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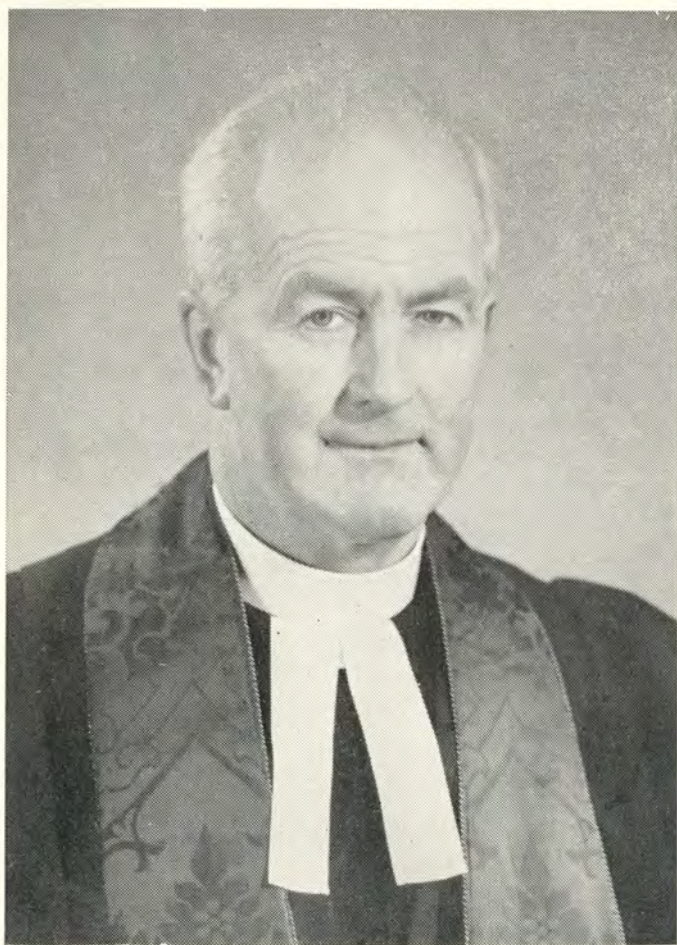
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference,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

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

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

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### THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

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### THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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### THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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### THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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# LECTIONARY, 1959-60

(FOR OPTIONAL USE OF PREACHERS)

MAY, 1959		MORNING	EVENING
5th after Easter	3	Deut. <b>11</b> : 13-28.	Numbers <b>14</b> : 11-24
(Rogation Sunday)		John <b>16</b> : 16-33.	John <b>17</b> : 1-6 ; 15-26.
Sunday after		<i>Magnificat</i>	Deut. <b>8</b> : 11-20.
Ascension	10	Ephes. <b>5</b> : 22-6 : 4.	Matthew <b>19</b> : 13-22.
(Home & Family Day)			
Whit-Sunday	17	Joel : <b>2</b> : 28-32.	Ezek. <b>36</b> : 22-28, 35-36
		Acts <b>2</b> : 1-13	Romans <b>8</b> : 1-17.
Trinity Sunday	24	Isa. <b>51</b> : 1-11.	Isa. <b>52</b> : 1-2 ; 7-12.
(Wesley Day)		John <b>3</b> : 1-16.	Romans <b>5</b> : 1-11.
1st after Trinity	31	Numbers <b>27</b> : 12-23	Exodus <b>1</b> : 8-10, 22 ;
		John <b>4</b> : 1-10 ; 13b-14;	<b>2</b> : 1-10
		19-26	Mark <b>1</b> : 14-28
JUNE			
2nd after Trinity	7	Deut. <b>34</b> : 1-12.	Exodus <b>2</b> : 11-22.
		John <b>4</b> : 27-42	Mark <b>1</b> : 29-39
3rd after Trinity	14	Joshua <b>2</b> : 1-9 ; 12-21.	Exodus <b>6</b> : 2-12.
		Acts <b>2</b> : 22-42	Mark <b>2</b> : 1-12.
4th after Trinity	21	Joshua <b>3</b> : 7-17 ; <b>4</b> :	Exodus <b>4</b> : 1-16.
		Acts <b>3</b> : 1-19 4-7.	Mark <b>2</b> : 13-28.
5th after Trinity	28	Joshua <b>5</b> : 13-6 : 5.	Exodus <b>7</b> : 8-25.
		Acts <b>4</b> : 1-12.	Mark <b>3</b> : 1-12.
JULY			
6th after Trinity	5	Joshua <b>6</b> : 12-16, 20.	1 Sam. <b>1</b> : 1-11, 19-20.
		Acts <b>4</b> : 13-32	John <b>5</b> : 1-15.
7th after Trinity	12	Proverbs <b>1</b> : 1-9.	1 Sam. <b>4</b> : 1-11.
		Acts <b>5</b> : 12, 17-32.	John <b>5</b> : 16-29
8th after Trinity	19	1 Sam. <b>3</b> : 1-18.	1 Sam. <b>16</b> : 1-13.
(Youth Day)		Mark <b>9</b> : 33-43.	Ephes. <b>4</b> : 1-16.
9th after Trinity	26	1 Sam. <b>16</b> : 14-23.	Prov. <b>14</b> : 31-15 : 9.
		Matthew <b>14</b> : 22-36	Ephes. <b>1</b> : 1-14 [13-17.
AUGUST			
10th after	2	1 Sam. <b>17</b> : 1-11	Proverbs <b>17</b> : 1-14.
Trinity		John <b>6</b> : 22-40	Ephes. <b>1</b> : 15-23.
11th after	9	1 Sam. <b>17</b> : 32-51	1 Sam. <b>18</b> : 1-16.
Trinity (Local		John <b>6</b> : 41-51.	Ephes. <b>4</b> : 17-32.
Preacher's Sunday)			
12th after	16	1 Sam. <b>21</b> : 1-4a, 6-9.	1 Sam. <b>26</b> : 5-25.
Trinity		John <b>6</b> : 52-71.	Ephes. <b>5</b> : 1-8, 14-21.
13th after	23	1 Sam. <b>28</b> : 3-20	2 Sam. <b>1</b> : 1-10, 17-27.
Trinity		Matthew <b>18</b> : 15-35.	Ephes. <b>6</b> : 5-20.
14th after	30	1 Kings <b>21</b> : 1-16.	1 Kings <b>22</b> : 1-17.
Trinity		Luke <b>9</b> : 51-62	2 Cor. <b>5</b> : 20-6 : 10.

SEPTEMBER		MORNING	EVENING
15th after Trinity	6	2 Kings <b>5</b> : 1-19. Acts <b>18</b> : 24- <b>19</b> : 6.	2 Kings <b>6</b> : 8-23. Luke <b>5</b> : 1-16.
16th after Trinity	13	Hosea <b>2</b> : 14-23.  Acts <b>19</b> : 21-41	2 Kings <b>6</b> : 24-25 ; <b>7</b> : 1-6, 16. Matth. <b>21</b> : 33-46.
17th after Trinity	20	Hosea <b>6</b> : 1-6. Acts <b>20</b> : 17-36.	2 Kings <b>17</b> : 1-6, 24-28 Luke <b>14</b> : 1-14.
18th after Trinity (Temperance Sunday)	27	Daniel <b>1</b> : 1-21. Romans <b>14</b> : 1-12.	Proverbs <b>20</b> : 1-10. Romans <b>14</b> : 13-23.

OCTOBER			
19th after Trinity (World Communion)	4	2 Kings <b>23</b> : 4-14. Luke <b>13</b> : 1-17.	2 Kings <b>23</b> : 28- <b>24</b> : 7. Acts <b>28</b> : 16-31.
20th after Trinity	11	Jeremiah <b>26</b> : 1-16. Luke <b>16</b> : 1-15.	Jeremiah <b>36</b> : 1-4, 21- 28, 32. 1 Cor. <b>9</b> : 24- <b>10</b> : 13.
21st after Trinity	18	Proverbs <b>3</b> : 1-17. Matthew <b>11</b> : 20-30.	Proverbs <b>9</b> : 1-12. Acts <b>17</b> : 16-34.
22nd after Trinity (Industrial Sunday)	25	2 Kings <b>13</b> : 14-20a Romans <b>13</b> .	Proverbs <b>1</b> : 20-33. Luke <b>4</b> : 14-22.

NOVEMBER			
23rd after Trinity (All Saints Day)	1	Daniel <b>12</b> : 8-13. Rev. <b>19</b> : 6-16.	Isa. <b>25</b> : 1-12. Hebs. <b>11</b> : 32- <b>12</b> : 2.
24th after Trinity (Remembrance Sunday)	8	Psalms <b>46</b> . Rom. <b>8</b> : 18-35, 37-39.	2 Sam. <b>23</b> : 13-17. Rev. <b>7</b> : 9-17.
25th after Trinity	15	Hosea <b>11</b> : 1-9. Luke <b>12</b> : 35-48.	2 Kings <b>22</b> : 3-11; <b>23</b> : 1-3 Acts <b>24</b> : 24- <b>25</b> : 12.
Next before Advent	22	Haggai <b>2</b> : 1-9. 2 Cor. <b>4</b> : 5-18.	Psalms <b>39</b> : 1-13. John <b>12</b> : 37-50.
1st in Advent	29	Zeph. <b>3</b> : 1-8, 12-15. Matthew <b>25</b> : 1-13.	Isaiah <b>5</b> : 1-7. Rev. <b>1</b> : 1-20.

DECEMBER			
2nd in Advent	6	Isaiah <b>11</b> : 1-10. Luke <b>4</b> : 16-30.	Psalms <b>119</b> : 105-112, 129-136. Rev. <b>20</b> : 11- <b>21</b> : 8.
3rd in Advent	13	Ezek. <b>34</b> : 1-12. Matthew <b>25</b> : 14-30.	Isaiah <b>26</b> : 1-9. Rev. <b>21</b> : 9-16, 22- <b>22</b> : 5.
4th in Advent	20	Ezek. <b>34</b> : 20-31. Matthew <b>25</b> : 31-46.	Isaiah <b>29</b> : 9-19. Rev. <b>22</b> : 8-17, 20-21.
1st after Christmas	27	Isaiah <b>40</b> : 12-31. Phil. <b>2</b> : 1-18.	Isaiah <b>42</b> : 10-17. John <b>1</b> : 1-18.

# JANUARY, 1960 MORNING

2nd after Christmas	3	Genesis <b>32</b> : 22-32. Matthew <b>16</b> : 13-20.
1st after Epiphany	10	Isaiah <b>61</b> : 1-11 Matthew <b>2</b> : 1-12.
2nd after Epiphany	17	Johah <b>1</b> : 1-17. 1 Thess. <b>1</b> : 1-10.
3rd after Epiphany	24	Ezra <b>7</b> : 11-28. Matthew <b>8</b> : 5-17.
4th after Epiphany	31	Deut. <b>6</b> : 1-15. Matthew <b>8</b> : 18-34.

# EVENING

Isaiah <b>40</b> : 1-11. Romans <b>6</b> : 1-14.
Isaiah <b>49</b> : 1-13. Ephes. <b>2</b> : 1-22.
Genesis <b>37</b> : 3-14, 18-28 John <b>2</b> : 1-12.
Jonah <b>3</b> . Acts <b>10</b> : 24-45.
1 Sam. <b>3</b> . Luke <b>2</b> : 40-52.

# FEBRUARY

5th after Epiphany	7	Daniel <b>6</b> : 10-28. Matthew <b>13</b> : 31-43.	Ezek. <b>33</b> : 10-16. Colossians <b>3</b> : 12-17.
Septuagesima	14	Prov. <b>8</b> : 1-4, 22-36. Matthew <b>5</b> : 1-16.	Genesis <b>2</b> : 4-9, 15-25. 1 John <b>1</b> : 1-9.
Sexagesima	21	Exodus <b>20</b> : 1-17. Matthew <b>5</b> : 17-32.	Genesis <b>3</b> : 1-21. Rev. <b>12</b> : 7-12.
Quinquagesima	28	Leviticus <b>19</b> : 1-4, 9-18 Matthew <b>5</b> : 33-48.	Genesis <b>3</b> : 22-4 : 13. 1 John <b>3</b> : 1-12.

# MARCH

1st in Lent	6	Isaiah <b>58</b> : 1-12. Matthew <b>4</b> : 1-11.	Genesis <b>6</b> : 5-8, 13-22. Matthew <b>26</b> : 1-16.
2nd in Lent	13	Job <b>1</b> : 6-22 Phil. <b>1</b> : 1-21.	Genesis <b>7</b> : 24-8, 13. Matthew <b>26</b> : 17-35.
3rd in Lent	20	Job <b>2</b> : 1-13. Phil. <b>3</b> : 1-16.	Genesis <b>11</b> : 1-9. Matthew <b>26</b> : 36-56.
4th in Lent	27	Job <b>29</b> : 1-18 ; <b>30</b> : 1. Phil. <b>3</b> : 17-4 : 1, 4-9.	Micah <b>6</b> : 1-8. Matthew <b>26</b> : 57-75.

# APRIL

5th in Lent	3	Job <b>38</b> : 1-11, 31-36. <b>40</b> : 2-4	Micah <b>7</b> : 1-9, 18-19.
(Passion Sunday)	2	Cor. <b>5</b> : 1-19	Matth. <b>27</b> : 1-2, 11-31.
Palm Sunday	10	Zech. <b>9</b> : 9-12, 16. Mark <b>11</b> : 1-11.	Exodus <b>11</b> : 1-8. Matth. <b>27</b> : 32-56.
Easter Day	17	Exodus <b>15</b> : 1-5, 10-13, 17-19. Luke <b>23</b> : 50-24 : 12.	Exodus <b>12</b> : 21-36 Luke <b>24</b> : 13-35.
1st after Easter	24	1 Kings <b>17</b> : 8-24. John <b>20</b> : 19-31.	Exodus <b>13</b> : 3-16. John <b>14</b> : 1-14.

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	MORNING	EVENING
Covenant Sunday	Genesis <b>17</b> : 1-9. Matthew <b>3</b> .	2 Chron. <b>15</b> : 1-15. 2 Peter <b>1</b> : 1-11.
Good Friday	Genesis <b>22</b> : 1-14. John <b>19</b> : 1-22.	Isaiah <b>52</b> : 13- <b>53</b> : 12. Luke <b>23</b> : 26-49.
Ascension Day	2 Kings <b>2</b> : 1-15. Acts <b>1</b> : 1-14.	
Whit Sunday	Deut. <b>31</b> : 1-13. Acts <b>22</b> : 22-47.	Ezekiel <b>36</b> : 22-38. 2 Corin. <b>3</b> : 12-18.
Spring or Flower Service	Psalm <b>65</b> , Psalm <b>126</b> , Genesis <b>1</b> . Matthew <b>13</b> : 1-9.	Matthew <b>13</b> : 24-30.
Harvest Thanksgiving	Genesis <b>8</b> : 15-22, Deut. <b>16</b> : 9-17, <b>26</b> : 1-10, 16-19, Leviticus <b>26</b> : 1-13., Ruth <b>2</b> : 1-17, Nehemiah <b>10</b> : 32-39, Isaiah <b>55</b> , Matthew <b>13</b> : 24-34, Mark <b>4</b> : 1-12, Luke <b>8</b> : 4-10, Jonh <b>4</b> : 27-38, Galatians <b>6</b> : 6-10.	
Home and Overseas Missions	Exodus <b>19</b> : 1-8, Isaiah <b>11</b> , <b>40</b> , <b>60</b> , Hosea <b>14</b> , Matthew <b>16</b> : 13-28, John <b>3</b> : 1-21, <b>12</b> : 20-36, Acts <b>17</b> : 16-34, Romans <b>1</b> : 1-17, Romans 10: 1-17, Ephesians <b>4</b> : 1-16	
Church Anniversary	1 Kings <b>8</b> : 22-30, 1 Chron. <b>22</b> , 1 Chron. <b>29</b> : 1-2, 10-20, Haggai <b>2</b> : 1-9, Matthew <b>16</b> : 13-28, Colossians <b>1</b> : 1-23, 1 John <b>5</b> , 1 Peter <b>1</b> : 22- <b>2</b> : 10	
Local Preachers' Sunday	Exodus <b>20</b> : 1-17, Isaiah <b>55</b> , Psalm <b>111</b> , Luke <b>10</b> : 1-20, John <b>1</b> : 35-51, Romans <b>10</b> . 1-15.	
A Dedication Service	Numbers <b>7</b> : 1-11 Romans <b>12</b> .	1 Chronicles <b>28</b> . Matthew <b>10</b> : 1-23.
Christmas Day	Isaiah <b>9</b> : 2-7. Luke <b>2</b> : 1-20.	Isaiah <b>7</b> : 10-16. Matthew <b>1</b> : 18-25.
Watchnight or End of the Year	Psalm <b>90</b> , Exodus <b>12</b> : 21-36, Ecclesiastes <b>3</b> : 1-15, Matthew <b>24</b> : 32-51, Luke <b>21</b> : 25-36.	
New Year	Psalms <b>91</b> , <b>103</b> , Matthew <b>6</b> : 19-34, 1 Thess. <b>5</b> , Ephesians <b>5</b> : 1-21.	

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1958

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, November 5th, 1958 at 7.30 p.m. in the Durham Street Church, Christchurch, by the retiring President, Rev. David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., after which the Rev. Gordon R. H. Peterson was inducted to the Presidency. The Sessions of the Conference concluded on Thursday, November 13th.

Mr Allen A. Dingwall was elected Vice-President and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary, Rev. Athol R. Penn, was introduced and took up his duties.

**QUESTION I.—Who are the Members of this Conference?**

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 7-13, with such alterations as were reported through the Committees of Districts and duly recorded in the Journal of Conference.

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

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

Who have travelled three years.

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

(a)

G. Basil W. Bell	Henry W. Kitchingman
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James F. Cropp	Kenneth H. Russell
Irwin J. Fowler	Geoffrey E. Scarr
Phyllis M. Guthardt, B.A.	Philip F. Taylor

Who have travelled two years.

(b)

Frederick J. Climo	R. John Hamlin
Maurice Downer	Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
Wilfred S. Gilbert	Andrew G. Reid (Sec Qn. V).
Frank G. Glen	

Who have travelled one year.

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

Peter S. Barker	John S. Hosking, B.A.
Lewis A. Bowen	Dorothea M. Jones, B.A.
Mervyn L. Dine	David L. Kitchingman, B.A.
Roger M. Gibson	William Morrison
G. Kingsley Greening (See Qn. VI)	Lawrence E. Salter (see Qn. VI)
Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.	Robert W. Widdup
Keith C. Griffith	

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

(a)

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

Who are continued for a third year.

(b)

James H. Conway	Andrew G. Reid (See Qn. III).
Bruce W. Edwards	A. Kerry Taylor
Cedric R. Marshall	William L. Wallace

Who are continued for a second year.

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

John Barrie Currie	David Laurance Hines
Gerald Kingsley Greening (See Qn. IV)	Edgar Reginald Hornblow
Graham Earl Hawkey	Russell Eric James
Arnold Clarence Hight	Barry Edwin Jones
	John Elgar Langley

Harold Charles Pomeroy  
Robert John Ramsay  
Ian Henry Robertson  
Robert James Henry Rowe  
Maynard Grant Rutherford  
Lawrence Edmund Salter (See  
Qn. IV)

Brian Willis Sides  
Frederick Edward Waine  
Walter James Douglas Wake-  
ling  
Alan Kenneth Woodley

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

**QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?**  
John Veo Bitibule (who has travelled four years).  
Joeli Zio (who has travelled two years).  
Samson Pataaku (who continues his training at the District  
Training Institution for a second year).

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

**QUESTION X.—Who are now received as Native Students for the Ministry?**  
Francis Bongbong

**QUESTION XI.—(1) What Deaconesses are Dedicated at this Conference?**

Sister Mary Sealey.

**(2) What Students are Continued for Training?**

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

**(3) What Candidates are Received for Training?**  
None.

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

First Year: Selwyn Neal

Second Year: Stephen R. Hargreaves

Third Year: George H. J. Yearbury.

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

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

Charles M. Roberts.

Ernest D. Patchett.

### CHARLES HENRY LAWS

Charles Henry Laws was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, on 21st January, 1867. When 7 years of age he settled with his parents in Napier. Early in life he heard the call to the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In 1885 he entered Three Kings College. Two years later he was received on Probation and appointed assistant to Dr W. Morley in Dunedin. He brought to his ministry a well-trained mind, a cultured spirit, a passion for souls, and the dedication of his whole life to the service of God.

His preaching was enriched by intense Bible study and a wide knowledge of life. In an age when it was feared that science might undermine religious faith he showed how, in reality, it was the

handmaid of religion. Students gathered to his ministry. He became known as the Prince of Preachers and his influence was felt throughout the whole Church.

As a Church leader and administrator he was without a peer. During his ministry he was Chairman of District in Otago, Canterbury, and Auckland.

For seven years he was Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference. He was President of Conference in 1910, in which year, mainly through his advocacy, the New Zealand Conference gained independence from Australia.

When in 1922, Methodism in N.Z. celebrated its Centenary, it was unanimously felt most fitting that C. H. Laws should be appointed to the Presidential Chair, and at this Conference the Doctorate of Divinity was conferred upon him by Victoria University, Toronto, Canada. After a most distinguished Circuit ministry of 33 years he was appointed Principal of the Theological College at "Dunholme" Auckland.

Early in his appointment he recognised the necessity for a new College and Hostel. At the Centenary Conference, on behalf of the College Council he presented proposals to realise this ideal. In 1926 the scheme was inaugurated and Dr Laws travelled throughout the Connexion advocating the urgent needs of the College.

The Foundation Stone was laid in June 1927 and Trinity College opened in March 1929. It stands as a worthy memorial to the vision and zeal of Dr Laws.

After 44 years in the active work he retired in 1931. He was honoured by Conference in being elected the Foundation Fellow of Trinity College.

His closing years were overshadowed by severe limitations of his physical powers but his mental and spiritual faculties remained alert until the end. He died at the advanced age of 91 years on February 8, 1958.

We rejoice that a suitable Memoir was prepared by Rev Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D.

### **CHARLES M. ROBERTS**

Charles Martin Roberts was born at Henderson, Auckland, in 1882. Prior to entering the Ministry in 1906 he spent six years in the teaching profession. He commenced his ministry at Motueka. In 1945 Mr Roberts became a Supernumerary after serving in fourteen Circuits, most of them being in rural areas because of his preference for such Circuits. After retirement, Mr Roberts gave much valued help in the New Plymouth Circuit. Charles Roberts did not seek publicity or service in the higher offices of the Church, but was content to fill humbler spheres of service. In these he will be remembered as a faithful preacher, and a helpful and greatly loved pastor.

Mr Roberts passed away on May 17, 1958, and was interred in Te Henui Cemetery, New Plymouth.

### **ERNEST DAVID PATCHETT**

When death made the sacrifice complete on September 13, 1958, a ministry as notable for its length as for its quality was drawn to its close. Ernest Patchett was born at Styx, North Canterbury. He came forward as a candidate in the year 1900 and after attending

Prince Albert College embarked upon an active ministry of forty-three years, nineteen of which he served as Chairman of District.

His natural gifts quickly marked him for leadership within the Church and he came to the Presidency in 1931. He was possessed of statesmanlike gifts, dispassionate and sound in his judgments and a man whose word was sought and respected in the councils of the Church.

He had an inborn charm of graciousness and an air of gentle courtesy that endeared him to all who knew him. Yet behind his somewhat reserved manner and soft spoken voice, there was a firmness and strength of personality which revealed itself in debate, while a certain inflexible tenacity could assert itself in him when some matter of high principle was at issue. As a pastor among his people, as a preacher and circuit minister, E. D. Patchett graced the high calling of the ministry with distinction and dignity.

In 1945 he retired from the active work. As a supernumerary he continued to enrich the church with a wisdom born of age and served on numerous connexional committees up till almost the end of his life. Death came suddenly to him in his eightieth year—the shadow of God's hand outstretched to bless.

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

Henry L. Blamires	William A. Burley, M.A.
Arthur Hopper	Archer O. Harris
Arthur J. Seamer	Charles H. Olds, B.A.
R. Purcell Keall	Percy I. Cooke
Jonathan H. Haslam	Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., E.D.
George P. Hunt	Frederick J. Parker
Frank E. Leadley	Arthur H. Scrivin
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	Henry J. Odell
Albert H. Fowles	Wallace S. Neal
E. Percy Blamires	Oswald Burnet
Henry Ryan	John Dennis
William Walker	Alfred E. Jefferson
Ernest O. Blamires	Charles H. Kendon
Fred Copeland	Ngatete K. Kukutai
Charles Blair	Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E.
Edwin S. Harkness	Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
William Gatman	Ernest E. Sage
Albert Blakemore	Cecil R. Taylor
Walter J. Enticott	John H. Bailey
H. Leslie Richards	George E. Brown
Herbert Ford	Ernest B. Chambers
Frederick O. Prosser	J. Francis Jack
Harry Cottom	Harry S. Kings
George B. Hinton	Thomas Skuse
Frederick B. Lawrence	Samuel J. Werren
John D. McArthur	Robert E. Fordyce
William Rowe	E. Thomas Olds
Herbert Spencer	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
Robert B. Tinsley	William M. Garner
Frank Bateup	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.
Arthur A. Bensley	
James W. Parker	

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

A. Harry Voyce.

## ARTHUR HENRY VOYCE

Arthur Henry Voyce was born in 1899 at Hobart, Tasmania. After the family's removal to New Zealand he became active in Bible Class work in Feilding and the Manawatu. Accepted as a candidate for the ministry, Mr Voyce went into training at "Dunholme" where he became Senior Student in 1925. He was married to Miss Beryl Halliday on March 17, 1926, and the young couple proceeded shortly after to the Solomon Islands where Mr Voyce took up his appointment in unevangelised Bougainville.

Mr and Mrs Voyce have given 32 years of service to the Church in ministry and leadership to the Bougainville people, especially to the South Bougainville area, where they have been stationed for all their years of service. From Tonu, he walked innumerable miles visiting villages high up in the mountains. He crossed the ranges more than twenty times to visit in the Kieta area, and once travelled from Tonu through Kieta and Teop to the north coast of Buka and back, a journey of 750 miles, of which only about 200 were by boat or canoe. These were not just walking tours. As he went he ministered to the needs of the people, giving medical care, injections, advice, and listening to their difficulties, encouraging weak ones, correcting those who had wandered, giving spiritual food to all, and conducting baptisms and weddings.

During the war years, Mr Voyce gave his services as a chaplain and was sent to Vella Lavella, where he was able to minister to both the troops and the native people.

Mr Voyce's interests were not confined to his circuit or mission. He has proved a keen student of the flora and fauna of Bougainville and of the language and customs of the people. He is widely known as a philatelist and conchologist. Within our Mission, he has served many times as Synod Secretary and twice as Acting Chairman of the District.

Mrs Voyce's work and that of their family also merits recognition. She has walked long miles visiting people and carried on the work on the station during Mr Voyce's absences. She has also been a tireless worker among the women, girls and babies, as well as caring for the sick of all ages and her own family.

Mr and Mrs Voyce retire with the good wishes of the people they have served so well and the thanks of the whole Church for outstanding pioneer missionary work.

**QUESTION XVI.—What Supernumeries Return to Regular Work?**  
None.

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

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

A. L. Witheford  
H. Ashworth  
J. W. Bayliss  
W. Sussex  
W. H. Wilson

W. E. Sleep  
R. T. Alexander  
Roy Coombridge  
Cyril Robinson  
W. J. Bryant  
T. Steele

(b) Placed on Retired List?

D. I. Robertson

H. Prowse

## HERBERT PROWSE

Herbert Prowse was born at Ballarat, Victoria, in 1892. He was a child of the Manse. He completed his secondary school years in New Zealand and studied at Canterbury College.

In the First World War he served in France and Belgium as a first lieutenant in the 16th Reinforcements. Following the war Mr Prowse was appointed to the N.Z.E.F. Educational Department. Later he studied in London. The greater part of Mr Prowse's life was spent in the teaching profession. In 1940 he became religious work secretary of the Auckland Y.M.C.A. and was Acting General Secretary for the greater part of the war years, then taking a similar position in Whangarei.

At 18 he commenced local preaching. He served the Church on its musical side with distinction, and in 1947 entered the Home Mission ranks, serving faithfully until ill-health necessitated retirement after a ministry of 10½ years. In 1916 Mr Prowse was married to Miss Olive Myrtle Wilson, and they together worked unstintingly in the service of the Church.

### 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).

Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (with permission to serve with the Student Christian Movement).

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

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

As in (a) above.

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

A. Francis Attwood.

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

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

Gordon D. Brough, B.A.

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

Michael Jackson Campbell from the British Conference.

### 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?

H. Rabev Falla, who has voluntarily resigned.

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

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

Secretary and Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A.  
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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. J. A. Ziesler, 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 Section: Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.  
                   2nd Section: Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.  
                   3rd Section: 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. Ranginohoor 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 Section	..	..	..	..	Rev R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D.
2nd Section	..	..	..	..	Rev G. V. Thomas, B.A.
Third Section	..	..	..	..	Rev W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

**Tutors in Greek.**

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

### (B) Examiners for Students.

#### Theology—

- (a) God, Man, Sin .. .. . Rev J. Silvester, M.A.  
(b) Person and Work of Christ .. .. . Rev W. R. Laws, 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. Bycroft

### (D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

- English .. .. . Rev R. H. Allen, B.A.  
Theology .. .. . Rev J. H. Bailey  
Bible Knowledge .. .. . Rev H. A. Darvill  
Church History .. .. . Rev C. D. Clark, B.A.  
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, M.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 Warren Green  
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  
Christian Education .. .. . Rev W. F. Ford, B.A.

### (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 1959 (from N.Z. B.D. Course Stage I).

1st year: Luke 6-8 (inclusive); Acts 10 and 11; Phil. 3.

2nd year: Luke 5-8; Acts 10-12; Phil. 3-4 (all inclusive).

3rd year: Luke 5-10; Acts 10-12; Phil. 2-4 (all inclusive).

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 (Moffat Commentary).

3rd year: Hebrews (Moffatt Commentary).

3. THEOLOGY A. For 1959. Second Section: "The Person and Work of Christ."

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

1st section: 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 section: 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"—Vincent Taylor; "Jesus and His Sacrifice"—V. Taylor (Macmillan).

3rd section: 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 section to be co-ordinated with A. above. For 1959—2nd section (a two-hour paper).

1st section: 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 section: 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 section: 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 Konae Aranui" by Kohere.

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

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

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

Text Books:—

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

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

Buck: "The coming of the Maori," especially Book 3.  
 Keesing: "The changing Maori."  
 Norman Smith: "The Maori People and Us."  
 J. G. Laughton's paper "Maoritanga" (issued on request of R. Rogers).  
 Beaglehole: "Some Modern Maoris."  
 Piddington: "Introduction to Social Anthropology" (Chapts. 1-4; X and XI).

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

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

#### THESIS :

Ministers are required to produce and present a thesis of not less than 10,000 words, within two years after their reception into Full Connexion, on some subject of theological or religious character, approved by the Rev. 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.)
5. Church History.—“The Story of the Church”—Steel and Campbell. (Ch. of Scotland B.C. Series.)

#### 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.—“The Story of the Church.” Steel and Campbell. (Ch. of Scotland B.C. Series.)

**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—DEACONESSÈS 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, 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.

#### STUDENTS—1960

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.

#### 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.

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 1959 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers.—Tuesday, May 19th, and Tuesday, September 8th.

Tutorials for Probationers.—Greek, February 2nd. Theology, June 1st.

Candidates for Ministry.—Tuesday, July 21st.

Home Missionary Probationers.—Tuesday, September 8th.

Bible Knowledge Tutorials for H.M. Probationers.—Tuesday, March 10th.

Deaconess Entrance.—Tuesday, August 4th.

#### **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 three years.

#### **SPECIAL REPORT FROM BOARD OF STUDIES**

##### **1. TRAINING FOR MARRIED MEN. (Minutes, P. 36 (7). 1957).**

The Committee adopted the following Resolutions:

(a) That the normal procedure shall be that candidates should be young and single in order that they may give undivided loyalty and attention to training.

(b) Young married men shall be required to take the College Course and the due period of Probation. They shall be required to support themselves and families in terms of Para. 85, P. 13 (Law Book).

(c) Older married candidates shall be required to take an approved course of probation during which they shall do a prescribed course of reading under a supervisor. If possible, such men shall be given a short course of training in the College.

**Note.**—(1) It shall be left to the discretion of the Examination Committee to decide whether a married candidate shall be considered under section (b) or (c) above.

**Note.**—(2) Student pastorates in the Auckland city area will continue to provide a means of living for some married men attending College, but it must be kept in mind that such pastorates are strictly limited in number.

##### **2. THESES. Minutes, P. 36. See (4) b. See under Probationers' Course of Study.**

##### **3. PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY. (Minutes, P. 36 (5)).**

The Course of Probation required of men after leaving College is designed to:

(a) Consolidate the training and instruction given in College.

(b) To provide a wide area of PRACTICAL training for the work of the ministry. With this aim in mind, the course of study

on Probation should be so arranged as to develop the basic biblical and theological studies which have been taught in College, and also to encourage each man to apply himself methodically to some particular subject in which he shall be required to produce a thesis by the end of the probationary period.

The value of the regular examination work of the old probationers' course is still appreciated, as is also the fact that it is not desirable for any man to overlook the basic theological study in the course in pursuit of some special interests of his own.

To this end, we suggest that the probationary course of study be as follows (in broad outline):

- i A basic core of required Biblical (O.T. and N.T.) and Theological work. Where Hebrew and/or Greek is being studied, it should be spread over the whole year instead of four months as at present. The present alternative; English Bible course should be considerably stiffened.
- ii In place of the present subject, No. 4 in the Minutes of Conference, a thesis on some subject of theological significance is to be submitted, the subject of such thesis to be approved by the Board of Studies. Furthermore, this thesis is to be studied for and prepared, under suitable guidance, throughout the whole period of Probation, and is to be a pre-requisite of Ordination.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1959 be Rev W. F. Ford, B.A.
2. (a) That Rev J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., be congratulated on securing the London Ph.D. degree.  
(b) That Revs O. Kitchingman and P. P. Rushton be congratulated on securing the New Zealand B.A. degree, and that permission be granted for the degrees to be printed in the Minutes of the Conference.
3. That we record receipt of a satisfactory thesis from Rev H. David Besant, B.A., on the theme "Catholicity."

#### **4. Training for Married Men.**

- (a) That the Report of the Board of Studies be received and adopted.
- (b) That in view of the high cost of finding accommodation and living for married men, Conference believes that the proposal to make provision for the support of married candidates and their dependents is not justified.

#### **5. Probationers' Course of Study.**

That permission be given the Board of Studies to re-examine the whole proposal for alterations to the Probationers' Course of Study. Proposals arising out of the re-examination to be submitted to the Ministerial Committees of Synods, August, 1959.

6. That the Local Preachers' Examination may be taken in sections provided that the full course be completed within three years.

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

8. 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?**

**NORTHLAND:**

**Ruawai-Paparoa Circuits:** "That the boundaries between Ruawai and Paparoa Circuits be adjusted to include the Hukatere-Tinopai area in the Ruawai Circuit."

**SOUTH AUCKLAND:**

"That the boundaries of the **Te Aroha and Morrinsville Circuits** be altered so that Springdale is included in the Morrinsville Circuit; such alteration to become effective when a second ministerial appointment is made to the Morrinsville Circuit, the boundaries to be defined by agreement between the two circuits, and approved by the Synod Standing Committee."

**WELLINGTON:**

"That the **Stokes Valley Church** be transferred to the Lower Hutt Circuit from the Upper Hutt Circuit."

**NELSON:**

"That the **Stoke Church** be incorporated into the Nelson Circuit."

"That provided that the staffing of the enlarged Nelson Circuit be two ordained ministers and one probationer, **Murchison Circuit** be given pastoral oversight by the Nelson Circuit in 1959. That careful consideration be given to the ultimate inclusion of Murchison in the Waimea Circuit."

**SOUTH CANTERBURY:**

"That the **Woodlands Street and the Timaru South Circuits** be amalgamated, the new circuit to be known as the Woodlands Street Circuit."

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

**AUCKLAND:**

**Henderson:** "That the staffing of the Henderson Circuit be two ordained ministers and a single probationer."

**SOUTH AUCKLAND:**

**Hamilton:** "That the staffing of Hamilton Circuit be three ordained ministers."

**Morrinsville:** "That the staffing of the Morrinsville Circuit be two ordained ministers."

**Tauranga:** "That the staffing of the Tauranga Circuit be two ordained ministers and two probationers."

**Hauraki Plains:** "That Hauraki Plains Circuit appointment be an ordained minister, with a suitable grant."

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:**

**Hastings:** "That the staffing of the Hastings Circuit be an ordained minister and a married probationer."

**NELSON:**

**Nelson:** "That the staffing of Nelson Circuit be two ordained ministers and one probationer."

**Waimea:** "That the staffing be one ordained minister."

"That the question of future staffing of the Waimea Circuit be referred to the Nelson Synod Standing Committee and the Waimea Circuit Quarterly Meeting."

**SOUTH CANTERBURY:**

**Woodlands Street:** "That the staffing of the new Circuit be one ordained minister and a single probationer."

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

**NORTHLAND:**

**Mangonui:** "That the staffing be referred to the Synod Standing Committee and the circuit for clarification."

**General Resolution re Priorities for Appointment.—**

That Synods prepare a list of priorities for the filling of vacant or additional appointments within their own district, and that these recommendations be collated and considered by the Conference Home Mission Committee, which shall make recommendations to the Stationing Committee.

**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 for Married instead of Single Ministers?**

**Papakura** (2nd) is due and will fulfil its obligations in 1960.

**Hikurangi** is due and will fulfil its obligations in 1960.

**Hamilton** (3rd) is due and is able to fulfil its obligations.

**Morrinsville** (2nd) is due and is able to fulfil its obligations.

**Ohura** is due and is relieved for a further year.

**Taihape** is due, and is relieved for another year.

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

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

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

**Hokitika** is due and is relieved for a further year.

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

## **LIST OF STATIONS**

OF THE

# **Methodist Church of New Zealand**

**President—REV GORDON R. H. PETERSON.**

**Vice-President—MR ALLEN A. DINGWALL.**

**Secretary—REV ATHOL R. PENN.**

### **STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1959**

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 145 and [1] to [13] for Maori Stations and Overseas Missions 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, Roger M. Gibson, William M. Garner (Sup.).
3. **North Hokianga**—Hughan M. Craig.
4. **Hokianga**—Percy P. Rushton.
5. **Hikurangi**—Geoffrey E. Scarr.
6. **Whangarei**—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit), One Wanted.
7. **Dargaville**—George R. Thompson, 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), G. Raymond Harris (St Jude's, Richmond Road), E. Thomas Olds (Sup.), A Deaconess.
- The Home Mission Department**—George I. Laurenson (Gen. Sup.), John A. Penman, B.A. (Asst. Sup.), Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary—residing at Hawera), Eurera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup), Acting-Senior Maori Superintendent.
- The Foreign Mission Department**—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Gen. Sec).
- Trinity Theological College**—Eric W. Hames, M.A., Tutor in Systematic Theology and Church History, Principal; David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Tutor in Pastoral Theology and Resident Tutor; John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching.
- Department of Christian Education**—Field 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, George P. Hunt (Sup.), Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (without pastoral charge). Children's Home: Chaplain, Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
14. **Auckland West**—O. McLennan Olds, 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 Joint Chaplain to Seamer House); H. David Besant, B.A., One Wanted, William Walker, E.D. (Sup.), Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.), James W. Parker (Sup.), Frederick J. Parker (Sup.), Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
16. **Auckland (Avondale)**—Athol R. Penn (Secretary of Conference); Robert W. Widdup (Avondale-New Lynn), 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 (Glen Eden) and One Wanted (Te Atatu), Percy I. Cooke (Sup.), Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.), Thomas Skuse (Sup.).
18. **Auckland (Devonport)**—John Silvester, M.A., E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
19. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A. Norman W. Olds, William Gatman (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.), John Dennis (Sup.), J. Francis Jack (Sup.), A. Harry Voyce (Sup.).
20. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Robert H. Allen, B.A., One Wanted.
21. **Onehunga**—Leslie T. Norwell (Joint chaplain to "Kura-huna"), One Wanted.
22. **Otahuhu**—Francis J. Handy.
23. **Papatoetoe**—Albert Jolly, 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. **Waiuku**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
  28. **North Waitemata**—Ivan J. Clucas, Lewis A. Bowen.
  29. **Mahurangi**—George R. Trebilco, John H. Bailey (Sup.).
  - [2] **Auckland**—Ranginohooru Rogers (Joint Chaplain to Seamer House and "Kurahuna"), Ngatete K. Kukutai (Sup.), 7 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.
- COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.
- ERIC W. HAMES, M.A., Chairman of the District.
- G. RAYMOND HARRIS, Financial Secretary.

### III—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

30. **Thames**—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station), Frank Bateup (Sup.).
31. **Hauraki Plains**—William E. Moore.
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**—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., One Wanted (Waitoa).
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., A. Roger Nuttall, B.A., 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, Lawrence E. Salter.
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), Mervyn L. Dine (Mount Maunganui), Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
44. **Whakatane**—Arthur W. Dickie (who shall supervise the Kawerau Circuit).
45. **Opotiki**—One Wanted.
46. **Te Awamutu**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
47. **Otorohanga**—John K. Watson (who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station).
48. **Te Kuiti**—Alan H. V. Newton, A Home Missionary.
49. **Taumarunui**—Bruce Scammell.
50. **Ohura**—William Morrison.
51. **Kawerau**—One Wanted.
- [3] **Waikato**—One Wanted (Ngaruawahia), 10 Home Missionaries, 4 Deaconesses.

- [4] **King Country**—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 District.  
**C. B. OLDFIELD, Deputy Chairman.**  
**V. LEACH, Financial Secretary.**

#### IV—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

52. **New Plymouth**—William W. H. Greenslade, James H. Hall, Michael J. Campbell, 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. **Maniaia**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.  
58. **Opunake**—Basil J. Hilder, One Wanted.  
59. **Wanganui Central**—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (who shall supervise the Taihape and Raetihi-Ohakune Circuits); Herbert Spencer (Sup.).  
60. **Wanganui North**—William C. Jenkin.  
61. **Wanganui West**—Geo. L. Bennett.  
62. **Taihape**—Keith C. Griffith.  
63. **Raetihi-Ohakune**—One Wanted.  
64. **Marton**—J. Ainsley Daglish.  
[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.**  
**ARTHUR H. IVORY, LL.B., B.Com., 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), John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D. Arthur Hopper (Sup.).  
67. **Gisborne**—E. Clarence Leadley, One Wanted.  
68. **Wairoa**—Amos Burrough.  
69. **Dannevirke**—Sydney J. Spindler.  
70. **Woodville**—One Wanted.  
71. **Pahiatua**—Reginald Day.  
72. **Palmerston North (St Paul's)**—Peter A. Stead, B.A., One Wanted (Roslyn).  
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**—One Wanted.
  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.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman of the District.

#### VI—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

79. **Wellington Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., Owen Kitchingman, One Wanted, A Deaconess, Leslie C. Clements (Chaplain to Department of Justice), Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Ag.Sc. (serving in West Germany), 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, Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (with S.C.M.), William Rowe (Sup.).
83. **Wellington North**—Ivo M. Raynor, John C. F. Mabon.
84. **Porirua**—Wilf G. Eisner, B.A., John S. Hosking, B.A.
85. **Lower Hutt**—Charlie O. Hailwood (who shall supervise the Probationer appointed to Taita Union Parish), Philip D. Ramsay, Dorothea M. Jones, B.A., 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**—John Grundy, M.A. (who shall supervise Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
90. **Masterton**—John B. Dawson, B.A. (who shall supervise Eketahuna Circuit), One Wanted.  
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, John B. Dawson, B.A.
91. **Eketahuna**—Peter S. Barker.
92. **Levin**—Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D., Harry S. Kings (Sup.).
93. **Otaki**—Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
94. **Paraparaumu**—Trevor L. Nicholls.

ERNEST S. HODDINOTT, Chairman of the District.

CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD, Deputy-Chairman.

J. H. McFADDEN, M.B.E., B.Com., Dip. Journ.,  
A.R.A.N.Z., Financial Secretary.

#### VII—NELSON DISTRICT

95. **Nelson**—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D., Ian D. Grant (Stoke), One Wanted, Charles Blair (Sup.), Frederick B. Lawrence (Sup.).
96. **Waimea**—Harry Moore.
97. **Motueka**—Neville Thornicroft.

98. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
99. **Blenheim**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., David W. Edmonds (Picton), Maurice H. Downer (Springland), Cuthbert Peart, C.F., 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 (Runanga).
103. **Hokitika**—Kenneth H. Russell.

M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, D.D.,  
Chairman of the District.  
D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A., Deputy-Chairman.  
J. HEATH, A.R.A.N.Z., Financial Secretary.

### 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. Flebig, B.A.  
**FIELD 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, H. I. K. Hopper, B.A., Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.), Oswald Burnet (Sup.).
107. **Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)**—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., Harry Utting (Opawa), Robert S. Andrews (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. Dickens, Harold K. Brown, 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**—Frank H. Woodfield, One Wanted (Islington), Harry Cottom (Sup.).
114. **Leeston**—Owen T. Woodfield, Horace L. Richards (Sup.).
115. **Kaiapoi**—Benjamin H. Riseley.
116. **Rangiora**—Campbell P. Lucas, L. Th., G. Kingsley Greening.
117. **Greendale**—Loyal J. Gibson.
118. **Oxford**—Trevor Shepherd.

V. ROY JAMIESON, M.B.E., E.D.,  
Chairman of the District.  
HAROLD K. BROWN, Financial Secretary.

## IX—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 119. **Timaru (Banks Street)**—Alan O. Jones.
- 120. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)**—Leslie F. Bycroft, One Wanted (Kensington).
- 120a. **Marchwiell Union Parish**—Edmund D. Grounds.
- 121. **Waimate**—A. Peter Dorrian, Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
- 122. **Temuka**—One Wanted.
- 123. **Geraldine**—John R. Hall (who shall supervise Temuka Circuit).
- 124. **Ashburton**—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A., One Wanted.
- 125. **Willowby**—Trevor L. Bennett.
- 126. **Oamaru**—George W. Cramond.

ALAN O. JONES, Chairman of the District.

## X—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

- 127. **Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)**—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., Ernest Heppelthwaite, One Wanted, A Deaconess.
- 128. **Dunedin (Dundas Street)**—Allan J. Handyside (who shall supervise the Port Chalmers Circuit).
- 129. **Dunedin North**—John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S.
- 130. **Dunedin South**—Alan F. Collins (who shall supervise the Mosgiel Circuit), Leonard Shapcott, One Wanted (Abbotsford).
- 130a. **Corstorphine Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
- 131. **Dunedin (St Kilda)**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (President of the Conference), David L. Kitchingman, B.A., President's Supply (One Wanted).
- 132. **Dunedin (Morningside)**—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).
- 133. **Dunedin (Roslyn)**—Warren Green.
- 134. **Port Chalmers**—One Wanted.
- 135. **Mosgiel**—Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.
- 136. **Milton**—William K. Abbott.
- 137. **Balclutha**—J. Herbert Thompson.
- 138. **Gore**—T. Ralph Benny.
- 139. **Edendale**—One Wanted.
- 140. **Invercargill Central**—D. J. Donald Hickman (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit), Wilfred J. Cable (who shall supervise Edendale Circuit).
- 141. **Invercargill (St Peter's)**—J. Stanley Olds (who shall supervise Western Southland Circuit), One Wanted (Newfield).
- 142. **Western Southland**—Frank G. Glen, One Wanted (Ohai).
- 143. **Bluff**—G. Basil W. Bell.
- 144. **Roxburgh**—Edward P. Boyd.
- 145. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Eric R. Eastwood.

WAIKOUAITI-PALMERSTON—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

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

RAYMOND DUDLEY, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., Deputy-Chairman.

ALLAN J. HANDYSIDE, Financial Secretary.

## **XI—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT**

### **[6] Roviana Circuit—**

George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Chairman Kokengolo), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (D.T.I. Banga), One Wanted Kokengolo, Ahofitu Maka Kokengolo, Aisake Vula Honiara, One Native Minister Wanted Marovo, Joeli Zio Gizu, One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Lay Missionary (Technician), Kokengolo, One Lay Missionary (Secretary) Kokengolo, 9 Native Catechists, 45 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

### **District Training Institution—**

Allen H. Hall, M.A., Principal, Goldie College; 3 Native Tutors.

### **[7] Vella Lavella Circuit—**

Alexander C. Watson, Bilua; One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Secondary Teacher Wanted, One Missionary Sister (Nurse), 6 Native Catechists, 38 Native Teachers, 6 Native Medical Assistants.

### **[8] Choiseul Circuit—**

D. I. Alistair McDonald, Sasamunga; Timothy Piani, Senga; One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister, 6 Native Catechists, 38 Native Teachers, 2 Native Medical Assistants.

### **[9] Buin Circuit—**

Philip F. Taylor, Kihili; John Taufa, Kieta; One Native Minister Wanted, Tonu; Two Missionary Sisters (Teachers), District G.S.; One Missionary Sister (Teacher), Tonu; One Missionary Sister (Nurse), Tonu; 7 Native Catechists, 78 Native Teachers, 8 Native Medical Assistants.

### **[10] Teop Circuit—**

Gordon D. Brough, B.A., Kekesu; Daniel Palavi, Tearaka; One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), 5 Native Catechists, 28 Native Teachers, 2 Native Medical Assistants.

### **[11] Buka Circuit—**

Gordon A. R. Cornwell, Skotolan, who shall supervise the Teop Circuit; John V. Bitibule, One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), 4 Native Catechists, 45 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

### **Helena Goldie Hospital—**

Gerald E. Hault, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., D.T.M., and H.; Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses).

N.B.—(1) Samson Pataaku serves 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.

GEORGE G. CARTER, 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).

[12] **Mendi—**

Gordon H. Young, Clifford J. Keightley, one lay missionary, three missionary sisters.

[13] **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—**

Dargaville (2nd) (Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.

Whangarei (2nd)—One Wanted.

Port Albert (2nd) Wellsford—L. M. Matkovich.

**Maori Mission—**

Mangamuka—Supply.

Whirinaki—Supply.

Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.

Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa.

Kawakawa (Waiomio)—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—**

Field Director—Miss Mary Astley (employed by the Department of Christian Education).

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

Auckland East (Glen Innes), Non-resident Student Supply (J. E. Langley), D. I. Robertson (retired).

Auckland West (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland (Takapuna)—W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (Retired).

Auckland (Henderson) (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (J. H. Conway).

Auckland (Henderson). (3rd)—One Wanted. J. W. Bayliss (Retired).

Auckland South (4th)—Non-resident Student Supply (Arnold C. Hight).

Auckland (Onehunga) (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (Andrew J. Reid).

Auckland (Birkenhead) (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (Brian W. Sides).

**Maori Mission—**

Rewiti—Supply.

Point Chevalier—Hone Wilcox.

Auckland—Huru Weperi.  
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 (4th) (Greerton)—One Wanted.  
Paeroa—Supply (Rev A. F. Attwood).  
Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker).  
Rotorua (2nd)—Supply (Rev Wm. Isitt. (3rd) Supply (E. H. Downer).  
Morrinsville (Waitoa)—One Wanted.  
Ngaruawahia—F. L. Johnson.  
Hamilton—A. L. Witheford (Retired).  
Hamilton East (2nd)—One Wanted.  
Kawhia—One Wanted.

#### **Maori Mission—**

Waikato and King Country Circuits (Acting Superintendent  
Rev A. J. Seamer).  
Hamilton—C. E. Roke.  
Rangiriri—Matene Hori de Thierry.  
Huntly—Supply.  
Ngaruawahia—Te Akonga Pihama and Tutu Keepa.

#### **[Heemi Rihimona (Retired).]**

Ngaruawahia Rural—Graham Kahui.  
Hauraki Plains—Supply.  
Frankton Junction—J. Hatoitoi 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 Winikerel.  
Ngutunui—Rangi Katipa.  
Mokau—Supply.  
Te Kopua (Te Awamutu)—Supply.  
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.  
Aotearoa—Wiremu Tonga and Pukerau Rangitutla.  
Otorohanga—Supply.  
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).  
Marton—H. Prowse (Retired).

**Maori Mission—**

Urenui—Supply.  
Rahotu—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka.  
Nukumarū—Supply.  
Whenuakura—Supply.  
Pariroa 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)—Supply (Rev Jas. Crawford).  
Woodville—F. E. Trim.  
Norsewood—Vacant. (Under Dannevirke Superintendent).  
Waipawa-Waipukurau—S. A. Neal.  
Napier (3rd)—One Wanted. C. Robinson (Retired).  
Gisborne (2nd)—One Wanted.  
Sansón-Rongotea—W. J. Henderson.

