 17 10				
			£10,351 10 9				£10,351 10 9

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, 1957, 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.

Auckland, 17th September, 1957.

R. N. COOKE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,
Auditor.

MAORI MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st July, 1957.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Transferred from National Savings—							
Balance at 31st July, 1956	1,000	18	10	769	14	8	
Interest added during year	23	9	4	254	13	6	
			1,024 8 2				1,024 8 2
			£1,024 8 2				£1,024 8 2
Accumulated Fund at 31st July, 1957	1,000	18	10				
Interest added during year	23	9	4				
			1,024 8 2				
Less Distributed			1,024 8 2				

Methodist Home Mission Department

Estimates, Income and Expenditure for 1958

INCOME

1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS—

(Average of the last three years of ordinary income)

AUCKLAND	£3683	0	0	
SOUTH AUCKLAND	2249	0	0	
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	1256	0	0	
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU .	1710	0	0	
WELLINGTON	2121	0	0	
NELSON	1125	0	0	
NORTH CANTERBURY	2503	0	0	
SOUTH CANTERBURY	1070	0	0	
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND	1655	0	0	
				17,372 0 0
2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS				2500 0 0
3. M.W.M.U.: SISTERS' SALARIES	3500	0	0	
SPECIAL GIFT	200	0	0	
SMETHURST INTEREST ...	130	0	0	
				3830 0 0
4. MISCELLANEOUS				300 0 0
				£24,002 0 0
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES				£24,002 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	635	0	0
Travelling	175	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	635	0	0
Travelling	175	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Travelling	100	0	0
(Parsonage in lieu of Honorarium).			
Hon. Home Missionary—			
Travelling	52	0	0
Hon. Home Missionary—			
Travelling	52	0	0
General Circuit Expenses—Telephones, Grants for Travelling, and General Expenses	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	412	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	412	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess Probationer—			
Stipend	384	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Connexional Charges— (2 Ministers)	48	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Parsonages—			
Auckland	150	0	0
Waima	75	0	0
Tuakau	75	0	0
	£5,616	0	0

European Work Aided Circuits

North Hokianga M.H.M.	110	0	0
Hokianga M.O.M. (Review by Board if new Parsonage)	100	0	0
Whangarao-Bay of Islands (If 2 M.O.Ms £190) If 2 M.O.Ms and M.P.	300	0	0
Hiikurangi S.P. and present arrg't.	50	0	0
Port Albert, if 2nd Agent, S.P.	200	0	0
North Waitemata M.O.M. & M.P.	200	0	0
Henderson, if M.P.	100	0	0
Auckland East, if additional S.P.	140	0	0
Bombay-Tuakau M.P.	—	—	—
Birkenhead M.H.M.P.	75	0	0
	£1,275	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT Maori Work — Waikato Circuit

	£	s.	d.
Minister (Hamilton—no appointment)			
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	549	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	549	0	0
Rent	78	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Home Missionary—Supply			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Home Missionary—Supply			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary—part time			
Honorarium	100	0	0
General Circuit Expenses— Telephones—Travelling for Hon. H.Ms., etc	180	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	441	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	412	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Hon. S.S. Teacher—			
Travelling	36	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Maori Parsonage— Ngaruawahia	52	0	0
	£5,092	0	0

Maori Work — King Country Circuit

Minister—			
Stipend	635	0	0
Travelling	175	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	549	0	0
Travelling (P.C.)	175	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	39	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
General Circuit Expenses— Hon. H.Ms. Etc.	90	0	0
Kawhia Circuit Travelling	60	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0

Deaconess Supply (half-time)—			
Stipend	192	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Connexional Charges (1 minister)	24	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Parsonages—			
Te Kuiti	52	0	0
Kawhia	75	0	0
	<u>£3,603</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

European Work

Ngaruawahia, Sr. M.H.M.	25	0	0
Kawhia, if S.P.	150	0	0
Huntly M.O.M.	120	0	0
Hauraki Plains M.H.M.P.	15	0	0
Te Kuiti M.O.M.	40	0	0
Te Kuiti, Travelling	70	0	0
Taumarunui M.O.M.	95	0	0
Putaruru M.P. £50, M.O.M. £415	465	0	0
Rotorua, if S.P. at Taupo, otherwise Nil	350	0	0
Rotorua, Travelling—if Taupo app'tt.	50	0	0
Tauranga—3rd Agent. S.H.M.P.	30	0	0
Whakatane—			
If Student Supply during Vacations to Kawerau and adequate trav. to minister, otherwise 'Nil'	100	0	0
	<u>£1,510</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—			
Stipend	635	0	0
Travelling	175	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	635	0	0
Travelling	175	0	0
Rent (Mission Hill)	125	0	0
General Circuit Expenses—			
Phones, and Trav. Grants to Hon. H.Ms., etc	120	0	0
Connexional Charges (2 ministers)	58	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	478	0	0
Provision for Car	100	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Parsonage—			
Hawera	150	0	0
	<u>£3,229</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

European Work

Inglewood Sr. M.H.M.	35	0	0
Waitara	60	0	0
Wanganui West M.O.M.	55	0	0
Marton M.O.M.	100	0	0
Taihape, M.P.	80	0	0
Taihape, Travelling	25	0	0
	<u>£355</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Waipawa-Waipukurau—			
Special for Parsonage			
Legacy Disburs. Grant	100	0	0
Wairoa M.O.M.	60	0	0
Wairoa, Travelling	40	0	0
Apiti M.P.	40	0	0
	<u>£240</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Porirua—if second agent, S.P.	200	0	0
Otaki M.O.M.	20	0	0
Paraparaumu M.P. Trav.	30	0	0
(If Paekakariki included in Porirua £120)			
Eketahuna Sr. M.H.M.	35	0	0
Upper Hutt (if 2nd Agent—S.P. otherwise Nil)	200	0	0
Wainui-o-Mata Union Parish. (Methodist M.O.M. proportion)	150	0	0
	<u>£635</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

NELSON DISTRICT

Westport M.O.M.	95	0	0
Hokitika M.P.	50	0	0
Murchison S.P.	100	0	0
	<u>£245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Riccarton	50	0	0
Woolston-Lyttelton	150	0	0
	<u>£200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Marchwiell Union Parish	54	0	0
Timaru South	70	0	0
	<u>£124</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Waikouaiti-Palmerston	65	0	0
Dunedin North M.O.M.	80	0	0
Dunedin South, if S.P.	100	0	0
Port Chalmers—M.H.M. Supply	75	0	0
“ Travelling	25	0	0
Roxburgh M.O.M.	70	0	0
“ Travelling	50	0	0
Bluff M.P.	10	0	0
“ Travelling	15	0	0
Mosgiel, Sr. M.H.M.	50	0	0
Cromwell-Alexandra M.O.M.	100	0	0
“ Travelling	25	0	0
Milton M.O.M.	40	0	0
	<u>£705</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

Maori Work

South Island Deaconess—			
Honorary	52	0	0
Expense Allowance	10	0	0
Subsidy—			
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	200	0	0
N.C.C. Maori Section	36	0	0
Contingencies	100	0	0
	<u>£398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Spiritual Advance Committee ..	25	0	0
Board of Publications	55	0	0
Deaconess Institution	100	0	0
Trinity Theological College	150	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0

Methodist World Conference Travel Fund	25	0	0
Methodist Social Services Assn.	5	0	0
Religious Film Society	100	0	0
Colportage Society — Otago Southland	12	10	0
Picture Department—Plant	75	0	0
H.M. Study Conference	75	0	0
	<u>£722</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

H.M. Deputation Expenses	350	0	0
Visual Supplies—Deputation	50	0	0
H.M. Retiring Fund—Estimate	175	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund	350	0	0
Deaconess Student Allowances	75	0	0
Workers Compensation Insurance	40	0	0
Printing and Stationery	300	0	0
"Methodist Times" Advt.	12	10	0
Ministerial Supplies	100	0	0
Share of "Lotu" Printing	75	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges	100	0	0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0	0
	<u>£2,027</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	660	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
General Allowance	50	0	0
	<u>£860</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	635	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
General Allowance	50	0	0
	<u>£835</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

EUROPEAN MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

(See under Taranaki Maori Work).