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT—**

Wellington Central (3rd)—One Wanted.  
Wellington South (2nd)—One Wanted. (Island Bay).  
Masterton (2nd)—Special Supply. (Miss Ruth Nicholls).  
Upper Hutt (2nd)—One Wanted.  
Lower Hutt (4th) (Nae Nae)—Deaconess Supply (Sister Joyce Gribble).

**NELSON DISTRICT—**

Motueka—R. T. Alexander (Retired).  
Murchison—One Wanted.  
Reefton—T. Steele (Retired).  
Greymouth (2nd) (Runanga)—One Wanted.  
Nelson (3rd)—S. Hargreaves.

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—**

Field Director—Miss Meriel Beaumont (employed by the Department of Christian Education).  
Christchurch (Riccarton) (3rd)—One Wanted.  
Springston (2nd) (Islington)—One Wanted.

**Maori Mission—**

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—**

Ashburton (2nd)—G. H. J. Yearbury.  
Temuka—One Wanted. (Supplied from Geraldine).  
Timaru—Woodlands Street (2nd)—One Wanted.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—**

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—George A. Lee.  
Central Methodist Church and Mission (3rd)—One Wanted.  
Dunedin South (Abbotsford)—One Wanted.  
St Kilda—(President's Supply) One Wanted.  
Port Chalmers—Supply (A. E. Tardif).

Lawrence—Vacant. (Under Milton Superintendent)  
 Edendale—One Wanted.  
 Invercargill (St Peters) (2nd)—One Wanted.  
 Western Southland (2nd) (Ohai)—One Wanted.

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

**I—Home Work—**

Sister Dorothy Pointon, Feilding.  
 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 Taylor, Durham Street, Christchurch  
 Sister Joyce Gribble, Lower Hutt.  
 Sister Doreen Bulford, Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace Church, Christchurch.  
 Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Auckland Central Mission.  
 Sister Lorraine Flowers, leave for hospital training.  
 Sister Beverley Taylor, Auckland Central.

**II—Maori Work—**

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.  
 Sister Nicholls, Maori Centre, Auckland.  
 Sister Arini Hobbs, Waikato.  
 Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" School Hostel, Auckland.  
 Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.  
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth.  
 Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.  
 Sister Ruth Hilder, "Seamer House," Auckland.  
 Sister Jean Miller (leave of absence), Auckland.  
 Sister Mavis Dickie, Northern King Country.  
 Sister Grace Clement, Central King Country.  
 Sister Frances Smith, Hamilton.  
 Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.  
 Sister Winifred Bennett, Waikato.  
 Sister Kathleen Rogers, Rawene, Northland.  
 Sister June Peters, Paihia, Bay of Islands, Northland.  
 Sister Mary Sealey, Dargaville.

**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—**

Second 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 Edith James, Tari, Papua-New Guinea Highlands  
Sister Joy Thompson, Vella Lavella.  
Sister Mary Addison, Buin, Bougainville.  
Sister Audrey Grice, Vella Lavella.  
Sister Audrey Roberts, Roviana.  
Sister Lesley Bowen, Roviana.  
Sister Audrey Highnam, Choiseul.  
Sister Phyllis Rudolph, Roviana.  
Sister Beulah Reeves, Buin, Bougainville.

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

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

**1959 List**

Peter S. Barker	Phyllis M. Guthardt
G. Basil W. Bell	R. John Hamlin
John V. Bitibule	John S. Hosking
Lewis A. Bowen	Dorothea M. Jones
Frederick J. Climo	David L. Kitchingman
James F. Cropp	Henry W. Kitchingman
Mervyn L. Dine	Evan R. Lewis
Maurice H. Downer	John C. F. Mabon
Irwin W. Fowler	William Morrison
Roger M. Gibson	Lawrence E. Salter
Wilfred S. Gilbert	Kenneth H. Russell
Frank G. Glen	Geoffrey E. Scarr
Stanley R. Goudge	Robert W. Widdup
G. Kingsley Greening	Joeli Zio
Keith C. Griffith	

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

**1959 List**

J. H. Conway	S. A. Neal
E. Downer	A. G. Reid
S. Hargreaves	D. I. Robertson
A. C. Hight	A. E. Tardif
F. L. Johnson	F. E. Trim
J. E. Langley	T. Walker
G. A. Lee	G. H. J. Yearbury

**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. W. E. Silvester  
Auckland—E. W. Hames, M.A.  
South Auckland—W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.  
Taranaki-Wanganui—R. E. Patchett.  
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—George H. Goodman

Wellington—E. S. Hoddinott  
 Nelson—Matthew A. McDowell, D.D.  
 North Canterbury—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.  
 South Canterbury—A. O. Jones  
 Otago-Southland—Gordon R. H. Peterson (President of Conference)  
 Solomon Islands—G. G. Carter, M.A.

2. DISTRICT and STATISTICAL SECRETARIES:

General Statistical Secretary—William C. Jenkin  
 Northland—A. T. Kent  
 Auckland—L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.  
 South Auckland—C. H. Bell, B.A.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—B. J. Hilder.  
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—C. H. Raynor  
 Wellington—L. Greenslade  
 Nelson—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.  
 North Canterbury—N. P. Larsen  
 South Canterbury—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.  
 Otago-Southland—Herbert A. Cochrane  
 Solomon Islands—Rev A. H. Hall, M.A.

**QUESTION XXXIII—(1) Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference, 1959?**

President—Rev A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.

Secretary—Rev Athol R. Penn.

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

Referred to President's Committee of Advice for action.

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

## Report of the Statistical Secretary

### General

District Secretaries need to watch how their Statistical Returns are posted. The last returns to hand took six days to reach its destination. Returns should be treated as "First Class Mail" to ensure prompt delivery and an extra penny will send it "Airmail," and for places at a distance that is the method that should be adopted.

Time is a vital consideration when "Reports" have to be submitted to Conference. And a Statistical Report loses much of its value if members are unable to peruse same before they arrive at Conference.

Travelling expenses are still not returned in a few cases. Circuit cars still run on nothing even with a rise in the price of Motor Spirits. All that is needed is the amount actually spent to keep the car on the road for the year under review.

### Buildings

In spite of Churches being erected in the "New Housing" areas, etc., the number of Churches remains at 445, the same as last year.

Other preaching places are returned at 285 showing a decrease of 13 for the year; and while it may be pointed out, as for example in Takapuna, places returned as "other preaching places" last

year are returned as Churches this year. The overall picture is that the number of Churches and other preaching places together have gone from 743 to 730, a decrease of 13.

It should be noted that Woodville is shown on the returns as having no preaching place, while in point of fact two services are held each Sunday and until the new Church is completed they should return one preaching place.

An increase of 4 brings the number of Sunday Schools to 291, while parsonages are returned at 212 being an increase of 5 for the year.

### **Staffing**

246 ministers and probationers are returned this year, an increase of 1 on last year.

There is a net increase of 7 Home Missionaries for the year, bringing the total to 36. Deaconesses show a decrease of 1 for the year, the total being 10.

Local preachers have increased by 24 for the year and now number 697. It is hoped that the awakening interest in this important aspect of the Church's life will be steadily maintained.

### **Membership**

29,869 members are returned this year, being an increase of 884 on last year's figures. This represents a record for the "Net increase" of membership for any given year.

86 members were apparently lost in transit from one circuit to another. It would appear that greater care must be exercised in this respect of "Transfers to other Circuits."

It is interesting to note that though there were 62 members, over 20 less than last year, the members returned as "Ceased to Attend" were 199 less than last year.

The number of folk transferred overseas and to other Church Communions as in the case of mixed marriages bring the number of non-attenders through "Neglect of the Means of Grace" still lower. But in spite of this the position of "Lapsed Membership" needs to be tackled on the Circuit level.

It would appear that the impetus of "Total Stewardship" coupled with the Layman's movement in the Church is already being felt in the life of the Church, an indication of which is reflected in the Statistical Returns.

437 members have died during the year under review.

Communicants have increased by 597 and the figure now stands at 26,536. Compared with the actual Church membership of 29,869 and allowing for adherents and visitors who participate it would appear that there are well over 5000 Methodist members who fail to avail themselves of this means of "Grace" and to appreciate the Master's Command: "This do in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22-19).—This also is a matter that should be tackled on the "Circuit Level."

### **Youth Returns**

Baptisms this year total 3004, a slight decrease of 3 while the number on the Cradle Roll has increased by 175, the total as at June 30 being 7570.

The Beginners and Primary section show a decrease of 175 while the Junior Section an increase of 412 and the Intermediate

an increase of 489. Totals being Primary, etc., 10,762; Junior 9779; and Intermediate 6886. Teachers now number 2978, this being an increase of 69 on last year's figures. Bible Classes show increases in every section except the Senior Young Women where a decrease of 36 is reported and also 6 less Young Women's Leaders.

### **Pastoral Care**

Again an increase in the number of families under the Pastoral Care of the Church is reported. This year 2818 families bring the total to 43,676 families representing 123,598 persons.

When figures are available from the Government Statistical Department it should be possible to review our position and take the appropriate steps to see that as a Church we are "Caring" for all who declare themselves "Methodist."

### **Finances**

Stipends have increased this year by £6,469/19/1, while travelling expenses have increased by £3,398/18/1.

3 less cars are reported as owned by the Circuits and 6 additional cars are reported as owned by Ministers, the totals being 22 and 176 respectively.

Circuit Accounts show increases of £8,750/1/6 Credit Balances and £1,593/13/5 debit Balances. A few Circuits show large debit balances, this being due to the introduction of Stewardship Campaigns and thus by next year the said Debit Balances should normally be eliminated.

Trust Credit Balances show a decrease of £4,127/8/8 and Debit Balances an increase of £500/4/11. Again there is evidence this year that the totals of £51,480/10/- Credits, and £31,139/10/- Debit Balances do not agree with the balances as shown on the Trust Property Returns.

### **Maori Mission Returns**

The Maori Mission Returns this year were submitted on two separate forms. Two Districts returned one form on which 24 items were enumerated and the other three on another form on which 15 items were enumerated. This will have to be watched in the future so as to ensure uniformity in the said returns.

An estimate of Junior members from the Youth figures supplied from Auckland and Taranaki Districts was necessary as also was the number of persons under the Heading of Pastoral Care.

The number of Churches have decreased by 1 for the year, the total standing at 17. Other preaching places returned at 168 gives an increase of 6.

The number of Ordained Ministers remain at 7. Full time Home Missionaries 9 a decrease of 10; but the Maniopototo District, Returns 10 as Honorary Home Missionaries whereas these were returned last year as full-time agents. Honorary Home Missionaries stand this year at 21 as compared with 10 last year. Local Preachers show an increase of 1 total being 10. Deaconesses 16, a decrease of 2.

Membership shows an increase of 94, the total now being 8786 Senior Members. The Junior Membership is estimated at 5785.

In the Pastoral Care of the Church 3,295 families are returned

giving with an estimated return for Auckland and Taranaki 11,164 persons.

The Census figures for Maoris for 1956 stood at 137,151 for New Zealand. Allowing the 8 per cent of Population being Methodist would give a Census Declared number of Methodists at 10,972. This would mean that our Church in caring for 11,164 Maori persons, is contacting a much higher proportion of Maori Methodists than is the case with the European Methodists.

Youth Statistics reveal 37 Bible Classes, an increase of 5 for the year with a membership of 400, an increase of 136 members.

The number of Sunday Schools returned show a decrease of 29, the number returned this year being 183. On the other hand, Sunday School scholars show an increase of 383, bringing the total to 2,959 Sunday School scholars.

With uniform statistical returns next year information should be available which will benefit the Church toward its quest for efficiency and be the means of applying adequate comparisons.

#### **Conclusion**

At the last Conference it was officially stated that the "Appointment of Circuit Auditors" was for the ensuing year and not for the year under review. Would Circuit Superintendents please note this fact for future reference.

The rapid increase of population in New Zealand demands our attention. The Government Statistical Department gives an estimated population in New Zealand as at April 1, 1957, at 2,221,169 persons. This represents a NET INCREASE of 47,107 persons in a year. Taking the Methodist increase at 8 per cent means 3,768 more Methodists than in 1956.

The increase of 2,909 persons this year may result from Stewardship Campaigns mainly, but the increase of membership 884 European and 94 Maori gives a total New Zealand increase of 978 more members.

This would seem to indicate that greater endeavours must be made in the immediate future to see that our Methodist Witness is not only maintained but extended into the New Building areas.

In 1916 we had 936 preaching places with an overall average of 113 persons per preaching place. In 1956 we had 747 Preaching places with an average of 203 persons—a decrease of 189 preaching places (net) and an increase 90 persons per preaching place.

This year we have 730 preaching places, a further decrease of 17 with an average of 232 persons per preaching place.

In certain areas the increasing population is giving cause for concern and a recent press report suggests that a "bigger Maori population could provoke a colour bar in New Zealand."

If this opinion by an authority of this country is true then the Church must move at once to see that such a position never arises in New Zealand, and to use every endeavour to "help the Maori into a more successful and better adapted New Zealander." A brother beloved in Christ Jesus our Lord, in Whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free but all one under the Fatherhood of God.

Once again my thanks are due to all who have co-operated in the compilation of returns on the District level.

WM. C. JENKIN,

General Statistical Secretary.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT REPORT

There was no report presented to Conference last year for the Solomon Islands District, so that for the sake of clarity it will be better to make comparisons with the 1956 Report which is found on Pages 55/6 of the Minutes of Conference for that year.

Churches now number 255 which is again an increase, while a decrease of 1 Other Preaching Place brings this total to 29.

European Ministers 8, Doctors 1, and Sisters 17 remain at the same level.

There are now 2 Lay Missionaries, 4 Lay Workers, a decrease of 2; Native Ministers 7, and 1 Native Agriculturist.

An increase of 6 Native Catechists brings the total to 37. Pastors number 22 and Pastor Teachers stand at 249. Teachers number 85, while Medical assistants are 25.

Local Preachers have increased by 13, and now total 240. Class Leaders have apparently dropped from 142 to 45. There is no doubt some explanation for this state of affairs.

### Membership:

European Membership remains at 39, with a Youth Roll of 24, an increase of 4, while Adherents have increased from 21 to 34.

Native Members 7865, an increase of 50, while the Youth Roll at 8100 is 1325 above that of 1956. Adherents show an increase of 22, the number now being 4779.

166 Sunday Schools are serving 4803 Sunday School scholars. 242 Day Schools are staffed by 414 teachers and cater for 5734 scholars.

The grand total for Members and Adherents for the Solomon Islands District as at 30th June, 1958, stands at 20,841.

WM. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the Rev W. C. Jenkin as General Statistical Secretary over the past ten years, and that he be reappointed.

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

## A—Welfare of the Church Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

#### Lectionary:

In order to ascertain the use and value of the Lectionary, the committee sought opinions from certain Ministers' Fraternals. Eighty Ministers have given information through these Fraternals, showing that 25 of them use the Lectionary 50 per cent or more Sundays of the year, and 34 of them seldom or never use it. However an overwhelming majority favoured its continued publication in the Minutes of Conference. Only 9 per cent use the Book of Explanatory Introductions to the Lectionary.

The Lectionary for 1959-60 has been prepared and is the first of a new 3 year cycle and we recommend that the cycle be printed in the Minutes in successive years.

## Dancing:

The Committee has considered the proposal that the Law Book be amended to permit full-scale dances on Church property at the discretion of the trustees.

It was found that some members of the committee interpreted the Law as already permitting this, but the President's Legal Adviser indicated that the intention of the present Law was that dancing should be permitted only as part of a particular Church social function. We consider that if the present Law is continued its intention needs to be more clearly stated.

Also the Committee affirmed that any recommendation regarding dancing on Church property should refer only to social functions held by Church societies or groups (see Presidential Ruling 1947 Minutes, P. 180).

The committee was divided in its opinion concerning the wisdom of permitting full-scale dances, but by a majority vote recommends this as a logical development in the social activity of the Church. Further, it feels that there should be no necessity for special permission of the Trustees, as in any case they have their rights over activities on Church property.

In view of difficulties that sometimes arise through the conduct of dances it was considered that the Department of Christian Education should be asked to give guidance as to the conditions under which dances should be held on Church property, with special reference to such matters as adequate facilities and the type of dances and orchestras.

Whatever Conference may decide on the matter of dancing there will be differences of opinion and the spirit of tolerance and understanding will be necessary.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Chairman.

A. J. HANDYSIDE, 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 and that the cycle be continued in successive years.
3. That paragraph 18 of the Law Book be amended to read: "That dancing be permitted on Methodist Church property when arranged by Church Societies or Groups."
4. (a) That the Department of Christian Education give guidance regarding the conditions under which dances should be held under Church auspices with special reference to such matters as adequate facilities and the types of dances and orchestras.  
(b) All dances arranged by Church groups shall be under the complete control of the Church and shall conform with the social standards of the Church.
5. That the resolutions of Conference concerning dancing on Church properties be referred to the Law Revision Committee to be examined in relation to the existing laws of the Church.
6. That the following be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and report:  
"That Conference consider the value of incorporating within the life of the Church an Office of Deacons to give spiritual rule and oversight in the congregation along with the Minister.  
That the Deacons, being conscious of a Divine commission to

serve, and given proof of themselves in the matter of faith and character, and in ability for this office, be duly ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands."

7. "That the Welfare of the Church Committee consider the question of parsonage furnishing with a view to defining minimum standard parsonage equipment."

8. That the following be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report:

"That Circuits be urged to give immediate consideration to the equipping of parsonages with a washing machine and refrigerator to avoid the expense and transport difficulties consequent on private ownership."

9. "That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to consider altering the provision of Law 154 (Law Book Page 26) so that a Superintendent Minister may appoint a Layman to preside as Chairman of any Committee of the Church other than the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, the appointment to be made annually."

10. That Conference approve the principle of the following and refer the matter to the Welfare of the Church Committee for redrafting:

**Losses of Members "on Transfer".** That, because of the losses of members "on transfer" (1300 in 12 years), Conference authorise the following procedure to find members who have moved from a Circuit and have been "lost":

(a). That in such cases, Circuits inform the Synod Standing Committee of the District to which the "lost" members are believed to have moved, which shall circulate the names amongst the Circuits in the hope that some might be found.

(b). That should such cases remain on the list for some time, the Synod Standing Committee shall send such names to the Connexional Office, which shall, from time to time, communicate such names to all Circuits.

11. "That the General Circuit Returns be printed in the Minutes of Conference as in former years."

12. Re Personnel of Synod Standing Committees: That the following be referred to the Church Council: That we again draw attention to our conviction that every Ordained Minister should be a member of the Synod Standing Committee with a corresponding number of laymen.

13. That the committee be as printed on Page 13 of the Minutes.

## B—Spiritual Advance Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT 1958.

The 1957 Conference referred a great deal of material to the Spiritual Advance Committee for consideration and action. All of this has received attention but some has not been completed.

#### **Statistics and Related Matters:**

(1957 Minutes, p. 54ff).

A committee consisting of the Chairman, Convener, Revs G. H. Goodman, C. O. Hailwood, B. M. Chrystall and W. F. Ford met in Wellington soon after Conference to consider the Conference requirement of a questionnaire for March Ministerial Committees and Synod Standing Committees and its relation to

the Statement on Loyal Churchmanship to be prepared by the Rev C. O. Hailwood (1957 Minutes p. 74. Res. 9). It was decided to combine the Statement and Questionnaire. The combined document was drafted by this committee and finalised by the Rev C. O. Hailwood. The Spiritual Advance Committee distributed this material to the March Ministerial Committees and later to the Synod Standing Committees. The findings of the Ministerial Committees were collated and forwarded to the Church Council, which reports as follows:

"The matter was thoroughly discussed by the Council which appointed a sub-committee to present recommendations. The Council considered that greater attention should be given to instruction in Christian doctrine and in the special duties of Church Officers. There is a widespread desire for lay training with the minister regarded as the 'coach' of the team. There should therefore be prepared suitable studies on the faith and polity of the Church and on Christian ethics. Short term courses could be arranged for adults at the School for Christian Workers and Deaconess House and also at District and Circuit levels. Such courses would require instructors who clearly understand the present needs of the community and modern teaching methods. This may necessitate outside assistance."

At the time of writing the material from the Synod Standing Committees has not been received.

The Conferences of Laymen are maintaining close liaison with the Spiritual Advance Committee, and also the Home Mission and Christian Education Departments, as our fields of responsibility somewhat overlap. The Convener attended the National Conference of Methodist Laymen at Feilding in April, as an observer.

Material for the Leaders' Meetings and Local Youth Councils was distributed to Circuits by the Home Mission Department, while the Spiritual Advance Committee, in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education, forwarded to Circuits material for inspirational and training purposes. (1957 Minutes, p 57, Res. 9).

#### **The Prayer Life of the Church:**

The Committee has continued its study on this subject. Valuable material was received from the Questionnaire distributed throughout the Church last year, this being collated by the Rev O. E. Burton. In the first instance, Mr Burton is writing a series of articles for "The Methodist Times" on the findings of the Committee. Other ways of disseminating the material are being considered.

Brother Giles is continuing his devotional column in "The Methodist Times" for the Spiritual Advance Committee.

#### **Special Emphasis 1959:**

The Committee seeks permission to continue its work on the Prayer Life of the Church.

Following upon the Resolution of last Conference (1957 Minutes p. 63. Res. 7 (3).) and aware of the importance of Holy Communion in the life of the Church, the Committee also desires to give special consideration to this during 1959.

#### **Schools for Church Officers and the House Church Movement.**

(1957 Minutes p. 63. Res. 7 (2) and (4) and Res. 9.).

The Committee has considered the School for Church Officers and has forwarded a report to Circuits for information and guid-

ance. The Committee is also considering a revision of the Handbook for Church Officers produced during the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom. The Committee thinks that Schools or Conventions for Leaders and/or Members is at present being met by the Laymen's Movement, the Adult Education programme of the Department of Christian Education, and the proposed School for Christian Workers at Trinity College, and will co-operate with all this work.

An article on House Churches has been sent to all Circuits by the Home Mission Department. The Spiritual Advance Committee has received helpful information concerning the "Tell Scotland Movement" from the Rev Ian Mactaggart, the Field Organiser. This has been collated into a Report and forwarded to Circuits. (1957 Minutes p. 57 Res. 7 (1) ).

#### **Prayer for the Methodist Church:**

(1957 Minutes p. 63. Res. 10).

The matter of an Annual Prayer Meeting for the Methodist Church has yet to be considered fully; further information of his intention is being sought from the mover of the resolution at the last Conference.

#### **Overseas Visitors:**

The Committee has contacted Rev Dr Eric Baker concerning a visit to this country about the time of his Cato Lecture in 1960. Dr Baker would like to visit N.Z. probably in the March of that year and the Secretary of Conference is pursuing the matter with him. The President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia (Rev Dr A. H. Wood) will visit this country in February-March 1959. Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the American Methodist Church will probably be available to come here in March 1961. The Committee is continuing negotiations with him.

By arrangement with the Home Mission Department, the Spiritual Advance Committee is now operating the Overseas Visitors' Fund.

#### **Circuit Missions:**

The Committee has been advised of Missions in the Dannevirke, Dundas Street, Ruawai, and Oamaru Circuits. Circuits contemplating such Missions are asked to contact the Committee early in their planning.

#### **General:**

The following publications are being prepared in consultation with this Committee: Advent Leaflet 1958 by Rev D. B. Gordon, M.A.; Lenten Leaflet 1959 by Rev O. E. Burton, M.A.; Prayer Manual 1959 by the Board of Publications. It is noted that the booklet "Visitation Evangelism" is still being used. The Committee recommends this to all Circuits arranging a Lay Pastorate. Copies are available from the Convener or the Board of Publications.

The Committee expresses its thanks to the Area Representatives for their work throughout the year.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

R. G. BELL, Convener.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report 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 and that the appeal to Circuits be through the General Connexional Appeal.

3. That the Committee continue its work on the Prayer Life of the Church and consider the place of Holy Communion in the life of the Church.

4. That because a desire is being widely expressed for adequate training in the Church's teachings and its techniques in various fields, particularly to adults, Conference requests a greater emphasis on the teachings of the Church and its ethical implications and preparation for participation in the Church's mission to the community. To assist this study by adult groups (a) A suitable syllabus and studies be prepared by the Department of Christian Education. (b) A set of studies embodying the findings of the questionnaire sent to Ministerial and Synod Standing Committees be prepared by the Spiritual Advance Committee in consultation with the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publications. (c) That courses of instruction for adults be initiated as under:

(1) Short term courses at the School for Christian Workers, Deaconess House, etc., by qualified people.

(2) Local courses at District or Circuit level.

(3) These courses should include (a) faith and polity of the Methodist Church: (b) Christian ethics — application of faith to personal and social living: (c) training for personal witnessing, lay-pastorate, stewardship and social service.

5. That the booklet "Visitation Evangelism" be commended to Circuits for training Lay Pastors and that the Spiritual Advance Committee be asked to prepare as soon as possible additional material to assist Lay Pastors in the local Church.

6. That invitations to visit New Zealand be extended to the Cato Lecturer, the Rev F. Greeves for 1960, Bishop Gerald Kennedy of U.S.A. in 1961, and the Rev Dr E. W. Baker in 1963.

#### **7. Billy Graham Crusade**

(1) That Conference urge all Methodists to participate wholeheartedly in the Billy Graham Crusades in 1959 under the auspices of member-churches of the N.C.C. in New Zealand. We urge our people to give the fullest co-operation in preparing for and carrying through the Crusade as well as in the "follow-up" work which will determine the quality of the results of this effort of mass evangelism; and in particular:

(a) To pray earnestly for God's blessing upon the Crusade.

(b) To be willing, if nominated, to serve as counsellors, as choir-members, as ushers, or in any other way.

(c) To be ready to provide wise and helpful spiritual nurture for those people who are in any way responsive to the proclamation of the Gospel during this time.

(2) That Methodists in provincial centres be invited to take initiative in arranging local inter-church meetings to receive the addresses of the Rev Dr Graham over Post and Telegraph Toll Circuit and to assist in prayer preparation, counsellor training, and "follow-up" locally.

8. That the Spiritual Advance Committee examine any possibility of appointing a Connexional Evangelist and report to Conference.

9. That the Committee maintain close connection with the Conferences of Laymen through the Central Executive in Christchurch.

10. That appreciation be expressed of the work of the Rev W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D., as Chairman of the Spiritual Advance Committee for seven years.

11. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 12 herein.

## XXXV. C—Local Preachers' Association

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958.

We present the report of the NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION for the year ending June 30, 1958, with a due sense of responsibility to our Lord and to the Methodist Church.

Research undertaken during our first six months of office has revealed that there is much for which to be thankful, but also a great deal which gives occasion for serious thought.

With the prayer that the Methodist Connexion in New Zealand will give adequate consideration to our statement and recommendations, this report is submitted.

#### Acknowledgement:

We place on record our gratitude for the obvious sympathy and appreciation of the function of the Local Preachers' Association which exists amongst the great majority of the ministerial brethren. This is amply exemplified in that, out of 142 Superintendent Ministers who were circularised with an exhaustive and comprehensive questionnaire on local preacher matters, only 3 failed to supply a return to the Dominion Executive. Whilst finding it impossible to itemise in this report all the worthwhile information and suggestions forwarded, we assure all who have co-operated with us so willingly that it has been carefully analysed and will be of great value to us in defining future policy.

#### Annual Meeting, 1957:

Those attending the 1957 Annual Meeting were the guests of the Manawatu Branch of the Local Preachers' Association. The attendance was of 48 members. The highlight of the gathering was the address by the President, the Rev Dr D. O. Williams. The Vice-President, Mr le Brun, was also welcomed. Various remits were dealt with. The transfer of the Dominion Executive to Dunedin was approved.

#### Long Service Diplomas:

Through the issue of Long Service Diplomas the Church has recognised and honoured the long and loyal service of the following:—Frederick John Clark, Pahiatua; William Henry Falconer, Pahiatua; William Leonard Watson, Reefton; Peter Grant, Western Southland; James Lawrence, Dunedin North; Wilfred Broadbent Kenworthy, Roxburgh.

#### Examinations:

A summary of the results of the 1957 examinations is as follows:—

	Entries.		Passes.		Failures.	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.
Bible Knowledge ..	28	22	26	18	2	4
Theology ..	28	33	26	30	2	3
Homiletics ..	22	25	16	21	6	4

#### Accreditation Certificates and Presentation Books:

The undermentioned are congratulated upon reception as fully accredited local preachers and have been issued with Accreditation Certificates and Presentation Books:

Karl Tuinukuae, Epsom; John Paine, Epsom; Roger Peake, Te Awamutu; Bruce Caygill, St Albans; Robert Walls, Pahiatua; Mrs Heather Walls, Pahiatua; Paul Garsides, Pahiatua; Hadfield Palmer, Papatoetoe; Robert Old, Te Aroha; Aukilani Tupu, Pitt Street; Russell Marshall, Nelson; Stuart Wratt, Motueka, Vivienne Gash, Wesley, Christchurch; Ivan Hall, Mount Eden; Jack Callander, Hawera; Mrs Jean Patchett, Masterton; Ray Bowden, Petone; Howard Farr, Rangiora; Kenneth Ayers, Rangiora; Mrs Lillian Woodnutt, Waipawa; John Langley, Palmerston North; Robert Rowe, Mount Albert; Gordon Skinner, Mount Albert; Andrew Brown, Sydenham; Douglas Wakeling, Gisborne; Maynard Rutherford, Gisborne; Russell James Wesley, Dunedin; John Newton, Miramar; John Ramsay, Ashhurst; Frederick Waine, St Kilda; Michael Maguire, Wesley, Dunedin; Derek Hughes, St Clair, Dunedin; Harold Pomeroy, Epsom; Mrs Cynthia Scarr, Pitt Street; Ian Robertson, Pitt Street; Brian Rowe, Pitt Street; David Hines, Takapuna; Grahame Lindesay, Takapuna; Laurence Salter, Birkenhead; Kenneth Wooderson, Morrinsville; Alan Woodley, Morrinsville; Ronald Major, Morrinsville; George Lee, Richmond; Colin Jamieson, Opunake; David Rounce, Nelson; George Forster, Brooklyn; Nigel Gust, Pukekohe; Stella Ashmore, Wanganui North; Alan Scott, Wanganui North. This total of 49 Accreditations is the largest for at least 15 years. It may well be an all-time record for any one year.

#### **Examination and Accreditation:**

One vexed question which is having a marked effect upon the spirit of the local preachers within the connexion is the matter of accreditation without examination. It is scarcely any use our conference requesting young men to study in order to equip themselves if the Law is so flexible that it allows the Circuit Minister and his Quarterly Meeting to by-pass the examination requirements prescribed by the Conference and dispense with the tests. This matter has to be faced. We are appending resolutions to cover our findings and our suggested solution to the problem presented to us.

#### **Questionnaire:**

The following information has been culled from the Questionnaire circulated to Superintendent Ministers on matters relevant to questions asked at the 1957 Conference.

#### **In Reply to Resolution 6 (b):**

We find that, with three returns not in, we have 635 accredited local preachers, of whom 139 are inactive: 58 per cent because of age, 18 per cent because of ill health, and 24 per cent for other reasons.

The 496 active accredited local preachers were responsible for the conducting of 5138 services in the last 12 months, an average of 1 in every 5 weeks for each local preacher.

Of the accredited local preachers, less than 20 per cent are returned as having no church offices other than local preaching. The remainder share some 800 responsible positions between them, an average of 2.5 per preacher. Since, contrary to the custom of a few years ago, the majority of Bible Classes and Sunday Schools meet in the morning, these constitute a serious drain upon the manpower available for the conducting of morning services.

#### **In Reply to Resolution 6 (a):**

A vital point is that, in addition to 496 active accredited local preachers, there are reported 110 preachers on probation and 140

auxiliary preachers. This means that 1 in every 3 preachers, other than full-time agents, used in Methodist pulpits in New Zealand is not accredited and therefore not recorded statistically.

The fact that 1 in 6 of our local preachers are 'on probation' could be encouraging. Unfortunately, 24 per cent of them have been on probation for various periods in excess of 3 years. This would seem to indicate that some circuits are not assisting the candidates in their studies. The law stipulates the completion of the tests in two years.

An undesirable situation also arises when there is a long time lapse between the completion of the written examinations and the reception service. Records reveal that this period extends to upwards of 9 months.

In twelve months, the 139 auxiliary preachers were reported as having conducted 864 services in 61 circuits.

There are 35 circuits which have no need of local preachers, being fully staffed with full-time agents. The 'staggering' of hours of worship has made it possible for ministers to conduct three or four services on a Sunday. Whilst some suggest that this assists in pastoral oversight, surely in most cases this must be defeated by the time factor. The question arises:—"How wise is it for a minister to continue in that practice?"

It will be seen from the foregoing statistics that the demand for accredited local preachers has dropped for two main reasons:

(a) The increasing number of circuits which are fully staffed by full-time agents. This could account for the number of circuits which are failing to produce accredited men.

(b) The widespread use of non-accredited men. Analysis of the questionnaire reveals that in all cases where many services are taken by auxiliaries, there are no local preachers on probation. Conversely, where the number of local preachers on probation is high, in by far the most cases, auxiliaries are non-existent. Also, where auxiliaries predominate in taking services, no training classes are held. The inference is that where the number of auxiliaries is high, insufficient encouragement is given to young people to study, and that where the incentive is supplied, auxiliaries are few.

There is also a suggestion in many ministerial comments that the lack of local preachers can be traced to a lack in our Senior Bible Classes of evangelical and fundamental teaching.

#### **In Reply to Resolution 6 (c):**

Twenty-five Circuits report holding Circuit Preachers' Meetings at least quarterly. Thirty-eight Circuits report participating District Preachers' Meetings at least quarterly.

The holding of preachers' meetings is indicated as being of importance. In one synodal district where no preachers' meetings of any description are held, only one local preacher has been accredited in 5 years. In a neighbouring synodal district where every circuit but one participates regularly in preachers' meetings, 23 men have been accredited in the same time. Districts which cover a widely dispersed area find little difficulty in overcoming obstacles to combined preachers' meetings. Northland men travel scores of miles to meet together regularly. Nelson District is dividing into three areas for the purpose of establishing regular meetings. These districts, the two most extenuated in our connexion, dispose effectively of the argument that preachers' meetings are not possible in rural areas.

### **In Reply to Resolution 6 (d):**

At present the numerical strength of our active accredited local preachers is such that we find their time fully occupied. We feel, however, that in these days of an expanding layman's movement trained local preachers could be used effectively. The opening of this field could provide an incentive to the ministry to encourage and to our young people to undertake the requisite training to qualify. We believe that the work of the local preacher extends beyond the field of preaching.

In early Methodism, many local preachers were also class leaders. That gave them the pastoral oversight and spiritual responsibility. To-day, local preachers are used simply as 'fill in' preachers and have no connected pastoral contact.

One minister writes: "Emphasise that local preachers are spiritual helpers and advisers with the minister: e.g. they might organise pastoral visitation teams throughout the circuit, thus meeting the need at the personal and family level rather than at the group level as leaders meetings tend to do. They might become the minister's 'inner circle' in matters pastoral and spiritual."

With the foregoing statement the Executive of the Local Preachers' Association is fully in accord.

A. H. HARMAN, President.

H. C. VINCE, Secretary.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

2. That Conference directs the attention of circuit superintendents to the possibility of using the training and ability required of local preachers in the larger field suggested in the report

3. (a) That section 254 (a) of the Law be amended so that accreditation without written examination be permissible only if the candidate is at least 40 years of age and has given ten years of continuous preaching service.

(b) That in all cases of accreditation, whether by written examination or by nomination of Preachers' Meeting only, oral examination and trial services (Section 251 a and b) be mandatory.

4. (a) That Conference requests that Ministers planning Reception Services for Accredited Local Preachers notify the district branch of the Local Preachers' Association in advance.

(b) That all applications for accreditation certificates and long service diplomas be made through the District Branch of the Local Preachers' Association.

5. That, while agreeing with the importance of the function of Preachers' Meetings as expressed in the Law, Conference requests District Chairmen in consultation with the District Branch of the Local Preachers' Association, to foster the formation of regular area Preachers' Meetings for inspirational purposes.

6. That the Local Preachers' Association be requested to investigate ways and means of ensuring that preachers from other denominations are not used unless they are of good standing in their own churches, and are in general agreement with the doctrinal position of the Methodist Church.

7. That the Local Preachers' Association consider and report to Synods and Conference 1959 methods to ensure an even higher standard of preaching on the part of Local Preachers; the practice of the British Conference herein being taken as a guide.

# XXXV. D—Methodist Men's Fellowship

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1958.

In the closing paragraph of our report to last Conference is the following:—

"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."

Early this year, the Dominion Executive followed up with this circular, issued to all members of the Fellowship, throughout the Connexion.

### **The Challenge of 1958:**

"To-day, the laity of the Methodist Church is called, to accept the challenge of our Lord and Master. Throughout the Dominion, groups of men are being brought together, to examine, and seriously discuss, many of the vital issues that exercise the minds of our church leaders. Under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, ways and means will be sought, to find fresh approaches, to advance and strengthen the effectiveness of the work of our church through the whole Connexion."

**The Men's Fellowship**—The official men's organisation of our church, must accept the challenge in our own groups.

**Let us be frank and honestly ask ourselves**—Do we as a men's movement, justify our existence to-day in the ever expanding Christian service in our own local church? To what extent, are we accepting the opportunities that offer, remembering that **"definite fields of service call to us for ACTION?"**

Our constitution is wide enough, to give scope to plan constructively—To gear up all our activities, and make the Fellowship a real power in every church.

**First, Rededication of Ourselves**—As individual members of our own group, and then with courage, take God at His Word—and launch forth, with faith assured, that success will be yours.

Let us make this year, one of real **"missionary" work** among the churches, that up to the present have not formed a group in their own district.

**What a magnificent field lies at our very door**—Rise up—men of God—it awaits you.

Reports from Districts, tell of awakened interest, finding expression in many avenues of service.

**In the Thermal regions**, news from this area makes good reading, showing a very fine and robust branch, doing a splendid job.

Under the guidance of enthusiastic officers, they have mapped out a well-planned programme. As in many other districts, Rotorua is faced with the problem of extension, in new and fast growing suburbs. The men of the Fellowship, have organised a **"Labour Force,"** placed at the disposal of their Circuit officials. A section has been purchased at West Heights, where a much needed Sunday School Hall is to be erected.

**Their vision also reaches out to the Bay of Plenty district**—Visits are being arranged and endeavours will be made to establish branches of the Fellowship there. This is real progressive action.

The value of making personal contacts, with the men of their Church who are on the fringe of its activities, is recognised and being carried out systematically by the members.

"Let us resolve to put ourselves **OUT**, to invite others **IN** to our Fellowship."—(Signed ALLAN McKERRAS).

**South Auckland District Executive** established last year—the report of their first year work, reveals the value of District Executives.

What a team of leaders they have in their President Jack Davys and Bert Davey as secretary—how wide their vision—and what an inexhaustible enthusiasm they possess.

"The Executive was formed a year ago to meet the need of a unifying contact with the various fellowships throughout their district, enabling them to be stronger. This has proved the case—our vision has become clearer, and we have felt the quickening move of God's Holy Spirit guiding us, resulting in a great hope for the future of our Fellowship movement. The Best is yet to come." (Extract from report).

The main objective for 1958 has been that of the Epworth Camp at Karapiro.

What a source of strength and progress to the **Dominion Executive**, would be the forming of Executives in each Synodal District, equipped with officers, keen to extend our movement in their area.

The Dominion Executive, has been keen to awaken deeper interest in the activities offering to our members. A survey of the many avenues of service that are being filled, reveal that much is being achieved—not always spectacular—yet resulting in a definite contribution to the effective life of our Church.

The response to the appeal, for more branch reports for publication in "The Layman," has been very disappointing. This has restricted the full use of the paper as intended. Splendid service is being done in many districts, which are well worth telling others—yet no reports—no news.

At the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Executive, held at Feilding during last Conference, the following proposal was submitted:

"That a District Executive be formed, comprising the Manawatu-Wanganui Fellowships, for that area in 1958. Further to consider the question of accepting the transference of the Dominion Executive to them in 1959."

The District Executive has been formed and the location of the Dominion Executive will be decided at the Annual Meeting at Christchurch this year.

Branches of the Fellowship have been formed at Paeroa, Waihi, Whakatane and Cromwell. Tauranga, Matamata, and Te Awamutu have been restarted. Branches 106, approximate membership 1700.

To our Patron, the Vice-President of Conference, Mr P. A. le Brun, we tender our deep appreciation of the service rendered to our Fellowships during his year of office, so freely given whenever opportunity offered.

J. M. BARKER, President.

W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the work of the Dominion Executive during the period it has been located in Auckland.

# XXXV. E—Women's Guild Fellowship

## REPORT TO CONFERENCE—1958

We have pleasure in submitting a supplementary report of Guild Fellowship activities for the year 1957-58. So far it has been a year of marked progress both in numbers and interest.

### Annual Conference

Our last Conference included a session on Adult Education, by Rev W. F. Ford, an address by Sister Rita Snowden on "Fellowship" and an evening of questions and answers on the present work and future possibilities of District Fellowships. Our President's address on "Leadership" faced us with our responsibilities and reminded us of God's resources. It was decided that the time had come for our Conference to be extended to two full days.

### Membership

During the year there has been an increase of forty-two Guilds and two new districts have been formed, one in Northland and the other in the Bay of Plenty-Thames Valley District. Most Guilds in New Zealand, except for those in the Hawke's Bay area, now have a District Fellowship within reasonable distance. It is inevitable that some Guilds will be isolated geographically but most of these are affiliated and kept in touch by correspondence. Statistics: Districts 13; Guilds 291; Members 6397; Increase in membership this year: 1216.

### District Meetings and Activities

Reports reveal a much better use of the time spent at District meetings. These are not only a time of personal inspiration and fellowship for those attending but are gradually becoming a centre of guidance and education for Guild workers. Discussions on various aspects of Guild work, sharing of successes and difficulties, reports from representatives on national women's organisations figure in the programmes as well as excellent talks by chosen speakers on subjects of interest to Church women. District activities include organised aid to Corso; entertainment, assistance and visiting at hospitals; finding suitable board for young folk in cities; catering services of all kinds and organising Guild rallies. The latter are days of inspiration and fellowship for all Guild members in a District and are usually held in a different town each year. One District has arranged several quiet days of prayer and study and has sponsored women's prayer groups in local Churches. Another District specialises in educational programmes around the theme "Adults Can Still Grow" and is encouraging and assisting its individual Guilds to do the same.

### Christian Education

Close touch is maintained with the Department of Christian Education regarding publications which would be helpful and practicable for use in Guilds. These are then recommended in President's letters and introduced and reviewed at District meetings, where a carefully chosen bookstall is fast becoming a feature of the day.

### President's Visits

The President has visited nine of the District Fellowships during her term of office and has valued the opportunity of meeting so many Guild members personally. In view of the changing

pattern of Guild work due to direct giving through stewardship, every effort has been made on these occasions to discover how Guilds may make their best contribution to the life of the Church and how they may employ their time most effectively. Books and programme material have been reviewed and distributed and we are beginning to see that it is quite possible for a small group of women without any trained leadership to learn together and to find ways of expressing God's love and concern for all those inside and outside the Church.

### **Literature**

President's letters containing practical suggestions for Guild work and lists of simple questions for group discussion have been sent to Guilds and Districts. Transfer Forms have been printed and despatched to each Guild. These provide a way in which the removal of any folk connected with the Church from one District to another may be notified directly to the Guild women who can immediately visit the newcomers and ensure that they are gathered into the fellowship of their new Church.

### **Budgeting and Stewardship**

Of our 291 Guilds 94 are included in the budget giving of their Churches. Some of these Guilds now raise no money, others find their own petty cash by means of a small levy, others, with voluntary collections and sales among themselves, pay their own way but are relieved from making large contributions to Trust and Circuit expenses. Experience proves that it is important to have a clear understanding before a stewardship campaign is launched as to how the various Guild obligations are to be met and by whom. As indicated elsewhere in this report the Fellowship is trying in various ways to encourage and assist these Guilds to avail themselves of new opportunities for service and for the development of the learning, growing, caring fellowship so much needed in our Church to-day.

### **Alteration to Constitution**

We wish to draw attention to a misprint which occurs in the Minutes of Conference 1957 page 69 under Resolution 3. This should read "... where practicable in each Church" (not "each Circuit" as printed). The position is correctly stated under Amendments to the Law Book on page 213 of the same Minutes.

As this is the last report of the New Zealand Executive in Wellington, we wish to thank all those ministers and members throughout the Connexion who have assisted and encouraged us. We know the same co-operation will be extended to the incoming New Zealand Executive (South Canterbury) and we wish them a happy and fruitful term of office.

### **Location of N.Z. Executive:**

South Canterbury accepted the invitation extended by the 1956 Conference to provide the New Zealand Executive to take office after the 1958 Conference, the officers nominated being:

President: Mrs L. G. B. McAlister.

Vice-President: Mrs M. E. Hayman.

Secretary: Mrs P. Hansen.

Treasurer: Mrs A. H. Gorringer.

The New Zealand Executive is indebted to the District Executives and all guilds for their work, interest and co-operation. It is

felt that the Aims of the Fellowship "to co-ordinate guilds in such a way that they have a wider opportunity of service and witness as Methodist women, than would be possible for individual guilds" has been, in a measure, fulfilled.

NELL MULLAN, President.

JENNIE BLACKWOOD, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation to the retiring President and Executive of the Women's Guilds Fellowship for their splendid leadership over the past three years.
- (2) That the N.Z. Executive continue to give its leadership to local Guilds in Churches under Stewardship Programmes as to ways in which they may carry out service and witness as Methodist women.

## XXXV. F—Church Council

### REPORT TO SYNODS, 1958.

#### Policy With Regard to Church Extension:

(Minutes of Conference, 1957, p. 57, Resolutions 6 and 7).

The Council considered carefully a memorandum prepared by the Home Mission Department. The following was the basis of the consideration.

#### A.

1. Population is increasing heavily in urban areas.
2. Families with small children predominate in outer belts of cities.
3. School rolls have increased 57 per cent over 1946, but our Church youth rolls show 37 per cent increase.
4. The Church needs to be visible and active where the people live, and in the early stage of the growth of the community, so as to be recognised and appreciated.
5. Our people in New Zealand transplant very easily into other Churches when they change their residential location. Our Church needs to be on the spot.
6. The burden of establishing new causes falls heavily on people already committed to outlay for their homes and transport.
7. These people are prepared to accept reasonable commitments by way of repayment of loans but can produce little initial capital or ready cash. Hence the need of some gift from the more established section of the Church community.
8. Further urbanisation is inevitable, and the growth of population will create further stresses on available homes.
9. The older methods of establishment of new causes are to-day too slow, and also the load is beyond the resources of the immediately contiguous circuits to handle alone.
10. The whole Church needs to be sharing the task so that the load is spread. The Church is a family.

With these general principles in mind we have a picture of pressing need for additional buildings for the establishment of causes in new housing areas. At least thirteen new Churches or Church Halls are required urgently, as well as eighteen parsonages.

## **B. Provision of Finance:**

Both grants and loans are required. This is a challenge to the whole Church.

1. The Church Sites Fund needs strengthening by additional appropriations from the funds of the Church and from special gifts. Land values are such that the present grant is barely a token amount.

2. There should be periodical calls on the Church to contribute to a special Church Extension Appeal. Every second year should be regarded as a Church Extension Appeal year. Accordingly, 1960 should be regarded as for Church Extension and 1961 for the second phase of Trinity College Appeal, if found necessary. As at present, two-thirds of the Church Extension Appeal money for 1960 should go to the Capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund and one third for grants.

3. The matter of interest-free loans from our Church people for the use of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the resolutions of Conference 1953 (page 95, Res. 2-6) re the establishment of a special loans account call for consideration by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

4. Other sources of financial help may be realised through publicity in the N.Z. Law Journal; through our people who sell or sub-divide land making a gift of land to the Church; through the fact that gifts for Church work are free from gift or death duties.

## **C. District Action in Addition to Connexional Action:**

Care must be shown lest local needs are pressed so as to weaken the connexional appeal which helps points of greatest urgency. The circuits in one district are commended for the acceptance of a levy of one shilling per member to assist certain circuits in the repayment of loan commitments due to extension work.

## **D.**

It is evident that the points of greatest development are:

- a. Auckland City
- b. Wellington (Porirua and Hutt Valley)
- c. Christchurch
- d. Dunedin (to a lesser extent).

D. O. WILLIAMS, President.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

# **CHURCH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO CONFERENCE.**

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on May 13 and 14 and gave careful consideration to the following matters as well as those reported to Synods.

### **1. Loyal Churchmanship and Statistics:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, p. 72 (6) and Rs. 9. This was modified by the inclusion of the special report on Statistics and the whole matter was studied by March Ministerial Synods and summarised by the Spiritual Advance Committee.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand is facing a situation in which Church Membership has not kept pace with the census growth of population. In the increasing concern of ministers and laymen, a desire is being widely expressed for adequate

training in the Church's teachings and its techniques, in various fields, particularly to adults.

The Council considers that greater attention should be given to instruction in Christian doctrine and in the special duties of Church Officers. There is a widespread desire for lay training with the minister regarded as the "coach" of the team. There should be prepared suitable studies on the faith and polity of the Church and on Christian ethics. Short term courses could be arranged for adults at the School for Christian workers and Deaconess House and also at District and Circuit levels. Such courses would require instructors who clearly understand the present needs of the community and modern teaching methods. This may necessitate outside assistance.

## **2. The President as Chairman of the District:**

Minutes of Confer. 1957, page 74 (12). Reference was made to the duties of the President as listed in the Law Book and to duties of the District Chairman. The advantages and the disadvantages of the proposal that the President should not be the Chairman of the District were discussed. The Council recommends that a Deputy-Chairman should be appointed to assist the President in District matters and to act on the Stationing Committee and other committees of Conference.

## **3. The President and Expenses of Supply:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, page 209. Most of the problems presented through the order of reference are met by the existing Law of the Church. The President's Circuit should not suffer financially because of his office. Prior consultation with the Contingent Fund Treasurers would lead to satisfactory arrangements regarding expenses of supply for the President.

## **4. Marriage of Students and Probationers:**

The strict regulations regarding marriage of students and probationers which obtained in Methodism for some generations and which served a useful purpose in their day, are now somewhat outmoded. This is true of Britain, of Australia and of New Zealand. Between the wars, the regulations were frequently relaxed to allow men to marry before ordination. During and after the Second World War, generous Government allowances to returned men enabled many men to marry while pursuing further educational qualifications, and the Church became accustomed to dealing with married students, and perforce with married probationers, as almost normal procedure. In practice the exceptions have become the rule. This is not good for discipline, and also it leads to inequitable situations among the men themselves. In 1956 the British Conference adopted new regulations allowing students and probationers to marry, under certain safeguards and where they were able to support themselves and their dependants. The Council has considered the whole matter in relation to New Zealand conditions, and submits certain recommendations.

## **5. Department of Communications:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, page 207. An interim report was given on behalf of the Radio Committee. The committee is awaiting the proceedings of certain other committees. The National Council of Churches has set up a Commission to study the question. Our Committee should act with other Church Committees in the meantime, and should continue investigations and report to Conference.

#### **6. Candidates for the Ministry and University Examinations:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, page 37 (8). The reference is to Candidates who are University Students sitting examinations at the time of Conference Examination Committee. The Council believes it is important that Candidates should appear before the Examination Committee even if it means special arrangements for travel and for time of appearance. There does not seem to be a way out of the difficulty at present. The Council therefore has NO RECOMMENDATION to make.

#### **7. Conference Public Functions:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, page 74. The opinion of the Council is that there should be arranged one combined function at Conference to represent the life and work of the whole Church. This could be held on the Saturday evening, and so enable the Conference executive officers to be present. Further, it is regarded as important that a timekeeper be appointed at Conference and that a bell or light-signal should be used to keep the Conference debates within the Standing Orders.

#### **8. Time and Nature of Tributes and Obituaries:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, page 74. A more appropriate session for tributes to ministers who had died during the year would be the Conversation on the Work of God. After the reading of the records one speaker chosen by the President could give a brief comprehensive tribute and then lead the Conference in prayer. In regard to the tributes to supernumeraries one person appointed by the President could make a comprehensive statement and then each supernumerary be given the opportunity to speak. The record would be read at Synod and a copy be placed in the Synod Journal and a copy lodged with the Connexional Secretary.

#### **9. Press Publicity at Conference:**

Minutes of Conference 1957, page 74. This was a matter of concern to the Council. Care has to be taken about the type of material sent to the Press, otherwise it will not be printed. It should be noted that Synods cover much of the material dealt with by Conference so its value for the Press is lessened. However, local papers would give attention to material supplied by men of the District. District publicity agents in conjunction with the Conference Press Relations Officer could increase reports of Conference business.

#### **10. Maori Boys' Hostel at Hamilton:**

Attempts have been made to arrange an appeal in the District to pay off the hostel, but so far it has been regarded as contravening the Law of the Church because of the Connexional Appeals. However, the Council now states that the matter could be clarified at the district level.

D. O. WILLIAMS, President of Conference.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. (a) That in view of the increasing urgency for Church Extension the Fund for this purpose be the object of a special appeal at least every second year.
  - (b) That the Appeal for 1960 be for Church Extension.
  - (c) That the Appeal for 1961 be for Trinity College (if required).
  - (d) That the basis of the Appeal for 1960 be one-third for grants and two-thirds for the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund.

3. (a) That the Home Mission Board consider increasing the Annual Grant to the Sites Fund.

(b) That the attention of our people be drawn to the opportunity for service through the Sites Fund by means of gifts and legacies.

4. That in the event of Methodist people selling land or subdividing same for housing, they consider a gift of land for Church purposes, or alternatively offer the Church priority in regard to purchase of same.

5. That the following be referred back to the Council for further consideration and action: "That in view of the fact that gifts for church purposes are free of gift duties, and even if given within three years of death are free of death duties, steps be taken to inform our church people of the need to consider this in relation to their Christian Stewardship."

6. That the Connexional Secretary arrange for publicity in the N.Z. Law Journal and other similar publications soliciting gifts and legacies for the Methodist Church, its funds and activities, the cost of the publicity to be a charge on the Contingent Fund.

7. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee give further consideration to Minutes of Conference 1953, page 95, Res. 2-6.

8. That the matter of all business of the Church Council being reported through the Synods be referred to the Council for consideration and report.

#### **1. Loyal Churchmanship and Statistics:**

That this section be adopted and referred to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

#### **2. The President as District Chairman:**

(a) In the District where the President of the Conference is stationed there shall be appointed a Deputy-Chairman who, in addition to assisting the President in District duties, will fulfil the functions of the District Chairman on the Stationing Committee and other committees of Conference. The District shall also appoint, in the usual way, a District ministerial representative on the Stationing Committee.

(b) That with this revision the President shall have a casting vote only on the Stationing Committee.

(c) That this matter be referred to the Law Revision Committee to report to Synods and Conference 1959.

#### **3. The President and Expenses of Supply:**

That the Contingent Fund Treasurers advise Presidents-elect and their Circuits of the need for consultation over expenses of supply arrangements.

#### **4. Marriage of Students and Probationers:**

That Conference approve this in principle and that it be referred to Synods and Conference for consideration.

#### **5. Department of Communications:**

That on account of the present fluid conditions no action be taken at present to initiate a Department of Communications.

#### **6. Conference Functions:**

(a) That the departments concerned consult with a view to arranging one combined public function at each Conference, designed to represent the life and work of the whole Church.

(b) That in order to facilitate the business of Conference an official timekeeper be appointed and that he make use of a bell or a light-signal.

#### **7. Time and Nature of Tributes and Obituaries:**

(a) That the Obituary Tributes be associated with the Conversation on the Work of God.

(b) (1) That at the appropriate session of Conference the names of those superannuating be read and one person appointed by the President express the appreciation of Conference, and that each Supernumerary be given the opportunity to reply.

(2) That the record of each Supernumerary be read at his Synod and a copy of such record be inserted in the Synod Journal and a copy be lodged in the Connexional Office, and that it be NOT printed in the Minutes of Conference.

#### **8. Press Publicity:**

That District Publicity Agents acting in conjunction with the Conference Press Relations Officer confer with local newspapers in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for the publication of Conference news.

#### **9. Ruapehu Chapel:**

That the name of the President of Conference be associated with the appeal to the Community for a Chapel at Ruapehu, for the use of all Churches.

#### **10. Boys' Hostel at Hamilton:**

That providing the Synod Standing Committee satisfies itself of the rightness of the appeal and is satisfied that it will not clash with the connexional appeal, it have the right to proceed with the hostel appeal in the District.

#### **11. Next Meeting of the Council:**

That the Council meet at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, at a time to be arranged by the President and Secretary of the Conference.

## **XXXV. G—Spiritual Healing Committee**

### **REPORT FOR 1958**

The Spiritual Healing Committee has held fourteen meetings (with an average attendance of eight) during the year and has continued study of the whole field of spiritual healing, with particular emphasis this year upon features of healing missions. At each meeting, reports are given of sick persons known to members of the Committee and prayers on their behalf are made. Book reviews and articles have been submitted to the Methodist Times for publication. Members have addressed various types of meeting on request, and have attended faith healing services of different denominations and sects to gain information.

The Committee greatly appreciated a special meeting held with the President of Conference, Rev Dr. D. O. Williams, and is encouraged that, as one who has made a scientific approach to the question of mental health, he should be in such agreement with the insights and emphasis of this Committee.

#### **Faith Healing Missions**

In reporting its findings on the subject of faith healing missions the Committee reiterates the substance of its earlier Reports (adopted by Conferences 1956 and 1957) concerning the general nature of "The Healing Ministry of the Church," and "The Nature of Faith and its Place in Healing." Features of recent widely publicised services of healing in this country strongly con-

firm the Committee in its stated belief regarding the service of Laying-on of hands that "though there may be occasions when it is desirable to hold the service in the Church, and while the minister conducting the service should generally be accompanied by persons from the group which has upheld the patient's needs in prayer, it should never be in any sense a public gathering." (Conf. Mins 1956, p68.)

Reports from overseas, just received, indicate that the findings of Commissions by the various denominations into spiritual healing have produced a remarkable degree of similarity to our own reports. In regard to public services of healing, the British Weekly (June 19th, 1958) summarises the reports of these Commissions:—

"It is the considered opinion of the Churches that public healing services should only be conducted under safeguard. They are particularly liable to produce emotional atmosphere, eager anticipation, and inevitably, in the case of failure, possible disillusionment and consequent loss of faith. The healing ministry demands careful preparation of the ill. The large advertised service in which no personal preparation is possible, where no personal explanation of the place of suffering in the purpose of God can be given, is the place where misunderstanding is most likely. The connection (and lack of it) between faith and healing demands full explanation to recipients. This kind of preparation the sponsors of the public service cannot provide, for purely practical reasons."

The Committee believes that the Church should not encourage healing missions. It seems that when large numbers of people gather for healing, the most well-meaning of missionaries cannot prevent attendant undesirable features of excitement and heightened expectation. The practical difficulties of large crowds make for unavoidable impersonality and (for really sick people) a lengthy and dangerously wearying service.

Yet, in healing missions, there is shown a compassion for the sick and a desire to minister to those in need which should be evident in the life of the Christian Church. That there is a great hunger for the ministry of healing is clear from the large numbers who attend publicised healing services held by missionaries and the sects.

### **The Responsibility of the Church**

The Committee considers that the time has come when our people should be encouraged to regard services of Laying-on of hands, and services of intercession for the sick, as normal ministries of the Church. In its Report to Conference, 1956, the Committee has already commended the naming of sick persons in prayer at the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the holding of special services of intercession, and "the more intimate ministry to the sick in which such biblical practice as the Laying-on of hands can be used." (Conf. Minis. 1956, p67). The warnings against publicity and the gathering of numbers of people should be heeded, but the Committee would encourage local Churches to exercise more of a healing ministry than is found at present in their fellowship.

The Committee is thankful for indications of increasing co-operation between ministers and the medical profession, and

reaffirms the desire of the Church for such vital partnership in God's work of healing.

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, Chairman.

PETER A. STEAD, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Methodist Church of New Zealand believes that the ministry of healing is better conducted quietly and personally within a local Church fellowship and within the context of Gospel presentation than in publicised services and healing missions.
3. That ministers and people be encouraged to join in services of intercession for the sick (e.g. at the Sacrament of Holy Communion) and, where the need and the desire are present, to hold, after adequate preparation, services of Laying-on of hands.
4. That the Spiritual Healing Committee receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund.
5. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Rev P. A. Stead for his services as convener of the Committee.
6. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 13 herein.

**QUESTION XXXVI.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Christian Education?

## Department of Christian Education

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958.

#### A—METHODIST COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Council met at Wallis House following the meetings of the Church Council. There were 34 present, including the Vice-President, Chairman of all New Zealand Districts and representatives of the connexional organisations named in 1957 Minutes, page 84, 3(a).

#### Report from Board of Christian Education:

The Council received a report from the Board of Christian Education indicating the organisation of the new Department and the major matters which it had under consideration.

It was agreed that the connexional co-ordinating and policy-making body in Christian Education (see Minutes, p.84, 3(a)) should be known as the Methodist Council of Christian Education, and that the Standing Committee in Wellington be known as the Board of Christian Education.

Greetings were sent from the Council to all members of and candidates for the Order of St Stephen.

#### Sunday Morning Programme:

After thorough consideration of the Board's proposals for the review of our Sunday morning programme, the Council gave its general approval and encouraged the Board to proceed.

The Council was of the opinion that this was the most satisfactory way of dealing with weaknesses in our present procedures, to which attention was drawn in the reports of the Committee on Christian Education (1956 Minutes, p.78 ff., 1957 Minutes, p.82 ff.) and which gave rise to the new Department. It was also considered to be the best way of providing opportunities for adult education.

### **Role of Youth Directors:**

The Council decided that the two Youth Directors should be called Field Directors and that, in addition to continuing their present work, they should be encouraged to discuss the more comprehensive programme of education with adult groups and local Church meetings.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Council will be Friday, 22nd May, 1959.

D. O. WILLIAMS, President of Conference.

W. F. FORD, Director of Christian Education.

## **B—BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Monthly Board meetings have been held. More detailed work has been done in the sub-committees—Children's, Youth, Adult, Ecumenical and Missions—and the Executive.

### **Australia and New Zealand Graded Lessons:**

The visit of the Rev R. Mathias, Editor-in-Chief, gave thousands of teachers and leaders the opportunity of hearing of the work and future plans of the Joint Board. The improvements already made in the material have been well received, and we look forward to further improvements next year. The Department, in co-operation with the Presbyterian Committee on Christian Education, is making representations to the Government to ensure that sufficient licences and exchange are available to meet the needs of our Church's educational programme.

We are hoping that import licensing will not limit the introduction and widespread use of the Australian and New Zealand Parents' Paper "Together." A free sample of this magazine is being sent to each Minister. We believe this is a major development. The ultimate aim of each circuit should be to have one of these magazines in every home connected with Sunday School and Bible Class.

### **Home Sunday School and Bible Class:**

This very valuable service to isolated families continues under the leadership of Rev W. A. Burley and Miss Nancy Tiddy. This year we advertised in the "Journal of Agriculture," without any noticeable results. We are grateful to Circuit Ministers who have enrolled children. This is a costly service in time and materials (special Australia and New Zealand Graded Lesson material is supplied free to children) but a useful one.

### **Youth Conference:**

Blenheim Youth Conference, with its theme "Tell Everyman," made a notable contribution to the 300 young Methodists attending. Special features were the number of representatives of the Solomons and Maori fields present, and the open-air witness on the Picton foreshore. Conference members subscribed or promised a total of £1060 for the building of a Maori-Pakeha Centre in Kaikohe.

The coming Youth Conference will be at Ardmore Training College. It is planned to give more practical training in methods of evangelism.

### **Order of St Stephen:**

During the year Misses B. Nelson and R. Nicholls, and Mr P. Stubbs, were received into the Order, and Miss A. Sharp and Messrs J. Duffy, M. Corley and L. Michie received as candidates. Mr J. Duffy has since withdrawn.

A memorandum has been prepared for the guidance of circuits employing candidates for the Order. The Board is considering setting assignments which would give candidates some training during the year.

#### **Youth Leaders' Pledge (1957 Minutes, p.81, No.9)**

In response to this resolution the Board examined the proposal. It recommends that no action be taken as the Youth Workers' Dedication Service and the C.Y.M.M. Standards are generally considered sufficient. Local Youth Councils should be encouraged to emphasise these rather than be asked to introduce a new procedure.

#### **Sunday Morning Programme:**

The Church is re-examining its teaching ministry. This is not merely an attempt to improve its present programme of education, but is a more searching inquiry into the nature of the Church and the biblical and theological grounds for its teaching ministry.

The following features emerge from this re-examination:

##### **1. A greater integration of Sunday School and Bible Class work with the worshipping congregation.**

Our aim in Sunday School and Bible Class is to nurture young persons within the Methodist Church of New Zealand so that they may have a living encounter with God as He is revealed in Christ and make a total commitment to Him in love and trust and obedience. Part of that nurture will consist in biblical, doctrinal and ethical instruction, but there is much more involved than the transmission of such knowledge. Education in the Church is education into faith. So religious experience and the personal relationships between the child and God and the teacher are receiving new attention. So also is the relationship of the child to the congregation—Household of Faith.

We believe that at these vital points our work as a Church would be strengthened if our Sunday programme encouraged children and young people to regard themselves as part of the worshipping congregation. Family worship at a high level should have the highest priority in our Sunday morning programme. There may be initial difficulties in implementing this, because our present practice has often encouraged children to think that worthy service of worship was an adult activity rather than a family occasion. But the difficulties do not invalidate the principle.

##### **2. The establishment of closer links between the Church and the home in the religious nurture of children.**

It is disturbing to note the large number of children under our care whose parents do not actively participate in the Church's worship and service. While it is true that God's grace can overcome great obstacles, the fact remains that the Church's work with these children is seriously handicapped. God has set us in families. The vital centre for a child's growth is the family relationships, and the whole view of life which the parents represent. This needs to be all-of-a-piece with the Church if we are to nurture these children in the Christian Faith.

The local church has a great missionary opportunity of confronting parents with these facts, and reminding them of their holy calling to be priests to their children.

**3. A more comprehensive programme of education which provides learning and fellowship opportunities for all adults.**

The early Church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship and in the breaking of bread and in prayers." Over recent centuries the planned teaching ministry of the Church has been largely restricted to children and young people. For most adult members of the congregation the only teaching ministry has been exercised through the sermon. Also congregations too easily can become gatherings of individuals who worship and serve through the same Church without sharing their faith with other members and helping each other to grow.

The results of these deficiencies often is that adults have an immature understanding of the Faith; they are tossed to and fro by the teaching of sects, and they are ill-equipped to participate in the Church's mission. Teaching and fellowship for adults is an essential part of congregational life.

The need for these emphases in our work, and the serious problems arising out of our present procedures, led to the establishment of the Department of Christian Education.

The Board, supported by the Methodist Council of Christian Education, recommends that the place to begin is in our Sunday morning programme. One type of programme envisaged is:

10.0-10.45 a.m.—Family Worship. (In which families sit together. Beginners present for opening acts of worship only. All ages from Primary upwards remain for whole service.) Worship carefully planned with a clear pattern. As much participation by congregation as possible. No talking down to children's level, and no children's address.

10.45-11.30 a.m.—Graded Groups for all ages—Children's (Sunday School), Youth (Bible Class) and Adult Groups. Opportunities for fellowship and teaching will be given in the Adult Groups, and a variety of programmes followed.

It is recognised that there are many circumstances which determine the Sunday morning programme in the Local Church—buildings, number of preaching places, occupation of parents, etc.—and that the programme outlined must be adapted to meet those local conditions. The Board is convinced that this is the direction in which the Church should move, and all Leaders' and Local Youth Council Meetings should make provision for the three features elaborated above.

A few representative Churches throughout the connexion are being encouraged to implement the programme and so act as pilot plants for other circuits.

**The Directors:**

As "chief executive and administrative officer and adviser of the Department" Mr Ford has spent most of the year in Wellington. He has visited districts to attend Easter Camps, Leadership Training School and Youth Rallies, and to give lectures to students and Home Missionaries. He has represented the Church on such national groups as Council for Christian Education, Y.C.N.C.C., Scouts' Religious Advisory Panel, Boys' Brigade and Girl' Life Brigade Conferences, and the State Conference on Religion in Schools.

The Youth Directors, Misses Mary Astley and Meriel Beaumont, have visited teacher and leader groups in circuits for training

purposes, and have met many youth gatherings. Their work has been greatly appreciated by circuits.

#### **Finance:**

With some reluctance the Board asks that the allocation from the adult membership should be increased from 1s 6d to 2s. An increase would have been necessary earlier if it had not been for the depleted staff and substantial grants from trading profit. With three full-time Directors, and the growing demand on the new Department's services, an increase is now forced upon us. The present allocation was made in 1950.

#### **District Youth Councils and Sub-Committees:**

The Department's work would be impossible without the excellent service of District and Sub-District Youth Councils. It is good to note the able and mature leadership being given by District Youth Secretaries.

We are well served also by the National Committees on Leadership Training and Church-Home Relationships.

#### **Property:**

The board is hoping to solve a long-standing parsonage problem in Wellington by building at Tawa Flat.

Because of the appointment of a Lay Director in the South Island, and the report of a valuer on the property, it has been decided to sell the Christchurch property.

#### **N.Z. Council for Christian Education:**

Discussions with the Public Questions Committee over the liaison between the Council and the Church have taken place as requested by last Conference. The Board supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Public Questions Committee.

#### **Children's Radio Broadcasts:**

The Radio Committee has asked the Board to explore the possibilities of arranging Methodist Children's Broadcasts on a National basis, either through a national hook-up or the circulation of tapes. Districts have been invited to comment on the proposal.

#### **Camp Sites:**

It is encouraging to note that each district or sub-district either has a site needing further development, or is now procuring one. These properties will be a great asset to the Church for youth, family and adult groups.

A District Youth Council has asked that steps should be taken to have a connexional appeal for our Methodist camps. The Board considers that there is merit in this request, and asks that the matter be referred to the Church Council so that the proposal can be considered in the light of other needs.

#### **Office and Bookroom:**

The Office and Bookroom staff give very capable and devoted service to the Church. We are most fortunate in our staff. The Bookroom, specialising in materials for use in children's, youth and adult groups, gives a valuable service to the Church. There has been a rapid growth in turnover in recent years, and more accommodation will soon be needed. Much credit for this growth must go to the Manager, Miss Isobel Bennett.

Thanks are due also to Wesley Church Trust for office and bookroom accommodation.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman,  
W. F. FORD, Director.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Christian Education (see 1957 Minutes, p.84, 3(a)) be named the Methodist Council of Christian Education, and that the Executive (p.84, 3(b)) be named the Board of Christian Education.
3. That, in view of the wider responsibilities of the Department, the Youth Directors be designated Field Directors.
4. That Conference welcomes the A.N.Z. Graded Lessons new publication "Together" and recommends it for use in adult groups.
5. That in view of the fact that no restriction is placed on the importation of text books for secular education while a restricted licence only can be obtained for text books for Christian Education, the Conference support all endeavours to secure import licences for lesson materials sufficient to meet the essential requirements of the Church.
6. (a) That the Church Council examine the possibility of allocating one year's Special Connexional Appeal to the purchase and development of Permanent Camp Sites.  
(b) That the Church Council reconsider the relationship of the Special Appeal and the need for appeals within a District for such objectives as Permanent Camp Sites.
7. This Conference believes that the two emphases of weekly family worship and a planned programme of Christian Education which includes adult groups are objectives towards which our Church should move. It is recognised that the application of these principles will vary according to local conditions. Conference commends the Department's action in encouraging representative pilot churches to develop a programme along these lines.
8. That the Board of Christian Education give careful consideration to, and report on, the value of Christian education in State schools, having regard to the present trend in the Board's policy toward education for the whole family, and the primacy of the child's relationship to God over his idea of God.
9. That the Department of Christian Education be asked to prepare responsive services and other Worship resource material for use in Family Services.
10. (a) That the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, in consultation with the Department of Christian Education, include in their publications more material on the missionary outreach of World Methodism and the missionary endeavour of other Communions.  
(b) That the Foreign Mission Board investigate the promotion of the sale of the "Open Door" among the youth of the Church.  
(c) That Circuits be encouraged to appoint an agent to promote the sale of "Christian Education Handbook" and "Together."
11. That the financial allocation for adult members be increased to 2s.
12. That the budget for 1958-59 be adopted.
13. That the Dept. of Christian Education investigate with the Foreign Mission Board the present method of the youth making material gifts to only one missionary on the field, to see if a more equitable distribution of this extra could be arranged.

#### **D.Y.C. Secretaries, 1959.**

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

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SOUTH CANTERBURY: Mrs R. Thin, 273 Wai-iti Road, Timaru.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Miss M. Guthrie, 673 Great King Street, Dunedin.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL: To be appointed.

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

## **A—Public Questions Committee**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1958**

The Committee has met nine times during the year. The removal of the Rev M. A. McDowell to Nelson involved the Committee in the loss of one who, as member and Chairman, had been an active and valued associate of the Committee for several years.

#### **(1) International Affairs Committee:**

Matters relating to Overseas Relief and Human Values in Technical Assistance have been passed over to this Committee. Effective liaison with it is established through the Chairman of the District.

#### **(2) Status of Schoolteachers Classed as Military Defaulters:**

Following receipt of a specific complaint from the Auckland Synod the Committee had prolonged negotiations with the Government concerning both a particular case and the general situation of teachers whose appeals against military service on grounds of conscience have been dismissed, with consequent termination of employment. It was felt that in some instances insufficient weight seemed to have been given to the Church's evidence regarding these men's sincerity. While the present Government showed itself concerned to rectify such situations, and opportunity for the employment of such teachers has now been granted in specific

cases, the general situation has not been satisfactorily resolved. The Committee has urged the setting up of an Appellate Tribunal, with power to review the position of all C.O.s classified as defaulters who wish to apply for a re-hearing.

### **(3) Military Training in Schools and Colleges:**

(1957 Minutes, p. 89, Resolution 3d).

The Committee sought the views of several prominent headmasters and teachers who were known to hold Christian convictions, and is grateful for the helpful replies received. While they were asked to approach the matter from their particular expert viewpoint concerning the desirable features of a secondary school curriculum, it became obvious from the replies that fundamental presuppositions about the nature and purpose of education, and a philosophy bearing on matters of war and peace, are the chief considerations in shaping policy with regard to this particular aspect of school and college curricula.

Arguments urged in support of military training in schools and colleges:

(a) It is a valuable part of the system of national defence. Estimates as to the real value of this vary, but the fact that military authorities encourage the system seems to sustain the point.

(b) It aids character development. Cadet training involves a large number of n.c.o.s. More than any other activity this provides opportunity for achieving the kind of status within the school community which makes for sound character.

(c) Both from the point of view of individual pupils, and from the aspect of school morale, cadet training aids discipline. It develops the exercise of direct command and alert obedience, and the "art of followership" is demanded more directly than in any other experience at school.

(d) Physical development is helped. More pupils receive physical exercise by means of this system than through any other part of the curriculum.

(e) All are agreed that there is perfect freedom for any parent or pupil to claim exemption from military training, and that no official or unofficial penalty is incurred by those who avail themselves of this option. It is doubtful, however, whether the fact that this is, in effect, an optional part of the curriculum, is widely appreciated.

Arguments urged in favour of the abolition of military training in schools and colleges:

(a) It is neither good educational practice nor Christian ethics to condition pupils to accept war and violence as normal. If the school is part of the system of national defence, in a military sense, then pupils will find it difficult to think independently about such matters.

(b) Precision work (drill formation, etc.) can be done by non-military groups.

(c) There is little observable transfer of discipline from military life to daily life.

(d) Physical fitness and discipline can be developed through modern methods of physical education and through fostering youth clubs which encourage the care and exercise of the body.

(e) "Followership" may lead to rebelliousness on the one hand or slave mentality after the totalitarian pattern on the other. It is not a synonym for sturdy character. Suitable systems of

promotion can provide better opportunities to train leadership of a desirable kind.

In the Committee's view the balance of the above considerations favours a new approach to present policies and practices.

**(4) National Service Other than Compulsory Military Training:**  
(1957 Minutes, p. 89, Resolution 3g).

It seems to be the intention of this Resolution to retain certain benefits which are derived in the operation of the Military Training scheme, e.g. the compulsory medical examination of young men, and the necessity of their learning co-operation in a common cause. While a scheme such as a "land army" might conceivably incorporate some of these desirable features this Committee does not feel that it is the Church's function to initiate the advocacy of a proposal of this kind. We would rather stress the value of voluntary Youth Organisations and suggest that these be encouraged by suitable Government assistance. There seems to be no insuperable difficulty in the way of a compulsory medical examination of young men and women, and any proposals made by the Government with the sole purpose of improving the health and physique of the country's youth deserve encouragement.

**(5) The Nature of Christian Education:**  
(1956 Minutes, p. 84, Resolution 4b).

Education is the development of the individual person and the process by which the community prepares and equips that person for life. Hence, by definition, education raises ultimate questions about the meaning and purpose of life, the importance of the individual person, and what are desirable social relationships. Much of the present concern about education can be traced to the fact that a secular system of education either avoids those fundamental questions or is unable to provide adequate answers to them.

In a Christian education system, questions as to the meaning and purpose of life find their answers in God, who is revealed in Jesus Christ. Man's chief end is to love the Lord his God with all his heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love his neighbour as himself. The world and everything that comes from it is the Lord's. This Christian interpretation of life provides the setting for every part of a system of Christian education. It sets the objectives of that education, and gives a unity and meaning to the whole curriculum. It must be included in the training of the three principal institutions of education—the home, the Church and the school—or it is not presented adequately to each generation.

A system of Christian education, therefore, is not merely the addition of religious instruction and worship to a secular curriculum. In such a system the Christian Faith would supply the ethos of the school. All teachers would be Christians. All subjects would be approached from a Christian point of view—in some that would make little obvious difference (although the faith of the teacher is always of the greatest importance); in others, e.g. social studies, it would mean a radically new approach. Worship would be the most important activity of the school. Under a system of Christian education the Christian Faith determines the objectives, the procedures and the atmosphere of the school.

What is the relationship of such a system of Christian education to a society in which many parents and teachers do not accept the Christian Faith, and which already has a comprehen-

sive system of education controlled by the State? In New Zealand there are three broad alternatives:

(a) The establishment of Church schools, in which children of one denomination or groups of denominations receive a Christian education in accord with the beliefs of their parents. This is the Roman Catholic aim—the provision of schools in which their children have “the scale of values, the same way of life, the same truths held in veneration, the same atmosphere of faith” as at home and Church. This solution does not take sufficient account of the divisions within the Church of Jesus Christ, and of the real danger of sectarianism. It also takes insufficient responsibility for the children in the community who come from homes with little or no connection with any branch of the Church. The community must provide a complete education for these children.

(b) The strict adherence to the principle that education must be free, secular and compulsory. Any religious instruction given would then be strictly limited in time, content and scope; would not be part of the school programme; and would be subject to the consent of parents. Under the Nelson system some very valuable work has been done, but the above concept of Christian education will not let us be content with a system in which religious exercises are an extra and not central in all school life.

Or the secular clause could be applied to exclude all religious instruction. The schools would provide education in secular subjects and it would then be the joint responsibility of Church and home to give religious nurture. But this is an artificial distinction impossible to observe. Education is the development of the person and preparation for life. It cannot avoid religious issues. Also the attempt to enforce this distinction has led to divisions and tensions in the minds of young people, which have had unfortunate repercussions for both Church and community.

(c) The third possibility is based on the conviction that the Churches are faced with a situation which, viewed from the concept of a Christian education system, is far from ideal and that there is no ideal solution immediately practicable. The following lines of action would then be pursued:

- i. The Church should affirm as its ultimate objective a Christian society in which the system of Christian education as outlined above would be acceptable and practicable.
- ii. Every effort should be made to secure the State's recognition of the facts that education is inadequate as long as it avoids such fundamental issues as the meaning and purpose of life, and the nature of the world; that the answers to those questions most commonly accepted by our civilisation have been supplied by the Christian revelation; and that the history and influence of the Christian Church should therefore be included in the teaching of the schools.
- iii. The State would be asked to provide more facilities in schools for Christian worship and instruction. This would not necessarily involve a change in Church - State relationships. It would be a recognition that the Christian Faith is an essential part of our corporate life, and that the State should not restrict the Churches' work.
- iv. By the quality of her own programme of education for children, young people and adults, the Church would establish her right to speak with authority on matters of education, theory and practice.

- v. The Church would be vigilant to protect the democratic rights of parents in the education of their children, and to ensure that the system of education did not become a tool of the State. The possibility of greater community control of schools should be explored.
- vi. The Church would provide some Church schools (strictly limited in number because of the objections mentioned in (a) above) in which the complete programme of Christian education would operate. These would act as pilot plants for community schools, by demonstrating the place of religion in education.
- vii. Finally, the teaching profession would be set before young people as a vocation of the most far-reaching importance to the Church and the community.

#### **(6) State Aid to Private Schools:**

(1957 Minutes, p. 92, Resolution 14b).

There have been no urgent new developments directly related to this subject during the year. The Committee has safeguarded and stated the Methodist point of view where and when required. The Auckland Ministers' Fraternal has set up a small sub-Committee to watch the position. Our Committee satisfied itself that the Conference called by the Minister of Education in connection with religious instruction in State schools would have no direct bearing upon this issue.

#### **(7) Conference on Religious Instruction in State Schools:**

This Conference was called by the Minister of Education in June, and the Committee was represented by the Rev W. F. Ford and the Convener. Mr Ford made submissions on behalf of the Church in line with previously expressed views of Methodist Conferences. The Conference revealed a considerable degree of unanimity between the religious and educational organisations represented in support of the Nelson system of religious instruction as it operates in New Zealand at present. It indicated also the continuing opposition of the educational groups to any abandonment of the secular clause. Since the Director of Education has thrown some doubt on the legality of the Nelson system, even when it operates outside the legally defined school hours, it seems that action to clarify the whole matter should be taken by the Government prior to the Royal Commission on Education. There are three possible lines of action which the Government might take:

- i. Retain the Nelson system, insisting on its strict application with regard to teaching times;
- ii. The abolition of the Secular Clause, opening the way for Religious instruction in schools under State auspices, (also strengthening the case for State Aid);
- iii. A modification of the Secular Clause to allow religious instruction in schools during school hours. Such a system has been in operation in Victoria since 1950. The latter explicitly excludes school teachers from taking part in religious instruction during school hours, and it seems as though this provision might have to be accepted if any such scheme is to win the support of educational organisations in New Zealand.

#### **(8) Council for Christian Education:**

The revised Constitution of the Council was adopted at its Annual Meeting in May. Certain minor submissions of the Metho-

dist Church's Legal Adviser were submitted to the Meeting. The Council's policy on the Accrediting of all instructors in religious education in State Schools has been adopted by the majority of Education Boards. This should greatly safeguard the future of such instruction on a basis acceptable to our Church.

The Council has asked for a review of our Church's annual financial contribution. Our Committee feels unable to sustain the Council's suggested figure of £525, and recommends a contribution of £250 for the ensuing year, subject to further review when an over-all Connexional Budget comes into operation. The Council has also requested our Church's participation in a Capital Fund Appeal for £10,000, the Methodist contribution to be a sum of £1439 over a period of three years. While the Committee is convinced that there is justification for such an appeal we feel that further investigation is necessary in respect of two points: (a) Whether the percentage contribution of member Churches to the N.C.C. provides an equitable basis for this appeal; (b) whether our Church is at present in a position to enter into such a commitment. The matter has been passed on to the Church Finance and Budget Committee for consideration, since that Committee will presumably be responsible for including items such as this in an over-all Connexional Budget.

**(9) Liaison With N.Z. Council for Christian Education:**

(1957 Minutes, p. 91, Resolution 9f).

The work of the N.Z.C.C.E. directly affects two Conference Standing Committees:

(a) Insofar as the Council is concerned with the principles and practice of Christian Education, liaison with the Methodist Board of Christian Education is desirable.

(b) To the extent that the present work of the Council and its possible extension in State schools involves political issues and public representations, liaison with the Public Questions Committee is desirable.

In consultation with the board of Christian Education our Committee recommends accordingly. It is anticipated that in practice a member of the Board of Christian Education will usually be a member of the Public Questions Committee, ensuring a harmonious working out of the proposed arrangement.

**(10) Newspaper Code:**

The Committee followed up certain statements made at last Conference concerning newspaper advertising, with particular reference to a series on 'Hotel Heritage' which appeared in the national Press prior to the 1957 General Election. Correspondence and a personal interview with the Secretary of the N.Z. Newspaper Proprietors' Association established the following points:

(a) There is no written Newspaper 'Code,' but in effect some oversight is exercised by the Association with a view to maintaining certain advertising standards.

(b) One of the aims of the Association is to avoid publicity or advertising which gives undue offence to any particular section of the public.

(c) There is no way in which any Newspaper Proprietor can be compelled to insert advertisements which he does not desire to publish.

The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the tenor and facts of some advertisements in the 'Hotel Heritage' series and asked the Association to pass on to Advertising Agencies our

concern that, since powerful financial interests are in a virtually unanswerable position when they engage in large-scale advertising, special attention should be paid to the principles of scrupulous fairness and adherence to established facts in such advertising. We have been assured that these views have been conveyed to Advertising agents. The continuing vigilance of Christian public opinion will be required to check abuses increasingly likely to occur as the scope and effectiveness of various modern advertising media continue to improve.

**(11) Welcoming British Immigrants:**

(1957 Minutes, p. 89 and p. 90—Resolution 5c.)

Synod Standing Committees have been advised about the procedure to be followed in the case of assisted British immigrants. Each Synodal district is urged to have one person charged with responsibility for the initial welcome of these new settlers. After that it is a matter for pastoral concern by the local Church.

**(12) Colombo Plan Students:**

Names of students arriving under the Colombo Plan continue to be forwarded to the Districts in which they reside.

**(13) Immigration Policy:**

The Committee asks leave to continue its study of this subject, with a view to bringing forward a comprehensive statement next year. There is need, however, to reiterate the desirability of allowing at least a number of immigrants from Asia to enter New Zealand. The establishment of a quota system would do much to dispel the impression of a colour bar on immigrants. Such a quota system would not solve any of Asia's economic or population problems, but it would begin to express our obligation under God to our neighbours of other nations. It would be an expression of the goodwill of our people and a contribution to better international racial relationships.

**(14) Christian Vocation in South East Asia—Volunteer Graduate Scheme:**

[1957 Minutes, p. 89 and p. 90—Resolution 4(c). (d).]

The Committee has been in communication with the Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches, which is still making investigations in this matter.

**(15) Juvenile Delinquency:**

The Committee has noted with approval the Government's action in appointing a special inter-Departmental Committee to investigate all aspects of Juvenile Delinquency. While exaggeration and the advocacy of drastic remedies of unproven worth is to be deprecated, there can be no doubt that a problem does exist, in New Zealand as elsewhere. We recognise that the causes of Juvenile Delinquency are complex, but draw attention to the fact that many of the children involved come from homes which have been dissociated from the influences of the Christian Church. The present situation vindicates the warning that the disappearance of Christian faith and practices leads finally to a deterioration of community morals.

**(16) Liaison with Child Welfare Division:**

An encouraging report has been received from Wanganui concerning effective co-operation with the local branch of the Child Welfare Division. Districts are urged to establish contact with the local branch of the Child Welfare Division and appoint liaison officers where this has not yet been done.

#### **(17) Hospitality For Ex-Prisoners:**

This year the N.C.C. made an appeal to the people of the Churches to open their homes to prisoners facing the difficult task of adjustment upon leaving prison. Many difficulties are involved, and sacrifice is undoubtedly called for. It should be remembered, however, that in fact a good deal of personal choice will be possible, and that any arrangements of this kind would be made after careful consultation with responsible prison chaplains or other officers. Although the opportunity of exercising Christian stewardship through this particular avenue may be open to comparatively few, the response to the N.C.C.'s appeal has hitherto been very small. Apart from the offer of board to ex-prisoners there are other avenues of giving friendship and practical assistance which may help materially in the rehabilitation of these men, and the co-operation of Prisoners' Aid Societies, prison chaplains, and other Justice Department officials is readily available to individuals or Churches who wish to do something about this matter.

#### **(18) Inter-Church Council On Public Affairs:**

The Council continues to deal with important matters of common concern to the Churches. Provision of chaplains for the 'Captain Cook,' Compassionate Immigration, Mental Health Clinics, tests for Drunken Drivers, the Care of the Aged, Child Welfare Division concerns, Town-Planning Regulations, C.O.R.S.O., Penal Policy, Television Policy—these are among the matters dealt with by the Council during the year.

#### **(19) Publicity—Public Questions Committee:**

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation of the summary of its 1957 Resolutions issued by the Publications Board in "Methodism Speaks." Publicity like this ought to form the basis of discussion and Christian social action in local Church groups.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

W. G. EISNER, Convener.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. THAT the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 be made to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.
3. **Military Training in Schools and Colleges:**
  - (a) That Conference favours the abolition of the system of military training in N.Z. Schools and Colleges.
  - (b) That the optional nature of present cadet training be clearly indicated to parents and pupils.
  - (c) That this information be conveyed to the Government and the N.Z. Post-Primary Teachers' Association.
4. **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 £250 be made from the General Connexional Appeal.
  - (c) That the Methodist Church of N.Z. should be represented on the Council by members of both the Board of Christian Education and the Public Questions Committee.

Normally liaison with the N.Z.C.C.E. shall be through the Board of Christian Education.

The Board and the Public Questions Committee shall keep each other informed on matters connected with the Council which are of common interest.

5. That Conference commend to our people the desirability of co-operating with already existing organisations such as Prisoners' Aid Societies, Toc-H, and the Prison Chaplains and of seeking practical avenues of assisting in the rehabilitation of those discharged from borstal and prison institutions.

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

7. **Immigration.** That Conference again urge the Government to liberalise its control over immigration in order to permit, on humanitarian grounds, the reception of greater numbers of:

- (a) Dependants of persons already in New Zealand.
- (b) Asians.
- (c) Refugees from political and other emergencies.

8. That Conference draw the attention of all our people to the fact:

- (a) That a very restrictive Government policy is shutting out of New Zealand many people who should be allowed entry on compassionate grounds.
- (b) That there is an obligation on Church members to give practical help to any such immigrants to find accommodation and employment and to adapt themselves to life in this country.

9. That the Board of Christian Education be asked to continue its investigations into the problems of Juvenile Delinquency.

10. That Section "16," **"Liaison with Child Welfare Division"** . . . be referred to Synod Standing Committees for action.

11. That our people be reminded of the opportunities available on school committees and school boards for Christian men and women to exert a good influence, especially on various moral issues which arise from time to time.

12. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to consider the ethical and theological implications of A.I.D. and report to Synods and Conference.

13. That the Public Questions Committee investigate and report on the whole question of advertising, with particular reference to the relevance of advertising to Christian ethics and behaviour.

14. That the Statement on **"The Nature of Christian Education"** be commended to our people for study, and that the Department of Christian Education be asked to bring the matter before the Church.

15. That Conference commends the Government in its policy of maintaining the level of assistance to South East Asia under the Colombo Plan but reaffirms its request that in the interests of goodwill and Christian compassion the amount of aid in this way and through U.N.O. Agencies be substantially increased.

16. **Rugby Tour of South Africa:**

- (a) "That the N.Z. Rugby Union be asked to reach an agreement with the South African Rugby Union whereby the selection

of a team to tour South Africa can be made on the same principles which govern the selection of all other All Black teams. That, if it proves impossible to reach such an agreement the New Zealand public be informed of the reasons."

- (b) That in the event of the above principles not being agreed to, this Conference believes that no team claiming to be representative of New Zealand should be sent to South Africa.

## **17.—CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS**

(See Report No. 7)

After consideration of the Council of Christian Education's Memorandum it was resolved that the proposals for consideration by the Churches be adopted by Conference as follows:

### **Primary Schools:**

1. That the Council seek explicit legal sanction for religious instruction in schools. This may involve an amendment to the 19th Education Act.

2. Conference, while reaffirming its belief that secular education is incomplete education, supports as an immediate objective the obtaining of legal sanction for Religious Instruction without the removal of the secular clause.

3. That Religious Instruction be given in schools in accordance with an Agreed Syllabus and by teachers jointly accredited by the Council and by the School Committee.

4. That religious instruction be given on the basis of the normal class organisation of the school and not on the basis of the denominational affiliation of children.

5. That at least half an hour a week may be made available for each class to receive religious instruction, that this time be available at any hour in the day convenient to the school and to the voluntary teachers; and that different classes in the school be permitted to receive religious instruction at different times.

6. That we support the Dominion Federation of School Committees in their request that, in addition to the half-hour a week, morning prayers be made permissible in all public schools.

7. That the School Committee have the sole legal right to determine whether religious instruction and/or an opening act of worship should be permitted in the school.

8. That the headmaster be in legal control of the school and be responsible for the assembling and discipline of the children during the times when religious instruction is being given.

9. That the school teacher be permitted to instruct a class in a voluntary capacity.

10. That a child be excused religious instruction on the written request of his parents.

11. "That special facilities for denominational instruction be granted only to religious groups not affiliated with the Council for Christian Education." That, where special facilities are granted for denominational instruction, the following conditions apply:

- (a) That the members of such special classes are drawn only from school classes which are receiving non-sectarian instruction during the same period, and

- (b) That the granting of special facilities to one or more denominations does not prejudice the ordinary class organisation of religious instruction in the rest of the school.

#### **Post-Primary Schools:**

1. That the Council support the retention of present provisions regarding Religious Instruction in post-primary schools.
2. That the Council endeavour, especially by the preparation of suitable books, to take full advantage of the facilities at present available for teaching Religious Knowledge in post-primary schools.
3. That, in view of the possibility that the Thomas Report on the curriculum of post-primary schools will be reconsidered in the near future, the Council make appropriate submissions to any Committee or Commission which is appointed for this purpose in order to support the claim of Biblical Studies to be included in the post-primary curriculum.

#### **Universities and Training Colleges:**

1. That the Council press for the inclusion of Biblical Studies as an optional subject for a University degree or diploma.
2. That the principle of the Nelson System be extended to cover Biblical Studies and Methods of Teaching Religion in the Teachers' Colleges.

## **XXXVII. B—International Affairs Committee**

### **REPORT FOR 1958**

The International Affairs Committee presents its first report to Conference with the awareness of an order of reference which places a very heavy responsibility upon it. Limited time precluded little more than a beginning being made upon one of its main functions, that of keeping abreast of international affairs and making such information available to the Church.

#### **1. Human Values in Technical Assistance:**

The World Council of Churches has for some years promoted a study of the effects of material aid and technical assistance on both giver and receiver countries. We of the West find it difficult to envisage the social change that could be wrought upon millions of people in a matter of a few years by the supply of electricity to villages and homes. Machinery and electrical devices are suddenly made accessible. Social life takes up a new pattern. Evening schools appear; projectors and moving pictures open up new worlds. Whole populations are suddenly changed from a simplicity of life to an altogether new pathway.

Because of New Zealand's association with the Colombo Plan, the National Council of Churches has been requested to implement such a study in New Zealand. Our Committee is aware of the material benefits received by underprivileged peoples—from U.N. organisations, C.O.R.S.O., and Colombo Plan—but the human values derived from material aid and technical assistance require examination. There is a spirit of giving from which the maximum return is received by both giver and receiver. Conversely, there is an art in receiving which gives grace to recipient and donor. As a people, are we giving too much or too little? Does the Government Contribution represent more or less than the will of the community? Are we giving with a "tag" to the gift? Are aided countries receiving with reservations? Hundreds of students from Asian and Pacific countries have been studying in New Zealand. What has been the outcome in human relationships?

These are but a few of the questions that require examination. The Church, through this Committee, is associated in this project.

## 2. Africa:

(a) While there have been no new developments in the Union of South Africa, we feel that the issue of racial conflict is of so great an importance that mention of it must be made. The Church must continue to voice her concern at the dilemma of the Coloured, Asian, and African peoples who have been deprived of all equal opportunities of development—politically, economically, and culturally. Neither political party will concede the slightest hope of a multi-racial society being permitted to develop. The "Afrikaan" National Party's victory at the recent election is the decisive answer of the European population to the criticism of the outside world of what the Union contends is a wholly domestic issue.

There is a tendency to believe that protests and resolutions are serving no practical purpose, but outside sympathy strengthens the morale of Church leaders and the Africans themselves as they witness to a better way. Despite the defiant attitude of South African politicians there remains a sensitiveness which indicates that world opinion cannot be completely ignored. The situation in the Union of South Africa is not by any means static. Reports of recent observers indicate:—

- i. A sharp deterioration in relationships between Europeans and non-Europeans.
- ii. Greater evidence of organisation and discipline among the African people.
- iii. Evidence of growing awareness of the economic impossibility of the Apartheid policy.
- iv. A growing conviction that within the foreseeable future the present racial situation will become manifestly critical.

The Church should not be unmindful of the situation in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, where the population is composed of 7 million Africans and  $\frac{1}{4}$  million Europeans. Beginnings have been made on the establishment of a multi-race community and a programme has been accepted, howbeit reluctantly, by a majority of the Europeans. The recent emergence of the Dominion Party and the defeat of the former Prime Minister at the elections this year largely on the ground of his liberal attitude towards Africans are indications that there are many opponents to even very limited inter-racial objectives.

The Federation is committed to a policy which could eventually provide a solution of the racial problem, not only within its own borders but also for other African communities. Its progress is conditioned by European public opinion, not only in the Federation itself, but also in Great Britain and the Commonwealth.

Our Committee, at the direction of the last Conference, investigated the possibilities of giving practical help to those involved in the South African situation. Whilst appreciating the desire of concerned people to give assistance, the Committee was unable to commend any practical avenue of help. As a gesture of goodwill and sympathy, an opportunity was given through the "Methodist Times" to help those whose livelihood was removed by reason of involvement in the Treason Trial.

We would urge our people to continue in a spirit of love and prayer, not only toward those who are victims of a sub-Christian

philosophy and policy, but also toward all who are involved in a very difficult situation. The Churches in South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia, particularly, should be assured of our prevailing prayers for them.

## **2. (b) Practical Aid to South Africa:**

The Committee, in response to last year's Conference Resolution (1957 Minutes, page 91), has explored ways of practical help for South Africans. Constructive aid is not easy, whether it be for Christian educational or religious ends.

The Committee, however, has endorsed the world-wide appeal for money to assist those directly or indirectly affected by the Johannesburg Treason Trial. The basic grounds of the charge of high treason is that the accused are opponents of apartheid. Of the 140 arrested on 5th December, 1956, 91 have been committed for trial and since that time have been held by the State. Many of the accused stand high in Christian circles; 17 are professional men; and one is a Methodist Minister. The Senior Judge has stated that a limitation on the scope of the Trial is highly desirable. Mr Maisels, Q.C., for the defence, has said that conducted on the prosecution's lines the Trial could last five years.

Letters commending the Appeal have been published in the Methodist Times on May 24th and July 5th. £44 has already been transferred overseas.

## **3. Indonesia:**

The matter of recent disturbance in Indonesia was referred to our Committee by the Otago District Synod Standing Committee. The question was examined carefully, but the Committee feels that here is a complex, fast-moving, domestic issue upon which we have insufficient knowledge to make pronouncement.

## **4. China:**

This Committee considers that New Zealand should recognise the Peking Government as the Government of China and support her admission into the United Nations Organisation.

While there can be no certainty that recognition would have any immediate effect on turning back the tragic tide of bitterness and resentment already engendered by prevailing attitudes, recognition would regularise relations and open the way to the solution of other issues and the reducing of international tension.

To accept the claim of the Taiwan Government to represent one quarter of the world's population is to ignore the real position. New Zealand must realise that a great future lies ahead of the Asian peoples and that China with her enormous potential will play a leading role in that future. Economic integration with the U.S.S.R. has been forced by circumstances upon China whereas trade and cultural links with Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and others, could have been reinforced and would have encouraged inter-dependence and mutual benefit.

The argument for the non-inclusion of China in the U.N. on moral grounds is difficult to accept in the light of the inclusion of other nations whose claims on similar grounds would be difficult to substantiate. The disfranchisement of 600 million men and women is a denial of the aims and ideals of the United Nations thus leading many Asiatics to the conclusion that certain powerful member nations are using U.N. for their own ends.

Despite the legal, political, and strategic problems raised by recognition of China and her admission into the U.N., it is submitted that only by recognition can any progress be made in

improving international relationships and the prospect of world peace.

#### **5. Statement On Peace And War:**

(See Resolution (2) page 94, 1957 Minutes of Conference)

The immense complexity attendant upon the international situation makes any consideration of the relationship of the Church or individual Christians to nuclear warfare one of extreme difficulty. While acknowledging that there are lesser loyalties (e.g. Nation and State relationships) laid equally upon Christian and non-Christian alike, it is needful to recognise that a Christian's supreme loyalty is to God.

Because war and peace alike are born in the mind of man, it becomes necessary for the Church to remember continually that her task is to build peace into her own mind and the mind of the world. At some point the Church must resolve for ever her inner conflict when lesser loyalties conflict with the one loyalty that a Christian must never dishonour. By a course that many within its ranks have regarded as necessary expediency the Church has hitherto survived the deluge of two world wars, each moving nearer to total warfare. She must acknowledge with penitence her share of the guilt for the circumstances which made them possible.

The Church must now face the likelihood of any future major war being fought with weapons which are being changed from explosive to atomic power by the N.A.T.O. forces and presumably by those of the Communist bloc, or the use of nuclear weapons of a major character. The perils of radiation are great in either case, and the so called conventional warfare could precipitate a final holocaust. For the Church to remain silent, or to adopt an attitude of neutrality or compromise in the face of the challenge of this situation would be a gross betrayal of Him whose spirit she is the earthly custodian.

It is necessary first to look dispassionately at the destructive potential in this new factor:

1. (a) Nuclear warfare confronts mankind with the probability of complete global destruction and race annihilation in the event of those in possession of nuclear weapons ever using them. This is the new factor that confronts the Christian Church.
- (b) The effects of direct assault, or the effects of the gradual contamination of the world by radioactive material are no longer just factors of academic interest or hypothetical possibility, but are now thoroughly established.
- (c) Three nations only have succeeded in producing these weapons but an extension of possession to other nations is a possibility too real to ignore.
- (d) The urgency of the danger created by the existence of this new factor in warfare is accentuated by the "Success" of inter-continental and submarine launched missiles. It is now possible to project nuclear loaded warheads to any part of the earth's surface in a matter of minutes. Moreover, the stockpiles of atomic weapons are now acknowledged to be greater than needed for complete nuclear warfare.
- (e) There is no defence against such warfare. A foremost authority, M. Jules Moch states, "No civil defence, no

dispersion of the population, and no shelters other than such as are buried at great depths underground can provide any protection."

- (f) The genetic dangers of increased radiation are now scientifically proved. Every explosion of nuclear bombs adds to the dangers of radiation. Such expressions as "clean" bombs are approaching the very ultimate in the perversion of truth. Scientists are agreed that world wide radioactive fallout would follow nuclear warfare. Many believe that the amount of radiation already received will be responsible for half a million deaths over future generations. Added to this we must also take account of the probable physical degeneration of the human species. The human race, chosen by God as the vehicle of His spirit, is thus imperilled.
- 2. Nuclear weapons are frequently regarded as so terrifying that their very possession is regarded as a deterrent to aggressors. This deterrent argument in favour of the retention of nuclear weapons must be rejected on the following grounds:
  - (a) The very presence of weapons in a form ready for instant use is a great temptation.
  - (b) The fear of destructive weapons as an argument for their retention has failed to justify such a claim.
  - (c) An irresponsible individual or a mechanical fault could set off a global holocaust. The extension of ownership enlarges the danger and no human arrangement to prevent such an occurrence can ever be infallible.
- 3. The effects of these new factors upon the traditional positions held by the Church in relation to war must be considered.
  - (a) That war can be used as a just means of settling disputes insoluble by other means. A "just" war involves the acceptance of certain principles:
    - i. A state of war must be declared.
    - ii. A reasonable chance of victory and the obtaining of the objective for which the war is fought.
    - iii. The possibility of the guilty being brought to justice.
    - iv. The innocent shall not be involved or become the victims in the conflict.It will be recognised that the all-inclusive nature of total warfare now precludes the possibility of the "just" war in its traditional sense.
  - (b) The second traditional position and the one most universally held is that while war is never a Christian answer to any dispute, occasions arise when it is the lesser evil of the alternatives offered. The "lesser evil" theory becomes untenable when war may mean the complete annihilation of the race. The introduction of a new moral element (a qualitative as well as a quantitative change) must make the Church search her soul afresh.
  - (c) The third traditional position is that of Christian Pacifism. It is not permissible for the Christian or the Church to initiate or to retaliate with violence, and that the only weapon to overcome evil is goodness. This is as old as Christendom, but since the days of the primitive

Church has been held by a small minority of Christians only.