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES

(Two Ministers)	220	0	0
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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Rent for 2 Parsonages	300	0	0
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OFFICE EXPENSES

Bookkeeping	190	0	0
Secretarial	375	0	0
Rent	200	0	0
Light, Postages, Tolls	135	0	0
Telephones	100	0	0
	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED

EXPENDITURE	<u>£29,192</u>
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METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for the year 1958

Estimated Income			Estimated Expenditure		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Circuits and H.M. Stations	17,372	0 0	Maori Work	17,938	0 0
Properties and Investments	2,500	0 0	European Work	11,254	0 0
M.W.M.U.—					
Sisters' Salaries	3,500	0 0			
Smethurst Interest	130	0 0			
Special	200	0 0			
Miscellaneous	300	0 0			
Estimated deficit	5,190	0 0			
	<u>£29,192</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£29,192</u>	<u>0 0</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st July, 1957.

Treasurers: Rev. B. M. CHRYSTALL and Mr. H. M. PATRICK.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
BALANCES at 31st July, 1956:				DEBIT BALANCE 31st July, 1956.			
H.M. Removal Expenses Fund ..	227	17	6	General Fund	3,359	1	3
Picture Department	119	19	1	LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:			
H.M. Training Conference	2	5	11	Christchurch Central			
LEGACIES held for Disbursement				Mission Hostel	100	0	0
31st July, 1956	961	16	4	Westport Parsonage	100	0	0
LEGACIES received during year	50	0	0	Waipawa Parsonage			
CIRCUIT INCOME:				Repairs	40	0	0
Auckland	4,061	11	11	Helensville Parsonage	50	0	0
South Auckland	2,678	7	7	Bombay Parsonage	75	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,299	4	7	Alexandra Hall	25	0	0
H.B.-Manawatu	1,879	19	5	Russell Parsonage ..	40	0	0
Wellington	2,368	14	10	<u>430</u>	0	0	0
Nelson	1,193	7	6	MAORI MISSION:			
North Canterbury	2,000	19	0	Stipends, Travelling			
South Canterbury	1,170	0	6	& Expenses	12,932	12	9
Otago-Southland	1,554	14	5	Parsonage Rents	553	11	8
1956 Appeal	13,736	4	3	Car Accounts	1,174	3	4
1957 Appeal	4,470	15	6	" M.W.M.U.			
SUNDRY DONATIONS	66	17	0	Special	1,479	19	10
DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS ..	46	3	5	Car Depreciation	100	0	0
M.W.M.U.	3,175	0	0	S.S. Material	10	0	0
" Special	400	0	0	Maori Workers'			
" Special for				Conference	25	0	0
" Dea'ness Cars	1,479	19	10	Maori Furniture	200	0	0
" Smethurst				Maori Section			
" Interest ..	130	0	0	N.C.C.	23	0	0
<u>5,184</u>	19	10		Contingencies	120	0	0
CONFERENCE COLLECTION ..	10	0	0	"Maataapuna"	150	0	0
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTY:				Methodist Times	10	0	0
Kai Iwi	100	0	0	<u>16,778</u>	7	7	
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD ..	2,154	8	0	CIRCUIT GRANTS:			
Duplicating and Typewriting ..	13	18	0	AUCKLAND DISTRICT:			
Use of Duplicator	10	0	0	North Hokianga ..	97	10	0
Circuit Levies:				North Waitemata ..	165	0	0
H.M. Removal Expenses	28	0	0	Whangaroa	52	10	0
Picture Department—Grant ..	75	0	0	Hokianga	100	0	0
" —Sale of Equipment	126	19	0	Mahurangi	17	10	0
H.M. Training Conference Grant	75	0	0	Kawakawa-Kaikohē	162	10	0
Refund of Expenses—Visit of				Hikurangi	25	0	0
President General	179	18	0	Auckland East	145	0	0
				Henderson	150	0	0
				<u>915</u>	0	0	0
				SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT:			
				Home Mission Stations			
				Kawhia	50	0	0
				Ngaruawahia	22	10	0
				Circuits			
				Taumarunui	85	0	0
				Waihi	40	0	0
				Te Kuiti	115	0	0
				Putaruru	347	10	0
				Opotiki	62	10	0
				Ohura	85	0	0
				Whakatane	52	0	0
				Huntly	57	10	0
				Tauranga	77	10	0
				Hauraki Plains	52	10	0
Carried forward	27,640	1	10	<u>1,047</u>	0	0	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	27,640	1	10				
				TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT:			
				Home Mission Station			
				Inglewood	35	0	0
				Circuits			
				Marton	62	10	0
				Taihape	80	0	0
				Wanganui West ..	60	0	0
				Waitara	60	0	0
							297 10 0
				HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT:			
				Home Mission Station			
				Waipawa- Waipukurau ...	30	0	0
				Circuits			
				Wairoa	90	0	0
				Palmerston North (Trinity)	25	0	0
							145 0 0
				WELLINGTON DISTRICT:			
				Circuits			
				Paraparaumu ...	77	10	0
				Wellington East ..	20	0	0
				Otaki	22	10	0
				Eketahuna	37	10	0
				Upper Hutt	30	0	0
				Wainui-o-mata ..	45	0	0
							232 10 0
				NELSON DISTRICT:			
				Circuits			
				Westport	50	0	0
				Hokitika	25	0	0
							75 0 0
				NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT:			
				Circuits			
				Woolston- Lyttelton	150	0	0
				Springston	10	0	0
				Riccarton	65	0	0
							225 0 0
				SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT:			
				Circuits			
				Marchwiell Union Parish	74	10	0
							74 10 0
				OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT:			
				Home Mission Station			
				Waikouaiti- Palmerston	27	10	0
				Circuits			
				Mosgiel	45	0	0
				Cromwell- Alexandra	105	0	0
				Bluff	35	0	0
				Balclutha	62	10	0
				Milton	45	0	0
				Roxburgh	125	0	0
				Port Chalmers ...	112	10	0
				Dunedin North ...	80	0	0
				Corstorphine Union Parish ..	20	0	0
							657 10 0
Carried forward	27,640	1	10				

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the year ended 31st July, 1957.

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. H. M. PATRICK.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
BALANCES: Bank of N.Z. 31st July, 1956:			
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	319 8 4		
E. W. Blackwell Trust	202 3 4		
Cash on Account of Capital	4,406 4 9		
	<u>4,927 16 4</u>		
CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:			
Estate of late M. T. Spurdle	100 0 0		
" Wm. Vant	800 0 0		
" J. Bean	100 0 0		
" A. G. McMillan	50 0 0		
	<u>1,050 0 0</u>		
Less Proportion for Disbursement	950 0 0		
	<u>100 0 0</u>		
LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT	950 0 0		
REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS	7,672 17 2		
REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGES	68 16 8		
NEW LOANS AT CALL	232 2 9		
NEW CAPITAL:			
Sinking Funds	512 17 0		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	2,130 19 6		
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	475 0 0		
Kawakawa Maori Centre	39 11 6		
Otorohanga Maori Centre	60 0 0		
Northern Building Fund	219 8 10		
	<u>3,437 16 10</u>		
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	62 3 1		
Net Interest and Rents	2,154 8 0		
Thomas Buddle Library Fund Interest	2 14 0		
George Buttle Centennial Gift Interest	7 19 8		
	<u>£19,616 14 6</u>		
		INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:	
		Through Mornington	3 10 0
		Through Invercargill	8 15 0
		Direct	2,142 3 0
			<u>2,154 8 0</u>
		LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT TO HOME MISSION FUND	
			950 0 0
		CAPITAL INVESTED:	
		New Special Loans	12,055 15 2
		Post Office Savings Bank	16 6
		Properties:	
		Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	189 7 7
		Opunake Deaconess Centre	40 12 6
		Otorohanga Deaconess Centre	216 10 8
		Auckland Maori Parsonage	13 2 0
		Hawera Maori Parsonage	86 4 6
		28 Mt. Albert Road	177 13 0
		New Plymouth Parsonage Furniture	237 6 4
		Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage	181 10 10
			<u>1,142 7 5</u>
		REPAYMENT OF LOANS:	
		Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	260 0 0
		Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	160 0 0
		Loans at Calls	1,250 0 0
			<u>1,670 0 0</u>
		Maintenance Accounts, Net Expenditure	1 3 7
		Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust: Expended	202 3 4
		INTEREST DISBURSED:	
		Thomas Buddle Library Fund	2 14 0
		George Buttle Centennial Gift	7 19 8
			<u>10 13 8</u>
		BALANCES: Bank of N.Z. 31st July, 1957:	
		T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	381 11 5
		Cash on Account of Capital	1,047 15 5
			<u>1,429 6 10</u>
			<u>£19,616 14 6</u>