4. It is not enough for the Church to dissociate herself from nuclear war or war of any kind for the reason of the depths of suffering of such involvement or for reasons of fear or panic. To ignore such possibilities as race annihilation would be equally wrong. It is essential that the Church attempts to give reasons for her repeated declaration 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."

It is therefore needful that the Church look again at the basis of belief from which she must seek the mind of Christ. She must remember that her reasons are not necessarily wise in the eyes of the world. The Church must realise that she is the continuing New Creation called into being by Christ.

The Christian Gospel is fundamentally a healing, reconciling, saving force. The Church was called into being to be the Body of Christ. The Good News of God to man is that He is in His world offering salvation to every man. Acceptance of this Faith (i.e. complete trust and confidence in God) enables man to become a participant in the resources of Him who is the Creator and the Saviour of Life. In this relationship man evidences his faith in God by a steadfast goodwill toward his fellow man and a reverence for life. The love of God as it is seen through the whole of the New Testament is the unremitting care, concern, and understanding of the Christ proceeding forth to men and women without reservation or limitation.

This love has its ultimate expression in the Cross. The Church believes also that God is sovereign Lord and that He is always at work in the processes of history. We are called to seek, to know how God is working in this Nuclear Age and where He is leading His Church. All that we know of God in Creation and providence encourages us to believe that He is working to meet the evil which threatens the continued existence of His world and His human family. This belief places the Church under a holy obligation to work with God for the overcoming of this evil.

The conclusion to which we are being brought after taking all these factors into account seems clearly to be that the Church can no longer agree to the use of the means of war to protect those values which she considers of utmost importance. The acceptance of such a finding undoubtedly declares a totally new situation for the Church. It would involve her in an uncalculating obedience to the call of God as the taking of the critical step of outlawing a means towards the settlement of international disputes which would clearly seem no longer to be in any way tenable with the Christian Faith.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.  
P. D. RAMSAY, Convener.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. (a) That the report be received and adopted except 5 (Peace and War), which is received only.
- (b) That the International Affairs Committee be asked to publish and distribute the Statement on Peace and War, for study and consideration.

2. That a grant of £30 be made to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.
3. That Conference express its continuing concern at the unhappy racial inequalities in South Africa and convey to the Methodist Conference of South Africa an assurance of its prayers and interest.
4. That Conference recommend the Government of N.Z.:
  - (1) To give recognition to the Peking Government as the Government of China.
  - (2) To initiate similar recognition by United Nations.
  - (3) To urge the United Nations to recognise the right of the Formosan people to self-determination.
5. That Conference, recognising that Christ our Lord laid upon us a loving concern for our neighbours, views with horror the danger to which many of our neighbours are exposed at each nuclear test, and calls upon the Members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to do all it can to procure the banning of all such future tests.
6. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 10 herein.
7. That Synod Standing Committees in each District appoint corresponding members to the International Affairs Committee.

## XXXVII. C—Temperance Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

#### 1. General Policy:

Last year's reports were the subject of full study at the Ministerial Synods this year and the general trend of discussion indicates that there is no widespread desire among the ranks of the ministry to alter the actual temperance policy of the Church in any radical way. There does however seem to be a certain variety of opinion regarding immediate practical measures. While we are naturally concerned with these different viewpoints within our Church, and also with those things which divide us from Christians of sister communions on this issue, it is important also to realise that there is underlying all these differences, a common Christian viewpoint with regard to alcohol which we could sum up thus: Drunkenness and excessive drinking are morally wrong. So long as these exist to any extent within a community with all the harmful consequences which they entail, they constitute a major social evil which it is the duty of every Christian to do his utmost to combat in the most practical way possible.

In itself such a statement may not be considered adequate, but it does constitute a common moral ground on which all Christians may meet to discuss their differences. Thereafter, our differing views on temperance policy can be seen not so much as differences about fundamental moral principles, but very largely as differing views about the most practical ways and means of achieving our common end. The committee believes that this is the most profitable way in which to pursue such discussions. Given an honest moral concern to solve the liquor problem, we feel that a very good case indeed can be made out for the view that the promotion of personal abstinence and the prohibition of the liquor traffic by the free vote of the people, are essential practical measures to achieve this end.

With these considerations in view, the time seems ripe for an appeal to all our Methodist people to take a fresh look at this matter

in a clear-headed and responsible way, free from all the prejudices by which the issue is so often clouded, and above all to realise the duty of all Christian people to do something practical about it. In order to promote such discussion at the local Church level, the committee seeks the authority of Conference to prepare and distribute a short questionnaire for use by Congregational and Leaders' meetings and other local Church groups.

## **2. Prohibition and Democracy:**

The view seems to be abroad in some quarters that the Prohibition movement is in some sense undemocratic, or the effort to impose the will of a minority on the rest of the community. In actual fact nothing could be further from the truth, for as the law stands Prohibition could not be carried without a clear majority vote over the combined voting on the other two issues. The Prohibition movement is therefore the effort by education and propaganda to win a democratic majority, and to persuade people to exercise their freedom in their own best interests. There are of course many other legal prohibitions in force which rest ultimately on the majority will of the people expressed through their representatives—e.g., the prohibition of the drug traffic. No one regards these as undemocratic, and it is difficult to see how the prohibition of the liquor traffic could come under this condemnation either. In fact in so far as it would rest on a direct vote of the people it would be more democratic than many other legal restraints which are enacted by the Government, and willingly accepted by all law-abiding citizens.

## **3. The New Zealand Alliance:**

Another false impression which the committee would like to correct is that the New Zealand Alliance is an independent body which has nothing to do with the Churches. It has in fact never been anything else but an alliance of the Churches and a few other groups who are interested in the temperance movement. From its inception, our Church has been one of the "allies" and through her representatives has played a very active part in its work. All ministers who accept its basic aims are eligible for membership on local committees of the Alliance, and are urged to play an active part. The legal and political machinery which governs the manufacture and sale of liquor in New Zealand is extremely complex, and negotiations in this field require a specialised experience and political vigilance which are far beyond the scope of any denominational temperance committee, but which have in fact been brought very effectively to bear on the situation for many years by the New Zealand Alliance. The Alliance is officially recognised by both the Government and the Licensed Trade as the voice of the Temperance movement, and in the face of powerful opposition it is of immense advantage to channel our political efforts through this united body whose policy is shaped by representatives of all the Churches.

## **4. Extension of Liquor Facilities:**

The Licensed Trade keeps up a more or less steady pressure on the Government to grant extended facilities for the sale of liquor, and should the ten o'clock closing issue again come before us, they will no doubt make propaganda out of the allegedly beneficial effects of such legislation in New South Wales. It is important therefore that our people should know that the accounts of this matter that were presented in the press throughout the country were in fact highly misleading, and that well-authenticated information showing large increases in both liquor consumption and convictions for drunkenness following the introduction of ten o'clock closing, were

consistently refused publication. The people of Victoria who were in a good position to observe the effects of ten o'clock closing in New South Wales, decisively rejected such proposals for their own State. Full details on this issue can be secured from the Alliance by anyone who requires them for local use.

The committee feels that the decision of the Government to allow the manufacture of gin in New Zealand was a retrograde step, and an appropriate recommendation is appended.

#### **5. Students' Lectures:**

In view of the key position in which ministers are placed in regard to temperance policy, and the uncertainty that has characterised our attitude on this issue in recent years, the committee feels that it would probably be a good plan if lectures specifically on the Church's temperance policy were included in the course on Christian Ethics for the students at Trinity College during each three-year period of training, such lectures to be taken either by the College staff or some approved visiting lecturer.

#### **6. Local Licensing Committees:**

The election of Local Licensing Committees will take place in 1959 in conjunction with the local body elections, and we would commend membership on these committees as a very practical way in which suitable laymen could help to control the sale of liquor in the best interests of the community. If suitable candidates with temperance interests at heart can be nominated for these committees, support for them should be encouraged through the Churches and Ministers' Associations.

S. J. WERREN, Chairman.

I. C. E. RAMAGE, Convener.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Temperance Committee be authorised by Conference to prepare and distribute a questionnaire on temperance policy for use by Congregational and Leaders' Meetings and other local Church groups.
3. That the Board of Studies of Trinity College be asked to include in the course on Christian Ethics, lectures specifically on the Church's temperance policy, such lectures to be given once during every three-year period of training, either by a member of the College staff or an approved visiting lecturer.
4. That in view of the forthcoming election of Local Licensing Committees, Quarterly Meetings be asked to seek co-operation with other Churches and local committees of the Alliance in order to sponsor suitable candidates for such committees, and that the support of such candidates with temperance interests at heart be commended to the Church generally as one practical means of helping to control the sale of liquor in the best interests of the community.
5. That the committee receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund for the ensuing year.
6. That the Temperance Committee consider the anomalies that exist because of the present legislation regarding the serving of alcoholic liquor outside the normal trading hours, and report on their findings in 1959.
7. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the contribution to the Temperance cause rendered over the years by W. F. Stock.
8. That the Committee be as printed on Page 12 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, 1958, are summarised in the following schedule:—

### 1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

#### 1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account	57,014	17	7
Balance from last year held for Special purposes	332,024	17	5
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	16,284	8	11
Loans from other sources .. .. .	39,233	17	9
All other Receipts .. .. .	377,905	12	11
Total Receipts .. .. .	822,463	14	7
Debit Balances .. .. .	35,654	5	6
<b>TOTAL</b> .. .. .	<b>858,118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

#### EXPENDITURE

Debit Balance from last year .. .. .	37,807	10	0
Loan Fund Instalments .. .. .	7,986	15	9
Other Loans Repaid .. .. .	24,249	5	4
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft ..	6,343	18	6
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Bldgs.	166,903	18	6
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ..	145,200	18	5
Total Expenditure .. .. .	388,492	6	6
Credit Balances .. .. .	59,463	13	0
Balances held for Special purposes .. ..	410,162	0	7
<b>TOTAL</b> .. .. .	<b>858,118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**2. TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCES** .. .. . 3,415,535 0 0

#### 3. DEBT

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year .. ..	185,831	9	7
Add New Loans received during year .. ..	51,140	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b> .. .. .	<b>236,972</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
Deduct Loans Repaid during year .. ..	31,783	16	6
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year ..	<b>205,188</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

This report should be considered in the light of the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, in which are given full details of projects undertaken during the current year.

A comparison of main items with last year's figures reveals the following position:—

1. General income (trust) .. .. an increase of £34,373
2. Amount held for special purposes .. an increase of £55,275
3. Amount spent on purchases, erections, etc. .. .. a decrease of £22,024
4. Amount of debt .. .. an increase of £17,169

In round figures it represents approximately the sum of £13 contributed per Church member for property undertakings. This is about the same figure as for last year. It is again pointed out that a proportion of such income received and expended would come from sources other than the membership itself. The figures, however, do give a fairly clear picture of the over-all position.

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 1959 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.

### District Secretaries for Church Property.

#### NORTHLAND:

Mr A. H. M. Farrell, Cliff Road, Onerahi, Whangarei.

#### AUCKLAND:

Mr S. E. Chappell, 27 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND:

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

#### TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Mr J. Drake, Gonville.

#### HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Mr G. H. 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, P.O. Box 254, Timaru.

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

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

## XXXVIII. B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

From the facts set out in this report it will be evident that the Church continues to maintain a vigorous and aggressive policy in connection with the provision of adequate buildings of every kind necessary for the carrying on of its work. It is clear that our people are giving freely of their time and substance to maintain this programme.

For the year ended June 30, the Committee has approved the following projects:

- (a) New sites: 11 (excluding additional land purchased).
- (b) New churches, 11 (including 3 replacements).
- (c) New halls, 8.
- (d) New parsonages: 12 (including 6 replacements).
- (e) Additions to buildings: 20.
- (f) Sundries: Hostels, shops, etc.: 12.

It is estimated that the works referred to above will include

an expenditure of a sum in excess of £200,000, excluding projects undertaken by large Trusts such as the Rangiatea Hostel Board and other similar institutions.

**Loans:**

(a) The total number of interest-free loans current at date is 97, totalling £55,378 18s 2d.

(b) **New Loans** advanced this year to 14 Trusts amount to £14,030 as follows:

**Auckland District:**

Marion Avenue Church, £1000; Henderson Parsonage £1000; Homai Hall £1000; Kaeo Parsonage £1000.

**South Auckland:**

Huntly Church £1000; Otorohanga Parsonage £1000; Maeroa Hall £900.

**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:**

Gisborne Church £1280; Napier South Church Hall £1000.

**Wellington:**

Nae Nae Classrooms £1000.

**Nelson:**

Motueka Classrooms £800.

**North Canterbury:**

Bryndwr Classrooms £1000; Belfast Church £800.

**Otago-Southland:**

Newfield Church £1250.

(c) On our list are the names of 27 Trusts waiting for loans promised to the amount of £24,000.

**Sites Fund:**

Grants for new sites have been paid to the following Trusts: Kamo (parsonage), £75; Henderson (parsonage), £75; Rotorua (Western Heights), £100; Taihape (parsonage), £100.

**Church Extension Appeal:**

The Conference decided that the special Connexional effort this year should follow the pattern of the Appeal in 1955 and 1956—two-thirds of the proceeds of which were to be added to the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund and one-third to be used for grants to assist in the establishment of new causes.

At the time of writing returns from districts are incomplete. The figures reported indicate something in the vicinity of £15,700 having been contributed so far. This must be regarded as inconclusive as many circuits are operating on a Budget system of finance and allocations have either not been finalised or are being made on a quarterly or other basis. Our report to Conference should give a clearer picture of the situation, and fuller comments possible on the whole appeal.

**Property Control and Local Trusts:**

The Conference of 1956 instructed the Committee to report on the matter of our present system of property control by Trustees under the provisions of the Model Deed. This important matter is reported on separately.

**Plans:**

The attention of ministers and trustees again is drawn to the matter of procedure. The Committee aims to give to Trusts its fullest co-operation. In order to enable it to do its work effectively it needs also co-operation in return.

As is well known the Committee meets on the third Friday of each month. All plans and specifications are examined first by

the Building Sub-Committee, which submits its report to the full Committee. A stipulation has had to be made that unless plans are received one week before the date of the meeting they cannot be considered at that meeting. Preliminary plans only are required in the first instance for report before final plans are prepared.

Instances can be cited where preliminary plans have been submitted and dealt with by the Committee. Twelve months and even two years have elapsed before final plans and specifications have been received with the request that they be dealt with within a week—although considerable alterations have been effected as between the two sets of plans!

#### **Policy:**

Instances occur when some transaction involves a definite change of policy on the part of a Trust and of a Circuit. Before the Committee is justified in granting approval it must have before it all relevant information. Very often this is not given in the first instance or important facts are either ignored or only partly stated.

It must be emphasised, as on previous occasions, that most of the projects submitted by Trusts for approval by the Committee will affect the life and work of the Church for many years to come. It is obvious that it is absolutely necessary to be sure at the beginning that the proposal is soundly based as when the transaction has been completed it is too late to do anything about it. Thus time taken in the early stages of such discussions is time well spent and may be the means of preventing some action being taken which would have very adverse effects upon the work of the given Church and district.

#### **Car Parking:**

The Committee has given attention to this matter as affected by the Town and Country Planning Regulations, 1954 (Fourth Schedule). Clause 19 deals with the provision of off-street parking and includes a standard reference to Churches.

The whole question was taken up by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, to which body a report was submitted by Mr A. Eaton Hurley.

The regulations could cause considerable embarrassment and expense to trusts, particularly in respect to new buildings being erected and extensions to existing buildings.

The Committee is taking appropriate steps to watch the matter on behalf of the Church.

### **SALES**

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by January 31, 1960, the sanction lapses.

#### **Northland:**

Paparoa (Sub-div); Mangapai (1ac 3 rds 24 per) £10; Rawene Parsonage £500.

#### **Auckland:**

Newmarket (21 per) £5500; Te Atatu Hostel (sub-div); Silverdale Pars. £1250 (and Sub-div); Kaukapakapa Pars.

#### **South Auckland:**

Kakahi (1 rd. 29 per) £30.

Vogeltown (32.8 per) £1000; Dublin Street (Church and land) £1500; Alton (building) £15; Inglewood (parsonage) £1250; Church land £1750; Torere (Taihape) (3 rds 6 per) £80.

#### **Wellington:**

Lyll Bay parsonage (£3100).

**Nelson:**

Stoke (1rd 3.6 per) £750; Hokitika (1 sec) £250.

**North Canterbury:**

Wairakei Road (Ch.Ch)—Exchange; Sockburn (1 rd) £3600; Youth Dept. parsonage (£2900).

**Otago-Southland:**

Blue Spur (32 per) £5; Milton (2 rds) £650.

**LEASES**

The following leases have been approved:

Prince Albert College (extension for 2½ years).

Pitt Street shops (renewals).

Durham Street South Church (5 years, with right of renewal).

**LAND PURCHASES**

Purchases of land have been approved as under:

**Northland District:**

Keri Keri (parsonage) (3 rds 11.6 per). (Gift).

**Auckland District:**

Northcote (2/3 ac) £2000; Walmsley Road (2/5 ac) £1500; Auckland Central Mission (14.6 per), £25,000; Campbells Bay (1 rd 34 per), £800; Papatoetoe (8.2 per). (Gift).

**South Auckland:**

Waihi (37 per), £200; Rotorua (1 rd. 0.3 per), £650.

**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:**

Onekawa (Napier) 1 rd. £900.

**Wellington:**

Dept. of Education (1 rd. 28.2 per), £1250; Porirua (license) Wainuiomata (1 rd), £650.

**Nelson:**

Stoke (1 rd. 28.11 per), £1400; Lower Moutere (2 rds 14.2 per) Gift.

**South Canterbury:**

Tinwald (1 rd). gift.

**Otago-Southland:**

Queenstown (31.98 per), £160; Milton (32 per), £250.

**Buildings (Purchases (P): Erections (E) and Additions and Alterations (A)**

Plans approved as under (estimated costs only in some instances):

**Northland:**

Pahia, Church hall (£600) (E); Kamo, Parsonage (E) £4000.

**Auckland:**

Takapuna, Church (E) £25,000; Waiake (Takapuna) Church hall (E) £4565; Swanson, Hall (E) £2000; Panmure, Parsonage (P) £5500; Hall (removal) £1635. Central Mission, (a) Eventide units (E); House (P) £5850; Mt Eden Church (A) £800; Papakura, Church £170; (A), (B), Shop (E) £6000; Kingsland, Parlour (E) £4465; Greenhithe, Church hall (E) £3300; Rothesay Bay, Parsonage (P) £5000; Silverdale Parsonage (E) £4500. Papakura Sunday School (A) £3000.

**South Auckland:**

Hamilton East Church (A) £1500; Melville Church hall (E) £4000; Rotorua, Church Hall (E) £2500; Thames Parsonage (A) £510; Taumarunui, hall (E) £3500; Frankton Junction S.S. (A); Waiata, Parsonage (interim) (E) £4500; Waihi, Parsonage (E) £4000 (interim).

**Taranaki-Wanganui:**

Rangiatea Hostel (E) £55,000; Inglewood Parsonage (e) £4000; Taihape, Parsonage (P) £2000; Urenui, S.S. (A) £100; Kai Iwi, dwelling, £2700.

**Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:**

Hastings (St Leonards); Church Hall (E), £4500; Ashhurst Hall (E) £700; Shannon, Hall (E) £2570 (interim); Feilding Church (E) £30,000 (interim); Trinity (P.N.); Parlour (E) £4900.

**Wellington:**

Upper Hutt, Parsonage £5600 (E); Karori, Church (E) £14,000; Tawa Flat, Hall (E) £1200; Wesley Haven, Hospital and units (E); Wainuiomata, Parsonage (E) £4100; Dept. of Education, Parsonage (E) £6300; Nae Nae, classrooms (E) £4500; Masterton Children's Home, Recreation room (E) £2980; Lyall Bay, Parsonage (P) £5150; Porirua, Hall (P) £200.

**Nelson:**

Picton, Church (a); Blenheim (Mayfield) Church Hall (E) £2000.

**North Canterbury:**

Cashmere, Church (A) £2000; Shirley, classrooms (E) £600; Riccarton, Hall (A) £1200; Heathcote Church (A) £200; Lyttelton, Church (E) £4500; Central Mission Hostel (A) £1100.

**South Canterbury:**

Oamaru, Parsonage (A) £2480.

**Otago-Southland:**

Central Mission, Hostel (P) £10,000; Dwelling, Queenstown (£100); Roslyn Church (A) £350; Dundas Street Church (A) £600; Southland D.Y.C.—Camp buildings (final) (E) £10,000; Otatara Church (A) £550.

For the Committee,

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

**CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE****Report on Control of Properties**

(1956 Minutes, page 100.)

The Committee was instructed by Conference to report on the present system of property control under the Model Deed. (a) with a view to initiating a more modern method of dealing with Church property and (b) to provide the Connexion with better and more adequate control over properties.

The Committee reports as follows:

**1. Existing Law and Procedure:**

Under the provisions of the Model Deed 1887 Church properties are vested in local trustees appointed in accordance with the procedure set out in the Deed.

Such trustees have certain powers of administration. Any proposals however in regard to buying or selling, leasing or mortgaging property, must have the consent of the Conference channelled through a standing Committee, namely the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Any legal documents required in connection with a given transaction require the signature of a majority (only) of the trustees. In addition, evidence of the consent of the Church is given under the hand of the President. Thus the President acts as the visible link between trusts and the Connexion as a whole which he represents.

## **2. The Alternative to Our Present System:**

The alternative to our present system would be to appoint a central body of trustees in whom all properties would be vested and who would execute all legal documents. Such body of trustees would require to be incorporated. This is the system adopted in some other Churches.

## **3. Origin of the Model Deed:**

It is necessary to state briefly the historical background to the Model Deed and the reason for the adoption of our system of property control.

Originally the first Methodist properties were vested in John Wesley himself. Later it became necessary for him to appoint local trustees in whose name properties were vested, reserving to John Wesley the right to appoint the preachers to the Chapels erected on Church lands.

The deeds of trust drawn up varied from place to place until it was realised that in order to obtain uniformity one common Deed was necessary and the British Conference of 1832 had drawn up what was called the Model Deed.

Subsequently the N.Z. Conference had prepared its own Model Deed of 1887 which was based on that of the British Conference, and which in due course was incorporated in an Act of Parliament.

It is important to note that in the Model Deed two things are aimed at and achieved (a) Provision is made for local initiative and responsibility (b) each local trust, on the other hand, is held in a definite relationship to the whole connexion through the Conference and the powers reserved to it. From the beginning, it was obviously the intention to relate these two factors, and throughout our history that relationship has been the cornerstone of our policy. This procedure is still followed in the case of the British, Australian and other Conferences.

## **4. Difficulties encountered:**

It would appear that on occasions difficulties have arisen in connection with obtaining the signatures of trustees to documents, and also concerning certain titles. It was these facts that prompted this enquiry calling for this report through one of the Synods.

### **(a) Obtaining signatures:**

At a first glance it does seem a cumbersome procedure which requires the signatures to a given document of up to sixteen trustees. (The maximum number of trustees allowed is thirty but only majority have to sign). However, the problem is not as acute as might appear on the surface.

1. The number of property transactions each year for any given Synodal District is seldom more than three. In most districts it is smaller than that. Any given trust is involved only once in many years.
2. The number of trustees varies considerably as between trusts but the average might be stated as twelve, which means obtaining only seven signatures.
3. There is a simple method of handling the matter which obviates delay. All that needs to be done is to call a meeting of trustees with notification of the purpose of obtaining signatures to a given document. One witness only to all signatures is necessary and

the business can be put through in fifteen minutes. This procedure can easily be followed in the great majority of cases and indeed ought to be adopted.

4. Very few transactions have to be settled within a shorter period than a month from the date of contract. Such a period gives ample time to obtain the signatures of trustees and have the document consented to on behalf of the Conference, as outlined above.
5. Changes in the personnel of a trust present no difficulties. A Certified list issued by the Authorised Representative (the Connexional Secretary) setting out the names of the trustees of a given property as they appear in the Register of Trustees provides the evidence required by District Land Registrars as to who should sign documents on behalf of a trust.
6. On occasions it is revealed that the list of trustees is not up-to-date. That is a matter for the local trust and the Superintendent Minister whose responsibility it is to see that such local records are correct, and to keep the Connexional Office advised regularly of all alterations.

**(b) Tracing Titles:**

It has happened on occasions that enquiry has been made through the Connexional office for a title concerning which there has been no record. It has been assumed by some that such a position could or does obtain in a number of cases, and it has been suggested that by changing the system this problem would be overcome.

It is pointed out that in the last twelve years the only cases where the above position has arisen has been in connection with land which originally belonged to the Primitive Methodist Church. That Connexion did have its own Model Deed but it would appear that there was not the same wide and strict use of it as in the Wesleyan Church. It was almost inevitable that after the Union of the two Churches in 1913 there would be a few cases of the kind referred to above. Actually the number of instances is very few, and the records of the Connexional office are very complete indeed.

What difficulties do arise are not the result of inadequate records but the fact that in the past titles have been lodged with a bank or other institution for mortgage purposes and later uplifted by a trust official or Solicitor and held locally instead of being forwarded to the office as required.

It is probably not widely understood that the position of the Church was fully protected under the Methodist Union Act 1913. That Act provided that any land or property held in trust for or on behalf of the then uniting Churches shall be deemed to have been and shall be in future held upon the Trusts of the Church's Model Deed. The effect of that was that no matter how any land or property was held in trust for a uniting Church such land or property in future was to be held in trust for the Methodist Church of New Zealand under the Model Deed. Thus no such property could be lost to the Church.

**5. Action required to effect any alteration in our system:**

The following action would be required:—

- (a) The existing Model Deed would have to be abolished.
- (b) A central body of trustees would have to be appointed by the Conference and incorporated with a seal of office. A new constitution setting out its powers would be necessary.
- (c) A Board of Management (or similar body) would have to be appointed to administer property locally instead of the present trustees.
- (d) All properties now held by existing trustees would have to be vested in the Central Church Property Trustees.
- (e) The promotion of a Private Act in Parliament to give effect to the foregoing.

**Conclusion:**

After full and careful consideration of the whole matter, the Committee is satisfied that no alteration is called for.

Any practical difficulties that arise are almost entirely in connection with the obtaining of the signatures of trustees which, as stated above, is a matter that can be effectively handled with a minimum of effort.

Our present policy makes provision for something that is of inestimable value in the life of the Church, namely, local responsibility accepted by the laity, who hold and administer property for and on behalf of the Connexion of which they are an integral part. Our system provides for a vital link between each trust and congregation and the Connexion, which is something that should be safeguarded.

The Committee accordingly has no recommendation to make.

For the Committee,

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the reports and financial statements be received and adopted.

2. That District visits by the Connexional Secretary be normal procedure throughout the Connexion.

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

**NORTHLAND:**

Mr W. J. Court.

**AUCKLAND:**

Revs. R. F. Clement, L. R. M. Gilmore, Messrs H. M. Patrick, F. M. Souster.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND:**

Rev. C. B. Oldfield, and Messrs W. B. Young and H. Longbottom.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI:**

Ministers of New Plymouth Circuit, Messrs L. M. Moss and M. S. Hughson.

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:**

Rev. H. C. Matthews, and Mr A. H. Fisher.

**WELLINGTON:**

Rev. C. O. Hailwood, and Mr T. M. Pacey.

**NELSON:**

Revs. A. M. Costain, H. E. Harkness and D. W. Edmonds,  
Messrs F. H. Southgate and J. S. White.

**NORTH CANTERBURY:**

Nil.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY:**

Rev. A. R. Witheford and Mr H. C. B. Withell.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:**

Revs. H. A. Cochrane and D. J. D. Hickman, Messrs E. B. McLeod, G. R. Galbreath, A. G. Froggatt and A. Horne.

4. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

## XXXVIII. C—Report of Custodian of Deeds

1958

For the year ended June 30th, the following records have been dealt with:

**1 Certificates of Titles** received and acknowledged as under:

**Auckland District**—Kaikohe: Kamo.

**South Auckland**—Hamilton: Otorohanga: Mount Maunganui: Kawerau.

**Wellington**—Lower Hutt: Hataitai.

**Nelson**—Stoke.

**North Canterbury** — Springston (2): Templeton: Broadfields: Waimairi Road.

**Otago-Southland**—Dunedin Central Mission (3): Kaikorai Valley: Waikouaiti-Palmerston.

**2. New Trusts** have registered as follows:

**Auckland District:** Greenhithe: Tripoli Road (Auckland East).

**Wellington:** Wainuiomata.

**Otago-Southland:** Cromwell: Invercargill Central.

**3. Trustees.** Changes in the personnel have been registered as follows:

	Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Auckland .. .. .	34	82	134
South Auckland .. .. .	17	30	25
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	16	31	40
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	12	12	31
Wellington .. .. .	14	31	35
Nelson .. .. .	6	12	11
North Canterbury .. .. .	20	28	38
South Canterbury .. .. .	4	15	6
Otago-Southland .. .. .	15	43	52
	<hr/> 138	<hr/> 284	<hr/> 372

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 submitting the Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 1958, showing continued satisfactory results.

The Government Valuation (dated 31/3/53) for our properties shows as follows, compared with our Book Values:

	Book	Government
	£	£
Land .....	17,580	34,375
Buildings .....	33,940	53,540
	<hr/> £51,520	<hr/> £87,915

The substantial increase in asset values accentuates the imperative need for more adequate provision for the renewal and replacement of buildings. These are ageing and within 20 to 30 years a very large capital expenditure will have to be faced.

After consultation with our Auditors, we have altered the presentation of our Balance Sheet as follows:

From our Accumulated **Income A/c**, after providing for the annual grant to the College of £1500, we have appropriated £13,500 to **Building Renewal Fund**, and £7469 10s 11d to **Capital Account**—leaving a balance of £2292 8s 10d to carry forward.

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT** now shows as £50,000—substantially less than our Fixed Assets values. **Building Renewal Fund** at £13,500 is more than covered by liquid Assets. With the Annual provision of £1500, and invested on an average 4 per cent basis, this Fund should accumulate to approximately £90,000 in 25 years.

Our properties are being well maintained and are in good order.

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

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

**RESOLUTION**

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

**XXXIX (2).—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST**

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1958.**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 1958.

The Trust property in Upper Queen Street has been maintained in good repair, the heaviest item of expenditure being incurred in the replacement of the boundary fences at the rear of the shops, at a cost of £600. A contract has been let for painting the doors, window-frames and other woodwork on the shops. An

area fronting Turner Street has been cleared and sealed, and is available for lease as a car-parking area.

A grant of £400 was again made to Trinity Theological College.

**SHOP PROPERTY:** Adjustment of rentals has been made in terms of present-day values, with a large increase in revenue to the Trust. Most of the tenants have elected to take Leases of their premises for five-year terms at further increased rentals, under which agreements and increased weekly rentals all the tenants are responsible for payment of City Council rates.

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:** The original lease of the buildings subsequently known as "The People's Palace" expired on December 31, 1957. Under the terms of the original lease a valuation was made of the property, with provision for a cash adjustment in terms of values at the expiration of the lease. This proved to be costly to our Trust to an extent that would have surprised those who framed the lease approximately 50 years ago. Under valuation reached by negotiation, an obligation lay upon our Trust to make a payment to the Salvation Army of £8000. Of this sum, £4000 was paid at the due date, with a further £4000 to be paid before June 1960, at the convenience of the Trustees.

A short-term lease of 2½ years on more realistic terms was agreed between the Trust and the Salvation Army, which will expire in June 1960. At this date the Trustees will come into possession of a valuable piece of property, with two large ageing buildings upon which a large sum would need to be spent if they were to continue in residential use, and with no liquid assets.

The Trustees have resolved that future utilisation of the property must be revenue-producing. By resolution of Conference there must be no disposal of the Freehold of the property, and with this the Trustees are in agreement.

New members have been added to the Trust, and a sub-committee is working on the problem of future development. Three prominent citizens have agreed to furnish their opinions on the best use to be made of the property, and in due course their reports will be considered by the Trust.

The Trustees are seized with the importance of their responsibility, and are determined to utilise the property to the fullest possible advantage, and for the good of the Church.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman,  
PERCY DELLOW, Secretary.

#### **RESOLUTION**

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

#### **XXXIX (3).—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD**

##### **RESOLUTION**

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

#### **XXXIX (4).—THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS**

##### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1958**

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference our Report, which in this instance covers a period of eighteen months to 30th June, 1958.

Under its Act, the Board is required to prepare annual accounts to 31st December, but this has meant that there has been too long a time lag between the end of the financial year and the date of the Conference. At the same time it is not considered desirable to take the necessary steps to have the Act amended. After mature consideration it was decided that the spirit of the Act would be complied with provided that accounts were presented for a period of not more than twelve months and we consequently present two sets of accounts herewith, the first covering a period of six months from 1st January, 1957 to 30th June, 1957, and the second for the year ended 30th June, 1958.

#### **Masterton Methodist Children's Home:**

The Home Committee has reported directed to the Conference in accordance with its usual practice, and the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the Committee's report.

We place on record our deep appreciation of the devoted service which members of the Home Committee and Staff have continued to give so unstintingly in the interests of the children in the Home.

The costs of maintaining the Home have again been the main charge on our income, and it appears likely that these will continue at a high figure. A budget submitted by the Home Committee indicates that repairs and renovations which are considered essential over the next five years would absorb the whole of the Board's income, but in view of our responsibilities to the Rangiatea Maori Girls' College it will be necessary to pay for a portion of these expenses from legacies. In the period under review renewal of the roof at the Home has involved an expenditure of £800 and half of this amount has been paid for from legacies.

#### **Rangiatea Maori Girls' College Trust:**

The Board notes with great satisfaction the progress that has been made in the provision of adequate hostel accommodation for Maori Girls. A sub-committee on the Board is now investigating the requirements of the College Trust and of the Masterton Home to see what further financial assistance can be given to the College Trust.

Mr T. M. Pacey has indicated that he feels the time has arrived in the development of the scheme when his major contribution has been completed and does not seek re-appointment to the Trust Board. We record our sincere appreciation of the services which he has rendered.

The Board recommends that Messrs A. Eaton Hurley, G. C. Burton, and A. D. Priestley be appointed as its representatives on the Rangiatea College Trust Board.

#### **Finance:**

Two leases have been renewed at increased rentals and this results in an increase of £78 in revenue, and interest on investments is up by £73. Ordinary expenditure has remained fairly constant, with the result that the balance of general revenue has increased by £137. The usual annual grant of £600 has been made to Rangiatea Maori College Trust, whilst the net cost of maintaining the Masterton Home has amounted to £910, leaving an excess of income over expenditure of £351, which has been transferred to Capital Account.

The Capital Account has been further increased by writing

up the values of the various properties to current Government value, and the balance now stands at £70,210.

In addition to the bequests notified in the report of the Masterton Committee, the following bequests have been received by the Board:

Estate of G. W. Kirk, £25.

Estate of H. P. Toogood, £1028.

Estate of Florence York, £50.

Estate of A. P. Deare, £200.

After providing £400 from bequests to cover half the cost of new roof at Masterton Home, the balance of £2002 has been transferred to Masterton Capital Account, bringing the balance to £19,445.

**Chairman:**

The Board unanimously recommends to the Conference that the Rev Robert Thornley be re-appointed Chairman.

On behalf of the Board,

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

2. That thanks be tendered to Mr T. M. Pacey for valuable services rendered to the Board.

3. That Messrs A. Eaton Hurley, G. C. Burton and A. D. Priestly be appointed as its representatives on the College Trust Board.

4. That the Rev R. Thornley be reappointed Chairman.

5. That the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust examine during the year the Funds of the Trust with a view to clarifying the respective assets of the Maori and the Orphanage interests and report to next Synods and Conference.

**XXXIX (5).—THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD**

**RESOLUTION**

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

**XXXIX (6).—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST**

**REPORT FOR 1958**

We regret to report the untimely passing during the year of Lewis Lancelot Bellringer, who had served as a Trustee since February 1943.

Nothing of an unusual nature has required the attention of the Trustees. Twenty-two transfers; five subdivisions; and several plans for Shops and Dwellings have been submitted for the Board's consent.

Income from rentals has enabled the Trustees to further reduce the amount of the advance made by the Home Mission Department by £500, and also to make a grant of £300 to the Rangiatea Maori Girls' New Hostel, now nearing completion.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

**RESOLUTION**

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

### **XXXIX (7).—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE**

On March 14th last the historic farm residence at the Kai Iwi Mission Farm was totally destroyed by fire. Only a few weeks before the lessee had carried out considerable repairs to make the place habitable for a married farm worker and his family. The insurance money available amounts to £2500. It is proposed to replace the lost residence with a farm worker's cottage, and to this end plans and specifications have been approved.

The lessee continues to improve the condition of the farm and to maintain the buildings in an excellent state.

GEORGE R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

#### **RESOLUTION**

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

### **XXXIX (8).—GIBSON ESTATE TRUST.**

That the financial statement be received and adopted.

#### **PRINTING OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

That the attention of Trustees of General Connexional Properties and Investments be drawn to the Minutes of Conference, 1957 (p. 207) re "Printing Financial Statements," that where it is recommended that accounts be not printed in full, it is with the understanding that the main items in the Accounts should be included in the body of the Report, in linotype, and that Trustees be asked to obey the direction of Conference in this regard.

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

## **Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board**

### **INTERIM REPORT TO SYNODS, 1958**

Matters arising from the financial operations for the current year will be reported to Conference in the usual way with the financial statements.

#### **Employers' Liability Cover:**

The necessary steps have been taken to implement the decision of last Conference making it mandatory (and not optional as hitherto) for ministers and full-time agents of the Church to be covered under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act.

Ministers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Circuit Supply Agents are entered on one Schedule. This will operate automatically each year in future on the basis of the Station Sheet. No action is required on the part of circuit officials.

Dealing with voluntary workers of various kinds is not so simple. On the optional basis operating previously many trusts had consistently reported "Working Bees" and applied for cover. Others, on the other hand, did not do so. It will not take long, however, to put the whole matter on an adequate and sound working basis.

From the point of view of the office, the best method is the provision of a "blanket" cover on an annual basis for all trusts in a circuit. An interim premium will be charged on the basis of initial information supplied, and adjustments will be made as at 31st March

each year when the ordinary schedule is submitted to trusts for completion. Such an arrangement, of course, will call for co-operation between trusts in a circuit.

In the first instance full information on the above matters was sent to Circuit Quarterly Meetings in March, but in many cases this was not passed on to trusts to whom supplementary notices have had to be sent.

#### **Subsidy to Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund:**

The Board was requested by last Conference to consider the possibility of increasing its subsidy to the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund. The Board reports as under:

(a) All grants made are from surplus earnings after the necessary provision has been made for Fire Loss Reserves and Investment Contingency Reserves. Such grants obviously can be made only on a year-to-year basis.

It would not be competent for the Board therefore to commit itself to an unknown amount of substantial proportions for an indefinite period in the future.

(b) It is incumbent on the Board to take all steps necessary to ensure the security of the Fund in the interests of the whole Church and of the trusts whose properties it holds covered. Adequate provision must be made for all contingencies. A steadily increasing amount of total cover makes necessary greater provision for Fire Loss Reserves. This is a matter that has to be determined from year to year.

The amount distributed in the past has been a very liberal proportion of the available surplus. It would not be prudent for the Board to exceed such amount in view of the total amount of risk which it carries.

(c) It is pointed out that the question of increasing any subsidy on these personal payments by ministers into the Home Acquisition Fund is a policy matter which is the responsibility not of one Board only but of the whole Church.

(d) The Board is gratified that in the past it has been able to include in its grants an amount each year as a subsidy to the personal contributions of ministers into their Home Acquisition Fund. (Last year it was £420.) It cannot be assumed, however, that from its resources the amount of such grant can be easily or automatically increased.

The Board feels that at this stage it is not in a position to make any recommendation.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1958**

The audited financial statements for the year ended May 31, 1958, are presented with this report. An analysis of these statements reveals the following facts.

##### **Income:**

Earned income amounted to the sum of £5883 6s 9d, made up as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Premiums and Commission . . . . .	3,309	10	5
Interest from Mortgages, Debentures and Deposits . . . . .	2,573	16	4

After meeting administration costs amounting to £818 16s 2d, the sum of £4764 10s 7d was transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

Adding to this amount the sum of £415 13s brought forward from last year, after provision for grants and reserves, the total herein was £5180 3s 7d.

The sum of £3000 has been transferred to Fire Loss Reserve and £200 to Investment Reserve. Grants recommended amount to £1700. Such provision leaves a balance of £280 3s 7d to be carried forward.

#### **Fire Losses:**

The sum of £1385 8s 8d has been paid as our share of fire claims. This is largely accounted for by the amount of £1360 18s 6d paid on account of the Gore Sunday School.

Attention is drawn to the fact that this was a brick building. The damage, however, was so extensive that for insurance purposes it was regarded by the assessors as a total loss and the full amount for which it was insured (£3131) was paid to the trustees.

This fire underlines the necessity for adequate insurance on buildings of every type. Trusts are apt to make the mistake of under-insuring buildings in permanent material, being under the impression that any damage by fire must of necessity be negligible. That is a very erroneous idea. The additional hazard in respect to possible earthquake damage, particularly in certain areas, also needs to be kept in mind.

The Board has for years pursued a steady policy of reminding trustees of these matters. In the case of most trusts this policy has met with a satisfactory response. There are still some trusts that need to give attention to this matter.

#### **Accumulated Fund:**

The Accumulated Fund now stands at £33,500.

#### **Fire Loss Reserve:**

After allowing for Claims amounting to the sum of £1385 8s 8d and making additional provision of £3000 this Fund now stands at £22,729 11s 4d.

Every year the Board is able to report a large amount of new and additional cover written up. This means that proportionately increased reserves must be provided for.

The making of ex-gratia grants for the general work of the Church has been a feature of the Board's policy for many years. It will be recognised by the Conference that the administration of such a Fund calls for a prudent policy both in respect to its own required reserves and also to the distribution of any surplus in the form of such ex-gratia grants.

#### **Investment Reserve:**

After provision of £200 and appreciations allowed for (£177 10s), this Fund stands at £2996 2s 10d.

#### **Grants:**

The Board recommends the following grants for the current year:

Minister's Home Acquisition Fund	..	..	£
Church Sites Fund	..	..	430
Church Extension Fund	..	..	470
			800
			— £1700

### New Insurance:

New and additional insurance writing up during the year amounted to £594,860 covering 207 items of Church property.

This does not include Employers' Liability Cover or personal insurances handled on behalf of ministers.

### Report to Synods:

In its interim report to Synods the following matters were dealt with: (a) Employees' Liability Cover; (b) Subsidy to Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

E. R. CAYGILL, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the following grants be approved:

Ministers' Home Acquisitions' Fund. . . £430

Church Sites Fund . . . £470

Church Extension Fund . . . £800

3. That the Board for 1959 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

**QUESTION XII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference Respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?**

## Connexional Secretaryship Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

The Connexional Office staff now occupies a new suite in Epworth Chambers. More commodious and convenient accommodation have facilitated greatly the general work of the office.

The work involves the following six departments and funds: (1) Supernumerary Fund, Home Acquisition Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and Deaconess Retiring Fund. (2) General Purposes Trust Fund. (3) Fire Insurance Fund. (4) Property, and Church Building and Loan Fund. (5) Deeds and Early Records. (6) Methodist Times. Also, the general work of the Connexional Office as such, and the accounting work of the South Island Children's Home.

A perusal of the reports and financial statements of these departments will indicate the scope of the work and its increasing volume from year to year.

The following appropriations are budgeted for: Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £900; Fire Insurance Fund, £900; Church Building and Loan Fund, £600; Methodist Times, £450; General Purposes Trust Fund, £425; Contingent Fund, £350.

R. A. MARSH, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the first three paragraphs of the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the following appropriations be approved:

Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £900.

Fire Insurance Fund, £900.

Church Building and Loan Fund, £600.

"Methodist Times," £450.

General Purposes' Trust Fund, £425.

Contingent Fund, £350.

3. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

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

## Trinity Methodist Theological College

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1958.

### A — COUNCIL REPORT

A number of important matters affecting the future development of the College have been before the Council this year. We are at a crucial stage in the growth of the College, and the various decisions on matters of policy to be made in the near future will require the exercise of great care and wisdom by the Church.

#### **College Chapel:**

Since the official opening of the Chapel in March, it has become a focal point in the devotional life of the College, and has endeared itself to both staff and students. We are grateful that we have at last a centre of worship which we feel to be worthy of our Church and of her Lord, and one which will be an example of wholesome design to the future ministers of our Church.

The Council pays tribute to the untiring efforts of the Principal of the College in assisting to bring to fruition this long-desired addition to the College property.

The pipe organ ordered for the Chapel is expected to be constructed and installed during 1959.

#### **Staff:**

The year has been a particularly busy one for the Staff, with Rev J. J. Lewis overseas, and with Dr Williams in his Presidential year. Nevertheless the full lecture timetable has been maintained with some assistance from Dr Ranston, and Revs J. Silvester and L. P. Schroeder. It is with keen anticipation that we look forward to 1959 as the first year in which the College will have the services of three full-time tutors.

#### **Connexional Appeal:**

The matter of extensions to the College and the financing of the building of the College Chapel was placed before last Conference, with the result that the 1959 Connexional Appeal was designated for Trinity College. Arrangements for the Appeal are being made by the Finance Committee of the Council.

#### **Re-appointment of Staff:**

Rev J. J. Lewis was appointed as Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching at the Conference of 1952, and it is now necessary that he be re-appointed for a further term of six years. Mr Lewis has just completed two years study in England, and returns to N.Z. at the beginning of September.

#### **School for Christian Workers and Staffing:**

Special reports on these are given separately.

### Property:

In the last year, priority has been given to the removal of the old Grafton Rd. Church and the building of the College Chapel. The attention of the Council will now be directed towards much needed repairs and refurnishing of the Hostel, and to the plans for its extension. There is a great deal to be done to put the property into good condition and the College will be in need of considerable financial support for some time to come.

Apart from this, hostel affairs and staffing have proceeded fairly smoothly this year. Our thanks is again due to Dr Williams for his efficient oversight of the Hostel.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH, Chairman.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Secretary.

### B — PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The College is enjoying a satisfactory year. There is a total of 28 students in our classes, made up of 21 men in residence and one woman student, plus two married men living out, two student pastors and two men anticipating candidature. The Hostel is full, with a generous proportion of Methodists, and the link with the Pitt St. Church is proving of value to both congregation and College. "The Church in the Open" is teaching men to make a confession of faith and to answer questions in the open air, and here we are very much indebted to the Rev R. F. Clement. The students are a lively and stimulating element in the life of our congregations and youth enterprises, and receive a kindly welcome wherever they go.

Owing to the connexional responsibilities of the President and the continued absence of the Rev J. J. Lewis (he will be back early in September) further temporary arrangements had to be made to sustain the teaching programme of the College. The Principal has taught Systematic Theology (God, Man, Sin), Church History (Methodism), Junior and Intermediate N. T. Greek, Pastoral IV (Worship, Special Services, Circuit organisation), English and Elementary Hebrew, in addition to taking Hebrew classes at the University. Dr Williams has taken the Pastoral I and II together with the Sermon Criticism class and N. T. Introduction. Dr Ranston has come to our aid with a series of lectures on the Prophets such as only he could give. Rev L. P. Schroeder has conducted the Senior Greek class, and the Rev J. Silvester was brought in to assist with the N.T. Theology. (Johannine Books). We are grateful to our visitors for their assistance, most competently and willingly given, and the College is all the better for the variety of teachers; but we do look forward to a full staff in 1959.

During the past decade or so methods of ministerial training have been the subject of criticism and debate all over the English-speaking world. While we are conscious of weaknesses, in the main our approach is right. But our minimum entrance standard is too low. While the Church was very short of ministers it was difficult to do anything about this, but with the end of our staff difficulties in sight, the Church should make a resolute attempt to lift its standards. It is not unfair to ask that candidates for the most difficult calling of the ministry should prove their ability to work at University level. Steady pressure at this point over the next few years will produce valuable results in time to come.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

## C — REPORT ON COLLEGE TEACHING STAFF.

(1957 Minutes, p. 120).

The Council has given consideration to the matter and reports as follows:—

During the past eight years there has of necessity been a considerable amount of interruption to the work of the College staff. (The Principal was abroad for eight months during his Presidential year in 1951. Dr Williams was in America for the 1953-1954 American College year, and Rev J. J. Lewis served as part-time S.C.M. Chaplain to the Auckland University College before leaving for two years study in London). In 1959 for the first time in its history the College will have the full and uninterrupted service of three full-time Tutors. The Council hopes that during the next few years the work of the College will proceed without interruption and that the Church will benefit from an adequately staffed Institution. The Principal's present term expires in 1963, that of Dr Williams in 1964, and the Council is nominating Rev J. J. Lewis for a further six years till 1965.

Should the School for Christian Workers establish itself as a permanent part of the College, the Council may be compelled to ask Conference to appoint a fourth member to the Staff, particularly if as seems likely the College is called upon to provide short-term courses in vacations. Until the position is clear and as far as is necessary the Council may employ qualified ministers and laymen as part-time Tutors.

The Council does not expect to be called upon to nominate a successor to the present Principal until Synods and Conference of 1961, at the earliest, and considers that it is too soon to open definite negotiations in any direction.

Also, while it is true that New Zealand is a relatively young and isolated country, comparison with our Colleges either in Britain or in Australia does not lead us to believe that we would benefit much by trying to draw staff from abroad, unless we could compete in salaries and conditions of work at University level. While the Council would not close the door against consideration of applicants from abroad, we are emphatically of the opinion that in general the Church will be best served by encouraging our scholarly young men to qualify for College teaching posts, and if necessary assisting them to a period of study overseas.

## D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1958.

This year has been another forward step at the College, and we all take pride in the opening of the New Chapel.

We are very pleased to report that, even with this major development, our College accounts have followed closely the prepared budgets; we have finished the year with a debit balance of only £77 17s 6d.

**Receipts:** We have received loyal support from the Trust Boards, the Contingent Fund and the Central Finance Committee; their consistent support is very much appreciated.

**Hostel Fees:** We over-estimated.

Budget	.. .. .	£4800
Actual	.. .. .	£4568

**Friends of Trinity:** Mr Keith Lawry has made a continuous effort to bring our College before circuits and Churches, and we express our thanks to him and all our loyal supporters. It is felt

that increased giving to budget appeals in different churches is affecting outside giving.

Last year we received	..	£250
This year we received	..	£133

This money has all been paid into the New Chapel Fund.

**Expenditure** has shown an upward trend in nearly every item and, although to not any great extent, we must note this tendency.

We have been very fortunate that the drop in income from Hostel Fees has been offset by the saving of approximately the same amount in the House and Service Account.

Budget	..	£4800
Actual	..	£4558

Much credit is due to those responsible for the careful and efficient administration of this Account.

Under the guidance of Dr. Williams the Students have continued their support, carrying out many useful repairs and maintenance work.

The increase in expenditure has been offset by delaying repairs and maintenance:

Budget	..	£600
Actual	..	£276

also by not carrying out furnishing to the full amount:

Budget	..	£500
Actual	..	£319

The above saving enabled us to complete payment of 134 Grafton Road Mortgage.

We had budgeted for Interest and Principal of £174.

**We actually paid:**

Principal	..	£564 19s 11d
Interest	..	£18 13s 0d

We are very pleased to have paid this Mortgage off completely before time, and to have it behind us; however, do not let us overlook the fact that it has been done at the expense of delaying repairs, maintenance and furnishings.

I do not wish to appear optimistic, but we must be realistic: we are fast approaching very difficult times as far as College finances are concerned. We have to meet Interest on Loans for the New Chapel amounting to £376 per year.

The present number of Theological Students in residence at the College is 22. The Principal advises me that next year could see an increase to 29, and the following year the figure could reach 36 Theological Students. If this increase takes place, it means that we have a need for these Ministers in our Church. Our job is to see that they are trained, but it could cost us from £1500 to £2000 more. This increased expense, coupled with the present general tightening of the financial structure of the country, means that we will have to watch our College accounts carefully, and it will be necessary to ask for increased financial support.

**Chapel Building Fund:** The College Chapel is built, and our thanks go to all who assisted with donations, grants and loans.

In the accounts presented, please note we have £653 14s 9d in the Bank, but there are still payments to be made: one of £300 to the Builders, and any surplus funds will go towards reducing loans received.

Please note that in the accounts there is no mention of Architects' Fees. I feel that, although the donor wishes to remain anonymous, we should acknowledge the very generous and substantial gift.

**New Organ Fund:** Interest of £71 15s 11d has been added to this account. Also please note that we still have a further sum of £1000 to come as final payment on the sale of the old organ.

Our finances are in a satisfactory order, and we wish to acknowledge the assistance of all connected with the College; in particular, I would like to thank the Principal, Reverend E. W. Hames, for his help in financial matters.

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

# **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1959.**

## **INCOME**

	£	s	d.
Probert Trust .. .. .	1,500	0	0
Emsley Trust .. .. .	65	0	0
Gen. Connex. Appeal .. .. .	1,100	0	0
Contingent Fund .. .. .	2,240	0	0
Home Mission Fund .. .. .	150	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund .. .. .	75	0	0
Prince Albert College .. .. .	400	0	0
Pitt St. Trust .. .. .	100	0	0
Hamilton Trust .. .. .	50	0	0
"Friends" .. .. .	150	0	0
Hostel Fees .. .. .	4,000	0	0
Dr. Balance .. .. .	334	17	5

£10,164 17 5

## **EXPENDITURE**

	£	s.	d.
Dr. Balance Forward .. .. .	77	17	5
House and Services .. .. .	4,800	0	0
Stipends Allowances Tutors' Fees .. .. .	2,500	0	0
Bursaries .. .. .	250	0	0
Connexional Charges .. .. .	220	0	0
Rates .. .. .	300	0	0
Insurances .. .. .	180	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .	500	0	0
Furnishing .. .. .	500	0	0
Telephones .. .. .	72	0	0
University Fees .. .. .	150	0	0
Rent Board Room .. .. .	15	0	0
Printing, Stationery, etc. .. .. .	50	0	0
Sundries .. .. .	25	0	0
"Friends" of Chapel Fund .. .. .	150	0	0
Interest Chapel Building Fund .. .. .	375	0	0

£10,164 17 5

**IMPORTANT:** This Budget is prepared on the assumption that we shall have 22 Theological Students in residence at the College; if, however, this number is increased we shall require an additional subsidy of £130 from the Contingent Fund for each additional student.

## E — SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

(1957 Min. p. 120 (6): Refer to p. 116).

In view of the favourable reaction to its proposals at the Conference of 1957, the Council brings forward the following recommendations:—

1. That a School for Christian Workers be commenced in connection with Trinity College in 1960, to assist in the preparation of Candidates for the Ministry and other Christian Workers. The School to be an integral part of the College activity and to be subject to the administrative control of the College Council, the Principal and the Board of Studies.

2. Applications for admission to the School shall be made to the Principal, with the support and approval of the Superintendent and the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit to which the applicant belongs. Applicants should be members of the Methodist Church. A satisfactory medical certificate shall be presented. The Board of Studies shall have the right to refuse any applicant considered unsuitable or insufficiently prepared.

Applications for admission to the School should come in the first place from the September Quarterly Meeting and shall be in hand by October 20. The Board of Studies shall report on proposed admissions to the Examining Committee of Conference. A report on the working of the School shall be made annually to Synods and Conference.

3. The COURSE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS shall include a core of Biblical and Theological Training, with a special emphasis on Principles of Religious Education with reference to its practical application in the community. This course may be adapted to part-time employment.

The COURSE FOR INTENDING CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY shall include English, (a strong emphasis here) O.T. and N.T. studies, Theology, Elementary Church History, Homiletics, Principles of Religious Education, and shall be a FULL-TIME course.

4. Students shall be encouraged to retain membership in their home circuit. If candidates, they should come forward in the usual way with the support of their local Quarterly Meetings.

5. Students of the School will be responsible for the cost of their board and lodging. (It is not intended to charge for tuition at present).

6. A suitable diploma shall be issued to all students who complete the course to the satisfaction of the Board of Studies.

7. The Regulations re Candidates, Law Book p. 83 par. 424 (b) shall be amended to read:

"The Minimum academic qualification for Candidates shall be:  
(a) The University Entrance Examination or its equivalent;  
OR

(b) The Diploma of the School for Christian Workers.

N.B.—These qualifications do not apply to MARRIED home Missionaries over 25 years of age.

N.B.—The new standard for candidates shall come into force at the Conference of 1959 for the academic year of 1960.

8. During 1959, the Council shall approach all Circuits and H.M. stations with the purpose of:

(a) Acquainting the wider Church with the details of the School for Christian Workers;

- (b) Ascertaining the number of likely candidates for 1960.
- (c) Encouraging ministers and circuit officials to interest suitable young people in the course.

9. The Council shall investigate the possibility of holding short-term courses (during vacations) to meet the needs of our people who cannot afford to give a complete year to the School for Christian Workers.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That Rev J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., be re-appointed Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching for a further term of six years.
4. That Conference warmly support the Connexional Appeal for the College in 1959.
5. That Conference authorise the College Council to arrange for all Circuits to be visited on behalf of the Appeal early in 1959, and that ministers and church officials be requested to urge their Circuits to co-operate in making this appeal 100 per cent successful.
6. That the College Council be authorised, with the consent of the Synod Standing Committees and local ministers and officials to approach selected individuals in our churches with a view to securing larger donations to the College Building Fund.
7. That as a continuing policy, the College Council give serious consideration to deputation work being done, particularly in South Island Circuits, with a view to making known more widely the needs and work of Trinity College.
8. That the College Council be directed to begin immediately to make preliminary investigations both in N.Z. and overseas with regard to the selection of the new Principal and report to Synods and Conference in 1959."
9. That the Treasurers of the Library, Prize and Associated Funds be re-appointed.
10. **School for Christian Workers:** That recommendations 1-9 be adopted.
11. That the Council inquire into the machinery used by the N.Z. Educational Department for the conduct of its annual refresher courses for teachers with a view to conducting their courses for Christian Workers along the same lines.
12. That the Trinity College Council be as printed on Page 12 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 1958**

It is with gratitude that the Board reports another successful year with the College roll being increased to 180 boarders, the finances in good heart and the prospects for the future good.

Considerable expenditure of a capital nature has been undertaken by the Board to enable the College roll to be increased beyond its present level, but before any further increase can be made to the roll substantial additions to dormitories and classroom accommodation must be undertaken. It is the Board's policy to increase the roll to 250 boarders and to finance the necessary additions outside assistance must be obtained. It is hoped that a general appeal through the Methodist Connexion will result in this objective of the Board being realised in the not too distant future.

The costs of running a boarding school of the present size of Wesley College are substantial as will be seen from the Financial Accounts submitted together with this report. It will be noted that the total cost of operating the College without charging depreciation on the buildings and improvements amounted to £33,731 including salaries and wages of £18,270 and beneficiary work by way of reduction of fees mainly to Maori pupils £1949.

Although a loss was incurred in running the College of £4832 the Board was enabled to show an overall surplus of income for the year ended 31st December, 1957, of £4213 due to a large extent to the buoyant result obtained from the Maurice Harding Park and a more satisfactory year by the farm at Paerata.

The capital expenditure met during the last year in providing the improved amenities referred to above exceeded £15,000 and the Board was forced to obtain overdraft accommodation from the Bank of New Zealand to complete the works undertaken. The Bank have been most generous in their treatment of the Board's requests and have advanced the required moneys on most satisfactory terms to the Board. It is expected that these bank advances will be fully repaid by the end of 1959 from which time the Board will continue to conserve its funds for the purpose of embarking on the large scheme of increasing the roll.

Once again it is the Board's pleasure to give thanks to the Old Boys' Association for their continued interest in the well-being of the College and in particular for their expressed intention of donating a suitable concert piano for the use of the College.

During the year the Rev E. Te Tuhi resigned as a member of the Board having served for a continuous period of nearly 14 years and acting on his recommendation the Board unanimously decided to request Rev R. Rogers to fill the vacancy created. Having received the consent of Rev Rogers to accept the appointment his nomination is submitted to Conference for its approval.

It is worthy of note that should Rev Rogers' appointment be confirmed there would continue to be three old boys of the College on the Board.

The resignation was also received from Mr R. D. Miller who since his appointment in 1949 has rendered most valuable service to the Board as a member of the Farm Committee.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

#### **(B) REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL**

##### **Roll:**

We have to report that we have again reached the highest Roll ever attained at the College, with 180 boarders, 24 of whom are Maoris and 9 Islanders. There are, in addition, 2 (Island) Student Workers. A third of the Roll were new enrolments this

year, a third are in the "top school" (Forms V and VI), and a third take the Agriculture Course.

### **Staffing:**

It has been possible to maintain a full Staff in most Departments, although on the teaching side there have been changes during the year, and there has been some reorganisation in administration.

In order to cater for 210 to 220 people, we have appointed a Manageress to control Kitchen and Diningroom work. Two Matrons are in charge of Health and Clothing. There are also a First Assistant, a Farm Manager, a Bursar, a Grounds Overseer. Under the "Heads," very efficient and faithful service is being given.

### **Improvements and Extensions:**

Increase in Roll has been made possible only through the action of the Board in continuing to carry out considerable Extension work. In the past year, the Dining-Hall has been enlarged, the Ablutions modernised with a first-class hot water supply installed, Staff Dining-rooms constructed, additional locker-rooms and dormitories made available.

### **Examinations:**

Students who passed School Certificate, 1957	..	20
Students who gained University Entrance	..	4
Students with Endorsed School Certificate	..	7
Students with Higher School Certificate	..	2
Students with Credit Pass, Junior University School		1

### **Clubs and Chapel Affairs:**

In addition to Young Farmers' Club, Ambulance and Scouts we have now established Badminton and Table Tennis Clubs. Recreational facilities have been increased so that the large number of boys is cared for satisfactorily.

Special Services are held in the Chapel and on numerous occasions the Choir sings before the public. Choral Services are held in City Churches and District Rallies are held at the College. There is a very happy relationship between the College and neighbouring Churches and it is always a pleasure to welcome visitors for Services and Concerts. Boys of the Divinity Group take an important place in Chapel arrangements and on occasion take part in Services in the Pukekohe Circuit.

### **Farm:**

Production has been increased and it is proposed to add to stock in the current year. With good management and staffing, the Farm is proving to be a very useful adjunct to the College. Under the guidance of the Farm Manager, Mr J. L. Browning, boys taking the Agriculture Course are gaining excellent practical training in Animal Husbandry and Farm Management.

### **General:**

We are glad to report that good work is being done at the College in the training of boys of all races. For the information of those who may not be aware of the facts: our Classes range from Forms I to VI; there are no day-boys; courses taken are Academic, Commercial, Trades, Agriculture, and General; Religious Education is taught as a subject, in addition to the holding of Services regularly and the voluntary Divinity Group among Senior boys. Inquiries are always welcome.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the work of Principal, Teachers, and Staff.

## (2) Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel

### REPORT FOR 1958.

I have the honour to report that steady progress is being made with the building and equipping of the new Maori Girls' Hostel at Spotswood, New Plymouth. The builders hope to complete the job about the end of next October.

On November 2 last, in the presence of a large assembly, despite the wet day, the Stone-laying Ceremony and Dedication Service took place. The Chairman of the Board, Mr A. Eaton Hurley, addressed the assembly and called upon the President of Conference, the Rev. Dr. Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., to lay the Commemorative Stone, after which the Rev. G. I. Laurensen conducted the service of dedication. The Hon. E. B. Corbett, M.P. and Mr H. Tamaka Awarua, O.B.E., Chairman of the Taranaki Maori Trust Board, also addressed the gathering.

Local sub-committees appointed by the Board have been active in gathering information regarding furnishing and equipment, staffing, fees, prospectus, etc., and their reports were presented at a meeting of the Board held on July 5.

The Board decided that the Official Opening of the Hostel shall take place on March 14, 1959, by which time it is hoped that the Hostel will be fully staffed and in proper working order. A further meeting of the Board is to take place on December 6, at the new Hostel.

For the Board,

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

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

**QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?**

## Supernumerary Fund Board

### REPORT TO SYNODS, 1958

#### Post Office Lay-By Scheme:

The Conference of 1957 instructed the Board to investigate the possibility of incorporating the personal accounts of ministers in our Home Acquirement Fund in the Post Office Savings Bank, under the provision recently made for special accounts bearing Government subsidies when they are opened for the special purpose of purchasing a home.

The Board reports as follows:—

- (1) a. The scheme now being operated through the Post Office Savings Bank provides for interest on deposits at the rate of 3 per cent plus a bonus of £5 for every £100 deposited. The maximum bonus that can be received is £50, which would require a total deposit of £1000.

b. Such deposits must be used for the specific purpose of procuring a home.

c. Joint or Trust Accounts cannot be opened.

(2) The effect of the above provisions would be as follows, as far our ministers and the Home Acquisition Fund are concerned.

a. We would have to open a separate account for each contributor.

b. Only those ministers with £100 or more to their credit in our Fund could be considered.

c. Careful examination of the benefits of the P.O. scheme compared with those of our own Fund reveals the fact that no advantage would accrue to our ministers from any action along this line. Interest at 3 per cent plus a maximum bonus of £50 (with limitations as stated above) would not yield as good a return as that being obtained from our own Fund.

The Board therefore has no recommendation to make.

#### **Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund:**

In its report to last Conference the Board referred to the possibility of increasing the personal contributions of ministers into this Fund. It pointed out three things:—

(a) That it is favourably disposed to the rate of such contributions being lifted.

(b) That the regulations of the Fund at present allow for ministers to contribute more than the basic amount if they so desire.

(c) That under present-day conditions it seems desirable that the ministers themselves should be given the opportunity of expressing their opinion on the matter, and that the Board, for its guidance, would welcome such an expression.

The Board reiterates the above statements for general guidance in the matter.

#### **Use of Commuted Annuity:**

The Board reported to last Conference on this matter. Excerpts from that report are recapitulated herein.

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 were 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 (62 d) this was not possible.

On the matter being ventilated again 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 for purposes other than procuring a home. This means that the original proposal of the Board may now be written into the regulations and amendments are recommended as set out below.

If it appears that any anomalies have obtained in respect to any annuitant these can be considered in the light of the amendments being recommended. Circumstances vary in respect to different annuitants and every case must be dealt with separately.

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

The audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 1958, are presented to Conference with this report.

**Annuitants and Contributors.** The number of annuitants at date is 56 supernumeraries (60), and 47 widows of ministers (52).

The number of contributors is 201 (202). Last year's figures are shown in brackets.

**Income.** The Revenue Account reveals income received as follows:

From Ministers' Subscriptions and Circuit Subsidies	£7,902	15	0
From Mortgage, Debenture and deposit interest and commission (after adding £200 to Investment Contingency Reserve)	£4,376	1	10
From Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) after providing for £500 depreciation and £400 Maintenance Reserve	£4,124	7	2

**Annuities.** The sum of £9882 8s 10d was paid out in Annuities, together with the sum of £415 for furniture grants.

Income was therefore £841 16s 1d higher than for last year while expenditure shows an increase also of £1677 12s 8d due to annuities now being on higher scale. This has operated for half of the present financial year only.

**Accumulated Funds** (Supernumerary). The amount herein last year was £137,041 4s 4d. The sum of £5,275 3s has been added, being surplus transferred from the Revenue Account. Capital contributions amounted to £447 12s 5d. On the other hand subscriptions and subsidies refunded amounted to £322 14s 10d while the sum of £927 12s 10d was paid out through the option of commutation. This resulted in raising the Accumulated Fund to £141,513 12s 1d, an increase of £4472 7s 9d.

**Investments.** These are as follows:

(a) Mortgages	£72,608	15	11
(b) Debenture and Government Stock	£64,995	0	0
(c) Freehold Property, Epworth Chambers (after depreciation entered at £12,250)	£42,437	18	4
(d) Deposit Accounts	£7,473	15	10

Of the above the sum of £47,144 18s 9d is deposited on account of Allied Funds.

**Interest Earnings.** From all investments a return of £6.25 has been received on the actuarial formula.

**Allied Funds.** These are as follows:

(a) Minister's Home Acquisition Fund—			
Accounts Total	23,996	19	5
Payments Made	1,028	1	11
Contributors	200	0	0

(b) Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund—

Accounts Total	..	..	..	..	..	3480	5	2
Payments Made	..	..	..	..	..	451	15	1
Contributors	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0

(c) Deaconess Retiring Fund—

Accounts Total	..	..	..	..	..	15,414	11	6
Payments Made	..	..	..	..	..	1,554	4	0
Contributors	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0

**General.** The net result of the operations revealed in the above statements is that there is being maintained a favourable margin between increased expenditure and increased revenue to which full reference was made in last year's report.

**Personal Subscriptions in Arrear.**—It is again reported that the position here is very satisfactory.

**Report to Synods.**—In its report to Synods the following matters were referred to:

- (a) Post Office Lay-by Scheme.
- (b) Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund.
- (c) Use of Commuted Annuity.

In regard to the Home Acquirement Fund, the Board sought an expression of opinion from Synods on the question of the amount of compulsory contribution by ministers in the light of present regulations governing the Fund. The replies from the Synods were very inconclusive. The Board considers that the proposal from the Nelson Synod is neither desirable nor practicable. Two Synods only made definite recommendations and both made reference to increased subsidy.

In view of the above facts the Board feels that it can make no recommendation at this stage.

**Dr A. J. Orchard.** The Board expressed its sense of loss in the passing of Dr Albert J. Orchard, who for over fifty years, acted as its Medical Referee.

During this long term of service he maintained an unflagging interest in the life of the Church represented in the work of the Board.

He always took a personal interest in the ministers and their families. Unknown to many he was a generous contributor to the Supernumerary Fund.

The Board records its appreciation of his stalwart character, his widespread influence, his unique service as a medical practitioner, and his generous assistance to the work of the Church.

**Mr N. F. Greenslade.** The Board reports with pleasure that Mr Norman F. Greenslade, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., has accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer to the Board. As a son of the late Rev William Greenslade, we welcome him to this office.

**Mr L. G. K. Steven.** The Board records its deep appreciation of the service rendered to it by Mr L. G. K. Steven for a period of twenty-three years. For two terms he acted as Chairman, occupying this office in all for sixteen years. His wide business experience and his judgment and capacity have been of inestimable value to the Board in all its work.

**Mr R. G. Pearce,** who has been a valuable member of the

Board for some ten years, has been elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

R. G. PEARCE, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.

2. That the following Financial Statements be received and adopted: Supernumerary Fund, Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund.

3. a. That the Law Book, page 137, par. 33, be amended by inserting after the words "shall receive an annuity", the following words "or commuted sum."

b. That Law Book, page 137, par. 34, be repealed and the following substituted—"When the application of a Minister to become a Supernumerary has been approved by the Conference, then the Board shall offer to him the option either of receiving an annuity according to scale, or of commuting a specified part of his interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Board's Actuary as at the date of such retirement.

c. That Law Book, page 137, par. 36 (b) be deleted.

d. That Law Book, page 138, par. 37 (e) be repealed and the following substituted—"Decide as to the amount of annuity to be commuted and as to the amount or amounts of the annuity or annuities remaining to be paid in respect to the applicant's

4. That the Supernumerary Fund Board prepare proposals for increasing the contributions to the Home Acquirement Fund for submission to next Synods and Conference.

That the Board for 1959 be as printed on Page 12 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, 1958

New Trusts accepted during the year are as follows: Bluff (New Church Fund); Dublin Street, Wanganui (Pars); Milton (Pars); Motueka (General); Whangarei (General), L. J. Collis; Local Preachers' Association.

Through the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund grants amounting to £329 14s 1d were paid to ministers and Home Missionaries who had not received from their circuits the standard stipend.

The total amount held on behalf of 110 trusts and deposit accounts is £116,267 3s 9d.

R. G. PEARCE, 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

### TREASURERS' REPORT, 1958

The Treasurers have great pleasure in reporting that young life in Methodist Parsonages continues to go from strength to strength and the number of allowances paid out during 1958 constitutes an all-time record. The annual allowance in respect of each child has been maintained at £10 and has resulted in a total distribution of £3,315, thus exceeding the amount of £3300 provided by the Conference through Connexional levies for this purpose.

The District allocation for allowances has been as under:

NORTHLAND	..	..	..	..	12½
AUCKLAND	..	..	..	..	64½
SOUTH AUCKLAND	..	..	..	..	37½
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	..	..	..	..	21½
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	..	..	..	..	30½
WELLINGTON	..	..	..	..	41½
NELSON	..	..	..	..	22½
NORTH CANTERBURY	..	..	..	..	50½
SOUTH CANTERBURY	..	..	..	..	21½
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	..	..	..	..	29½
					331½

The number of registrations already recorded to date indicates that the number of claimants for 1959 is going to be even higher and application is being made to Conference through the Central Finance Committee for an amount of £3500 to be made available to the Fund for the coming year. We would again draw attention to the comment made in our 1957 Report as to the need for Ministers to be more prompt in their advices of new arrivals.

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.
3. That the levy for 1959 be £3500.

**QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?**

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Budget be received and adopted.
3. That the Levy for 1959 be £9200.
4. That the question of allowing first class railway fares for Main Trunk trains be referred back to the Treasurers.
5. That the Consultative Committee be: Rev E. W. Hames, Dr D. O. Williams, Rev A. R. Penn (Secretary of Conference), the Con-

nexional Secretary, Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, and the Treasurers.

6. That the Treasurers, Rev Wm. Walker and Mr A. H. Winstone, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

7. That Mr J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., be thanked for his services as Honorary Auditor and he be re-appointed.

8. That the Secretary of the Conference and the Contingent Fund Treasurers consider the methods by which applications for grants are made with a view to applications being made by the Committees direct to the Treasurers prior to Conference where possible, and that all grants be moved by the Contingent Fund Treasurers instead of by individual Committees.

**QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?**

## Removal Expenses Fund Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

During the year forty-four removals were carried out compared with 57 in 1956-57 and sixty in 1955-56. The average cost per removal was £73, compared with £46 last year and £59 in 1955-56. This is a large increase over previous years and is reflected in the financial accounts which show an excess of the cost of removals over levies received of £378.

The following is a summary of the removals and costs for the past four years:

		Total Removals	Total Cost	Average Cost
1957-58	..	44	£3190	73
1956-57	..	57	2661	46
1955-56	..	58	3438	59
1954-55	..	42	2203	52

A further summary of costs is given hereunder:

		1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	
Inter-Island	..	14 average	£80	20/£104	16/£70	18/£112
North Island	..	19	£39	32/£39	33/£36	19/£52
South Island	..	9	£42	6/£21	8/£41	7/£21

From these figures it is seen that the year's deficit has been caused by the higher costs of both Inter-Island and North Island moves. While several of these removals were longer than usual, the Committee views with concern the large amount of goods which is evidently being removed by Ministers and urges all Ministers to consider their removals carefully in view of the fact that they occupy a furnished parsonage and of the present day high costs of transport. At the time of writing this report there is every indication of a further increase in costs.

Due to the very short time available from the time the Lay Treasurer is notified of the removals and the actual time that they are to be carried out (holidays intervening), it is impossible to obtain quotations. The Committee still adheres to its previous policy of endeavouring to have one firm do all the removals. Circumstances have altered, however, and it is intended to get one firm to do the North Island removals, Inter-Island—Rail Air Rail, and one firm to do the South Island removals. The co-operation of Ministers in arranging their removals to fit in with the arrangements made by the firms will, it is hoped, reduce the total cost.

The Committee recommends the rescinding of the Resolution of Conference in 1956 (No. 8, Question 48), whereby Ministers are given until 30th November to obtain, if they wish, quotations for their removals. In one or two cases where Ministers have arranged their own removals the results have been good, but these have been cancelled out by others, and the overall result has not been of benefit to the fund. Also Ministers have been confused over what the quote should cover, although they have been advised this when removal instructions are given.

The Committee reiterates its Report presented to Conference in 1955 and commends it to Ministers who are moving.

The Committee again requests Conference to endeavour to keep the number of Inter-Island moves to a minimum.

In view of the deficit shown for the past year and of the likelihood of increased costs this coming year the Committee recommends that the levy for the ensuing year be £3000.

For the Committee,

W. E. CLOTHIER,

B. H. RISELEY, Treasurers.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the resolution of Conference in 1956 Minutes, Question 48, Number 8, be rescinded.
3. That the levy for the ensuing year be £3000.
4. That the maximum for removals be Inter-Island £125, within the Island £75.
5. That the Treasurers, Rev B. H. Riseley and Mr W. E. Clothier be thanked for their services and be reappointed.
6. That Mr F. H. Sowden, Honorary Auditor, be thanked for his services and be reappointed.
7. That the Committee be as printed on Page 12 herein.

**QUESTION XLIX.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference regarding Foreign Missions?

## Foreign Mission Department

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958.

As usual, we are submitting this interim report for the information of District Synods. A fuller report will follow, after receiving the detailed record from the fields, and this will be presented direct to Conference.

#### Solomon Islands District:

**Staff:** The Rev J. R. Metcalfe left the Solomon Islands District in February and is now living near Melbourne. The Rev A. H. Voyce helpfully agreed to prolong his years of service until July of this year, thus assisting to tide over a difficult period on the field. The General Secretary is serving for this year as the Islands Chairman and will be on the field till September. The Rev P. F. Taylor relieved for three months at the District Training Institution and has now removed to Buin Circuit. The Board is accepting the offer of the Rev Gordon D. Brough, B.A., and will be asking Conference to appoint him from 1959 to the Solomon Islands District.

Two new lay missionaries have taken up their appointments. Last Conference asked the Board to examine the proposal to appoint a lay missionary as secretary to the Chairman of the District. It proved expedient not only to examine and approve this proposal, but to act on it. Mr R. A. G. Baker took up this appointment in March. This should have the effect of easing the call on the home Church for ministerial missionaries. The intention is that in 1959 there will be only seven instead of eight New Zealand ministers in the Solomon Islands. Mr J. S. Gatman has replaced Mr R. A. Mannall as mission engineer.

The coming of Sister Audrey Roberts, following the completion of her George Brown College training, will raise our team of sisters to full strength.

#### **Papua New Guinea Highlands District:**

On their return from furlough in April, the Rev C. J. and Mrs Keightley transferred to the Mendi Circuit, where the prospects of territorial advance now appear the more promising.

Discussion is still taking place between our Foreign Mission Department and the Australian Board of Overseas Missions concerning the fourth member of our team in the Papua New Guinea Highlands. It has yet to be decided whether the appointment should be that of a teacher or a secretarial worker.

#### **Home Base:**

With the General Secretary away, and only the Rev Allen Hall available for brief deputation, there has been little visitation of circuits. The onus is on the Districts to arrange as full as possible a coverage of circuits in the interests of our work. Slides and tape recordings are available, and a new sound film "Nigerian Pattern" may be borrowed from the Department.

#### **Literature:**

"The Open Door" and "The Lotu" have both continued with slight rises in circulation. During the absence of the General Secretary, the thanks of the Church are due to the Rev C. T. J. Luxton for his ready agreement to act as Editor of "The Open Door."

#### **Finance:**

An increase of £2400 in Circuit Income over the 1956 returns is the noteworthy feature of the 1957 Appeal Year. This increase appears to be the result of both allocations from circuit budgets and more liberal individual giving. It is not possible to estimate the probable income for 1958, but in view of all the circumstances at present affecting the economy of the country, it would be prudent to anticipate no more than a small increase, if any.

It seems that there will be an improvement in the giving of the Solomon Islands Church, but any increase from this source or from the Home Church will be absorbed by the inevitable increase in costs. It should be recognised that pruning of mission expenditure is a difficult matter, especially in the case of the major items such as the costs arising from the movements of staff and freights.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

A. BLAKEMORE, Deputy-General Secretary.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1958

(Based on Annual Synod Minutes and Workers Reports)

### Solomon Islands:

"Our house is truly beautiful," wrote a District Girls' School student to her pen-friend. Indeed, the visitor to Buin Circuit is also struck with the air of permanence, as leaf structures and temporary erections of the post-war years have at last given place to new buildings. Buin Circuit had been the latest to start the permanent buildings, but now all six circuits are reasonably well provided for. The District Training Institution at Banga will henceforth be the main centre of building work. Two of our team of carpenters, Messrs Ball and Wills, finish up this year. That leaves only Mr Miller (joiner) and Mr Fleury. Meantime, the new Sisters' House at Kekesu is going up without a European carpenter. Recognising that the rehabilitation programme is in its final stages, the Synod has not asked for the replacement of the two departing New Zealand carpenters.

Nevertheless, there are new building projects. Some are associated with the medical work. Ablution block and laundry have now been added to the Helena Goldie Hospital. A legacy has provided a similar addition for the Elizabeth Common Hospital at Buka. The last head station hospital is now being built at Bilua. These works, however, are only one evidence of our large and valued medical programme. We now have a complete staff of nursing sisters and many Melanesian helpers. Dr Hoult himself has had a busy year, interrupted by a sharp attack of infective hepatitis. At base hospital, our Medical Superintendent has seen the installation of a new Conrad 30 X-ray plant. He has initiated a campaign for mass immunisation against poliomyelitis by Salk vaccine injections, paid for by the people. The doctor has also made frequent tours of the circuits. Unexpected developments detained him for some weeks in the Siwai section of Buin Circuit, where he was able to get a detailed knowledge of the people and their medical needs. Just prior to Synod, the leprosy relief vessel "Ozama Twomey" arrived on the field. This fine ship will increase doctor's mobility, and the refrigerator on board enable him to increase the range of injections available. Through the generosity of the M.W.M.U. and the enterprise of the local people, the sisters at Tonu, Siwai, now have a landrover to assist their travels on the rough earth roads of that wide circuit.

Our Methodist community continues to increase—the total number of members, adherents and youth roll is now 20,841. Natural increase accounts for most of the growth of numbers. Thus, it is not surprising that the schools increase in size. The standards of our village schools cause us concern, but significant steps are being taken at upper levels of our schools programme. "Central Schools"—really consolidated boarding schools—for boys of upper primary attainment but adolescent years—are appearing in more and more catechists' sections. The mission high school was moved during the year from Banga to Bilua. Plans are in the making for provision for older girls in the British Solomons, similar to the District Girls' School already established at Kihili, in Bougainville. The crux of our educational problems is in teacher training. A few of our boys can be received into the new government training college in the British Solomons. In addition, we seek to improve our work both at Banga and Kekesu. There is a growing realisation that we must shortly separate the pastoral from the teaching office.

Thus many catechists are now freed from teaching work to be free to supervise their group of villages, and to exercise a truly

pastoral ministry. Not all are rising to the new opportunity. A catechists' handbook is being prepared to guide them. Not many yet realise the crucial importance of our youth work in towns and villages. Choiseul reports a successful Easter Camp, which has been followed by the commencement of Christian Endeavour groups at Sasamuqa. The work of the Guides at Kihili and of the G.L.B. at Kekegolo has been continued. Honiara, where the entire congregation is young, is the most encouraging centre of young people's work to date. The literature and translation programme has been maintained in most circuits, though there are some areas where the response to books already published has been disappointing. A District hymn book in English has been published by Mr Voyce; a hymn book printed by Mr Carter in the language of the backward Rotokas people. Sister Lucy Money has completed the Epistles and Revelation in Bambatana, and her work has gone forward to the Bible Society.

As approved by last Conference, the District has furthered both the preparation of the people for the acceptance of the interim goal of partial self-support. The Synod wishes to set 1962 (Diamond Jubilee Year) as a target date. In the meantime, consent is asked that any annual offerings in excess of £12,000 be retained in a district reserve account, against the day of self-support. Some enquiry has been made into the working of our Islands properties. The installation of hot air copra driers is proceeding and more mission copra is being classed as first grade. Net returns from sales of produce are somewhat better this year than last.

#### **Papua-New Guinea Highlands:**

There has been a change-over in the Australian connexional year, and for 1959 the State Conferences will take place in October. Therefore, there has been no mission District Synod this year in the New Guinea Highlands and no reports from the workers. A report by the Australian General Secretary, the Rev C. F. Gribble, however, based on a recent visit, stresses two happy features. One is the quality of the building work of Mr Gordon Dey. The other is the development of the out stations, now established out from Mendi and Tari, and manned, in some cases, by the young teachers supported by the Church in the Solomons. There are six of these, and the District is asking for more. One such will probably be available this year.

Sister Edith James is at present in New Zealand and representing the District at our annual Board Meeting.

Earlier in the year we appealed for a woman teacher for the Highlands. That vacancy, however, has now been filled from Australia. Mr Gribble is convinced of the need for secretarial help to free the Highlands Chairman (the Rev G. H. Young) for his field work. Can New Zealand supply this need? Our participation in the Highlands is now five years old, and we have still to redeem our pledge to supply a fourth worker.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the general and supplementary reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers' Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet, duly audited, be received and adopted.
3. That the Estimates of General Income and Expenditure and Special Expenditure for 1958-59 be received and adopted.

4. Financial Situation: Conference is gladdened both by the increased financial response of circuits to the Overseas Missions Appeal and by the other factors that have enabled the Department to show a small surplus instead of the large deficit forecast a year ago. The increase in the Solomon Islands income is especially welcomed.

Conference is grateful to the Methodist Women's Missionary Union for underwriting the appointment of a postprimary teaching sister and guaranteeing her support for three years. Conference sanctions the action of the Department in estimating to supply this year to the New Guinea Highlands the fourth worker, whose appointment was first promised five years ago.

Nevertheless, Conference notes with concern that the financial outlook is no more hopeful than a year ago. To provide for maintenance and urgent extension work overseas, a much larger income is called for. One unfavourable year would necessitate retrenchment of staff and a curtailment of the work that could spell disaster to promising prospects.

The effect of the new Connexional Budget will be to allocate to circuits proportionately the provision of the missionary income of the Church. At least £1 per member is required, whereas, the present Dominion average is 15s. Conference therefore urges circuits to plan their appeal programme to ensure annual increases and the attainment of at least the allotted figure when the budget is introduced.

5. Greetings: That Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to the workers overseas and to the Solomon Islands Church.

6. That the appreciation of the Conference be accorded to the following workers who during 1958 have terminated their service in the Solomon Islands District: Rev A. H. and Mrs Voyce (1926-1958). Miss Beryl Grice (1957-58), Mr C. V. Wills (1956-58) and Mr N. G. Ball (1956-58).

7. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev Albert Blakemore for his willing services voluntarily given as Deputy General Secretary during the absence overseas of the General Secretary.

8. That the Board investigate and report on the pattern of work at present in operation, with particular reference to the supervising of pastoral work, educational work and plantations in the Solomon Islands District.

9. Solomon Islands District Self-Support: (a) That the District be allowed to retain in a Reserve Account the excess Thanksgiving over £A12,000 each year for four years, with a view to achieving partial self-support in 1962. (b) That a committee be appointed by the Board to consult during the year with the Chairman of the District and prepare a more detailed scheme for consideration by next annual Synod and Board.

10. Honiara: That Conference recognise the importance of developing our Methodist work and witness in the growing town of Honiara, commends the Methodist people there for their enterprise to date and approves the proposals of the Board for further fostering of the project. (See estimates.)

11. Sisters' Representation at Solomon Islands District Synod:

That sub-section 26 (e) of paragraph 504 of the Book of Laws, as amended by the 1955 Conference, be repealed and the following substituted therefor: "Four missionary sisters. Such sisters must have served one complete term and shall be elected by the sisters serving in the District."

12. Solomon Islands District Synod Questions: That the Solomon Islands District be permitted to use for a trial period of three years the draft new set of questions approved by the Foreign Mission Board, the draft then being reconsidered, with a view to submitting a revised set of questions for adoption by the Board, Law Revision Committee and Conference.

13. Representatives to C.O.M.I.C.A.: Rev S. G. Andrews (substitute Rev R. Thornley), Mr S. N. Roberts.

14. District Foreign Mission Conveners:

Northland—Rev P. P. Rushton.

Auckland—Rev W. E. A. Carr.

South Auckland—Rev J. Churchill.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev J. H. Osborne.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr J. H. Oldham.

Wellington—Rev I. M. Raynor.

Nelson—Rev A. Newman.

North Canterbury—Rev T. Shepherd.

South Canterbury—Rev L. F. Bycroft.

Otago-Southland—Rev L. Shapcott.

15. That Conference formally constitute Gizo in Roviana Circuit as a Station for a native minister.

16. That the members of the Foreign Mission Board for 1959 be as printed on Page 10 herein.

## Methodist Women's Missionary Union of N.Z.

### FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR, 1957-58.

Along with the closing of the Annual Accounts, comes the Annual Stock-taking and we find on reflection that 1957-58 has been a year blessed by God and one which gives cause for thankfulness and praise to our Father above who has led us step by step, all the way. There have been many worries—major and minor—but all have been approached with the Father's help. The high-light of the year for all M.W.M.U. Women is the knowledge that the Landrover, sanctioned at last Conference, is actually in Siwai doing the work for which it was dedicated by Mr Voyce on his last visit to the station. As in the life of our church, changes are taking place in our Union and we trust that all these are for the advancement of God's Kingdom. There has been sorrow in many places because of bereavements and we send loving sympathy to all who grieve the loss of loved ones. Mrs Duke, one of our life members, who passed to Higher Service in April, was a Past-president of the Union during 1935, 1936, 1937. Although not a foundation member, Mrs Duke joined the Auxiliary in the very early days and was District President for two terms, and until a year before her death was a regular attendant at Auxiliary and District Council in Dunedin. We thank God for a life well spent in His service and the example of devotion left by this true servant of our Lord.

#### Executive:

Thirteen meetings of the Executive have been held and the

pattern of members leading devotions has continued. At the beginning of the year, Rev R. F. Clements conducted a Communion service which proved to be one of great inspiration to us all as we again quietly dedicated ourselves to this work. We regret to report that, owing to ill health, Mrs Crabtree was forced to resign the position of Literature Secretary. She had done excellent work for the Union, and her happy nature had brightened our meetings and we miss her. We are fortunate, however, in the appointment of Mrs Moore and she is filling the position very adequately and we welcome her. There has been illness and sadness amongst us, but we have each felt that the group has upheld each other in Christian love and the bonds of friendship have strengthened as the term has proceeded.

#### **Membership:**

This is becoming increasingly difficult to assess because of complications caused by Auxiliaries going into various kinds of budgetting schemes without making provision for the Union rules. The roll stands at 6341, an increase of 145 above last year's figures, but the important thing is that more women are becoming conscious of this "Women's Work for Women."

#### **Auxiliaries:**

There are three new Auxiliaries this year, West End, New Plymouth (Taranaki District), Sanson (Manawatu District), and Riccarton Circuit Evening (North Canterbury District). We congratulate these Districts and hope that great blessings come to the new Auxiliaries.

#### **District Councils:**

Remain the same. Regular and special meetings have been organised by the 19 Councils.

#### **President's Letter:**

Each month 2600 are distributed and through the Open Door our President continues to inform the Methodists of the work of the fields both in New Zealand and overseas.

#### **Deputation:**

Unfortunately, no Home Sister was available to us this year, but we have been fortunate in having two Overseas Sisters to do deputation work. Sister Thelma Duthie visited groups in Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty and Hawke's Bay Districts, and Sister Joy Thompson in the Wairarapa, Wellington and Franklin Districts. Sister Edith James, who is at Home at present will undertake deputation work in the South Island in November.

#### **President's Visitations:**

During the year the President has fulfilled 54 engagements on behalf of the Union, in addition to the Dominion Executive Meetings. She has visited in the districts of Manawatu, Wanganui, Taranaki, Nelson-Marlborough, Bay of Plenty, Wairarapa, South Auckland, Auckland, Waitemata and Northland and was able to attend the Deaconess Convention in Auckland.

#### **Staff Movements:**

Sister Thelma is to return to the Feld immediately and Sister Joy at the end of October. Sister Pamela, who completed a course of study at the Linguistic College in Melbourne, will not be returning yet awhile and Sister Edith has arrived for her first furlough. Sister Lucy is expected to return with Rev S. G. Andrews shortly.

Since last Conference Rev J. R. and Mrs Metcalfe and Rev A. H. and Mrs Voyce have retired from the field and we would like to place on record the Union's appreciation for the long and valued service rendered by both these couples and to wish them health and happiness in the years to come. Mrs Metcalfe will be remembered as Sister Ivy Stanford. Both she and Mrs Voyce have contributed much to the work for women for which our Union stands.

We thank you all for the trust you have put in us and for your co-operation and ask for your continued prayers that we may be given the blessings we need to help us to carry on the programme for another year of service in the Missionary Cause.

GLADYS CARTER, President,  
GRACE BEAVIS, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That Conference record its sincere appreciation of the work of the M.W.M.U. The financial assistance in itself is of great material benefit to the missionary programme at Home and Overseas, but the missionary vision and spiritual zeal expressed by its members is also of very definite inspiration to the local churches.

**QUESTION L.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

## Home Mission Department

### HOME MISSION REPORT

#### Staff

Following the last Conference, several applicants for Home Mission service were accepted in time for their names to be printed in the Minutes of Conference. Since that time, Messrs R. Andrew Brown and R. J. Ramsay were accepted as Home Missionary Probationers. Messrs B. W. Sides and L. E. Salter, on completion of their Local Preachers' Status, were made Home Missionary Probationers.

#### Home Missionaries' Study Conference

This was held at the Central Mission Health Camp, Campbells Bay, from Tuesday, May 20, to Thursday, May 29, inclusive. Seventeen of our staff attended the course and all applied themselves faithfully to the series of lectures. A much appreciated panel of lecturers served the men well in a broad programme which we are sure was well justified.

#### Statistics and Related Matters

(Minutes of Conference, 1957, p. 54, and Resolutions 56 and 57).

The Conference resolutions on this subject were implemented immediately after Conference and the instructions fully carried out. A special report will be submitted for consideration under the questions on statistical returns. (The Board would desire to express to Rev B. M. Chrystall its sincere appreciation of the able manner in which this programme was initiated and led by him.)

#### Assistant Superintendent

(Return of Rev B. M. Chrystall, B.A., to circuit work).

At the forthcoming Conference, Mr Chrystall will be returning to circuit work by decision of last Conference. For thirteen years Mr Chrystall has given a distinguished and creative service to the

Church in his appointment as Assistant Superintendent. He was singularly well equipped for the task, and he has used his splendid gifts selflessly and to the full in the service of the Department. He is a most capable administrator and he leaves the Department at the very peak of his effectiveness. The Board desires to record its deep sense of indebtedness to Mr Chrystall for his constructive contribution to the life of the Department and to express its unqualified confidence in his leadership in the Church. It is with great regret that we will see him leave his present appointment.

#### **Appointment of Rev J. A. Penman, B.A.**

Last Conference designated Rev J. A. Penman for appointment by the Conference of 1958 for a term of three years as Assistant Superintendent. We gladly submit a resolution for the endorsement of this designation.

#### **Jubilee of the Home Mission Office**

The Conference of February, 1909, was the occasion of the appointment of Rev T. G. Brooke as the first full-time Home Mission Secretary, the appointment taking place in that year. Hence this Conference marks the fiftieth anniversary of this phase of the Department's activity. We appreciate the action of Mrs Gladys Treadgold, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Brooke in establishing the Rev and Mrs T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund in the accounts of the Department.

#### **Office Accommodation**

The plan of the Central Mission, Auckland, for the erection of new buildings on the present site, has faced the Foreign Mission Department and ourselves with the likelihood of securing new office accommodation. The Boards are in consultation with the Central Mission Trustees in the hope that a formula can be devised whereby we may be able to secure suitable offices in the new building.

#### **Church Extension Appeal**

We are awaiting with interest the result of this year's appeal for Church Extension. When the amount available for grants is known the Board, having consulted with the District Synod Standing Committees, will submit to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee its recommendations on the priorities of the proposed new buildings for which grants should be allocated from this special appeal.

In connection with the organisation of the appeal, we are greatly indebted to Messrs Bryan Burton and Philip Hames for their assistance in preparing the publicity, and to the "Methodist Times" for its display of articles and publicity material.

#### **Growing Demands on The Home Mission Fund**

As our church is developing in new areas the staffing needs are becoming more insistent. To aid in meeting these new appointments our Board has been called on to make very substantial grants this year and this will be an increasing feature of our work. For example this year we have had to assist Upper Hutt, Porirua, and Auckland South, and we have urgent claims coming up for Taupo appointment.

#### **Special Loans and the Investment Funds Board**

There is very heavy pressure on our Special Loans Account with a large waiting list of promised loans. In this connection we are very grateful to Trusts and individuals who have deposited with our Board Loans at call. This has enabled us to assist some very worthy trusts in development work.

## **Finance**

Growth of both Maori and Pakeha work means an inevitable growth in the claims on our funds. It is here that our people are enabled within New Zealand to express their missionary passion and concern. The situation calls for a much deeper consecration of every Methodist to a full share in this task of bringing a strong evangelistic challenge to our day. The Home Mission Department is the arm of the Church for expressing this concern for the growing edge of our community life.

## **Literature and Colporteur Society**

This work is proceeding steadily. Our New Manageress, Miss Joyce Hicks, and her assistant, have conducted the business of Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, with very real devotion and ability, and we trust to be able to present a report of a satisfactory year's trading to the Conference.

## **Overall Budget in 1960**

This matter is giving the Board and its officers some deep concern. If the system envisages an allocation of the total needs of the Church, to circuits and Home Mission stations to be raised within each circuit as a moral obligation, then there will need to be developed a much more uniform sense of responsibility for meeting the allocations, than has been shown by many circuits in connection with the present Home Mission targets or the Special Connexional Objectives in recent years. This matter requires very careful attention at the local level if the Board is to enter on the new system with any confidence. It is an urgent challenge to overall stewardship.

We have submitted to the Central Finance Committee the figure that we feel to be a basic necessity for the continuing of our present programme, with adjustments for normal increases in stipends and general costs, and a moderate provision for meeting some new commitments as our Church extension and staffing needs grow.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary.

## **CHURCH EXTENSION POLICY (SPECIAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE)**

At the Church Council, a memorandum on Church Extension was adopted. In this memorandum, a survey was made of the present obvious points throughout New Zealand where we need to plan a progressive campaign of extension.

In this survey, attention was drawn to the limited resources at present in the hands of Church Departments, and the need for a strong and loyal support of the Church Extension appeals as authorised by the Conference.

It is evident that other churches may have such resources of finance and manpower as to be able to enter practically every significant centre of growing population. It is equally evident that our Methodist Church cannot enter every new centre of population immediately, but we must go in where we can.

Owing to the smaller relative census strength of the Methodist Church in New Zealand—as compared with the Presbyterian Church, there are few places in New Zealand where on the ground

of numbers, our Church could claim exclusive right of entry. In other words, if membership alone decided the question, Methodism would never enter a new area.

In a certain number of places we will be able to arrange areas of agreement with the Presbyterian Church, in which a Methodist Church will serve both churches on a reciprocal membership basis, and in neighbouring areas Presbyterian Churches would similarly serve both communions.

It is our conviction that in addition we will need to enter some places where the Presbyterian Church is working, as the total population will warrant the presence of both communions separately. We must accept the responsibility of the establishment of such new Methodist causes—as our resources permit, but being careful to see that such new causes are at sufficient distance from the buildings of sister communions as to cause no undesirable competition.

Further, such new causes should be so located as to continue in the event of Church Union.

In this way we must move to ensure that significant Methodist congregations will be carried into a united church. Failure to so act, would mean that our identity would be so submerged that in the growing areas of the Dominion for all practical purposes Methodism would cease to exist.

The foregoing pattern assumes the formation and the functioning of Joint Regional Committees on Church Extension in which the location of new causes should be discussed.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the General Report and the Report on Church Extension be received and adopted.
2. That the following statements of account be received and adopted:
  - (a) The General Fund.
  - (b) The Maori Mission Account.
  - (c) The Investment Funds Board.
  - (d) The Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust.
  - (e) Seamer House Hostel.
  - (f) The Mission Property Trustees.
  - (g) The Literature and Colporteur Society.
3. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1959 be received and adopted.
4. That Rev J. A. Penman, B.A., be appointed as assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department for a term of three years.
5. That this Conference place on record its appreciation to the Rev B. M. Chrystall for his distinguished and creative service to our Church as Assistant Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the past 13 years and extends good wishes to him as he returns to circuit work.
6. That in order to secure lay representation at Conference Synod Standing Committees be requested to consider the status of Home Mission Stations within their Districts with a view to either their becoming Circuits or being included within the boundaries of contiguous circuits.
7. That in connection with the provision of facilities for worship and service at the Benmore Power Project Conference favours

co-operation with the Presbyterian Church by reciprocal membership.

8. That this Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand extend to the Trustees of the J. R. McKenzie Benevolent Trust sincere appreciation for their wonderful assistance to the Seamer House Maori Girls' Hostel by a grant of £350 in 1957, and a further grant of £500 from this year's allocation.

9. That Conference thanks the members of the M.W.M.U. for the Special Objective for the reduction of the debt on the Maori Centres at Dargaville, Hawera and Te Kuiti totalling £2640 odd.

10. That the Treasurers for 1959 be Rev John Penman and Mr W. M. Patrick, M.V.O.

11. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to all who have assisted the work of the Department during the year, especially to those who undertook deputation work, and the District and Circuit Home Mission Secretaries and Committees.

12. That the Law Revision Committee examine the relationship between the Synod Standing Committees and the District Missions Secretaries, with a view to recommending action by which these officers may be on the Synod Standing Committees.

13. **Re Priorities for Appointment.**—That Synods prepare a list of priorities for the filling of vacant or additional appointments within their own district, and that these recommendations be collated and considered by the Conference Home Mission Committee which shall make recommendations to the Stationing Committee.

14. District Home Mission Conveners:

NORTHLAND: Rev F. J. K. Baker.

AUCKLAND: Rev G. T. Gilbert.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev C. Duder.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev J. M. Blight.

WANGANUI: Rev W. C. Jenkin.

HAWKE'S BAY: Rev H. C. Matthews.

MANAWATU: Mr I. E. Funnell.

WELLINGTON: Rev C. G. Brown.

NELSON: Rev D. W. Edmonds.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev T. L. Bennett.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev L. Shapcott.

**QUESTION LI.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

## Maori Mission Report

This Home Mission Board Report will be supplemented within the Districts covered by our Maori Mission, by separate District reports to be submitted by the Superintendents of those Maori Circuits.

We desire to express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for the blessings that have been experienced during another year. Our work has been going on steadily and the staff are carrying their duties with diligence and zeal.

**Resignation:**

During the year Mr Paikea H. Toka resigned from our work as an Honorary Maori Home Missionary to enter the Ratana Church as one of their leaders.

**Ecumenical Fellowship. Rev L. Tauroa:**

The Board learned with pleasure of the granting to Rev Lane Tauroa, B.A., of a Fellowship of Ecumenical Studies at Union Theological Seminary, New York. Mr Tauroa will be absent from September, 1958, for one year. We rejoice in this honour to our Church and to the Maori race.

**General Superintendent's Visitation:**

As decided at Conference, 1956, the General Superintendent has continued for a further year the programme of visitation of the Maori homes and Circuits. The bulk of the Department administration has been carried by the Assistant Superintendent in the absence of the General Superintendent from the office.

The published report of the Department this year contains a full and comprehensive series of observations on the work and its difficulties and special problems.

**Relations with the European Circuit Life:**

Efforts are being made steadily to bring the two sides of our work together in the mingling of our Maori membership in wider circuit life. There have been some real signs of progress in this, but there is much to be done.

Some of the European Ministers and Church officials and members have shown a splendid spirit of co-operation and understanding in this work. They have with tact and patience sought to follow up the names and addresses that have been submitted to them by the Maori staff. We have been disappointed in a number of other instances at the lack of co-operation (on the part of some).

We urgently need Sunday School teachers to assist our Deaconesses, all of whom have many contacts where they are physically unable to hold more than a monthly Sunday School. This is inadequate for the real training of the children and the parents are pleading for more regular gatherings.

A further help would be that of voluntary car transport for gathering children or families at our regular services and Sunday Schools.

**The Church's Policy of Integration:**

The Church has defined its policy as being one of integration, not absorption. The ideal before us is, of course, that the Church being above race, all people should be able to worship together. However there are practical difficulties that prevent an immediate and complete fulfilment of that ideal and there is need for patience and understanding.

It would be a great help if our Pakeha Circuits would see that our Maori workers and families are given a warm invitation and welcome to all special functions held in the churches.

Our Maori Ministers and Deaconesses each cover territory that is covered by a number of European circuits. It would be of great assistance if these workers received invitations to attend the Circuit Quarterly Meetings for fellowship and mutual information.

**Maori Workers' Conference:**

The three yearly Maori Workers' Conference is due to be held early next year and we are hoping to make it representative of wider Mission life by bringing some of the representative lay people to it.

**South Island Work:**

The Rev R. D. Rakena paid a visit to a number of the South Island families in June, and it is hoped that further visits can be paid before or after Conference. A Conference in the South Island enables us to combine such visits and thus to save heavy expense. The South Island European Circuits are asked again to do everything possible to express a concern for their neighbouring Maori families as a normal part of their Missionary responsibility.