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1957.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
CREDITORS:				CASH—Bank of New Zealand:						
Loans at Call	22,575	3	2	On Account of Capital	1,047	15	5			
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	381	11	5	T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	381	11	5			
Kawakawa Maori Centre (Cash not yet expended)	1,161	2	5					1,429	6	10
				INVESTMENTS:						
				Memorial Gifts, Auckland Savings Bank:						
				T. Buddle Library Fund	90	5	0			
				Geo. Buttler Memorial Gift	266	0	0			
								356	5	0
				GENERAL:						
				Mortgages	862	19	7			
				Debentures	4,900	0	0			
				Government Inscribed Stock	16,545	0	0			
				Sundry Shares	1,751	14	0			
				Post Office Savings Bank	29	2	2			
								24,088	15	9
				SPECIAL LOANS						
				Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	320	0	0			
								55,364	4	0
				PROPERTIES:						
				Parsonages, etc.	14,867	3	2			
				MAORI HOSTELS AND CENTRES:						
				Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	24,319	0	3			
				Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	11,953	6	2			
				Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7,436	1	1			
				Dargaville Maori Centre	2,057	16	10			
				Hawera Maori Centre	2,172	1	7			
				Kawakawa Maori Centre	468	0	10			
				Opunake Deaconess Centre	622	16	4			
				Otorohanga Deaconess Centre	2,609	0	8			
				Te Kuiti Maori Centre	681	15	1			
								52,319	18	10
				CAPITAL RECEIPTS TO DATE:						
				Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	12,966	11	6			
				Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	8,428	6	8			
				Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7,436	1	1			
				Dargaville Maori Centre	674	17	3			
				Hawera Maori Centre	1,612	3	8			
				Kawakawa Maori Centre	468	0	10			
				Northern Building Account	219	8	10			
					31,805	9	10			
					40,945	9	10			
				Carried Forward						
								148,425	13	7

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st July, 1957.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs	42	0	8						
Rates	259	4	6				1,854	3	0
Insurance	110	7	1						
Commission	92	14	2						
				504	6	5			
Depreciation Reserve				200	0	0			
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year				1,149	16	7			
				1,854	3	0			
							1,854	3	0
Balance 31st July, 1956	1,600	0	0				1,149	16	7
Less Cash in hands of I.F.Bd. 31/7/56	202	3	4				248	0	1
				1,397	16	8			
				£1,397	16	8			
							£1,397	16	8

CASH STATEMENT for year ended 31st July, 1957.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rents and Rates				1,854	3	0			
Investment Funds Board: Transfer of cash held on 31/7/56				202	3	4			
				£2,056	6	4			
							504	6	5
							1,551	19	11
							£2,056	6	4

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1957.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CAPITAL:									
Balance at 31/7/56	11,149	15	4				10,000	0	0
Less Interest adjustment	22	2	2						
				11,127	13	2			
DEPRECIATION RESERVE:									
Balance at 31/7/56	1,859	17	9						
Added during year	284	6	4						
				2,144	4	1			
				£13,271	17	3			
							3,004	2	4
							19	14	10
							3,023	17	2
							248	0	1
							£13,271	17	3

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