**Maori Youth Camps and Youth Conference:**

Very well-worth-while gatherings have been held this year. Family camps, Sunday School Camps, family hui, and the Maori Youth Conference at Camp Wesley, Henderson, all brought their encouragements.

**Hostels:**

We have a large number of young people under our care in our Church Maori Hostels and this work represents a big piece of service.

Kurahuna (M.W.M.U.) has 20 girls.

Seamer House (H.M. Dept.) has 24 girls and young women.

Te Rahui (W) (H.M. Dept.) has 32 girls and young women.

Te Rahui (T) (H.M. Dept.) has 34 youths and young men.

Rangiatea (New Plymouth) has 11 girls.

Rehua (Christchurch Central Mission) has 27 youths and young men.

Except for Seamer House which could accommodate 37 Boarders all the Hostels at present operating are full to capacity.

It is our hope that when Rangiatea Hostel new building is opened in the New Year in New Plymouth, the old historic building at present in use may be developed as a Hostel for Maori Youths (apprentices).

**Wesley College, Paerata:**

We are glad that the facilities at Wesley College, Paerata, are being increased to allow of a larger roll. This is a challenge as it should enable the Church to offer more Maori boys a College education and thus fulfil the basic intention of the original endowments. Good work is being done with most encouraging examination results.

**Deaconess Staff:**

With the growth of the work, and the toll on the health of our Deaconesses, we must endeavour to increase the staff to ease the burden on individual workers. We need more strong devoted young women to train for this important work, and could employ in the coming year at least two mature young women to fill gaps that will confront us.

**Matter Referred By Conference:**

(Minutes 1957, p. 156, Resolution 4).

The question of used clothing, and the travelling allowances of Deaconesses.

This problem which is greatly misunderstood has been under

careful review during the year. A questionnaire was sent to all our full time Maori Mission staff and from it the following points stand out clearly.

A.—(1) There is a widespread need for the service rendered in making used clothing available to many Maori families. It is a piece of urgent and greatly appreciated social service to a section of the people. Many Maori people do not need such assistance and the system does not apply to them. More good, clean, useable used-clothing particularly for children, could be utilised.

(2) Most distribution of clothing is done at our Maori Centres when the people make their selection during their visits.

(3) Some Deaconesses take parcels to known cases of need and all Deaconesses make a certain number of gifts of clothing to necessitous cases.

(4) There is a growing practice of making the sale of clothing part of an effort by the Maori people for the helping of the Mission work, in the form of a bring and buy, when many other useful articles are also on sale.

(5) It is the policy of the Department which is being increasingly carried out, that the Deaconesses are relieved of the actual process of selling, by the assistance of Maori and Pakeha Committees and helpers.

(6) The Deaconesses without exception feel that a valuable social service is maintained by this means, and their desire is to emphasise the service aspect.

(7) It should be pointed out that a section of our European community depend upon similar service rendered by Church, Central Mission and other organisations.

B.—The question of the method of handling the proceeds of the sale of clothing and of paying Deaconess travelling allowances has been examined and we would make the following observations:

(1) The Deaconesses use the proceeds of the sale of clothing for many other objects than their own travelling in the work. They use it for comforts for sick folk, outfitting of young people starting school or work, and Sunday School materials, and they submit monthly statements of their transactions to the Home Mission Office.

(2) When monthly statements are sent into the office, watch is kept to see that the Deaconesses do not face personal hardship through shortage of funds.

(3) We believe there is a real value in the Deaconesses having a measure of local responsibility for raising by donations, special efforts and various types of sales, some support for their work.

(4) In one District the suggestion has been made that a special committee of Maori staff and of Maori lay folk should be given the responsibility of raising and expending the travelling expenses of the Deaconesses and this committee to accept the responsibility of organising the disposal of used clothing and the holding of any necessary special efforts for the work.

In this way we are endeavouring to separate the Deaconesses from the seller relationship with the people. We welcome this

suggestion and would be glad to see it extended as conditions make it possible in other Districts.

(5) Alongside this growing sense of responsibility in the local Maori Circuits, the Department will continue to see that no member of the staff suffers for lack of funds for essential travelling or for essential work.

#### **N.C.C. Maori Section:**

Our Maori Mission is carrying its full share in the activities of this Section. It is providing a splendid meeting ground for the discussion and facing of many urgent practical issues in Maori life. This year Rev E. Te Tuhi is Chairman of the Section and Rev H. A. Darvill is Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **The Missionary Situation:**

We must remember that both in Pakeha and Maori life we face a missionary situation within New Zealand. Large numbers of nominal Christians are to-day needing the touch of the evangel as much as those completely divorced from active Church association in any form. Our people greatly need the Gospel and this Maori Mission is carrying its share of the task of presenting it. We seek the prayers and continued loyalty of our whole Church.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary of the Board.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the report be received and adopted.

**QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?**

## **N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association**

### **I. M.S.S.A.**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1958**

The National Executive met in Wellington on May 12, 1958 when the President of the Conference presided and Mr J. F. Tasker of the Health Department addressed the meeting on the welfare of the aged. He stated that final standards had now been worked out for Old People's Homes and Hospitals, and that the Department was now working on standards for cottages (flats) for elderly people. All the data would be available for Architects. Full information also regarding subsidies would be set out. Seminars on the care of the aged were now being held in the four main centres. The elderly people had increased from 2½ per cent to 14 per cent of the population.

#### **Legal Information re Awards and Terms of Employment:**

It was felt that united action for all Religious Institutions should be channelled through the National Council of Churches, but that the time was inopportune to make these advances. It was the Supreme Court's task to deliberate in such matters. The position was being watched.

#### **Need for Consecrated full time-workers:**

That the attention of the Conference and the Deaconess Board be drawn to the urgent need for recruiting more can-

didates for the Deaconess Order—the following factors operate:

1. In the Maori field, the time comes when some experienced Deaconesses need relief from the strain of the Field work and they are frequently eminently suited to service in Maori Hostels.

2. Our Maori Hostels need leadership from Matrons or Sub-Matrons who are conversant with the home conditions of the Maori young people who are placed under their care.

3. Our Children's Homes and Old People's Homes have a need for a certain number of well trained Deaconesses on their staffs in positions of responsibility.

4. Some Deaconesses give only a few years of full time service prior to marriage. The Church is well advised to give encouragement to suitable women to undergo the full training in the Deaconess Order even for a fairly short term of service.

#### **Staff Superannuation:**

We commend the A.M.P. Society or some other Insurance scheme to our various boards. Information regarding trained nurses' superannuation in conjunction with the National Provident Fund is also to be investigated.

#### **Law Journal:**

It was decided to insert a comprehensive Social Services advertisement in the Law Journal.

#### **Confused Elderly People:**

The Health Department had written stating that certain villas under the mental hygiene section were set aside for confused elderly people. The Association cannot see its way clear to establish a separate institution.

#### **Correction of Psychological Cases among Youth:**

The Government has two separate institutions for boys at Levin, one for school boys 9-15 years and a senior section. There is a vocational training plan and social and psychological training. There is an institution at Burwood, Christchurch, for both school and working girls which has a school and separate cottages. The Roman Catholic Church has a small place where they take girls from 13 to 19 years of age. Departmental officials say that the churches could make a fine contribution by sending in their chaplains and social workers.

The Association feels that the time is not opportune to establish an institution of this nature. A Christchurch Committee is to report to the next Annual Meeting.

#### **Budget:**

Orphanages reported the need of keeping their work before the congregations and would report direct to the Budget Committee. City Missions approve of being included in the Budget for maintenance work, but this does not jeopardise the established right of direct appeal for new and capital expenditure.

#### **City Mission Staffing:**

It was agreed that if a second Minister were appointed as a colleague to the Superintendent, he be an ordained Minister with some experience. Careful consideration has been and is continuing regarding the employment of qualified laymen to assist the Superintendent in various ways.

#### **Te Atatu Property:**

The President reported that there was a debt of approxi-

mately £5000 and the rates were increasing. There had been a grant of approximately £9500 from the Government. The Association approved in principle of the transfer of the trust, provided that the financial and moral obligations were met in a new project. The matter was referred to the Auckland Standing Committee in the Area M.S.S.A.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the M.S.S.A. be asked to give consideration to the holding of the Orphanage Appeal on Mothers' Day.

3. **Reports to Synods and Conference:**

(a) That in each area, reports of Boards and Committees go, in detail, only to the Synods concerned.

(b) That following Synod all reports on Social Service activities be forwarded to the Dominion Convener for the preparation of a summarised report before Conference.

4. That the Committee in consultation with the Finance and Budget Committee clarify the point "City Missions approve of being included in the Budget for maintenance work, but this does not jeopardise the established right of direct appeal for new capital expenditure" and report to Conference.

5. That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be requested to investigate and make recommendations to the Wellington M.S.S.A. regarding the need for Homes for the Aged in New Plymouth.

6. That the question of a three-year term for appointments to Central Missions be referred back to the M.S.S.A. for consideration and further report next year.

## II.—Central Missions

### A—AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

The primary work of the Mission, preaching, fellowship, youth and pastoral work continues.

#### Homes and Hospital:

(a) **Astley House;** with 56 guests and staff is always full and has a long waiting list. The House was privileged in having the Governor-General, Lord Cobham, and Lady Cobham and the twins visit, when he paid a very fine compliment.

(b) **Tyler House;** The House is always full and there is an equal number waiting for admission. The Hospital wing to hold 12 beds has been approved by the Health Department, together with the purchase of a house adjoining at 53 Allendale Road, costing £5575. A 75 per cent subsidy for the House has been received—the working-drawings for the Hospital Wing have been forwarded to the Health Department for final approval. The estimated cost of the Wing and Nurses' Home, together with furnishings, is somewhere about £23,000 to £25,000.

(c) **Leigh Haven;** The Scheme outlined last year for accommodation of aged couples and elderly single men and women has been before the Health Department and no final word has been received, though according to a Press Report, 75 per cent is assured.

(d) **Wesley Convalescent Hospital;** Over half an acre, and a residential house in Esplanade Road, adjoining our property,

has been purchased for £4750. This gives the Trustees over two acres running from Mt Eden Road through to the next Street—Esplanade Road—providing enough land for parking and the needs of a new Hospital. The Survey plan has been completed and the Architects are now drawing sketch plans.

(e) **Campbell's Bay Health Camp;** The property provides an ideal place for spiritual and physical re-creation for children, adolescent youth and elderly folk. Further accommodation for immigrants has been provided. A completely new cottage has been erected at Waiheke and it is being used for families requiring a holiday.

(f) **Winstone Lodge;** Mrs R. M. Butterworth has been appointed Matron and there are 30 girls in residence.

#### **New Building Scheme:**

Last December the Trustees were confronted with purchasing 64½ feet in Wakefield Street or abandoning the 20 feet already owned, on account of earthquake By laws. On advice from a Consulting Architect and the City Council that a large amount of expense could be saved in light-wells and stairways, the Trustees purchased the property for £25,000. At present final negotiations with the City Council are proceeding with regard to supposed betterment, this being created by over 80 feet frontage on the Civic Square. The Architects have been instructed to prepare sketch plans.

#### **Finance:**

Legacies received during the year:

				£	s.	d.
Minnie G. Sinclair	..	..	..	100	0	0
Alberta Dibbs	..	..	..	100	0	0
Amy Kasper	..	..	..	50	0	0
James Coe Estate	..	..	..	10	0	0
Margaret Hicks Memorial	..	..	..	680	12	0

#### **General:**

The Central Mission is well served by its Board of Trustees, its Officers, and its Staff. It can truly be said that without its devoted staff and a large band of voluntary workers, the work could not proceed.

### **B.—DUNEDIN CENTRAL CHURCH AND MISSION**

Church life at the C.M.C.M. has pursued an even tenor during the year. Many aspects of the work, especially among the young, give cause for encouragement and our impact upon the student life of the city has been more rewarding than for many years.

A new Church Hall, giving visibility to our work in the Waverley District, may be erected within the next twelve months. There is a monthly Church Service in the local School, a Sunday School, and a regular monthly meeting for women, already.

A highlight in the history of the Mission was the Royal Visit on February 11 through the grounds of the Eventide Home and Hospital of Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, who later expressed her pleasure in the occasion.

The finances of the C.M.C.M. on the whole are highly satisfactory. The officials are aware of the need of exercising the utmost care in the administration of the finances. The policy of the C.M.C.M. naturally will be wisely influenced thereby.

The Trustees during the year have given serious thought to the extension within the District of certain Social Services and the re-building programme on the Octagon site. No definite plans as yet have been formulated and the present economic uncertainty would appear to be yet another set-back to immediate hopes.

The well-established work among the aged continues to be maintained satisfactorily at the Eventide Home and Hospital for women and Wesley Manor, the Home for Aged Men and Elderly Married Couples. During the last financial year approx. £3000 has been spent on general maintenance and renewals of furnishings etc., at the Eventide Home.

The Day Nursery, with its numerous facilities, has proved to be an important and popular amenity in the life of the city.

A serious Inquiry was instituted by a Committee of prominent specialists into questions affecting the welfare of modern youth and the possibility of their participating in cultural pursuits and creative activities. It is hoped to pursue this line of study with a view to some form of positive action in the future.

The Official Opening on July 5 of the Wesley Residential Hall, the newly purchased Hostel for students and professional young men, was performed by the Mayor of Dunedin, Sir Leonard M. Wright. In view of the student demand for accommodation, serious consideration is being given to the addition of a new Wing at a cost of approx. £14,000. The thanks of the Mission are due to the Connexion for the help received from last year's Hostel Appeal, without which the purchase of Wesley Hall would not have been possible.

A Retreat House and Chapel scheme for the Frankton (Queens-town) site has been approved and it is expected that building will commence shortly.

The Anglican-Methodist Old People's Home (Timaru) Trust Board met several times during the year. Land consisting of eight acres has been purchased and plans for a new modern geriatric institution to accommodate initially twenty residents prepared.

#### **C.—WESLEY CHURCH (WELLINGTON CENTRAL) SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (INC.).**

##### **1. Wesleyhaven Staff and Residents:**

The Settlement at Nae Nae continues to do good work providing accommodation and security for a group of elderly people. For the past year we have been wonderfully blessed with good staff and a spirit of harmony prevails among the residents.

##### **2. Appeal to Methodists:**

The appeal for £5000 to members of the Methodist Church in the Wellington Synodal District, is making reasonable progress. Some Churches have established the practice of making grants from their Annual Budgets.

##### **3. Building Programme:**

A great deal of work has been done on the Hospital project. We have a Wellington firm of architects and the scheme has been greatly enlarged. The plans include a 26-bed Hospital, residential accommodation for 8 residents, and a block to provide accommodation for nursing and domestic staff. We are very hopeful that this year will see tenders let and building work commenced.

## **D.—CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION.**

Eighty-six people live in the Mission's Institutions and are dependent upon the service provided in our Eventide Homes, Hospital and Hostel. A further twenty receive hot dinners regularly.

### **Wesley Hospital:**

Wesley Hospital for the Aged Sick was officially opened by the Governor-General, Lord Cobham, on November 10, 1957. Over 2000 people attended this function. Later in the same week Lady Cobham inspected both Wesley Lodge and Hospital. The cost of this building was £33,180. the sum of £2440 was expended on furnishings and equipment. A number of rooms were furnished by city firms and many separate items of furniture and furnishings were also donated.

The Hospital, which has 18 beds, has ministered to 85 patients during the year. A full staff of five sisters and six nurses undertake this work as a Christian vocation, with Sister Macadam in charge.

### **Eventide Homes:**

Forty-three aged folks are cared for in the Eventide Homes—Wesley Lodge and Wesley House, Picton.

### **Hospital Chaplaincy:**

At the request of the Synod Standing Committee, the Mission has assumed responsibility this year for Chaplaincy work at the Christchurch and Burwood Hospitals. The Rev H. G. Brown was appointed Chaplain to the Public Hospital. The Rev W. E. Falkingham, assisted by Rev E. Baker, is responsible for the work at Burwood.

### **Goodwill Department and Social Service:**

During the year 4031 garments were made available at nominal cost to 2410 people. In numerous cases of emergency clothing has been provided free of cost. Meals, accommodation and groceries have also been provided. The Hot Meals Service, staffed by 120 voluntary workers, serves the needs of elderly folk. 2145 meals have been served during the year.

### **Finance:**

Mortgages and Loans have been reduced by £3,518 9s 6d during the year, leaving the total mortgages and loans now standing at £17,846 11s 10d. Bank Overdrafts have been reduced during the year by £2,896 18s, and £900 is in hand for Rehua Maori Hostel Extensions. The total cost of the Mission properties is £90,470 4s 1d. The cost of furnishings, fittings and equipment £10,700 18s. The depreciation on these items brings the total fixed assets to £88,873 8s 5d.

We gratefully acknowledge the following bequests. T. Bailey £1000, W. S. Davidson £300, M. A. Gibb £100, Catherine Smith £50, O. E. Cresswell £500. We are indebted to the following who have made grants to the work—Hyman Marks Trust £100, Maori Affairs Department £100, J. M. Williams Memorial Trust £300, Arnold Williams and Heathcote Memorial Trust £200, Connexional Fire Insurance Fund £500, Home Mission Department £100.

### **Rehua Hostel:**

The second stage in the development of Rehua Hostel is now being undertaken, a contract having been let for £2564 for the building of a new kitchen, matron's quarters, and reconstruction

of a diningroom and dormitory, bringing total accommodation up to 31.

#### **Darby and Joan Club:**

This Club, which has been functioning just over 12 months, is proving a happy centre of friendship for many lonely old folk. The roll number is 95.

#### **Amalgamation:**

In February of this year the Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Circuit amalgamated. Most of the former officials of the Circuit and the Mission share the responsibilities of office in the new cause.

#### **Future Policy:**

The Trusts and Sub Committees, are giving preliminary consideration to the future development of the work. The Social Service Trust and the Cambridge Terrace Trust will meet shortly to discuss a policy for the erection of more adequate buildings on the Cambridge Terrace site.

Consideration has been given to the establishment of a Hospital for the aged in another part of our Social Service area.

The need to extend Wesley Hospital has also received preliminary thought, and the possibility of a scheme to provide supervised flats for the aged frail is now under consideration. These matters will in due course be reported more fully to the Board.

The Superintendent represents the Church as Methodist Chaplain to H.M. Prison Paparua, is Hon. Probation Officer under the Child Welfare Department, and is also on the Aged People's Welfare Council and Executive. Miss O. G. Searle continues as a part time Social Service worker. Sister Doreen Bulford has a very full programme which she carries out with marked efficiency and devotion. The Board expresses its appreciation of the willing voluntary service given by the conveners of the sub committees, and their respective committees.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the reports from Auckland Central Mission, Christchurch Central Mission, Dunedin, and Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust be received and adopted.

2. That Conference approve of the principle of the Connexional offices in Auckland being housed in the proposed new Central Mission building.

3. That in order to facilitate the purchase of the Hostel in Majoribanks Street, Wellington, the amount ultimately due from the Hostel Appeal Fund to the Wesley Social Services Trust be advanced when required in anticipation of the payment of the Government subsidy.

4. 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, Dr D. O. Williams, Rev 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. Hills, 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. V. Willing, J. C. A. Williams, H. Whitfield, Mrs R. A. Marsh, Mrs F. Colechin, Mrs W. A. Megson, Sister Doreen Bulford, Messrs G. S. Salter, F. G. Colechin, P. A. LeBrun, L. S. Ayers, L. Butler, W. T. Lill, V. C. Lawn, N. G. Hillary, C. D. Barrell, R. H. Smith, Dr T. Enticott, Dr S. C. Peddie and Circuit Officials.

## Commission on Central Missions

### FURTHER PREAMBLE TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CENTRAL MISSIONS.

(Ref. Conference Minutes 1957, page 159).

The Commission has met again during the year in response to the recommendation of Conference last year that the report be given further consideration. Having solicited the views of district chairmen and having made other enquiries generally, the Commission is of the opinion that no new evidence has come forward to alter in substance the report of last year.

It is recognised that there are areas of social concern common to both circuit church and to central missions; indeed, it is the Christian duty of any local congregation always to minister to the known needs of persons or families in distress or special need. However, it is affirmed that over and above this acknowledged ministry of compassion of every congregation, there is a need for an institution in our Methodist Connexion to be the public focus for the church's social concern, especially in cities of major size.

It is affirmed that a need does exist for a specifically 'mission preaching' ministry in city Methodism—a ministry of freer worship than is normally found in circuit churches to-day to meet the needs of a class of people to be found in city life who are more at home in such a setting of worship. It is agreed that the day of the large city mission auditorium is over but there does continue a need for a mission congregation.

Where a central city mission appeal is to be included in a circuit budget system, two points need to be kept in mind: a budget allocation for ordinary representative relief activities in social service work; and secondly, the recognition of the right of city mission superintendents to approach individual people irrespective of their circuit membership affiliations, for contributions toward capital developmental work.

L. GORDON HANNA, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Report on pages 159-161 Minutes of Conference 1957 be adopted, with the addition of the above preamble.

### III.—Children's Homes

#### A.—AUCKLAND:

The Home has accommodated 62 children throughout the year. When children have moved out others have quickly taken their place. At the end of the year several boys and girls left to attend University and others are on farms and in offices.

Mrs R. M. Butterworth, the Matron left the Home at the end of the year. She had given long and faithful service and it was with regret that the Board accepted her resignation. Miss M. Jones, a Methodist from the Old Country has been appointed. Miss Jones has trained in Children's work in England and has had four years experience as a Sub-Matron in a New Zealand Children's Home. She comes well equipped for the position and brings to the work a deep love and devotion for children and an earnest desire to train them to take their place in the community. Miss James a Methodist from New Plymouth has come on the Staff and is filling the position as Assistant Matron.

The Board desires to thank the Ladies' Committee under the leadership of Mrs F. Harris—the House Committee under the convenorship of Mrs C. K. Wigglesworth—the Building Committee and especially Mr J. G. Rennie who has given hours of oversight and Mr K. Orams for his work supervising the Grounds. Our grateful thanks to the Chaplain, Rev G. T. Gilbert, Dr Barker, our Medical Advisor and to many others whose gifts and interest are such a help to the large family.

#### B.—MASTERTON.

There are now 31 children in the Home, five admissions and one departure.

The plans for the new Recreation Room have been approved and it is now only necessary to have Government approval for a subsidy before calling for tenders.

The Committee is again appreciative of the grants received from the Trust Lands Trust, these being £50 special Library grant and £30 for School Stationery.

The Committee also expresses appreciation to the members of the Wellington Senior Fellowship who paid a working visit to the Home.

During the year notification was received of the following bequests—

£900	Estate of Emily Taylor
£100	Estate of Julia Letcher
£100	Estate of Minnie Grace Sinclair
£50	Estate of Alice Moxham

A difficult year has been experienced through epidemics and staff illnesses.

A full staff is now assisting in the running of the Home. The Committee records its appreciation of their services and also expresses its grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Bateup for their assistance during a period of illness in the Home.

#### C.—SOUTH ISLAND

The brevity of this Report is in accordance with Conference decision, it does not indicate a lessened interest in the work. During the year we have cared for 65 children and at the present

there are 53 in residence, (34 boys and 19 girls). Several others are boarded out. One is in his second year at University and another is Head Prefect at the Papanui High School. Apart from minor ailments and accidents, the health of the children has been excellent. In this connection, mention must be made of the service given, for a number of years, by Dr S. C. Peddie. The children find a worshipping centre at our Papanui Church, several members of the Staff being Sunday School Teachers.

The most important change of the year was the appointment of Mr and Mrs W. Robertson, of Auckland, as Master and Matron. Mr Robertson is an engineer, while Mrs Robertson has had long nursing experience in Hospitals. Both have taken up their duties with enthusiasm. We wish them a happy and useful term of service. A new gardener, Mr R. G. Fraser of Cromwell has taken the place recently vacated by Mr C. Patient. The film "Room For One More" is being used with good results. The recreational life of the Home is being well catered for.

The Home was well reported on recently by an Officer of the Child Welfare Department.

As the Home caters for needy children throughout the South Island, we earnestly appeal to all our circuits to accept a greater measure of responsibility for it. Circuits working on a budget system are urged to make provision for increasing the amount set apart for the Home from time to time.

D. O. WILLIAMS (President of Conference), Chairman.  
A. EVERIL, ORR, Convener, and Official Representative N.Z.M.S.S.A.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Boards of Management be as printed on Page 11 herein.

**QUESTION LIIL.—**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 1958

#### Deaconess House:

There are five students in training this year. They have settled in very well and are acquitting themselves to the satisfaction of the Board. One student, Miss Mary Sealey, will be nominated to Conference for Dedication. Her probationary year was completed on the Maori Field, before entering the House.

The Hostel section of the House has been full. Deaconess House is a "home away from home" for many young women. The Board wishes to pay tribute to the Lady Superintendent, Mrs G. E. Gauntlett, for her wise and understanding leadership.

During the year Deaconess House was "home" to Miss Juliet Saloh for three months. This young lady is a student from Indonesia, and it was a privilege to have her with us.

The property Committee under the guidance of Mr A. A. Harrow, has undertaken major maintenance items in the House.

This has included additional bathroom and toilet accommodation together with extensive re-decoration. A new driveway has been provided for lecturers' cars, and the front fence lowered. All these items have helped to give the property an attractive appearance.

The Board expresses gratitude to the Ladies' Guilds and other groups in the Church for their continuing interest in the maintenance of the House. Their gifts assist us in seeking to maintain a reasonable standard of accommodation.

#### **Curriculum:**

The new curriculum has worked well this year. There has had to be only one adjustment, and that in the Old Testament course. This matter is in hand with the Examination Committee of Conference.

#### **Lectures:**

The Board is indebted to the Lecturers for their valued services. Those assisting us at present are as follows: Theology, Rev H. G. Brown; Old Testament, Rev C. P. Lucas, L.Th.; New Testament, Rev W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.; Church History, Rev C. D. Clark, B.A.; Pastoral Psychology, Rev P. A. Stead, B.A.; Religious Education, Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A.

#### **Brochure:**

The Board has prepared an attractive brochure for the recruitment of Deaconesses. We are anxious that the brochure should be widely distributed throughout the Church.

#### **Field Work:**

The reports from the Deaconesses in the field indicate extensive service for the Church and Kingdom.

Three Deaconesses work in City Missions, two in Children's Homes, four in Circuit appointments, seventeen in the Maori Field, and one with the Mission Staff in the Solomons. A worker in the Maori field says, "In addition to my routine work, I look after five Fellowship Groups . . . the members quite naturally taking their turn in Chain Prayer." Another writes, "I have five Sunday Schools and I am now assisting in Scripture lessons in day schools."

#### **Board Members:**

The names of the Board members for 1959 will be nominated to Conference. There are three vacancies to fill through the resignations of Mr and Mrs H. W. Beaumont, and Mrs W. I. McHarg. These three people have served the Board continuously for ten years, and we would draw the attention of the Church to their distinguished service.

#### **Induction Services for Deaconesses:**

As Induction Services have become accepted in the Church as the place of introduction of Ministers and Home Missionaries to their congregations, the Board considers it would be helpful to the Deaconess Order if there was provision for a similar service, to that for Ministers and Home Missionaries.

#### **Service of Deaconesses:**

Where a Deaconess has given a lifetime of service to the Church, or was serving in the Order at the time of her death, it has been customary to record her service only in the body of the Deaconess Board report. The Board is of the opinion that reference to service should be made under the appropriate questions on the Conference Agenda.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be expressed to Mrs W. I. McHarg and Mr and Mrs H. W. Beaumont for long and valued service to the Deaconess Board.
3. That the word "Deaconesses" be inserted after the word "Probationers" in para. (1), section 160 on page 28 of the Law Book.
4. That the word "Deaconesses" be inserted in Q.3, para 340 p. 64 of the Law Book and after the word "Probationers" in Q.13 on p. 74, para. 379 of Law Book.
5. That Recommendations 3 and 4 (above) be referred to the Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee.
6. Stationing of Deaconesses. "That the regulation concerning the appointment of Deaconesses (Law Book p. 123, Section 506. par. 31) as amended (Minutes. 1956. Sec. 7, p. 196) be again amended by repealing the last section thereof, and substituting the following: 'The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee its list of recommended appointments, and the Stationing Committee shall make its recommendations to Conference for the stationing of Deaconesses during the Second Reading of Stations'."
7. That the Deaconess Board be requested to examine and report on the policy recommended by an earlier Conference that an order be established within the Deaconess Order wherein a pulpit and pastoral ministry may be exerted by women after suitable special training; the Board to report to Synods and Conference of 1959.
8. That Conference express its very deep appreciation to the members of the Deaconess Order for their devoted service to the Church.
9. That the Board for 1959 be as printed on Page 10 herein.

**QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Children's Homes?**

(See Under Question LII.)

**QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?**

## A—Methodist Times Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

### Editorial:

On the recommendation of the Committee the Conference of 1957 re-appointed the Rev W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. for a further term of three years. The Committee is very gratified that vitality and variety continue to be the keynotes of his work evidenced in the high standard maintained in succeeding fortnightly issues.

His associate, the Rev H. S. Kings, in his return to this office has taken it up again with his usual enthusiasm and ability.

The Church is well served also by those who make regular contributions such as the Home Circle, the Quiet Hour, the Question and Answer columns, the Mission pages and others.

#### **Publishing:**

The Committee records also its deep appreciation of the fine service rendered to the Church by our printers, Messrs Kerslake, Billens and Humphrey, of Levin. They have printed the paper now for 20 years. During that long period the management has evidenced a consistent desire to give the very best service possible, and the Church has reaped great benefit from the loyal co-operation so freely given to the Editor and the Committee.

This year further variations in the format have been introduced, which it is felt will commend themselves to our readers.

#### **Finance:**

On the year's operation we record a working loss of £214 11s 4d. In view of the fact that the subscription rate has been maintained at the very low figure of 12s 6d per annum for a paper of 28 pages on quality white paper, the statement must be regarded as satisfactory.

#### **Circulation:**

Nothing outstanding can be reported herein. However, we record an excess of new subscribers over deletions of 164. The number of new readers is 670 while for the usual various reasons 486 names were deleted. Circulation figure at date is 5400.

Various methods have been employed from time to time to stimulate interest amongst larger sections of our people.

We commend to Synods and Circuits for careful consideration two examples of local initiative and drive. One Quarterly Meeting desired to see a substantial increase in readers of the Church paper. It decided to defray the cost of a part-year subscription for non-subscribing Church members. The result was an increase of 16 subscribers.

The other instance is that of a Probationer in a large scattered circuit who within three months of taking up his appointment sent in the names of 18 new subscribers, an increase of 37 per cent.

These facts show what can be done when there is present in our circuits the zeal and will to do something practical and worthwhile in this matter.

Increased revenue for the Committee would make possible a greater variety of features in the paper. In Circuits there would be a quickening of spiritual life because of the enrichment that would come to the lives of such a great number of our Church members through the material made available regularly through this medium.

2. **Committee for 1959:** That the Committee be as on Page 11 herein.

ERNEST H. ANDREWS, Chairman.  
H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

# B—Board of Publications

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

The Board has had an uneventful year, largely due to the difficulty of getting already busy people to supply material for publication, and also pressure of other work on Board members themselves. It becomes more and more clear as time goes on that when the financial aspects of the matter can be solved, the only way for a sound and progressive publication programme to be carried out, is the appointment of a full-time Director of Publications, who would become in due course, the Editor of the "Methodist Times."

### **The Sects:**

A very ready sale has been found for two small pamphlets about Mormonism published in conjunction with the Hamilton Ministers' Association. These will be followed shortly by pamphlets dealing with other similar bodies.

### **The Prayer Manual:**

Once again the Prayer Manual has been well received and it is evident that it has now become well established in the affections of our people. It is planned to have these available early in December, and they should prove useful substitute for Christmas cards. An important feature of the 1959 Manual will be a fortnight's cycle of morning and evening prayers selected in consultation with the Rev Dr H. Ranston.

### **Methodist Viewpoints:**

The printing and distribution of a leaflet setting forth important extracts from Conference reports and resolutions therein, was widely welcomed and will become a regular publication for the future.

### **Our Market:**

We need the full co-operation of Circuits right through the land if our publications are to reach the people for whom they are intended. An active agent in each local church would greatly increase our sales, thus releasing funds for further work.

We are conscious of a great responsibility on the part of the Church to make her message intelligible to the modern world, and earnestly hope that the Board's publication programme will help increasingly to achieve that desirable end.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £40 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Board be empowered to reprint a limited edition of "Our Fathers Faith and Ours" and that additional leaflet material be prepared in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education to elaborate the practical implications of Church Membership.
4. That Conference requests the Board of Publications, in consultation with the Department of Christian Education, to take immediate steps to produce a manual for Church Membership preparation to replace the present booklet "Our Fathers Faith and Ours."

5. That Conference commends the Publications Board for the useful service it renders to the Connexion, and urges it to pursue expeditiously its policy of a full-time Director of Publications.

6. That the Board be as printed on Page 11 herein.

**QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?**

## Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1958.

### Navy:

The position in so far as our Church is concerned remains unchanged.

### Army:

C.M.T. Camps. The Rev P. Rushton has completed a 'tour of duty' at Burnham.

N.Z. Division. The Rev J. A. Penman has relinquished his posting and has been replaced by the Rev P. A. Stead.

### Air Force:

The Air Force asked for a Methodist Chaplain to replace the Rev P. D. Ramsay, who returned to Circuit work at the beginning of the Connexional Year. He is posted to the Air Force Reserve of Officers, with liability to periods of service up to two weeks annually for four years.

After consultation with the President of Conference, the Rev C. F. Peart, who was nominated at Conference for a Short Service Commission, has been posted to the Air Force and is stationed at Woodbourne. Reports of his work are highly satisfactory.

### General:

It has been with much pleasure the Committee learns that Mr R. Hardie Boys has been appointed a Q.C. Mr Boys has been a member of the Central District Advisory Committee for many years and has always taken a keen interest in welfare of our Chaplains. He has also been prominent in R.S.A. and is a member of the Military Service Postponement Committee.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a reminder be given to Ministers appointed to Circuits adjacent to military and other services establishments to exercise pastoral oversight of the Methodist men in those bases.
3. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and E. C. D. Watson be appointed Treasurers.
4. That the District Advisory Committees be: Northern District, Revs R. F. Clement, W. S. Dawson, I. J. Clucas, G. T. Gilbert, J. C. Draper, L. P. Schroeder, Wesley Parker, Messrs R. T. Garlick and G. C. Riddell. Central District, Revs V. R. Jamieson, H. I. Shaw, P. D. Ramsay, L. Greenslade, Messrs T. M. Pacey, H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston, E. C. D. Watson. Southern District, Revs V. R. Jamieson, E. Baker, T. H. Carr, Messrs P. A. LeBrun, H. G. Smith, and B. A. Caygill.
5. That Mr Justice Hardie Boys be congratulated on his appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court and thanked for his services on the Committee.

6. That the Rev V. R. Jamieson be reappointed Senior Chaplain.

7. The circumstances of the termination of the appointment of the Rev P. D. Ramsay with the Air Force and the whole matter of the relationship of Chaplains to the Air Force has been examined by the Central District Chaplaincy Advisory Committee and Conference, and having heard the explanation of the circumstances, Conference recommends that any further action be left in the hands of the Senior Chaplain.

## C—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

### REPORT FOR 1958

Membership of the Society remains steady at about 350. We are glad to note that the Rev W. T. Blight has begun assembling material for a volume supplementary to Morley's History, covering the period since 1900.

#### **The Rev Dr C. H. Laws:**

With gratitude to God for a life of outstanding service, we record the passing during the year of our Foundation President, the Rev Dr C. H. Laws. His deep interest in Methodist history and his own scholarly research into the beginnings of our Church in this country, constitute a contribution to the work of the Society which will long be remembered.

#### **Proceedings for 1958:**

The following is the list of Proceedings for the year:

Vol. 16, Nos. 1-2—"Methodism in Auckland During the Maori Wars, 1860-1864."

Vol. 16, Nos. 3-4—"The Masterton Centenary Booklet."

Also, the long-delayed "Free Methodism in New Zealand," by the late S. G. Macfarlane, was circulated to members. We pay a tribute to this good friend who has done valuable work in writing up this piece of our history.

#### **Future Publications:**

During 1959, Miss Margaret Blight's "James Buller" will be published and it is hoped to issue some account of the life and work of the Rev Gideon Smales.

Our Council appeals to all Chairmen to survey their Synodal Districts for interesting aspects of Methodist work, of which the story still remains untold.

#### **Annual Meeting:**

The Lecturer at the Annual Meeting will be the Rev W. T. Blight. He will speak on "The Beginnings of European Circuit Life in New Zealand."

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the annual grant from the Contingent Fund be £5.

**QUESTION LVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?**

## **1 (A)—Church Union Committee**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1958**

During the year there have been three meetings of the Church Union Executive with an average attendance of 17, and one meeting of the full committee with an attendance of 28. The major work of the committee has centred in a series of sub-committees appointed to prepare material, representing the Methodist viewpoint, for presentation to the Conference of Union Committees of the four negotiating churches, to be held at St Stephen's Church, Lower Hutt, August 19-21, 1958. The following are the topics which have been under consideration, together with the name of the convener of each sub-committee, and of the place where it was located:

1. Doctrine (Rev W. R. Laws)—Palmerston North.
2. Schemes of Union (Rev J. D. Grocott)—Christchurch.
3. Practical Procedures for Co-operation (Rev L. C. Clements)—Wellington.
4. Union Churches (Rev C. O. Hailwood)—Lower Hutt.
5. Co-operation in Theological Training. This question was considered by the Trinity College Council in Auckland, and a report was forwarded to the Church Union Committee.

The Union Committees of the other three churches have also appointed denominational sub-committees to give consideration to the above topics.

At the meeting of our Church Union Committee at Trinity Church, Newtown, Wellington, on May 14, 1958, the reports of the sub-committees and that from the Trinity College Council were received and approved for forwarding to the Joint Standing Committee for presentation to the August Conference.

#### **Report of the Joint Standing Committee:**

The Joint Standing Committee will report direct to Conference on the findings of the August Conference of the Union Committees.

#### **Constitution of the Church Union Committee:**

The new constitution of the Church Union Committee with Conference officials, Chairmen of Districts and Departmental Representatives as ex-officio members, together with a strong working Executive with adequate lay representation centred in Wellington has worked well this year.

#### **Church Extension Matters:**

The Committee has given consideration to questions of Church Extension as they affect (1) Negotiations with sister churches in developing areas; (2) The financial problems involved in the purchase of land and erection of buildings for Union churches (e.g., Wainuiomata); and (3) Our Church's policy concerning its rate of development in new areas in relation to that of other denominations. The Committee has referred these matters to the Home Mission Board for consideration and report to Conference.

#### **Acting-Convener:**

Thanks are due to the Rev A. J. Johnston, who acted as Convener during the absence overseas of the Convener.

D. O. WILLIAMS, President.

A. K. PETCH, Convener.

# Report of The Joint Standing Committee on Church Union

1958

## I--Introduction

Every effort has been made by the Joint Standing Committee during the past year to carry out the tasks laid upon it by the supreme Courts of the four Churches who have entered into negotiation for union.

These tasks have consisted principally in the preparation for and organisation of a Conference of Representatives of these Churches, namely the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand, and the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand.

This report of the Joint Standing Committee consists for the most part of a summary of the material presented to the Conference and an indication of the recommendations that were agreed upon.

## II--Conference of Representatives of Four Negotiating Churches

### 1. Arrangements:

The Conference was held for three days, from August 19 to 21, in the St Stephens Church Buildings, Lower Hutt, and was attended by Church Union Committees of the four Churches and other representatives at their invitation; in all 33 representatives of the Presbyterian Church, 29 from the Methodist Church, 12 from the Associated Churches of Christ, and 7 from the Congregational Union.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the assistance given by the Minister of St Stephens, the Rev G. E. Dallard, the Session and Board of Managers of St Stephens, and the women's groups of St Stephens, Laings Road Methodist, Lower Hutt Church of Christ, and Lower Hutt Congregational Church.

### 2. Background to Conference:

- (i) The Conference was held in an atmosphere of worship and devotion; and, in a rich experience of real fellowship in Christ, points of agreement and difference were freely discussed, always with the clearly expressed desire of seeking the guidance of Almighty God in the issues studied.
- (ii) When the reports presented to the Conference are being studied and its findings being considered, the following three important factors should be noted.
  - (a) The Conference was held against the background of the vote on the Principle of Union taken in 1957, in which the four Churches declared their mind as favourable to Union.
  - (b) The Conference was the first occasion on which the Associated Churches of Christ were represented along with the other three Churches in frank discussion on matters of supreme common interest, including doctrine and Church government.
  - (c) The expressed purpose of the Conference was to consider the following, with a view to seeking through prayer and frank discussion, the guidance of the Holy Spirit in determining the next step to be taken and the outline of the first draft of a basis of union:

- (i) Doctrine.
  - (ii) Co-operation in theological education;
  - (iii) Spheres of practical co-operation and common action;
  - (iv) The study of various bases of union;
  - (v) Policy in regard to the future of union parishes.
- (iii) In the above five fields of study, committees of each of the negotiating Churches prepared reports. These were discussed both in full Conference and in sections.
3. (a) **Early Expression of Desire for Basis of Union:**

At an early stage it became clear that the Conference wanted the J.S.C. to proceed immediately with the preparation of a Basis of Union, and a resolution was passed to this effect.

(b) **The Nature of the Unity we Seek** (from the Report to the Conference of the J.S.C. Steering Committee on the Study of Various Bases of Union).

"The nature of the unity we seek is simply the unity which Jesus Christ is seeking to realise in and through His people."

It is a **given** unity, it has its essential reality in Jesus Christ Himself, so that those in Communion with Him cannot rest until they are in communion with each other. His gift to men is the holy catholic Church and it is our responsibility to cease marring His gift by our divisions, imperfections, and parochialism. It is a **visible** unity we seek, for it is our Lord's intention and prayer that it should be a witness to the world.

The co-operation of the Churches is not enough and may even become a substitute for true unity. Co-operation for the sake of economy, greater efficiency, more prestige, increased influence on public policies, eliminating competition, or enhanced power against common enemies is not undesirable as a secondary consideration. But it is no better than the co-operation the world seeks in business and professional life and various kinds of clubs in order to increase their bargaining power. It falls far short of the true unity of the one Body of Christ and of "total commitment to one another in a shared sacramental and congregational life which is the essence of the Church."

The times call for new outlook and new measures. The Faith cannot be adequately apprehended and the battle of the Kingdom cannot be worthily fought while the body is divided and is thus unable to grow up into the fullness of the life of Christ. The time has come, we believe, for all the separated groups of Christians to agree in forgetting the things that are behind and reaching out towards the goal of a reunited catholic Church. The removal of the barriers that have arisen between them will only be brought about by a new comradeship of those whose faces are definitely set this way.

"The vision which rises before us is that of a Church, genuinely Catholic, loyal to all truth, and gathering into its fellowship 'all who profess and call themselves Christians,' within whose visible unity all the treasures of faith and order, bequeathed as a heritage from the past to the present, shall be possessed in common, and made serviceable to the whole Body of Christ. Within this unity Christian communions now separated from each other would retain much that has long been distinctive in their methods of worship and service. It is through a rich diversity of life and

devotion that the unity of the whole fellowship would be fulfilled.

"This means an adventure of goodwill and still more of faith, for nothing less is required than a new discovery of the creative resources of God. To this adventure we are convinced that God is now calling all the members of His Church."

"Faithfulness to the revealed will of God requires nothing less than this: That all who accept Christ as Lord and Saviour should be recognisably one family **in each place**, bound together by the one baptism, by the reading, preaching and obedient hearing of the Word of God, by common participation in the Lord's Supper, by a ministry of word and sacrament recognisable by all Christians as the one apostolic ministry, and by a common congregational life in which there is freedom for the ministry of the entire membership in accordance with the gifts given by the Spirit to each."

Such a unity of the Church depends on the renewal of the Church. "It cannot be too strongly insisted that a church union which is not costly, which does not involve the whole of our churchmanship in a searching encounter with the living God, is not worth having. A unity which leaves our Churches as they are and merely ties them together by some administrative device, fails to meet the real sickness of which our disunity is a symptom."

We must offer not only our suggestions and our schemes, but ourselves. "When we turn to God in an act of repentance, which includes a willingness to surrender our separate existences in order to put ourselves afresh under the judgment and mercy of God, **at that point** we accept one another as we are. That is surely the only method of Christian reunion which is proper to the order of grace."

As we draw nearer to Christ we draw nearer to one another, for it is of His Spirit to accept men as they are and to give Himself for them and with them redeemingly. We must learn to love one another in genuine brotherhood and concern for one another's spiritual and temporal welfare.

Entry into a united church involves us all, among other things, in:

1. Having our minds constantly corrected to conform to the mind of Christ; our hearts open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as He moves through ordinary people in ordinary situations.
2. Accepting our share in the mission of the whole Church of the world.
3. Developing sacrificial sharing in place of surface sociability.
4. Outgrowing the subconscious conviction that we are in some ways superior to others, the vague distaste for "that other crowd" and the feeling of distance that has grown up between denominations. In other words, correcting our supercilious ignorance of one another.

#### **Principles Which Determine a Basis of Union**

The test of any union is that it express locally the great catholic unity of the Body of Christ. The ultimate aim is an indigenous Church that will be the New Zealand expression of the Church universal. A union of any group of churches should be on such a basis that the way will be opened and made easier (never more difficult) for negotiations to proceed with still other churches when they are moved to seek union.

Unity does not mean uniformity in thought or practice, nor

should union curtail liberty in Christ. The negotiating churches already have a great measure of agreement about worship, doctrine, and polity. This agreement, and our unity in Christ, ought to be constantly in evidence and never obscured by the necessary consideration of points of difference.

Those who, after years of experience in negotiating, have agreed upon bases of union, have found it impossible to make definite regulations concerning all matters that will confront the united Church. That would be dividedness dictating to unity which it had not experienced. It is better that minds be kept open for new light from the Spirit of God. They have found it helpful to enter into a mutual pledge that during the growing-together period there would be no over-riding of conscience by authorities or majorities and no administrative acts that would knowingly transgress the long-established traditions of any of the uniting Churches. Assurances have been given in the spirit of confidence and love that there would be freedom of opinion and practice. Differences have not been discounted or explained away, they have been treated as needed for the contributions they could make within the life of the one Body.

One difference met with in most negotiations concerns **Church Membership**. All the churches have in their concern and care infants, adherents and communicants. They do not differ in the pastoral oversight given these groups but on how they are to be regarded in relation to church membership and especially on whether infants should be baptised or only those who profess their faith in Christ. In other lands the negotiating churches that have considered this difference all suggest that both forms of baptism be practised in the united Church with liberty for congregations, homes and ministers to follow their own convictions. (See the Ceylon, Anglican - Presbyterian - Methodist - Congregational - Baptist scheme; the North India-Pakistan, same churches plus Churches of Christ or Disciples; the U.S.A. Greenwich plan, same 4 church families as in New Zealand; Outline of a Reunion Scheme for the Church of England and the Free Churches of England, 1938).

Determination of the proper administration of the sacraments cannot be left unsettled in any actual scheme of union. Overseas plans state that the celebration and administration of the **Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper** should be entrusted to those called and authorised by the Church. The mode of authorisation varies according to the constitution of the Church concerned. Where the local congregation is regarded as holding the full authority of the Church in that place, the authorisation is given by the local congregation through its own proper channels. In other Churches it is given normally in ordination.

Involved in each union proposal is the acceptance of all ministers of the uniting churches as ministers of the united Church, and all members of the uniting churches as members of the united Church.

**Church Government or Polity** has developed through centuries along three main lines—episcopal, presbyteral, and congregational. The aim of all union negotiations has been to preserve the values of each within the united Church. At present the episcopal church is engaged in the New Zealand conversations. No doubt present values could be preserved by providing for a General Assembly, District Conferences or Synods, and Congregational Councils or Eldership.

When the lines of general advance became clear and are accepted and the growing-together process is continuing, there will be many matters of detail to be decided in a spirit that seeks only the glory of Christ and the good of His Church. In the management of their local affairs the various groups existing prior to union should be entitled to continue the organisation and practices enjoyed by them, subject, in general affairs, to the decisions of the united Church.

#### 4. Reports Presented to Conference.

##### A—DOCTRINE

(i) **Summary of Reports:** A Common Declaration of Faith prepared by the Joint Standing Committee in 1955 was used as a basis of study, and was submitted to the four negotiating Churches with the request that they amend it as desired. This original Common Declaration, together with the four amended versions, were submitted to the Conference.

The study of this material revealed that there is a considerable measure of agreement and also some acute divergence.

In the limited time available at the Conference, it was suggested that attention be focussed on the sections concerning the Church, the Ministry and Baptism, as areas where divergence is acute.

The following questions on Doctrine were submitted for sectional discussion:

- (a) The autonomy of the local congregation;
- (b) The restriction of the administration of the sacraments to the ordained ministry;
- (c) "The apostolate of the laity";
- (d) Should women be eligible for all offices in the Church?

These were to be discussed in the light of the following extracts from "Precis of Ceylon Scheme" (page 14):

- (a) The uniting Churches believe that, because the Church is the Body of Christ, it is therefore a royal priesthood through which Christ the risen and ascended High Priest continues His priestly work. All its members are called, in virtue of their union with Christ, to a priestly ministry both Godward in the offering of spiritual sacrifices, gifts and prayers for mankind; and manward in the showing forth by life and word of the glory of the redeeming power of God. No individual and no one order in the Church can claim exclusive possession of this priesthood.
- (b) Side by side with, and organically related to, the ordained ministry of the Church is the ministry of the laity. It shall be the constant concern of the Church of Lanka to see that the laity make their full contribution in the life of the Church, not merely in the stewardship of the Church's temporal affairs, but as a lay apostolate which shares in the many-sided encounter with the world wherein lies the Church's evangelistic task and opportunity.
- (c) The uniting Churches recognise that episcopal, presbyteral, and congregational elements will have their place in the order of life of the Church of Lanka; and that the episcopate, the presbyterate, the diaconate and the congregation of the faithful should all, in accordance with their several functions, have responsibility and exercise authority in the life and work of the Church,

in its governance and administration, in its evangelistic and pastoral work, in its discipline and in its worship.

2. The Conference was asked to consider such issues as the subject and mode of Baptism, and the question of re-baptism. This was to be discussed in the light of the following extracts from the Plan of Church Union in North India and Pakistan (page 42). Guiding principles in Regard to the Alternative Practices of Infant Baptism and Believers' Baptism:

- (2) While the Church of North India/Pakistan will have within its membership both persons who practise infant Baptism in the sincere belief that this is in harmony with the mind of the Lord, and those whose conviction it is that the Sacrament can only properly be administered to a believer, nevertheless the Church holds that there is but one Baptism which is therefore unrepeatable in the life of any one person, no matter by which practice it was administered.
- (3) The Church of North India/Pakistan recognises the duty and right of its ministers to instruct their people on the meaning of Baptism in accordance with their convictions, but understands that in loyalty to the principle stated in 2 above, its ministers will refrain from any attempt to persuade those who were brought up in either of the accepted practices of the Church to adopt the alternative practice for themselves or for their children.
- (4) The Church of North India/Pakistan is keenly aware of the fact that divergence of conviction on this matter is something which can only be borne within one fellowship by the exercise of much mutual forbearance and charity. Nevertheless it believes that it is called to make this act of faith in the conviction that it is not the will of the Lord of the Church that they who are one in their faith in Him should be divided even for such a cause as this. It further believes itself to be called to this venture, in the confidence that in brotherly converse within one Church, those of diverse convictions will be led together in the unity of the Spirit to learn what is His will in this as in other matters of difference.
- (6) The Church further understands that, in the event of a person who has already been baptised in infancy being led to the conviction that believers' baptism is more truly in keeping with the mind of Christ, the ministers of the Church will help such a person to seek the remedy of what he now believes to be a grave lack in his own Baptism, not by re-Baptism, but by some other means which effectively re-affirms his Baptism and symbolises for him his engrafting into Christ.

**(ii) Conference Findings:**

The Conference considered matters of doctrine in the following way: The Joint Standing Committee had prepared in 1955 a Common Declaration of Faith. This was submitted to the responsible committees of the four Churches with the request that it be amended as desired. The original draft and the amended versions were submitted to the Conference as the basis for discussion of matters of doctrine. The Conference paid particular attention to the sections on the Church, the Ministry and Baptism as sections involving differences of belief. A set of questions was submitted for group discussion, with the object of assisting frank discussion on the points of difference.

Two aspects of the situation became apparent: One, substantial agreement concerning many of the central doctrines of the Faith, the other, the divergence of view in two important matters, namely, Baptism and the Ministry.

Though detailed consideration of every section was not undertaken, the replies of the Church committees showed a large measure of general agreement. It was clear that this is sufficient to warrant beginning work on a doctrinal statement which would be part of the Basis of Union.

The following were the resolutions:

1. That the Joint Standing Committee proceed without delay to prepare the doctrinal part of a Basis of Union.
2. That the Joint Standing Committee set up a Commission, at the highest theological level, to consider the doctrine of Baptism.
3. That the Joint Standing Committee be requested to ensure that when the Basis of Union is being drawn up, special attention be given to the question of the administration of the sacraments.
4. That the Conference express its strong confidence that, though there have been quite acute divergences of belief, the same frankness and concern for the true understanding of the Faith, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit would lead to a reconciliation of the differing points of view.

#### **B—CO-OPERATION IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

##### **(i) Summary of Reports:**

A memorandum had been submitted to the appropriate Committees of the four Churches and this, together with comments of each Church, were submitted to the Conference.

##### **(ii) Conference Findings:**

###### **I. Co-operation Between Existing Colleges:**

The Conference agreed that further co-operation between the four Colleges is strictly limited, not by lack of good-will, but by such practical difficulties as those of geography, staff and existing curricula. Furthermore, the existence and pressure of the B.D. course, impell all Colleges to some degree of uniformity in standards and that in our present divided state, little else is possible.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That provision be made for representatives of each denomination to interpret the doctrine, history and polity of that denomination to the students of other Colleges.
2. That consultations on co-operation in the training of Deaconesses take place between the four Churches.
3. That the four Colleges consider the possibility of making a bursary for overseas study available to students from any of the four Colleges.

##### **II. Preparation for a Basis of Union:**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. It is held in common that students for the Ministry must be called by God, tested by the Church, and attain certain academic standards.
2. In a united Church, university entrance should be the normal minimum requirement for further academic preparation beyond U.E. before entering Theological College.

3. That the norm for the standard of training should be the B.D. course, recognising that that standard would be tempered for some students.

4. We see the need for at least two Theological Colleges providing the same standard of teaching but each with courses for students of higher and lower academic qualifications.

5. The relationship between College training and ordination and also the question of the ordaining body needs early consideration in the preparation of a basis for union.

6. Consideration should be given to the value of Theological students being trained in residential Colleges with students of other faculties.

#### C—SPHERES OF PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION AND COMMON ACTION

##### (i) Summary of Reports:

The following are extracts from the Report of the Joint Standing Committee Steering Committee on this subject (the reports of the four churches followed this report very closely and there were no acute divergencies):

On the surface, this field may appear relatively unimportant. We must guard again this superficial judgment. We dare not dismiss it as trivial. There are those who hold that the ultimate union of the Church will most readily arise from the actual fellowship of Christians. Union may not be primarily a matter of theological adjustment, ecclesiastical diplomacy or institutional consolidation; nevertheless, practical co-operation, if this be the case, is in the forefront of all Union thought and negotiation.

There already exists a considerable measure of agreement, and there is practical co-operation already over a wide area. Recent years have seen an extension in the ways and means whereby we may work together. We point to:

(a) The Joint Board of Graded Lessons—an enterprise that is most successful, and that meets us at a critical place in our Church life, viz., Christian Education. This joint enterprise is now entering the field of Adult Education on our behalf.

(b) The Joint Standing Committee, and the Joint Regional Committees.

(c) Helpful co-operation at various points in Theological Training—exchange of ideas, B.D. Course, retreats for Theological Staffs and students.

(d) Union Parishes.

(e) Churches of a Reciprocal Membership basis.

(f) Exchange of official observers at Assemblies and Conferences.

(g) Bible in Schools coverage.

(h) Combined activity in classes, camps, retreats, etc.

(i) Combined Services, occasional Communion services, Holy Week observances.

(j) Combined Teacher Training Courses.

Immediate and wide extension of many of the above activities will be recommended in the report.

## **(ii) Conference Findings:**

### **1. The Ministry**

That while we recognise each other's Ministry, there is need for a fuller appreciation of the fact, that:

- (a) Ministers may be called or selected for special appointments of an interdenominational nature, irrespective of denominational affiliation.
- (b) Brief exchanges may be facilitated for Missions, emergency pastorates, and special enterprises, and if there is a mutual desire on the part of minister and people of different denominations, special arrangements should be made to bring about exchange of ministers.

### **2. Theological Training**

That regular lectures could be given in each College on the history and present-day situation of the four negotiating Churches. While in each College no doubt Church History is fairly taught, there is room for specific lectures on the present-day emphasis of each Church. Specific contributions may be made to-day in quite different ways from those chronicled historically. An exchange of lecturers directly involved is recommended, where possible.

### **3. Christian Education**

As is the case with most of the teaching material used, our teachers, and Christian Education staff, could be similarly shared. Better use could be made of the specialised skills and expert knowledge of the Youth Directors. For example, an expert in visual education could be at the disposal of all four denominations in any given area. Overlapping could thus be avoided and a more efficient use made of our resources.

That Youth Directors confer with a view to planning the year's work and the best use of their services to the four denominations in any given year.

### **4. Church Papers**

The time was when the "Outlook" and the "Methodist Times" were one paper. The matter of their amalgamation has been considered from time to time. Two possible lines are recommended for consideration:

- (a) The speedy amalgamation into a worthy Christian weekly of the "Outlook," "Methodist Times," "Christian," and "Courier."
- (b) Failing the above, or until such time as this can happen, each Church paper carry an official column in which the news and views of the others be set forth.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Presbyterian Publications Committee suggesting that the Editors of the Church papers of the negotiating Churches be called together to consider ways of presenting regular news of denominational activities and views, and that information be sought concerning their findings on the question of a combined paper.

### **5. Church Praise and Music:**

That in this field there is room for much greater co-operation in learning and appreciating the contribution of other denominations. Practical steps could well include:

- (a) Combined Festivals and combined choirs.

- (b) Individual choirs using the Hymn book of other Churches on occasions.
- (c) The production of hymn sheets, specially designed for such occasions as Good Friday, Easter, Advent, World Communion Sunday. In connection with the above, the weakness generally is that the hymns selected are those common to all, and miss some great hymns that belong to one hymnal alone. There is need, therefore, for the compilation of a Hymn Brochure that will: (1) Give advice to choirmasters and others on the hymns that might be used by all, though found in but one hymnal at present. (2) Provide a list of hymns, new and old, that specifically promote the spirit of union. Such a hymnal would not only pave the way for any future hymnal, but would be useful for radio devotions much in the same way as the B.B.C. publications of the same nature.

That when it decided that Church union is to take place, an early start be made on the production of a combined hymnary—by a Committee of Ministers and musicians.

#### **6. Exchange of Observers:**

The exchange of observers at Assemblies and Conferences level could, with advantage, be extended to work on the district and Parish level. The presence of official observers at key services of each denomination would be helpful, e.g., Service of Infant Baptism, Believers' Baptism, Reception into Church Membership; Confirmation, or Admission into Full Communion; Communion Services.

Observers should be instructed in their practice and the practice of those whom they visit; they should officially represent their denomination, etc., and report back to them.

#### **7. Training of Lay Workers:**

Some training is now given but in a spasmodic fashion. There is, in Auckland, provision made in the Congregational College for a Lay Course, and in each of the other Colleges private lay students are sometimes taken. There is an obvious combined field among the four denominations. A profitable line of inquiry would be the suggestion that the Deaconesses be trained in association with one Theological College and a "School" for Lay and/or social workers be associated with the other.

"We should note that the B.T.I. does not fulfil the purpose envisaged by the proposals under consideration."

We favour the training of lay workers in a common Christian school under the control of the negotiating Churches.

**Note.**—That the Methodist Church proposed to commence a Course in 1960. It is recommended that there be consultations between those at present training lay workers and those contemplating such courses; that these Courses be open to members of other denominations and that the Courses be co-ordinated.

#### **8. Bookroom:**

While the way may not be open at the moment for the combining of the Bookrooms, it is believed that Managers could be approached re the possibility of shops stocking and displaying the specialised literature of each other's denomination.

#### **9. Baptismal Certificate:**

A combined certificate is available. Enquiries should be made

as to the use being made of it, and whether it could be improved by re-drafting.

#### **10. Joint Regional Committees:**

That much fuller use could be made of these committees. Where they are functioning they are proving their usefulness. It may be possible to increase their authority and make them the channels through which all Churches plan their extensions and maintain an adequate coverage. The question of redundant Churches could also be referred to them. There is need in the Colleges and among people for fuller publicity for this avenue of co-operation.

That until union is consummated, action be taken by the appropriate Courts of each Church to ensure that Joint Regional Committees actually function and report regularly to the J.S.C.

#### **11. Local Parish Combined Activity**

That joint activities here can make people from neighbouring Churches known to each other as people and so bring "Union" out of the realm of ideas, schemes and arrangements into the realm of persons.

Opportunities exist as below:—

- (a) Joint camps. Camps, both young people's and adult, are good for individual Congregations, and are no more difficult to arrange where several Congregations join together.
- (b) Neighbourhood groups, meeting in houses for Bible study and prayer, fellowship and service to the neighbours. These "Churches in each street" are best done as a joint project.
- (c) Contact clubs, men's, women's, married's, bowls, etc., often find insufficient members to run at their best. Joint clubs are the answer.
- (d) In addition to the opportunities already listed under combined services there is the after-Church film, debate, social hour.

#### **12. Recommendations Arising From Discussion in Sections:—**

1. That investigations be made into the possibility of extending co-operation in: (a) Social Services; (b) Student Hostels; and (c) Utilising workers for mission areas.

2. That the J.S.C. recommend to the supreme Courts of the Churches that meetings of Parishes/Circuits to discuss definite spheres of co-operation for the year, be called early in 1959.

### **D.—STUDY OF BASES OF UNION**

#### **(i) Summary of Reports:**

The discussion followed the statement on the unity we seek, presented earlier (see page 2), and as background information, there were presented full outlines of the following bases of union:—

1. Re-union scheme for the Church of England and the Free Churches in Great Britain. 1938. (Anglican-Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregational-Baptist.)

2. Plan for a United Church in the United States. (The Greenwich Plan.) (Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregational-Disciples or Churches of Christ-Evangelical.)

3. Scheme of Union in Ceylon. (1956 Precis.) (Anglican-Presbyterian-Methodist-Baptist-Congregational.)

4. The Plan of Church Union in North India and Pakistan. (3rd ed., 1957.) (Anglican-Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregational-Baptist-Disciples of Christ.)

5. Relations between Anglican and Presbyterian Churches in Great Britain.

6. The Basis of Union of the United Church of Canada. (Presbyterian-Methodist-Congregational.)

(ii) **Conference Findings:**

**Recommendations:**

1. (a) It was agreed that the N.Z. Church should express the Catholic Unity of the Body of Christ, while recognising diversity within the Church.

(b) It was recognised that liberty in Christ should be maintained within the United Church and that this should not be confused with irresponsibility or licence. In order to fulfil the divine task committed to the Church, we must be guided by the Holy Spirit and be willing to accept new light. Freedom and consideration for the consciences of others must go hand in hand with a bold movement and a consecrated endeavour to establish the Church which will serve the needs of the people of the Dominion, and that more effectively in unity than can be done by the Churches separately.

2. (a) The Joint Standing Committee was requested to arrange for a representative Commission to study the whole question of Baptism and to obtain, if possible, further information from the North India and Ceylon Churches, with regard to the provisions made in their bases.

(b) It was recommended that a discussion of this matter be initiated in the Joint Regional Committees.

3. It was agreed that the existing ministries of the negotiating Churches should be recognised as valid and in a united Church; Ordination should be by laying on of hands.

4. It was agreed that, in considering a basis of union, provision should be made in the polity of the Church for meetings of the Congregation, that is the Church Meeting.

5. That there should be careful consideration of the possibility of some form of Episcopacy with special reference to the pastoral nature of the office. This should be considered on its merits, whether the Anglican decision be to negotiate or not.

6. No insuperable difficulty could be seen in amalgamating the different systems of the negotiating Churches; the rights of the Congregation to be preserved; representation on District Courts to be of both ministers and laymen; and the highest Court of the Church to be on a national basis.

## **E.—THE FUTURE OF UNION PARISHES**

(i) **Summary of Reports:**

The following is the substantial portion of the report of the J.S.C. Steering Committee, which contains all points of importance raised in the reports of the four Churches:

**1. The Establishment of Union Churches:**

The history of the Union Churches in New Zealand could be said to date from the adoption by the Presbyterian and Anglican Assembly and the Methodist Conferences of 1949 of the Model Constitution for Union Churches. This sets out concisely the essential basis for co-operation by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in any agreed area, and has been the pattern for the Union Parishes that have been so established.

Union Parishes are as follows:—

Raglan	Seaside Town and Rural Area	Established 1943
Corstorphine	New Housing Area, Dunedin	Established 1947
Taita	New Housing Area, Lower Hutt	Established 1947
Marchwiell	New Housing Area, Timaru	Established 1951
Wainui-o-mata	New Housing Area, Hutt County	Established 1953

It should be noted that Raglan Union Parish is, in fact, a group of churches in a predominantly rural area. At the time of union it was a Congregational Church, and many Methodist families live in the district, with the result that the present membership is predominantly Methodist. Being located in an isolated area some 30 miles from Hamilton, there were strong reasons for co-operative working, and the Union Parish was a natural development.

Corstorphine Union Church combined some two years ago with the adjacent Presbyterian congregation to form one Presbyterian Parish and appears to be making progress.

The other Union Parishes are all in new housing areas where there was a strong desire for co-operative working by local members, and reports received indicate harmonious and effective working despite the many difficulties in each local situation.

## **2. Reasons for Establishment of Union Churches:**

In every case, the Union Parish came, not through suggestions of Higher Church Courts, but because of:

(a) A clear conviction of large groups of Christ's people in developing communities that their church life should be together and not divided into Presbyterian, Methodist or Congregational denominations.

(b) The firm determination of such groups to remain together in one church in spite of great difficulties and a certain reluctance (at least in some quarters) on the part of the denominations concerned, to agree to such unorthodox and complex Church development.

(c) The compelling necessity upon negotiating churches to find some framework and constitution to make it possible for such groups to be retained in the life of the Churches.

The Joint Standing Committee on Church Union was clearly not responsible for the establishment of these Union Churches for it did not come into existence as a Committee until 1951, which was subsequent to the formation of four of the five Union Churches. In the case of the Wainui-o-mata Union Church, negotiations were already in progress by 1951 and the Committee, at the request of the District Courts, facilitated the agreement which was finally reached in 1953, after determined efforts on the part of the Wainui-o-mata people to establish their Union Parish.

## **3. Reciprocal Membership Churches**

In contrast to the Union Parish working under the Model Constitution, there has been established in several new areas, a system of co-operative working which has come to be known as a Reciprocal Membership Church. Such Churches are an extension of the principle agreed to by the negotiating churches that a church of one denomination would receive into membership a member of another denomination as a "reciprocal member" for as long as his particular denomination continued to be unrepresented in that area. This principle has enabled the churches to work in agreed areas avoiding close proximity of new buildings.

Reciprocal membership churches are churches of a particular

denomination and are usually known and referred to as a church of that particular denomination. Where there are a considerable number of "reciprocal members" taken into fellowship, as at Tawa Flat Methodist and Linden Presbyterian, there is perhaps less emphasis on the denominational name but, in general, it was the intention in the reciprocal membership agreement to disturb the denominational working as little as possible.

#### 4. "Hillsborough" Pattern Churches:

This is a variation of the Reciprocal Membership agreement, but with certain basic differences. The best-known example is at Hillsborough, Auckland, which has operated satisfactorily for four years. The following features are characteristic of this method of working.

(a) The notice-board of the Church (at Hillsborough) states that it is a "Presbyterian-Methodist" Church.

(b) Newspaper advertising, church publicity, etc., all emphasise the combined nature of the Church.

(c) There is a definite agreement for monthly exchange of pulpits.

(d) Arrangements have been made for the Methodist minister to conduct Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals where this is desired by local Methodist members.

(e) Methodist members are encouraged to associate themselves fully with the life and work of the Hillsborough congregation and the Membership Roll for both Communicants and Adherents is kept so that Presbyterians and Methodists are distinguished thereon. (This preserves the agreement as to reciprocal membership).

(f) Methodists are sharing in the Offices of the Church. Four out of 16 managers are Methodist, as are three out of twelve elders.

(g) Combined Missionary Group and Bible Class Funds are apportioned to Presbyterian and Methodist Missions at the ratio of 3 : 1. All co-operate in the Freewill Offering System in operation at the Church, and have contributed generously to the new building fund.

(h) There is an agreed constitution which received the assent of the local Presbytery and Synod Standing Committee and the bounds of the parish are defined in the agreement.

(i) There is a liaison Committee established but it has had to meet very seldom and a most harmonious atmosphere appears to exist between all parties concerned.

From the above it will be seen that the "Hillsborough" scheme has many of the characteristics of a Union Church.

In all other respects it operates as a Presbyterian Parish with its own Minister, Session, and Board of Managers.

The present membership is 145 Presbyterians and 35 Methodists. This represents 90 per cent of the Communicant Presbyterians in the area, and about 70 per cent of the Methodists—which must be considered very satisfactory.

The Committee has no detailed information in respect to a "Methodist-Presbyterian" Church or of other similar arrangements although these are believed to be working in some areas.

#### 5. The Place of the Joint Regional Committees:

The Committee wishes to draw attention to the importance of the Joint Regional Committee in any area where people express the

desire to have a united Church life of some kind. Through the Joint Regional Committee such groups of people can be consulted and guided and given the benefit of experience that has been gained in other new areas and yet remain responsible to the District Courts of the negotiating Churches.

It is therefore recommended that the negotiating Churches be reminded of the need for ensuring the existence and activity of Joint Regional Committees in all areas agreed upon.

**(ii) Conference Findings:**

There was general agreement that various forms of co-operation on the Parish level need to continue.

**Recommendations:**

1. No particular scheme of co-operation or of Union Church will meet every situation.

2. Any departure from the principle of Union Churches would shake the confidence of members of established Union Churches, and of Church members generally, in the sincerity of our intention in regard to ultimate union.

3. That the J.S.C. be asked to take steps to review the model Constitution with a view to more effective working with particular reference to such things as.

(a) Legal difficulties in making capital grants and loans to Union Churches.

(b) The settlement and tenure of the ministry.

(c) Other relevant matters referred to in the reports presented to the Conference.

4. The formation of further Union Churches on the basis of the Model Constitution should be deferred until the supreme Courts of the negotiating Churches have approved a revised basis, and the certainty of ultimate union is reasonably established.

5. There was general agreement that Churches of the "Hillsborough" pattern, and of other reciprocal membership schemes, may have a place as an alternative means to Union Churches in new areas, and that the J.S.C. be asked to prepare data including a Model Agreement for the guidance of Churches contemplating such action.

6. That effective Joint Regional Committees are essential for consultation on plans for church extension and co-operative working. The necessity for this should be urged upon the Church Courts by the J.S.C.

7. That existing Union Churches continue as at present and they be given the assurance and encouragement that a vote on the Basis of Union will be taken in the foreseeable future.

8. That the J.S.C. present a draft Basis of Union to Assemblies and Conference of 1959/60, to be referred to District Courts and/or Local Church Courts in 1960, with a view to a vote being taken in 1961.

**(iii) Planning for the Next Vote.**

It became clear at the recent Conference that there was a strong feeling amongst the representatives that every effort should be made to have a basis of union prepared as soon as possible and submitted at the earliest moment to the vote of the people. Indeed, a timetable was prepared and agreed to which provided for the proposed basis to be brought before the supreme Courts of the

Churches in 1959 and to the District and Local Courts in 1960 with a view to the vote being taken in 1961.

The J.S.C. has given careful consideration to this suggestion. Two important considerations must determine our procedure:

- (1) No time should be lost in preparing a draft basis of union and in referring it to the Courts of the Churches and finally to the vote of the Church Members, and that with due diligence this process need not be prolonged.
- (2) The submission of a basis of union to the vote of the Members of the Churches, will be the conclusion of many years of negotiation and discussion and is a vital step—it is important, therefore, that this process should not be rushed, but that all possible care be taken in the preparation of a basis, and in ensuring that before the vote is taken, all Members of the Churches are fully informed upon, and clearly understand, the issues they are being called upon to determine.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the work of preparing a basis of union should be commenced immediately with a view to submitting a proposed basis to the supreme Courts of the Churches in 1959 or 1960, for reference to the district and local Courts in 1960-61, and for the vote of Members of the Churches as soon thereafter as possible.

**(iv) Reports of Union Churches:**

The Committee does not feel justified in publishing detailed reports this year, although full information is available if required.

**(v) Constitution of J.S.C. Committee:**

This matter, which referred principally to the numerical representation on the Committee, has not been overlooked, but consideration was deferred until the responsibility of the Committee became more clearly defined.

Discussions will now be resumed and a report and recommendation made in due course.

**(vi) Finance:**

It is suggested that the financial arrangements be continued as for last year, namely, contributions from the Presbyterian Church, £20; Methodist Church, £12; Congregational Churches, £4; and the Associated Churches of Christ, £4.

R. S. ANDERSON, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report of the Church Union Committee be received and adopted and that the Report of the J.S.C. be received.

2. That the J.S.C. be authorised to proceed immediately to the preparation of a draft Basis of Union for presentation to the supreme Courts of the Churches in 1959/60 and for reference to District and/or Local Courts of the Churches in 1960/61, with a view to a vote being taken upon the proposed basis as early as possible thereafter.

3. That the J.S.C. be authorised to arrange for a special committee to consider the doctrine of Baptism; the members to be appointed by the four negotiating Churches.

4. That the recommendations 1, 2 and 3, under the heading "Co-operation in Theological Education, 'Co-operation Between Existing Colleges,'" be referred to the Committees in each of the

four Churches responsible for Theological Education, for consideration and report to the J.S.C.

5. That the J.S.C. refer the relevant extracts of the Reports and Findings of the recent Conference to the appropriate Committees of the negotiating Churches, for consideration.

6. That local congregations of the negotiating Churches be asked, wherever it is possible, to meet together early in 1959 to discuss definite spheres of co-operation for the year.

7. That the District Courts of the four Churches—Presbyteries, Synods, Standing Committees, and District Committees—be urged to ensure the effective working of Joint Regional Committees in accordance with the decision of the supreme Courts of the Churches in 1955.

8. That the suggested apportionment of the working expenses of the Committee be approved.

9. That the section on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek" in the report be printed and circulated to Circuits for study.

10. That Conference record its gratitude at the progress made in the conversations on Church Union and appreciates particularly the work of the Joint Standing Committee and the recent Conference.

11. That the representatives on the Joint Standing Committee for 1959 be: Revs E. S. Hoddinott, G. H. Goodman, A. J. Johnston, W. F. Ford, A. K. Petch, R. G. Bell, and Messrs R. H. Ellis and A. R. Dellow.

12. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

## LVIII. 2—Central Finance Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT

#### General Appeal, 1957:

The total amount asked for was £2681 2s 6d, but only £2523 10s 9d was received up to the 30th June, 1958. For the second year in succession the Auckland and Otago-Southland Districts failed to reach their District Allocation. At the end of the year there was still £231 16s 11d owing by the Auckland District.

The South Auckland District exceeded its allocation by over 20 per cent.

There is sufficient on hand for the Committee to make its usual distribution of one half the promised grants before the proceeds of the 1958 Appeal come to hand.

#### Budget for 1959 Appeal (and basis of same):

The Committee submits the following Budget:

Trinity College	£1100
National Council of Churches	375
Council for Christian Education	250
Armed Forces Chaplaincy	100
New Zealand Alliance	200
National Society on Alcoholism	25
Local Preachers' Association	50
Spiritual Advance Committee	160
University Chaplains—	
Auckland	30
Wellington	100
Canterbury	75
Otago	42

£2507

To meet the above amounts the Committee is recommending that for the 1959 Appeal the basis be 2s per member.

#### **Hospital Chaplaincy:**

The amounts required for the various Districts are as follows:

Auckland	£380
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	65
Wellington	50
North Canterbury	100
Otago-Southland	60
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	£655

The Committee approves of the above amounts being raised.

#### **Connexional Levies:**

These should now be reviewed on a five-year basis but as the Connexional Budget Scheme is to be introduced in 1960, the Committee is of the opinion that this matter is now one for the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee.

#### **CONNEXIONAL APPEALS AND DISTRICT OR LOCAL OBJECTS**

During the past year requests have been made to the President and the Committee for clarification of the position in regard to appeals made within a District and also appeals made by a Department to organisations connected with such Department.

A Connexional Appeal is one made generally to all members and adherents of the Church. It may be made on a national or a district basis. Conference has approved of annual appeals for the Missions, for the Orphanages, for the Youth Department, and for the funds, etc., covered by the General Appeal. The Social Service Organisations have been given the right to appeal within their respective areas. Any other appeal has to receive the authority of Conference, e.g., Advance Methodism Appeal. Provision is made in our law that between Conferences application can be made to the President and this Committee for permission to make an appeal. This should be done only in cases of emergency and in unforeseen circumstances.

District Appeals to Church members are in the same position as appeals to the whole Church. The only difference is that a district Appeal is made in a limited area.

The present system was introduced by Conference to avoid multiplicity of appeals and to provide for spacing of the appeals through the year. Except in cases of emergency or in unforeseen circumstances any Church organisation either connexional or district should know its requirements in ample time to make an application to Conference for permission to make an appeal.

In cases of emergency or in unforeseen circumstances the President, in consultation with the Committee, has power to authorise an appeal as was done in the case of the Korean Special Relief appeal or Fiji Hurricane appeal.

It is in order for a department to make an appeal for gifts from any bodies forming part of such Department or associated with it.

For example, the Board of Christian Education made appeal to District Youth Councils for gifts for a certain object. Such appeal is really a departmental matter and naturally does not require the permission of the President and the Committee and therefore is in order. But if the Board decided to appeal to Church members either on a national or a district basis, permission must be first obtained.

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.

2. That the basis of the appeal for 1959 be 2s per member plus the amount required in any District for Hospital Chaplaincy.

3. That the budget for 1959 be adopted.

**4. Special Report on Connexional Appeals and Local Objects:**

(1) That the report be received.

(2) That, providing the Synod Standing Committees satisfy themselves of the rightness of Local District Appeals and are satisfied that they will not clash with Connexional Appeals, these appeals have the right to proceed.

**5. Committees:**

A. **CENTRAL COMMITTEE:** District Chairman (North Canterbury), Connexional Secretary, Messrs L. G. K. Steven, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).

**B. DISTRICTS:**

**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.

**HAWKES 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.

## LVIII. 4—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

#### Availability of Cars:

During the earlier part of the past year the supply position tended to ease, but with the reintroduction of Import Control in January last involving a drastic reduction in the permitted importation of motor vehicles, the situation again became extremely difficult and the indications are that this will continue for some considerable time to come. During the year it has been possible to give some assistance in obtaining cars for those in urgent

need for Circuit work, but it is again stressed that, wherever possible, intending purchasers should anticipate their needs well in advance and place firm orders with local dealers. The recent increase in sales tax on motor cars has resulted in a steep rise in prices which will tend to make conditions even more difficult for those needing to replace cars in the near future. Because of these conditions, it is urged upon Ministers and Circuits that the use of cars be restricted to essential work and that Circuits, without delay, review the arrangements they have with Ministers and Home Missionaries with regard to costs of travelling.

#### **Travelling Allowances:**

The recent decision of the Government to increase Customs Duty on petrol has involved an additional charge of 1s per gallon on this commodity and, for those acquiring new cars from now on, additional provision will need to be made to cover the increased cost of depreciation arising out of the substantially higher purchase prices. During the past twelve months, also, Insurance premiums have increased. These factors now tend to make the car mileage scale, as adopted by the last Conference and as set out on Page 181 of the Conference Minutes, inadequate. During recent years Conference has adopted the Public Service Scale and recent enquiries indicate that an amendment to this Scale is now under consideration by Government authorities. At the time of the preparation of this report, however, the new scale is not available and, to the end that Ministers and others be not at a disadvantage, it is recommended that the scale at present in operation be increased by  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per mile—such to take effect as from the beginning of July 1958. The matter will be further investigated during the coming weeks and, if need be, a supplementary recommendation will be made direct to Conference.

#### **Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Cars:**

This work has constituted the main activity of the Board during the past year. The Hire Purchase restrictions imposed by Government Regulation as referred to in earlier reports, have continued to operate. These provide that in the case of the purchase of a new car, a lender taking security over the car can only advance 50 per cent of the cost price and such advance must be repaid over a period of eighteen months. This basis of financing is impossible for most of our Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits, and it has been necessary to continue the policy of providing finance for the purchase of cars with the support by guarantees. The Board again records its appreciation of the action of a number of Laymen who have acted and are acting as guarantors. At the present time financial assistance is being given to twenty-three Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits—loans at the 30th June, 1958, totalling £7074. During the year six loans were fully repaid and twelve new loans totalling £4178 were granted. All obligations are being reasonably well met and none is causing concern.

#### **Annual Accounts:**

The accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1958, show an excess of income over expenditure to an amount of £117 7s 9d—thus bringing the Accumulated Fund up to £575 3s 7d. The Interest rate charged on loans by the Board has remained unchanged at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent and the Board records its appreciation of the action of the various Church Departments and Trusts and the Bank of New Zealand who have made it possible to maintain this rate of Interest at a time of general increase in Interest rates.

Thanks are again extended to the following Church Departments and Trusts who have continued to give practical assistance by depositing temporarily unused funds with the Board as under:

	£
Foreign Missions Department .. .. .	3000
Board of Christian Education .. .. .	750
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust ..	1000
Wesley Church (Wellington Central), Social Services Trust .. .. .	1000

#### Board for 1959:

It is recommended that the present Board be reappointed.

#### Conclusion:

It is very apparent that conditions relating to Circuit transport are going to be increasingly difficult and active steps need to be taken by all concerned to ensure that the added burden does not fall upon the shoulders of our Ministers and Home Missionaries. The steady growth of a better understanding of Christian Stewardship throughout the Connexion will greatly tend to assist in this direction and it is urged that, in the preparation of Budgets for all Stewardship Programmes, full provision be made to cover the cost of essential Circuit transport, such provision to include not only regular costs of running but also for the increased cost of car replacement.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Secretary.

D. TAYLER, Treasurer.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the financial statements be received and adopted.
3. That the scale at present in operation be increased by  $\frac{1}{4}$  per mile such to take effect as from the beginning of July, 1958.
4. That the Transport Board be asked to examine the possibility of establishing a system of travelling allowances whereby a flat rate is granted all ministers using cars for circuit work and a suitable revised allowance made.
5. That the Transport Board be asked to report on the whole question of the insurance of Minister's cars under the provisions of their constitution.
6. That the Transport Board circulate to Ministers and Circuit Stewards a copy of Conference Resolutions relating to District and Circuit Transport Committees.
7. That the Committee be as printed on Page 13 herein.

## LVIII. 6—Church Finance and Stewardship Committee

### REPORT FOR 1958

The Committee has had a busy year dealing with the matters referred to it by last Conference (see Minutes, 1957, page 189), and supplying information and help to Circuits: It is clear that consid-

erable thought is still being given throughout the Connexion to Church Finance and that the wider implications of Christian Stewardship are being realised.

#### Model Local Church Budget:

As requested by last Conference, a model Local Church Budget, as set out below, was sent to Circuit Superintendents during the year.

#### MODEL LOCAL CIRCUIT BUDGET,

1/7/57 - 30/6/58

		£
<b>(a) Circuit:</b>		
Stipend (as per Conference scale for above year) ..	623	
Connexional Levies (variable) .. .. .	120	
Travelling Allowance (medium h.p. car—8000 miles)	219	
Parsonage Maintenance (£1 10s per week) ..	78	
Parsonage Furnishing Allowance .. .. .	13	
Stationery, Offering Envelopes, etc. .. ..	50	
Bank Charges .. .. .	4	
Insurance Premiums (Workers' Compensation) ..	5	
Sundries (Special Travelling, etc.) .. ..	20	
Telephone (incl. toll calls) . . . . .	10	
<b>(b) Others:</b>		
Connexional Extension Appeal .. .. .	100	
Home and Maori Mission Department Annual Appeal	75	
Foreign Mission Department Annual Appeal ..	75	
General Connexional Appeal .. .. .	10	
Department of Christian Education (adult contributions, plus contributions from 40 B.C. members)	32	
Children's-Home .. .. .	15	
District Social Services project, Eventide Homes, etc.	25	
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	£1474	
Contingencies (approximately 7½ per cent) ..	111	
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	£1585	
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#### Comments:

(a) The above annual Budget has been prepared for an average Circuit, of say, three Churches, with a total membership of 100. It will be recognised that many items of a local nature will vary considerably, but the chief items which should be in a Circuit Budget are included here.

(b) Provision should be made for yearly review and a gradual increase over the years in contributions to Connexional Funds, as well as certain local Circuit items. The above are minimum figures.

(c) Where a Circuit has already been giving above its allocation to Missions or the Connexional Extension Appeal the targets should be raised correspondingly.

(d) If a Circuit expects an additional Appointment at the ensuing Conference, an increase in stipends for February-June must be allowed for.

(e) After the Circuit Budget has been adopted, each local Society must be allocated its share. This will usually be dealt with in the first instance through the Circuit Finance Committee. While membership will be the chief guide in such allocation, all manner of local circumstances will need to receive consideration. No general guide can be given.

(f) Each local Society should then prepare its own Budget, which will comprise its share of the Circuit Budget, plus required contributions to its Trust funds, Guilds, Women's Missionary Auxiliaries (where these are included in the Budget), Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, as well as any special local Church objectives.

(g) The local Church funds mentioned in (f) will receive their proportionate allocation from the Circuit Treasurer at least once a quarter.

(h) Credit or Debit balances as at 30th June must be taken into account in preparing the Budget for the ensuing year.

#### **Financial Structure Of Church Within Circuits:**

In accordance with resolution 8 on page 189 of the Minutes of Conference, 1957, the Committee has looked into this matter. Arising from experience gained in societies and circuits where budget systems are already operating, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

- (a) That in each society all money received through the offerings be banked in the one account which shall be known as the ..... Church account. Other sources of income, e.g. rents or gifts for use of building, are paid direct into Trust Account.
- (b) That a finance committee representative of the Leaders' Meeting, Trust and Local Youth Council be appointed to administer the account.
- (c) That the representation be two trustees, two representatives of the Leaders' Meeting, one representative of the Local Youth Council and the Superintendent Minister or his deputy.
- (d) That every organisation within the society present its annual budget to the Finance Committee in March so that a society budget may be prepared by the Committee and approved by Leaders' Meetings and Trusts.
- (e) That the finance committee report to the Leaders' and Trust meetings at regular intervals.
- (f) That a Church Treasurer and Church Secretary be appointed by the finance committee who shall operate the Church account.
- (g) That payments be made from the Church account into the Circuit account each month and to connexional funds through the Circuit at the appointed times.
- (h) That a Circuit Finance Committee representative of all societies be formed in every circuit. The functions will be to examine all matters connected with the finance of the circuit and make recommendations and give directions to the Quarterly Meeting and Leaders' Meetings within the Circuit. It will have a particular responsibility in giving oversight to the Circuit commitments to the Connexional Budget, and ensuring that payments are made as directed by Conference. This recommendation obviates the necessity of making major alterations to the present organisation of the Church, as could happen if the functions of Trusts and Circuits were amalgamated in a Cabinet as has been suggested.

#### **Stewardship Campaigns And Evangelical Faith:**

Last Conference asked the Committee, in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education, to "give guidance to the Con-

nexion on Stewardship Campaigns, which safeguard the principles of our Evangelical Theology and Ethics (see 1957 Minutes, resolution 7 on page 189).

After full consideration and consultations with the Department of Christian Education, the Committee submits the following statement for adoption.

### **Stewardship Campaigns And Evangelical Faith:**

"Stewardship" (oikonomia) in New Testament teaching, refers to a servant's management of his master's property (Luke 12: 42, Mark 13: 34 ff.). This idea is developed to include the Christian's partnership with God as his fellow-worker. (John 15: 15. I Cor. 3: 9). Christian stewards work with God as trustees or agents, and also as His children, sharing His plans and His resources. They acknowledge Christ's Lordship over all their life—their attitudes, thinking, earning, spending, time, talents and possessions. The life of stewardship then is one of total devotion to God as He is known in Jesus Christ.

This personal devotion springs from what God has done for us in Christ, and is itself part of God's work in the Christian. The Christian steward knows that he is not his own—he has been bought with a price. He loves because God has first loved him. He gives because God first gave, and has given him grace to give.

In the application of this Christian stewardship to Church fund - raising there are several dangers which should be noted and carefully avoided. While stewardship in the spending of our money is an important, and often crucial, step, it is only part of the Christian's total stewardship. This fact should be made clear in stewardship campaign literature and visitation.

Care needs to be exercised also when suggesting motives for giving. The Gospel does not offer rewards or promise material or spiritual blessings as motives for discipleship. These blessings are not earned by our works—they are the unmerited gifts of God's grace.

A further danger is seen in the tendency to carry over into Christian stewardship legalistic or external measurements. In practice it is often desirable to suggest a standard of giving, but it should always be emphasised that there is no external rule or standard which can determine whether or not a person's giving is adequate. The steward's giving will always be costly and he, himself, will see it in terms of God's self - giving on the Cross.

These dangers are most real when people who, as yet, are not committed to Christ, are asked to exercise stewardship in their financial support for the Church. We all have good reason for being grateful that God does not despise a partial response to His love. But we must be careful not to encourage the idea that a partial response is sufficient. We should also make it clear that the Church cares about people for their own and Christ's sake, and that our interest in them is not mainly financial. By pastoral care, evangelism and adult education we should seek to lead these people to a greater understanding of the Christian Faith, a deeper commitment to Christ and a more complete stewardship of the whole of life.

### **Connexional Budget Scheme:**

The Committee submits the following proposals as a means of implementing resolution 5 on page 189 of Conference Minutes, 1957:

1. The Church Finance and Stewardship Committee to be

the body to collate the material necessary to prepare the Connexional Budget;

2. The Collating Committee to prepare a statement of the total estimates of expenditure by all Departments and Funds listed (a) to (h) on page 186, Minutes of Conference, 1957, this statement, with the Committee's comments, to be presented at the opening of Conference to a new Conference Committee of Detail;

3. The Committee of Detail to be as representative of all interests as possible, and the convenership to be in the hands of the Convener of the Collating Committee or, in his absence from Conference, of a member of the Collating Committee;

4. The Estimates for the first year (1960/61) to be in the hands of the Collating Committee by July 15, 1958, to enable them to be broken down into District assessments and sent on to Synod Standing Committees, where they will be broken down into Circuit assessments and returned to the Collating Committee (note: This will enable the Collating Committee to present to Conference a complete picture of what the Connexional Budget will look like at District and Circuit level).

#### **Connexional Budget and District Finance Committees:**

The Committee has considered the place of the existing District Finance Committee in relationship to the proposed Connexional Budget Scheme. The duties of this Committee will now be considerably extended. As well as fulfilling its previous function it will be responsible for the allocation of the district budget to Circuits. In addition it is proposed that the District Finance Committee will also be the Committee responsible to the District Standing Committee for ensuring that the Circuits make prompt payments to the Departments at specified times and have the overall oversight of the functioning of the Budget in the District.

The Constitution of the District Finance Committee shall remain as at present. The Committee shall be nominated to the Synod by the Standing Committee, and shall be composed of personnel of the District Standing Committee. In the event of the District Financial Secretary not being a member of the District Standing Committee he shall ex officio become so. The District Finance Committee will now become a sub-committee of the District Standing Committee.

Law Book, paragraph 480-481, shall be altered accordingly so that the Central Committee shall in future be the Church Finance and Budget Committee.

#### **Remittance of Funds From Circuits To Departments:**

As requested by last Conference (see resolution 3 on page 189, Minutes of Conference, 1957), the Committee has taken up with Church Departments the question of the method of remitting to them amounts due by Circuits under the proposed Connexional Budget Scheme. As the matter has not been finalised, a report will be made direct to Conference.

#### **Full-Time Trained Staff:**

Conference, 1956 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 committee was not able to make any definite proposals last year.

The Committee is convinced that the stage has now definitely been reached where a full-time Director is needed if develop-

ments in Church finance, both at Circuit and Connexional levels, are to continue along sound lines. Such appointee would give expert advice to Circuits about the introduction of local budget and fund-raising schemes. He would spend a few days in Circuits, as required, giving first-hand guidance. He would act as a liaison between the local Church, the Departments and this Committee. He would prepare suitable literature in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education. He would direct the working of the proposed Connexional Budget Scheme.

The cost of such an appointment would be perhaps £1300 to £1500 per annum (stipend, connexional charges, travelling expenses, administration expenses), plus housing costs of perhaps another £250 per annum, if an ordained Minister were selected. Despite the prevailing shortage of Ministers, the Committee considers that there is a strong case for appointing a Ministerial rather than a lay Director. There is the need to safeguard our Evangelical Theology and Ethics and to present a full programme of Christian Stewardship.

Initially, it would be necessary to obtain advances from the Departments or interested laymen to enable the appointment to be made. But the full cost could very soon be met by Circuits, merely, by charging them, for the Director's services, a fraction of what is being paid to professional fund-raising agencies.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1958**

The Committee wishes to comment further on three matters mentioned in its report to Synods and also to deal with some of the Synod resolutions.

#### **Proposed Director of Stewardship:**

In amplification of what was stated in the main report, the Committee submits for approval of Conference the undermentioned statement relating to this suggested appointment.

#### **Duties:**

1. Convene Standing Committee on Church Finance and Stewardship.
2. To stimulate and promote a sense of stewardship in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, to encourage circuits to embark on stewardship programmes, and to supervise the operation of the Connexional Budget.
3. To conduct Stewardship Schools in circuits or districts for the training of local leaders.
4. To give personal advice to circuits on their stewardship programme.
5. To advise and assist districts in operating the Connexional Budget.
6. To collaborate with other Departments or Boards in making stewardship literature available to the Church.

#### **Administration:**

1. The Director to be located in Wellington. He would be required to visit districts and circuits in connection with Stewardship programmes and schools and the Connexional Budget.
2. For reasons of convenience and economy, and because of the value of association with the Department responsible for Adult

Education, including education in stewardship, the Director would use the facilities of the Department of Christian Education.

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Personal commitment to Christ and loyalty to the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
2. An understanding of the theological basis of Christian Stewardship.
3. A knowledge of the techniques to be used in stewardship programmes and an ability to communicate these to local leaders.
4. Personality and gifts which would commend him to Ministers and Lay Leaders.
5. Intimate knowledge of and experience in connexional affairs.

The Committee hopes to be able to advise Conference of the cost of a full-time lay appointment and to supply greater detail than previously concerning raising of finance.

#### **Local Budget and Fund-Raising Schemes:**

In its report to Synods the Committee indicated that it would include in this supplementary report a more detailed summary of the results of the questionnaire sent to Circuits early this year. After fuller consideration the Committee concluded that to do so would probably result in some misinterpretation of figures and that it would, therefore, be better to publish no further details.

#### **Financial Structure of Church Within Circuits:**

In view of the reactions of a number of Synods to this section of the main report and the recommendation relating to it, the Committee thinks it necessary to point out that the recommendation was that "Circuits be recommended to organise the handling of their finances along the lines set out, etc." There was no suggestion that the scheme outlined should be mandatory.

#### **Remittance of Funds from Circuits to Departments:**

The committee has studied this matter more fully and, after receiving submissions from Departments as well as advice from the Presbyterian Church, is firmly of the opinion that all funds should be remitted from Circuits to a Central Office rather than directly to the Departments concerned. From the Circuit Stewards' point of view there are obvious advantages, the main ones being: (1) That one remittance per quarter to a Central Office rather than a number of remittances to all the participants in the Budget Scheme will be a much simpler operation; and (2) That a Circuit Steward will not have the responsibility of deciding the order in which the participants are to receive their funds.

The duties of a Central Office would include the following: In conjunction with the District Finance Committee to ensure that monies are forwarded from the Circuits when due, to keep close contact with the departments and other recipients in order that the flow of funds to those Departments, etc. can be regulated to suit their needs, and to adjust any surpluses or shortages between the various participants.

No other method would reveal quickly whether or not Circuits are meeting their commitments to the overall scheme.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the report be received (save section top of page 173 to Model local budget).

### Supplementary Report:

1. That the report be received.
2. That a Circuit be required to obtain the advice and the approval of the Chairman of the District before entering into an agreement with any person or agency to conduct a fund raising or stewardship scheme on its behalf or before launching a scheme of its own.
3. That Circuits proposing to undertake a fund raising or similar venture be recommended to plan separate efforts, for each Society or groups of churches except where the Circuit is a small compact one or in a country circuit with a number of small congregations.
4. That the specimen circuit budget printed in the report be approved as a guide to circuits, and that the committee make available a full list of items included in a Circuit Budget giving details of current requirements, for Missions, connexional appeals, etc., such a list to include provisions for local or Circuit Church Extensions and Trust requirements.
5. (a) That Conference reaffirm that all financial transactions under Circuit or local Church budgets be controlled by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.  
(b) That the Quarterly Meeting appoint a committee which shall prepare the budget and make recommendations.  
(c) That all moneys held in Trust accounts and reserve accounts be declared to Quarterly Meetings as well as being shown in Annual General returns.
6. That the statement on "Stewardship Campaigns and Evangelical Faith" appearing in the Report be adopted as a guide to the Connexion.
7. (a) That the proposed connexional budget be approved on the lines suggested in the report headed "Connexional Budget Scheme."  
(b) That the Connexional Budget Scheme shall operate from February, 1961, and all Circuits are directed to proceed with an intensive programme of preparatory education.
8. That the proposals relating to District Finance Committees be adopted and referred to the Law Revision Committee.
9. Education on Connexional Budget: (a) That the Connexional Budget prepared for 1960 be revised and used as a basis for an educational programme in the Church.  
(b) That the Budget be broken down into District and Circuit Totals through the organisation as set out in the report.  
(c) That Synod Standing Committees arrange for the presentation of the specimen connexional Budget to the Quarterly Meetings, by an appointed representative.  
(d) That the Quarterly Meetings be advised not only of the implications of the Connexional Budget, but its relationship to their own requirements.
10. Assistance to Circuits: (a) That in view of the introduction of the Connexional Budget in 1961 Conference recommends all circuits to adopt a budget system of pledged giving.

(b) That to assist Circuits not on Pledged Giving the Synod Standing Committees list the same and arrange for each one to be visited by an appointed representative of the Committee who shall point out the advantages of such a system.

(c) That Synod Standing Committees examine the possibility of organising the ways and means of using the knowledge of men within the District to provide guidance to circuits contemplating Stewardship schemes.

11. That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee analyse further the results of the various campaigns that have been held throughout the connexion, and make the information and other relevant material available to the Synod Standing Committees.

12. That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee secure part-time secretarial assistance for the Convener, and seek financial provision of up to £100 from the Contingent Fund.

13. That the matter of the appointment of a Director of Church Finance and Stewardship be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

14. That the following be referred to the Committee for consideration and report to Synods and Conference: "That Conference give a ruling as to whether gifts given and designated for any special purpose for a local trust, Department of the Church or fund authorised by Conference, are to form part of the circuit budget and how such gifts are to be allocated and administered."

15. That Conference express to Mr E. G. Heggie, the convener of the Standing Committee, its warm appreciation of the very able and outstanding service he is rendering the Church in this office.

16. That the following be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee: "That in view of the great need of capital for Church extension work, the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be requested to investigate the possibility of the establishment of a Methodist Building Society along the lines of that which has been of great use to the Methodist Church in England."

17. That the time of meeting of the Church Finance Committee be referred to the Church Council for direction.

18. That the following be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee:

1. "That since one of the great needs of our Church is progressive planning for advance and extension, and believing that we should indeed promote what the report calls 'our Evangelical Theology.'

"That in every Circuit there be formed a Circuit Policy Committee, representatives of every society in the Circuit, whose work it shall be

(a) To collect and review all relevant facts regarding the present position and future developments of Methodism in the area.

(b) In the light of the above to recommend a definite and progressive Circuit policy covering at least 5 years, especially with regard to extension work.

(c) To examine and recommend to the Quarterly Meeting on all matters connected with the finance of the Circuit, always bearing in mind the progressive policy approved by the Circuit.

(d) To give oversight to Circuit commitments to the Connexional Budget and ensure payments are made as directed by Conference and on due date."

19. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

## LVIII 7.—Welfare of the Ministry Committee

### REPORT, 1958

The committee has met five times during the year, including an all-day retreat in April. The aim of the Committee has been the consideration of the functions of the Church as fulfilled by Ministers and Laymen. The Committee is surveying the functions under the following Sections: 1 Evangelism, 2 Worship, 3 Teaching, 4 Fellowship, 5 Caring for Others, 6 Stewardship, 7 Administrative functions.

At the last two meetings of the Committee, we have been helped by making use of the recently published booklet, "Training for the Ministry," by R. H. T. Thompson. This gives the replies to a questionnaire carried out by the Psychology Department of the University of Canterbury at the instigation of the Christchurch branch of the N.C.C. We plan to consider these functions in relation to rural work and to the particular demands of our modern industrial and community life. We ask permission to continue our investigations for a further year.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev W. T. Blight, in consultation with Dr D. O. Williams and Mr H. de R. Flesher, prepare a memorandum on the question of Invitation to Ministers for presentation to Church Council, 1959.
3. That Synod Secretaries be instructed to consult with the Connexional Office to draw up a list of names and addresses of Ministers' widows in their district.
4. 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.
5. That the Committee for 1959 be Revs W. T. Blight (Chairman), V. R. Jamieson, H. G. Brown, J. D. Grocott, W. A. Chambers, A. K. Petch, P. Guthardt, N. P. Larsen, H. V. Utting (Convener); Messrs A. Crothall, D. A. White, R. Pearce, R. Metson, G. Hill, and M. Anderson.

### QUESTION LIX.—Who are Members of the Standing Committees? A. Committee of Privileges:

The President, Vice-president and Secretary, Connexional Secretary, and the President's Legal Adviser, Revs C. O. Hailwood, E. S. Hoddinott, R. Thornley, Messrs S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey, N. P. Alcorn, A. E. Hurley. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

### Committee of Exigency:

Wellington members of the above Committee.

### B. President's Committee of Advice:

Ex-President, President-elect, Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs Dr W. G. Slade, Dr R. Dudley, H. A. Coch-

rane, N. P. Larsen, Vice-president, Ex-Vice-president, Legal Adviser, and Messrs N. P. Alcorn, G. R. Galbreath, A. J. Ganderton, Dr N. R. Jefferson; and H. H. Johnson. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

**QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?**

**NORTHLAND:**

Rev A. W. E. Silvester (Chairman) and the Ministers of all Circuits within the District; Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliffe, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court (Secretary), R. M. Salmon, J. Keightley, one to be appointed, W. Wotherspoon, S. Ferguson, J. T. Williams and Tawai Kawiti.

**AUCKLAND:**

District Chairman, the Superintendent Minister of each Circuit in the area, General Secretary for Foreign Missions, General Superintendent of Home Missions, District Home Mission Convener, the Secretary of Synod, District Property Secretary, Rev R. Rogers, Messrs T. L. Hames, C. K. Wigglesworth, A. E. Freeman, G. C. Riddell, A. Reid, Reg. Reid, D. Webb, G. W. Matheson, W. E. Donnelly, S. Hindmarsh, T. H. Todd, E. B. Mudford, J. C. Tietjens, N. A. Wilson, A. G. Harris, O. A. H. Allison. Secretary: Rev L. R. M. Gilmore.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND:**

The Chairman of the District, the Superintendent Ministers of the Hamilton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Otorohanga, Putaruru, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Tauranga, Waihi, Whakatane, Thames and Waikato Maori Circuits; Rev S. J. Werren, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, T. G. M. Spooner, E. Horn, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, J. B. Beeche, D. H. Payne, A. Buss, R. E. Williams, and a layman from the Waikato Maori Circuit. Convener: The District Secretary.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI:**

Chairman and Ministers of the District, Messrs K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, W. H. King, A. J. Reeve, D. I. West, J. P. Harding, W. Greenwood, P. C. Hill, S. W. Bailey, R. Deane.

**WANGANUI AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Ministers of Wanganui, Marton, and Taihape, Messrs W. S. Thrush, E. L. Buxton, R. S. Doughty, S. G. Laurenson, N. F. Dixon, H. Queree.

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:**

All Ministers and Home Missionaries together with Messrs F. Ansell, J. R. Grigg, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, J. G. Bleakley, L. Cotter, W. Holloway, B. F. White. Convener: Rev C. H. Raynor.

**HAWKE'S BAY AREA COMMITTEE:**

The Ministers of Gisborne, Wairoa, Napier, Hastings and Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuits. Messrs F. J. Butler, G. Winter, L. A. Davis, J. P. Boyd, F. Gooday with the Circuit Stewards of the Napier and Hastings Circuits. Chairman: Rev L. C. Horwood. 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: The District Secretary.

**NELSON:**

Ministers of Nelson, Waimea, Motueka, Blenheim and Murchison Circuits, Mrs L. G. White, Messrs A. F. Thomas, R. C. A. Marshall, F. H. Southgate, C. G. Parker, Dr E. Bassett, and S. B. Wratt. Convener: Rev H. Moore.

## WEST COAST SUB-DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEE:

Ministers of Westport, Greymouth, Hokitika and Reefton Circuits, Messrs P. R. Wilkins, L. McDonald, J. N. Leadley and T. Watson.

## NORTH CANTERBURY:

The Revs V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, C. E. Dickens, T. H. Carr, N. P. Larsen, J. D. Grocott, H. Whitfield, C. D. Clark, W. A. Chambers, H. G. Brown, W. E. Falkingham, Superintendent Springston Circuit, C. P. Lucas, B. H. Riseley, H. V. Utting, Messrs J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, N. Hillary, C. M. R. Manhire, D. A. White, P. B. Burkitt, B. A. Caygill, J. E. Horrell, E. Ridgen, P. A. LeBrun, A. C. Bowis, G. Thorpe, and A. A. Dingwall.

## SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Ministers of South Canterbury District, Messrs P. G. Woodnorth, M. A. Bull, L. Mitchell, M. E. Hayman, R. N. Clucas, T. Wakelin, W. 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:

Rev. G. R. H. Peterson (President of the Conference), Revs Dr R. Dudley, H. A. Cochrane, L. Shapcott, W. J. Henderson, A. J. Handyside, J. W. Reddihough, A. E. Tardiff, A. F. Collins, E. Heppelthwaite, W. K. Abbott, Minister of Roslyn Circuit, Mesdames M. R. McIndoe, E. R. Patton and Miss M. Guthrie. Messrs J. McIndoe, G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. Chirnside, A. H. Harman, E. B. McLeod, and J. B. Lyth.

## SOUTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers and Probationers of Southland, Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs H. C. Mackenzie, L. H. Allot, E. A. Humphries, W. G. Coventry, E. McCulloch.

**QUESTION LXI.—1 (a) What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?**

# Law Revision Committee

## REPORT FOR 1958

The Committee now submits its report and recommendations on the various matters referred to it.

### 1. PREAMBLE TO BOOK OF LAWS

(Resolution 10, 1956 Minutes, Page 66)

The Methodist Church of New Zealand is that communion of Christian believers which came into being as a result of the union of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church and the United Methodist Free Church—all such Churches having their origin in the Evangelical Revival of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. These finally united as one community in New Zealand in 1913.

The Methodist Church claims and cherishes its place in the Holy Catholic Church which is the Body of Christ. It rejoices in the inheritance of the apostolic faith and accepts the fundamental principles of the historic creeds and of the Protestant Reformation.

The doctrines of the Evangelical Faith which Methodism has held from the beginning, and still holds, are based upon the divine revelation recorded in the Holy Scriptures. The Methodist

Church acknowledges this revelation as the supreme rule of faith and practice. These evangelical doctrines, to which the preachers of the Methodist Church, both ministers and laymen, are pledged, are contained in Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and in the first four volumes of his sermons. Under its constitution the Conference has no power to alter or to vary in any manner these doctrinal standards. The Conference is the final authority within the Methodist Church on all questions concerning the interpretation of its doctrines.

The Methodist Church holds the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, and consequently believes that no priesthood exists which belongs exclusively to a particular order or class of persons. In the exercise of its corporate life and worship, special qualifications for the discharge of special duties are required. The preachers, ministerial and lay, are, examined, tested and approved before they are authorised to minister in holy things. For the sake of church order, and not because of any priestly virtue inherent in the office, the Ministers of the Church are set apart by ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. Those who are ordained perform acts as representatives of the whole body.

It is the universal conviction of the Methodist people that the office of the Christian Ministry depends upon the call of God; it is not a profession to be chosen but a vocation accepted from God Himself, Who bestows the gifts of the Spirit, the grace and fruits which indicate those whom He has chosen.

Those whom the Church recognises as called of God, and whom it receives into its Ministry, are ordained by the imposition of hands, as expressive of the Church's recognition of the minister's personal call and seal of the Church on that call.

All persons are welcomed into membership who sincerely desire to be saved from their sins through faith in Jesus Christ, evidence the same in their life and conduct, seek to have fellowship with Christ Himself and His people, and are prepared to take up the duties and privileges of the Methodist Church by accepting its discipline.

The governing body of the Methodist Church is the Annual Conference, consisting of all ministers in Full Connexion and an equal number of laymen as provided by the Constitution. Its decisions are final and binding upon both the ministry and laity.

Within the Methodist Church, its Conference and its subsidiary courts, the ministry and laity together possess certain powers and privileges, including the exercise of discipline. These powers and privileges are exercised at every stage under the judgment of God. Ministers and laymen are responsible to Him as they seek to interpret His mind and will in every situation.

## **2. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

**(1957 Minutes, Page 196, Resolution 3 (a))**

The Committee has been directed to draft the necessary amendments to provide for the election of the Vice-President of the Conference one year in advance.

In addition to the amendments set out in the recommendation set out hereunder it is necessary in order to avoid confusion that there be two elections for Vice-Presidents at the 1959 Conference, one for the 1959 Vice-President and another for the

Vice-President elect for 1960. It is also necessary to provide that the Vice-President elect shall be a member of the Conference at which he takes office.

The Committee's recommendations are as follows:

- (1) That paragraph 213 (page 38) be amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:  
"He shall be elected at the opening session of the Conference preceding that at which he is to take office by a majority of the votes cast the voting being by ballot."
- (2) That paragraph 217 (page 38) be amended by deleting the words "the election of his successor" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "until his successor takes office."
- (3) That paragraph 218 (page 38) be amended by deleting the words "he is elected and at the succeeding Conference" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "at which he takes office and at the next succeeding Conference."
- (4) That paragraph 218 (page 38) as amended by 1956 Conference be further amended by deleting the words "he is elected" wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words "he takes office."
- (5) That there be added the following:  
214A. If for any reason the member elected as Vice-President is unable to take office the Conference at its first session shall proceed to fill the vacancy.  
214B. Should the Vice-President die, become incapable of acting or resign while the Conference is in session the Conference shall proceed to elect a Vice-President in his stead.
- (6) That two elections should be held during the 1959 Conference one for Vice-President for 1959 to be held at the opening session in the usual way and another to be held at a later session at which the Vice-President for the 1960 Conference should be elected.
- (7) That paragraph 356 (b) be amended by adding after the word "including" in the first line thereof the words "the Vice-President elect and."

### **3. VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCH COMMITTEES**

**(1956 Minutes, Page 199, Resolution 12)**

The Committee was directed to consider whether the Vice-President elect should have the opportunity of attending Committees such as the Church Council, Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards. In its report last year the Committee pointed out that care must be taken that no greater privileges are granted to the Vice-President elect, than are granted to the President elect.

The Committee desires to point out that even the President is not ex officio a member of all Committees. It would not be practicable for him to attend regularly the meetings of such Committees during his year of office. In his capacity as Chairman of District he will be ex officio a member of most District Committees.

The President, President-elect, and the Vice-President are all ex officio members of the Church Council.

The Vice-President is ex officio a member of standing Committees such as the Public Questions Committee where such Committee is stationed in his District. However, where the membership of any Committee or Board is limited by its constitution or by resolutions of Conference the Vice-President is not ex officio a member of same.

Therefore, the Committee submits that except in the case of the Church Council it would not be proper to grant the privilege of ex officio membership to the Vice-President elect.

The Committee recommends that the Vice-President elect be made ex officio a member of the Church Council and that in order to give effect thereto it further recommends that paragraph 490 (a) (page 92) sub-paragraph (b) be amended by adding after the word "Vice-President" the words "Vice-President elect."

#### **4. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES—Chest X-ray Examinations**

**(1957 Minutes, Page 36)**

To give effect to the decision of Conference that Candidates for the Ministry be required to undergo a chest X-ray examination it is recommended

- (a) That sub-section (23a) of Section 511 (page 135) (re The Supernumerary Fund) be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(23a) Each Candidate for the Ministry before being accepted by the Conference, shall undergo the prescribed medical and chest X-ray examination the report on same to be submitted by a practitioner approved by the Board."

- (b) That subsection 23b be repealed.

#### **5. LOCAL PREACHERS AND ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES (1957 Minutes, Page 65)**

The Committee has considered this matter and recommends that it be referred to the Faith and Order Committee to consider when that Committee is dealing with the revision of the Order of the Service for Public Recognition of Local Preachers.

#### **6. REPRESENTATION ON THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR GROUPS OTHER THAN THE WOMEN'S GUILD AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**(1957 Minutes, Page 69)**

The Committee has been directed to consider the question of representation on the Quarterly Meeting for groups other than the Women's Guild and the Men's Fellowship.

The chief function of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting is to exercise oversight of the societies forming the circuit and all organisations connected with them.

Those entitled to attend the Quarterly Meeting comprise two categories (a) those having some specified status or elected to some office, e.g., Ministers, Local Preachers, Circuit Stewards, Trustees, etc., and (b) those elected as Representatives of a Society, e.g., representatives of the Youth Council, of the Women's Guild, etc.

Each organisation which elects representatives to the Quarterly Meeting is an integral part of the Church. Each operates throughout the Connexion and has its own connexional governing body. In each case its constitution has been approved by Conference. Further, each organisation is subject to the over-riding control of the Conference.

The Committee submits that before any other group should be granted the right of representation at the Quarterly Meeting it should be part of the connexional organisation whose constitution has been duly approved by the Conference.

#### **7. TRIENNIAL VISITATION OF CIRCUITS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE**

(1957 Minutes, Page 74)

Consideration of this matter has been deferred until Synods and Conference have dealt with it.

#### **8. MARCH QUARTERLY MEETING AND INVITATIONS**

(1957 Minutes, Page 74)

The Committee has been instructed to consider the following:

"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."

It is the duty of the Circuit Stewards to initiate proposals for invitations of Ministers. They may confer with the Leaders' Meeting and the Chairman of the District in respect to the invitation of a Minister. Our Law provides for the invitation to be decided at the June Quarterly Meeting.

On occasions there are unofficial discussions in regard to the invitation of Ministers. Prudent Ministers and Circuit Stewards would consult one another.

A Minister has to serve at least two years in a circuit before the question of the continuance of his Ministry can be discussed. If he wishes to change after his third year he will have had sufficient time in a circuit to know his circuit stewards well enough to discuss the matter with them. The same applies to Circuit Stewards.

To incorporate the suggested provision will be to legislate for special cases which is always unwise.

The Committee is of the opinion that the law at present meets the case and no further provision is needed. It therefore, has no recommendation to make.

#### **9. REPORT ON MAORI MISSION WORK**

(1956 Minutes, Page 148)

1956 Conference in adopting a special report on Maori Mission work approved of the inclusion of a separate question to be asked at Synods in regard to the Maori Mission in its District. The Committee submits that this can be provided for by amending question (38) (a) on page 66 of the Law Book and therefore recommends as follows:

"That question 38 (a) Law Book page 66 be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "Connexional and District?"

#### **10. REGULATIONS RE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN HOME MISSION SERVICE**

(1956 Minutes, Page 137)

1956 Conference approved of several regulations in regard to women so employed. Of these one resolution 12 (c) relating to

the marriage of a woman worker requires to be included in the Law Book.

The committee therefore recommends as follows:

That paragraph 505 (37) Law Book page 117 be amended by adding the following sentence:

"In the event of the marriage of a woman employed as a Home Missionary her employment shall be terminated."

## **11. INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS FOR A FOURTH AND SUCCESSIVE YEARS**

**(Law Book, Page 20, Paragraph 126)**

On several occasions inquiries have been made as to the interpretation of paragraph 126 as to when the voting is to be by ballot. There should not be a semi-colon in the middle of the second sentence.

In 1939 Conference passed the following amendment:

"That paragraph 206 page 57 (old Law Book) be amended as follows:

"Whenever a Minister is being invited for a fourth or fifth year the resolution must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present when the vote is taken and the voting in this case shall be by ballot."

To make the position quite clear it is recommended that paragraph 126 be amended by deleting the semi-colon after the word "Conference" in the second sentence and substituting therefor a comma and also by adding the words "in each case" before the words "the voting to be by ballot."

## **12. HOME MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSSES AND CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION**

**(1957 Minutes, Page 196)**

The 1956 Conference directed the Law Revision Committee to examine the regulations covering the Conference membership and status of Home Missionary and Deaconess representation at Conference with a view to clarifying certain anomalies.

Under our law no Home Missionary can be elected as a lay representative at Conference unless he be one of the two representatives representing the Home Missionaries. A Deaconess can be elected as a lay representative. Further Deaconesses elect two of their order as representatives to Conference.

This Committee reported to the 1957 Conference and recommended that neither Deaconesses nor Home Missionaries shall be eligible for election as a lay representative except as the elected representative of the Deaconess and of the Home Missionaries.

The matter was referred back to the Committee for further consideration. The Committee after careful consideration can see no justification for altering the substance of the report of last year.

A Home Missionary is a Local Preacher who is employed as a full-time agent of the Church and is in receipt of remuneration for his services. As a Local Preacher he is authorised to preach, but as a Home Missionary he does more. He may administer the Sacraments, he may perform the marriage ceremony and he does general pastoral work. All his activities are reviewed by the District Ministerial Committee.

A Deaconess is a trained woman worker who has been solemnly dedicated to the office and work of a Deaconess. She is engaged principally in pastoral work amongst women and children. She may be appointed to a circuit or city mission, to the Home Maori or Foreign Missions or to an institution. She is a full time worker and is in receipt of remuneration. She may administer the sacraments and may perform the marriage ceremony. All her activities are reviewed by the District Ministerial Committee.

Both Deaconesses and Home Missionaries are set apart from the laity. Their work and duties are the same. Both do the work of the Ministry and will naturally have a ministerial outlook. Therefore, it is submitted they cannot represent the laity, and the lay view.

Conference has recognised this in the case of the Home Missionary, when it has provided that no Home Missionary shall be eligible for election as a lay representative except as representative of the Home Missionaries.

The Committee cannot see any reason why the position should be any different in the case of a Deaconess.

Therefore, the Committee again recommends that paragraph 366 be amended by inserting the words "no Deaconess and" before the words "no Home Missionary."

H. de R. FLESHER,  
Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That Sections 1-4 be adopted.
2. Section 5.—See under Local Preachers' Association Report, Page 61
3. That Section 6 be adopted.
4. Section 7.—That the interim report be received and adopted and that the consideration of this matter be deferred until Synods and Conference have dealt with it.
5. Section 8.—
  - (a) That the Section be received.
  - (b) That Conference affirms the principle set out in the Report.
  - (c) That the following alterations be made in the Law Book:

Page 21, Paragraph 127: Add at the beginning of the last sentence the words "Except as hereinafter provided."

Add the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "In the case of an invitation to a Minister for an extended term the invitation shall be given to him and shall be accepted or declined by him at the March Quarterly Meeting."

The last two sentences of paragraph 127 will then read: Except as hereinafter provided no invitation shall be extended to any Minister or be accepted by him until the June Quarterly Meeting in the third year of his term in any Circuit. In the case of an invitation to a Minister for an extended term the invitation shall be given to him and shall be accepted or declined by him at the March Quarterly Meeting.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY MEETING

Page 54, Paragraph 290: Add the following additional question under sub-paragraph 9 (d) and (e): (dd) Invitation of Minister for an extended term (March meeting).

6. That Sections 9 and 10 be adopted.
7. That Section 11 be received only.

"That the following principle be affirmed and referred to Synods for discussion and report to Conference, 1959:

"That Section 126 be amended by deleting the following words: 'For a fourth or fifth year unless the invitation be sustained by at least two-thirds of those present at the June Quarterly Meeting and by a fifty-five per cent vote of the Conference, nor shall any appointment . . .'"

8. That Section 12 be received only.

That Conference believes the time has arrived for liberalising the basis of representation to Conference in respect of Home Missionaries and Deaconesses and refers this matter to the Law Revision Committee for report to Synods and Conference.

**9. Conduct of Business of Conference—Department of Christian Education and Directors.**

That question (36), Law Book, page 75, be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

36 (a) What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Department of Christian Education?

(b) Who are lay field directors and where are they stationed?

**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 reappointed.

**QUESTION LXII.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?**

## Ecumenical Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

The following are among the topics considered by the committee:

**(i) Ecumenical Travel Fund:**

The following practical suggestions are offered as to the administration of the Fund:

**Selection of Official Representatives—**

- (1) Synods meeting twelve to eighteen months prior to the event to be asked to nominate suitable persons to attend. (As it would be undesirable for any means test to be discussed or applied on the floor of Synod the emphasis would need to be on suitability in terms of Section 3 of our 1957 Annual Report.)
- (2) Between Synod and Conference Ecumenical Committee to consider these nominations and in the light of supporting information supplied by District Chairman to nominate to Conference the three official representatives whose expenses are to be met from the Fund.
- (3) The Ecumenical Committee shall also nominate to the same Conference the remaining quota of official representatives required, from information available concerning those persons likely to attend.

**Basis of Allocation for Meeting Expenses—**

- (1) On occasions when the President or President Elect is required by the Church to attend, his full official expenses to be met from the Fund.

- (2) The balance of the money available in the Fund at the time to be shared equally between the other representatives whose expenses are to be met, or all three representatives on occasions when the President does not attend.
- (3) All the money available shall not necessarily be spent on any one occasion. (This would enable a saving when a Conference is near at hand, e.g., in Australia).

**Note.**—Over thirty years at £500 per year, the sum of £15,000 will accrue. In this period five W.C.C. Conferences and six World Methodist Conferences will take place. The theoretical yield from the Fund on the average will thus be approximately £1365 on any one occasion.

**(ii) Relations with South-east Asia:**

The Church rejoices in the appointment of the Rev A. K. Petch to represent the National Council of Churches in New Zealand on the interim committee of the E.A.C.C. This committee met in Singapore on July 2-6, 1958, and the Church looks forward to hearing a report of this meeting.

**(iii) Theological Staffs' Conference:**

The meeting took place in Christchurch, in May, 1958. Important papers and various aspects of Theological education were presented by selected speakers.

**(iv) Life and Work Conference, 1959:**

Plans for this Conference are well under way. It is to be held at Ardmore Teachers' College from May 12 to May 19, 1959. Major issues which will be discussed are:

"The Churches and Education."

"The Churches and International Affairs."

"Human Values and the Technical Assistance Programme."

"The Churches and Television."

It is hoped that the Rev Dr Robert Bilheimer of the W.C.C. Study Division, and Dr T. Z. Koo, may be able to attend the Conference.

**(v) Report of Women's Committee, N.C.C.:**

Miss A. L. Fransz, of Indonesia, was brought to New Zealand for a ten-day tour visiting eleven centres and being one of the main speakers at the Mission to the City Rally in Christchurch. This visit was most successful.

The organisation of the World Day of Prayer continues to expand and a Fellowship Day is suggested. In this Churches will unite at the local parish level in some special activity and discuss common problems.

Several local committees have planned ecumenical schools and through them knowledge of the ecumenical movement is growing rapidly. Studies continue to be published and the series on the Apostles' Creed is in the course of preparation.

Acting on the suggestion of Mrs R. Thornley, prayer leaflets are being published for the use of groups in local areas. It is hoped to encourage ecumenical prayer at the neighbourhood level.

At the beginning of the year Mrs Le Brun retired from the committee. The Church is grateful to her for her service and the Rev P. Guthardt was appointed to replace her on the committee. Mrs R. G. Pearce retires this year after a period of fine service and the new appointment is Mrs J. R. Maddren.

**(vi) Maori Section N.C.C.:**

The outstanding event in the activities of the Maori Section during the year was the meeting of the Executive with the Annual Meeting of the National Council. Amongst other things the Section's Statement on Unity was read and discussed. The Council's reaction is revealed in the words of its resolution urging "all Christian people to continue to work and pray for the removal of all obstacles which still remain, and for the realisation of the hope enshrined in the statement."

The Section rejoices that the Rev L. Tauroa has been awarded an Ecumenical Fellowship and will be spending a year studying in the U.S.A.

The usual meetings have been held and the work of the Section has been carried through much as usual. The Rev E. Te Tuhi is the newly elected Chairman of the Section.

**(vii) Youth Committee of the N.C.C.:**

The Y.C.N.C.C. is indebted to its parent body for the appointment of Miss Peggy Yearbury to the Council Staff early in 1958 and for her part-time service as Youth Secretary. Visiting and strengthening regional Youth Committees is a most important activity. A Day of Discussion is planned prior to the annual meeting in February, 1959. Preliminary arrangements will be made for the next Ecumenical Youth Conference in 1961-62. An attendance of 1500 to 2000 young people is anticipated.

The Christmas Appeal last year provided a scholarship for Miss Juliette Saloh of Indonesia to train in youth leadership in New Zealand. Miss Saloh has worked with the Youth Department of the various Churches and has spent an academic year at the Presbyterian Deaconess College in Dunedin. A record sum of £1018 was contributed by youth groups to the Christmas Appeal. A grant was made to the School for the Deaf in Burma, to the provision of six scholarships for Indonesian students, and to the Hong Kong Student Project. In 1958-59 the Y.C.N.C.C. will support the general N.C.C. Christmas Appeal.

Amalgamation of the N.C.C. Diploma of Youth Leadership and the course conducted by the Council for Christian Education is being investigated. Miss J. P. Morrison has been appointed Organising Secretary of the Recreational Leadership Committee. She is available to organise training courses.

The Youth Committee keeps in touch with the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches and is pleased to have Mr Colin Melville of Dunedin to represent them at the World Convention on Christian Education to be held in Tokyo in August, 1958. Dr Gerald E. Knoff, Executive Secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A. is to visit New Zealand from 4-11 September, 1958, and will give addresses on Christian Education at gatherings in the main centres. New Zealand has been invited to send ten representatives to the 3rd Australian Conference of Christian Youth to be held at Canberra from 14-21 January, 1959, and it is expected that this quota will be filled by members of the Youth Committee constituency.

**(viii) Ecumenical Education in Adult Groups:**

The Committee appreciates the need for ecumenical education throughout the Church. Some effective work has been done in

youth groups by the Ecumenical and Missions Committee of the Board of Christian Education. It is expected that, with the establishment of the Department of Christian Education, ecumenical education will form part of the programme of adult groups. In the meantime the Department and the Women's Guild Fellowship are recommending to existing groups programmes which include this education.

**(ix) Visit of Dr Billy Graham:**

A visit has been made by Mr Jerry Beavan, Executive Secretary for Dr Graham, and initial plans have been made for a visit sometime in the period February to May, 1959.

**(x) N.C.C. Branches:**

During the year there has been evidence of renewed strength in most of the Branches throughout the country. A new Branch has been formed in Hokitika. A meeting of Branch representatives will be held following the Annual Meeting of the N.C.C. on July 23 and 24.

**(xi) Commission on Overseas Missions and Inter-Church Aid:**

This new Commission of the N.C.C. which is the body which incorporates the former National Missionary Council, has held its first official meeting. Apart from carrying on the relationships with the International Missionary Council, and attending to other matters formerly dealt with by the N.M.C., the Commission has performed two main tasks: First, it made the initial recommendations to the Executive of the projects of Inter-Church Aid from the list provided by the World Council of Churches, Division of Inter-Church Aid, which should be supported by the 1957 Christmas Appeal. Secondly, the Commission has endeavoured to prepare, as it hopes to prepare annually, a resume of the total overseas missionary enterprise of its member bodies.

**(xii) Prison Chaplaincies:**

It is particularly satisfying that so many chaplains have been appointed, and that it has been possible to hold the first Chaplains' Conference. While each Chaplain was selected for his personal qualifications, the group does, in fact, represent five member churches in the Council. A special appeal was launched during the year in both daily and church papers, for homes where ex-prisoners and borstal inmates could find board after their release, and in an environment which would assist them in their rehabilitation. Some homes have been offered, but the response has been very disappointing.

**(xiii) Ecumenical Fellowship:**

The Church rejoices in the award of an Ecumenical Fellowship to the Rev L. N. Tauroa. He will be able to study in the School of Ecumenical Studies at the Union Theological Seminary, New York. He is the first New Zealander to be awarded such a Fellowship on the nomination of the N.C.C.

**(xiv) New Zealand Fraternal Workers:**

Mr and Mrs Brewster continue to do an extraordinarily useful work in Salatiga, mid-Java, on the staff of the Christian Teachers' Training College.

Miss Aline Pengelly, a New Zealand youth worker, has been officially recognised by the World Council of Churches as a fraternal worker under the Evangelical Lutheran Church of

Bavaria. Miss Pengelly is engaged in ecumenical youth work under the direction of that Church.

**(xv). Inter-Church Aid—Christmas Appeal:**

Again it is encouraging to report an improved response to this Appeal, £6000 more having been received than for the previous Appeal. One factor contributing to the improved response was undoubtedly the commendation of the appeal by the appropriate authority in each of the churches.

**Special Appeals**—In addition to the regular Christmas Appeal, the Council has a permanently open fund, and receives many contributions for inter-church aid. From this fund contributions have been made during the year to Dutch refugees from Indonesia, Hong Kong typhoon victims, and relief in Pakistan floods.

E. S. HODDINOTT, 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.
- (e) £125 for travelling expenses of representatives to the Life and Work Conference.
3. That the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal be commended to the Churches over the signature of the President.
4. That the section of the Report under Ecumenical Travel Fund be adopted as a guide for the administration of this fund.
5. That the following be the Methodist representatives to the N.C.C. Life and Work Conference, 1959:

**Education:** Revs W. F. Ford, E. M. Marshall, J. D. Grocott, J. J. Lewis, G. H. Goodman, Dr M. Winiata, Mr J. M. Wilson.

**International Affairs:** Revs G. R. H. Peterson (President of Conference), E. S. Hoddinott, W. S. Dawson, D. G. Sherson, Prof. D. W. McKenzie.

**Technical Assistance:** Revs B. M. Chrystall, S. G. Andrews, W. G. Eisner, Dr Brian Low, Mr G. C. Burton.

**Television:** Revs W. H. Greenslade, Robert Thornley, Mr M. Rickard, Mr Leo Foster.

**Two Representative Women:** Rev Phyllis Guthardt, Mrs W. A. Mullan.
6. That the Conference congratulate the Rev L. M. Tauroa on being awarded an Ecumenical Fellowship.
7. That the Conference urge all circuits and congregations to foster ecumenical education in adult groups at the local level.
8. That Conference affirm the nomination of the Rev A. K. Petch as representative to the East Asia Christian Conference.
9. 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.—Mrs H. F. Ford, Rev P. M. Guthart, B.A., Mrs J. R. Maddren.
- (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.

10. That Conference send official greetings to the first Assembly of the East Asian Christian Conference in May, 1959.

11. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 10 herein.

**QUESTION LXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?**

## 1—Faith and Order Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

The Committee has held regular monthly meetings throughout the year and, within the limits of the time available, pursued the matters referred to it by the Conference. It will be appreciated that many of the questions dealt with by the Committee are time-consuming and cannot be disposed of hurriedly.

#### **Preamble to the Book of Laws:**

A draft Preamble prepared by the Law Revision Committee was very carefully examined and returned to that committee with suggested amendments.

#### **Revision of Book of Offices:**

**ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:** Preparation for printing has been proceeded with in consultation with the Connexional Secretary. Final proofs have been read and corrected. The Committee has recommended to the Connexional Secretary that printing be in the following form:

(1) A booklet with covers for use of the congregation.

(2) A booklet without covers suitable for insertion in the Book of Offices at present being used by ministers.

**ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM:** Work on the revision of this order has continued throughout the year and has almost reached the point of completion. The Committee recommends that the draft of the revised order be submitted to Ministerial Synods, 1959, for study and comment.

#### **Ministers and Other Agents Retiring on Account of Ill Health:**

This matter has been given careful consideration. The Law Revision Committee was consulted on some important points. The statement submitted by the Committee is as follows:

It is evident that this question should refer to ministers who resign, not those who retire. In the event of retirement of ministers, their status is unchanged with respect to authority for the conducting of Sacraments or being registered as officiating ministers under the Marriage Act. In the case of Home Missionaries, any man who is granted by the Conference the status of a Retired Home Missionary, with certain safeguards, retains the full status of a Home Missionary (Book of Laws, para. 41, page 117). Thus there is no problem with respect to those who retire. In the event of resignation, however, the matter is different.

A Home Missionary who resigns, except on moral grounds or in cases of discipline, returns to the status of a fully accredited Local Preacher. The qualification which applies to Ministers,

Probationers, students, home missionaries or home missionary probationers is found in Book of Laws, para. 211, page 36.

An Ordained minister who resigns on the grounds of ill health or enters into business, while remaining a member and local preacher in good standing in the Methodist Church, is covered by the following considerations:

1. The nature of ordination. In Methodist doctrine and usage ordination is to a representative function within the Church. The Church recognises the sense of Divine Call professed by the minister, and, in trust that "whom God calls He empowers," in the act of ordination by prayers and laying on of hands, sets the minister aside to the special functions of the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments. Since ordination is an act of God, there can be no question of re-ordination. (See Methodist answers to questions asked by the National Council of Churches, "Towards One Church" pages 25 and 26, and "The Doctrine of the Ministry," Mins. of Con., 1954, page 182, paras 3, 4 and 6). "The Church recognises the Divine Call of this special ministry and the empowerment for the task, and separates these ministers for special functions."

2. In the event of resignation from the Ministry, the special functions of the separated ministry cease, but should such a preacher seek re-admission to the active work, and all tests and inquiries as to doctrine, discipline, character and fitness for the work are satisfactory, Conference may reinstate him to full functions and authority, and there would be no question of re-ordination.

3. During the period of such resignation, therefore, the functions and authority granted in ordination are withdrawn by the Church, and the status of ordination is suspended. Provided that all other requirements are fulfilled, the minister returns to the status of a fully accredited local preacher.

4. Conference may authorise special auxiliary forms of ministry (Mins. of Conf. 1954, page 184, para. 7) and ex-ministers in good standing in the Church would be eligible for such authorisation if available and needed.

5. However, it would be undesirable to grant such authorisation simply on the grounds of previous ordination in local situations where a fully authorised and adequate ministry already exists.

6. Note also: A supernumerary minister, or minister without pastoral charge, who enters into business, and whose name appears only on the Conference Journal, is considered as an accredited local preacher only (Book of Laws para. 119 page 18). He has the right to attend the District Synod (Book of Laws para. 119 page 18), but is not a member of the District Ministerial Committee (Book of Laws para. 321 page 60). He is not eligible to administer the Sacraments except as under (4) above.

#### **Theological Issues Involved in Church Architecture:**

The Rev B. M. Chrystall is at work on a statement on this matter. He has presented an interim report to the Committee which is not yet ready to report to the Conference.

#### **New Hymn Book:**

The Committee has considered this question in consultation with the Connexional Secretary. It would point out that there is no prospect of immediate action, but considers that consultations should continue with the British and Australian General Con-

ferences. The Connexional Secretary has been requested to take the matter up so that action can be taken when the time is opportune.

### **Membership and the Place of Children in the Church:**

(Ref. Minutes 1957, P.202)

Reports from Ministerial Synods were considered, and in the light of these the following amendments to the statement are recommended:

That the following new paragraphs be added to **Section 1:**

Baptism confers the status of membership in the One Holy Catholic Church.

Confirmation does not add to the organic relationship created by baptism, but recognises and seals the personal readiness to accept the privileges and responsibilities inherent in membership in the Methodist Church of New Zealand both as a part of the One Holy Catholic Church and as a legally constituted entity.

It is important at this point to distinguish three connotations of the term "membership:"

- i. The fundamental membership initiated by baptism.
- ii. The developing responsible membership which is the qualification for confirmation.
- iii. Membership in the institutional and legally constituted Church granted at confirmation or later.

That the following be added to **Section 3 (d):**

"The traditional invitation to all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity should be continued."

### **Personnel of Committee:**

During the year Mr K. J. Dellow found it necessary to resign from the Committee. At the request of the Committee the President appointed Mr F. C. Day to fill the vacancy.

### **Emblem for New Zealand Methodism:**

The sub-committee which has been at work has submitted a number of designs for consideration. One of these has been tentatively selected. This is a simple design of contemporary character. The Committee is not yet prepared to make a recommendation.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. SILVESTER, Convener.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted, with the exception of the Section on "Membership and Place of Children in the Church."
2. That the Committee be granted leave to continue its work on:

Handbook of Doctrine and Polity.

Baptism of children of parents who are in unsatisfactory relationship to the Church.

New Hymn Book.

Emblem for New Zealand Methodism.

Theological Issues Involved in Church Architecture.

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3. That the Order for Holy Baptism be completed and submitted to March Ministerial Committees, 1959, for study and comment.

4. That a grant of £5 be made to the Faith and Order Committee from the Contingent Fund.

5. That the following be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.

(1) That in view of the changing form of education of Sunday School children in both Sunday School and Church, consideration be given to a combined Sunday School and adult hymnal being prepared. (Note: Often only one hymn a week is used in the actual S.S. service, the remainder being sung from the adult book in the morning Church service.)

(2) That, in the revision of the Methodist Hymn Book, every endeavour be made to co-ordinate both words and tunes with those in the Methodist S.S. Hymnal.

#### **6. Membership and Place of Children in the Church.**

That the Statement of the Faith and Order Committee on "Membership and the Place of Children in the Church," which was presented as part of the report to last Conference together with the relevant section in the Committee's 1958 report be referred back to the Faith and Order Committee for re-casting in the light of the following suggestions:

(a) That the Evangelical values preserved by the gathered membership which has been a foundation principle of the Methodist Societies in common with other Churches of honoured tradition should be adequately safeguarded.

(b) That any effort to make Baptism the sole condition of Membership in the Methodist Church of New Zealand is contrary to the spirit and letter of the "General Rules of the Societies" which Conference has no legal power to revoke. (Law Bk., Par. 369 (b), page 72).

(c) That as a matter of principle, any constitutional change in the basis of membership should be referred to a vote of members before it is the subject of Conference decision.

7. That the Committee be as printed on Page 10 herein.

## **LXIII. 2—Radio Committee**

### **REPORT FOR 1958.**

The main work of the Committee this year has been action in terms of the 1957 Minutes of Conference Resolutions 4, 5 and 6 on pages 206 and 207. The following is a summary of developments:—

Soon after Conference 1957 the Rev W. H. Greenslade presented the substance of his report on radio and television in relation to religion to both the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs and the National Council of Churches. The I.C.C. set up a Select Committee on RTV which made recommendations re (a) Standards of general programming and (b) Time and facilities to be accorded the churches. The Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs has received the following report:—

The Committee has studied information received from Canada, U.S.A., Great Britain and Australia. It now submits the following as its unanimous finding:—

(1) That ownership and control of TV stations should be in the hands of a Department of Government.

(2) That commercial TV as and when initiated should be under the control of that Department.

(3) That in the legislation governing the operation of TV it should be laid down that the presentation in suitable form of religious services and other religious material be regarded as one of the important functions of TV stations in their service to the community and should be discharged in co-operation with the churches concerned with broadcasting.

(4) That in the allocation of time for religious Telecasts the principles which have been proved applicable and acceptable in the field of sound-broadcasting should be observed.

On the general questions associated with the social impacts of TV it was agreed to recommend:—

(a) That TV facilities should be introduced to the country on a moderate and gradual scale.

(b) That programmes should be so presented that the highest cultural, educational and religious standards of the nation be maintained.

(c) That while TV would largely cater for sport and popular entertainment interests, efforts should be made to secure the presentation of balanced programmes from all stations.

(d) That the State should set up a censorship authority on the lines of that which operates in the film industry. It would be that authority's duty to ensure—

- i. That no material televised would be blasphemous, indecent or prejudicial to Christian morals;
- ii. That the sanctity of family life be respected and upheld;
- iii. That special care be exercised to safeguard young people against the harmful effects of this medium of audio-visual entertainment and education.

The National Council of Churches has established a small commission (Bishop Rich, Revs. W. P. Temple and W. H. Greenslade) to make recommendations re a N.C.C. Department of Communications, or other means of providing an adequate RTV service for New Zealand.

The Methodist Church Radio Committee is appreciative of the steps that have been taken by both the I.C.C. and the N.C.C. and trusts that both bodies will continue to give a lead to the churches. Our Committee feels that the time is not yet ripe for the setting up of a separate Methodist Department of Communications but feels that for the rest of this year we must keep in close touch with the inter-church bodies and look for a lead from them. We urge support in the Auckland area for Mr Leo Foster in his special work. We are grateful for the leadership being given by the Rev W. H. Greenslade, and those throughout the Church with an interest in this field of radio and television should be encouraged to make experiments and to send reports of their findings to the Central Committee.

In regard to the **Children's Sunday Service**, progress is being made with arrangements for a national link of Children's Sunday Service Broadcasts. The Department of Christian Education has received from some districts a favourable reaction to the scheme and is awaiting further replies. The scheme is dependent upon support from all districts.

The routine work of the Committee has been carried out and

appreciation is expressed of the Central Radio Advisory Committee and the National Broadcasting Service.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

(1) That the report be received and adopted.

(2) That the Contingent Fund make a grant of £10 to the Radio Committee.

(3) That appreciation be expressed of the work of the Rev W. H. Greenslade in approaches to the National Council of Churches and the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs.

(4) That should the lead of the inter-church bodies be along the line of the establishment of denominational Communications Departments, the Methodist Radio Committee reconsider our position and report to Church Council and Conference.

(5) That Conference direct the Radio Committee to make arrangements for a Radio School for Ministers in June, 1959.

(6) Resolution of Appreciation: That Conference express its appreciation to the National Broadcasting Service for initiating the programmes of hymn-singing and Scripture readings, and express the hope that these will be continued.

7. That the Committee for 1959 be as printed on Page 12 herein.

## LXIII. 3—Statistics and Related Matters

### REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1958

(Ref. 1957 Minutes, p. 56f, Resolutions 1 to 9)

While the Resolutions passed by the 1957 Conference visualised a long term programme of investigation and planning, we report that the following steps have been taken:

#### 1.—Enquiry into the Statistical Position and the Work of the Church.

A.—In February the President of the Conference sent out a letter to all Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, asking that intensive study should be given to the position of the Church as disclosed by the statistical position.

This letter was accompanied by Tables:

- (i) Showing the Religious Professions of the Population as shown by the Censuses of 1945, 1951, and 1956.
- (ii) Showing the slow rate of membership growth.
- (iii) Showing the growth of membership in each Circuit of the District—to be used in comparison with another table showing the growth of population in each county, town and Borough or city in the District.
- (iv) Showing the comparison of overall Methodist strength in each District compared with Provincial growth.

Further, the questions to be faced by the Leaders' Meetings and Local Youth Councils were drawn up by the Home Mission Department and the Department of Christian Education, and sent out with the above.

When the Volume of the Census Report on the analysis of the location of the population on the basis of Religious Professions is

published—further information will be sent to the Circuits to enable them assess the relationship between Methodists recorded in a locality and their pastoral rolls.

B.—The Spiritual Advance Committee prepared the series of questions designed to appraise the present strength and development of the Church, and these were discussed by the March Ministerial Committees, and are now being faced by the Synod Standing Committees and in due course will be prepared for consideration by Conference.

## **2—Laymen's Conferences:**

The National Conference of Laymen proposed by Resolution 8 of the Report referred to above, was held in Feilding House on April 25th and 26th. Prior to this meeting a "pilot" Conference was held in the North Canterbury district, and the experience gained from this experiment made the National Conference a great success. The programme was designed to acquaint the men of the facts relating to the present position of the Church and the tasks it must undertake in the future. No "blueprints" were offered, but through the inspiration of working in groups, the representatives of the Districts gained new insights and returned to their own Districts pledged to co-operate with the Synod Standing Committees in organising District Conferences of laymen representative of the Circuits.

These have now been held in North Canterbury, Lower Northland, South Auckland, South Canterbury, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Auckland, Otago, and Wellington. Other are planned for Nelson, Upper Northland, and Taranaki-Wanganui.

Considerable assistance in organising these Conferences has been given by a Christchurch Committee of Laymen, created as an Executive by the National Conference with the authority of the President of Conference, with Mr E. A. Crothall as convener.

The President of the Conference, the Rev Dr D. O. Williams, and Mr P. A. Le Brun, and Mr E. A. Crothall have travelled extensively to give support to the various Conferences.

The Laymen would also express their appreciation to the insights they have received from Mr Norman Perry, Convener of the Stewardship Committee of the Presbyterian Church at the North Canterbury, Auckland, and the Feilding Conferences.

At all the Conferences the emphasis has been on the partnership that must exist between the ministry and the laity as the "people of God." The aim has not been to create yet another organisation, but rather to seek to revive the true Methodist policy in which concern and the missionary outreach of the congregations are expressed through alert and vital Leaders' Meetings.

**The Next Step.**—Circuit Conferences of Laymen are now being organised in some circuits, and it is hoped that eventually these will be held in all circuits so that a new concern for the Church and her witness may be created by the Holy Spirit.

## **3—Circuit Objectives:**

To date little information is to hand concerning the definite objectives referred to in Resolution 5 (c) of the Conference Report

(see 1957 Minutes, p. 56), but it is hoped that Circuits will take the Resolution and its suggestions seriously.

B. M. CHRYSTALL,  
Home Mission Department.

E. A. CROTHALL,  
Convener Laymen's Conference Committee.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Leaders' Meetings and Local Youth Councils which have not yet considered the Questionnaires sent out in 1957 by the Home Mission Department and the Department of Christian Education be required to do so and to report their findings through the Quarterly Meetings to the Synod Standing Committees.
3. That Synod Standing Committees continue to give oversight to the enquiry within the Districts and when completed to report their findings to the Home Mission Department.
4. That the Home Mission Department report on the results of the enquiry to the Synods and Conference when the same is completed.
5. That Circuits be encouraged to hold Conferences of Laity (both men and women) this coming year with a view to continuing the work of the District Conferences in awakening our members to a better churchmanship and pastoral concern.
6. That for this year the following be a Lay Committee to provide encouragement, assistance, and material to Districts and Circuits holding Lay Conferences: Messrs P. A. Le Brun, A. A. Dingwall, G. E. Hill, F. R. Metson, N. P. Alcorn, and E. A. Crothall (Convener).
7. That the Home Mission Department continue to give overall oversight to the enquiry, and direction to the Conferences, it being understood that the Department of Christian Education and the Spiritual Advance Committee will provide such assistance as may be required.

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. That Synod Standing Committees report each year to Synod on the standard of parsonages in the District, with special reference to those that are sub-standard.
2. In view of the number of reports being sent down to congregations for study (Place of Faith in Spiritual Healing, Value of Christian Education, the Sunday Morning Programme, Statement on Peace and War), the Board of Publications co-ordinate these reports in booklet form for study groups in the local Churches.
3. That the following Committee investigate and report to the Church Council, 1959, the whole question of the volume of business now being dealt with by Conference, in order that something be again attempted to reduce the volume of work Conference is called upon to handle. The Council to report to Synods and Conference, 1959: The President and Vice-President of Conference, Revs V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, J. D. Grocott, H. L. Fiebig, Messrs P. A. Le Brun, A. Crothall, W. P. Alcorn, H. de R. Flesher.
4. Triennial Visitation.—That this be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee.

**QUESTION LXIV.—(a) When shall the District Synods be held?**

During the week ending 29th August, 1959.

**(b) When and Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?**

On Wednesday, 4th November, 1959, at 7.30 p.m., in Wesley Church, Wellington.

# AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1958

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### **INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS**

Page 21, Section 127 is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:—

"Except as hereinafter provided no invitation shall be extended to any Minister or be accepted by him until the June Quarterly Meeting in the third year of his term in any Circuit. In the case of an invitation to a Minister for an extended term the invitation shall be given to him and shall be accepted or declined by him at the March Quarterly Meeting."

### **ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

Page 38, Section 213 is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:—

"He shall be elected at the opening session of the Conference preceding that at which he is to take office by a majority of the votes cast, the voting being by ballot."

Section 217 is hereby amended by deleting the words "the election of his successor" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "until his successor takes office."

Section 218 is hereby amended by deleting the words "he is elected and at the succeeding Conference" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "at which he takes office and at the next succeeding Conference."

Section 218 as amended by 1956 Conference is further amended by deleting the words "he is elected" wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words "he takes office."

Section 214A. If for any reason the member elected as Vice-President is unable to take office the Conference at its first session shall proceed to fill the vacancy.

Section 214B. Should the Vice-President die, become incapable of acting or resign while the Conference is in session the Conference shall proceed to elect a Vice-President in his stead.

### **PREACHERS' MEETINGS AND LOCAL PREACHERS**

Page 45, Section 254 is amended by repealing sub-section (a) and substituting therefor the following:—

(a) Before being accredited a Local Preacher on Probation unless he is at least forty years of age and has given at least ten years of continuous preaching service shall take the written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners, conduct a trial service and be orally examined in the Preacher's Meeting by the Superintendent or other duly appointed person.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY MEETING**

Page 54, Section 290, additional question. Add the following question between sub-section 9 (d) and (e):—

(dd) Invitation of Minister for an extended term. (March Meeting.)

### **DISTRICT SYNODS—AGENDA**

Page 66, Question 38 (a) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words "Connexional and District."

## **CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE**

Page 69, Section 356 (b) is hereby amended by adding after the word "including" in the first line thereof the words "the Vice-President-elect and"

### **EXAMINATION COMMITTEE**

#### **(d) Candidates**

Page 83, Section 424 (b) as amended by Conference, 1955, is hereby repealed and the following is hereby substituted therefor:—

(b) The minimum academic qualification for all candidates except Home Missionaries who are over twenty-five years of age shall be either the University Entrance Examination or its equivalent or the Diploma of the School of Christian Workers.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Page 92, Section 490a (2) (b) is hereby amended by adding after the words "Vice-President" the words "Vice-President-elect."

### **FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Page 110, Sub-section 26 (e) of Section 50 as amended by 1953 and 1955 Conference is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"(e) Four Missionary Sisters. Such sister must have served one complete term and shall be elected by the sisters serving in the District."

### **HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT**

#### **HOME MISSIONARIES**

Page 117, Section 505, sub-section 37 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:—

"In the event of the marriage of a woman employed as a Home Missionary her employment shall be terminated."

### **ORDER OF DEACONESSSES**

Page 123, Section 506 (31) as amended by 1956 Conference is hereby further amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:—

"(31) The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee its list of recommended appointments, and the Stationing Committee shall make its recommendations to Conference for the stationing of Deaconesses during the Second Reading of Stations."

### **THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND**

Page 135, sub-section 23 (a) of Section 511 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"23 (a) Each Candidate for the Ministry, before being accepted by the Conference, shall undergo the prescribed medical and chest X-ray examination, the report on same to be submitted by a practitioner approved by the Board."

Sub-section 23 (b) is hereby repealed.

Page 137, sub-section 33 of Section 511 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "shall receive an annuity" the words "or commuted sum."

Sub-section 34 of Section 511 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

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Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Board's Actuary as at the date of such retirement."

Sub-section 36 (b) of Section 511 is hereby repealed.

Sub-section 37 (e) of Section 511 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"(37) (e) Decide as to the amount of annuity to be commuted and as to the amount or amounts of the annuity or annuities remaining to be paid in respect to the applicant's interest in the Fund."

#### **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

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(1958 Minutes, Page 198.)

### **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 the 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)

### **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)

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. (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.)

#### **Invitations to Ministers**

Page 21, Section 127 is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:—

"Except as hereinafter provided no invitation shall be extended to any Minister or be accepted by him until the June Quarterly Meeting in the third year of his term in any Circuit. In the case of an invitation to a Minister for an extended term the invitation shall be given to him and shall be accepted or declined by him at the March Quarterly Meeting."

(1958 Minutes, Page 204.)

#### **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)

#### **Election of Vice-President**

Page 38, Section 213 is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence and substituting therefor the following:—

"He shall be elected at the opening session of the Conference preceding that at which he is to take office by a majority of the votes cast, the voting being by ballot."

Section 217 is hereby amended by deleting the words "the election of his successor" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "until his successor takes office."

Section 218 is hereby amended by deleting the words "he is elected and at the succeeding Conference" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "at which he takes office and at the next succeeding Conference."

Section 218 as amended by 1956 Conference is further amended by deleting the words "he is elected" wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words "he takes office."

Section 214A. If for any reason the member elected as Vice-President is unable to take office the Conference at its first session shall proceed to fill the vacancy.

Section 214B. Should the Vice-President die, become incapable of acting or resign while the Conference is in session the Conference shall proceed to elect a Vice-President in his stead.

(1958 Minutes, Page 200.)

#### **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)

Page 45, Section 254 is amended by repealing sub-section (a) and substituting therefor the following:—

(a) Before being accredited a Local Preacher on Probation unless he is at least forty years of age and has given at least ten years of continuous preaching service shall take the written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners, conduct a trial service and be orally examined in the Preacher's Meeting by the Superintendent or other duly appointed person.

(1958 Minutes, Page 64.)

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 between sub-section 9 (d) and (e):—

(dd) Invitation of Minister for an extended term. (March Meeting.)

(1958 Minutes, Page 204.)

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, Question 38 (a) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words “Connexional and District.” (1958 Minutes, Page 202.)

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 not 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)

### **Constitution of Conference**

Page 69, Section 356 (b) is hereby amended by adding after the word "including" in the first line thereof the words "the Vice-President-elect and."

(1958 Minutes, Page 200.)

### **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 by Conference, 1955, is hereby repealed and the following is hereby substituted therefor:—

(b) The minimum academic qualification for all candidates except Home Missionaries who are over twenty-five years of age shall be either the University Entrance Examination or its equivalent or the Diploma of the School of Christian Workers.

(1958 Minutes, Page 124.)

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).

### **World Peace Committee**

Page 91 X b. A World Peace Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. It shall give leadership to the Church on all matters relating to world peace and shall report thereon to Synods and to the Conference.

(1956 Minutes, page 195.)

### **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.)

Page 92, Section 490a (2) (b) is hereby amended by adding after the words "Vice-President" the words "Vice-President-elect."  
(1958 Minutes, Page 201.)

### **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 50 as amended by 1953 and 1955 Conference is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"(e) Four Missionary Sisters. Such sister must have served one complete term and shall be elected by the sisters serving in the District."

(1958 Minutes, Page 140.)

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.)

#### **Home Mission Department**

Page 117, Section 505, sub-section 37 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:—

“In the event of the marriage of a woman employed as a Home Missionary her employment shall be terminated.”  
(1958 Minutes, Page 203.)

#### **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) as amended by 1956 Conference is hereby further amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:

“(31) The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee its list of recommended appointments, and the Stationing Committee shall make its recommendations to Conference for the stationing of Deaconesses during the Second Reading of Stations.”

(1958 Minutes, Page 161.)

#### **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)

#### **The Supernumerary Fund**

Page 135, sub-section 23 (a) of Section 511 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

“23 (a) Each Candidate for the Ministry, before being accepted by the Conference, shall undergo the prescribed medical and chest X-ray examination, the report on same to be submitted by a practitioner approved by the Board.”

Sub-section 23 (b) is hereby repealed.

(1958 Minutes, Page 201.)

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.)

Page 137, sub-section 33 of Section 511 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "shall receive an annuity" the words "or commuted sum."

Sub-section 34 of Section 511 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"(34) When the application of a Minister to become a Supernumerary has been approved by the Conference, then the Board shall offer to him the option either of receiving an annuity according to scale, or of commuting a specified part of his interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Board's Actuary as at the date of such retirement."

(1958 Minutes, Page 132.)

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."

(1956 Minutes, page 121)

Sub-section 36 (b) of Section 511 is hereby repealed.

(1958 Minutes, Page 132.)

Sub-section 37 (e) of Section 511 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"(37) (e) Decide as to the amount of annuity to be commuted and as to the amount or amounts of the annuity or annuities remaining to be paid in respect to the applicant's interest in the Fund."

(1958 Minutes, Page 132.)

Page 140, Section 511 (50) Amount of grant at present is £120.

(1951 Minutes, page 112)

#### **Ministers' Home Acquirement 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 LETTER OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE CHURCH, 1958

The Annual Conference held in Durham Street Church, Christchurch, from 5th to 13th November, 1958, extends greetings to Methodists of New Zealand and the Solomon Islands and the Papua-New Guinea Highlands.

The Conference of over 300 members represents 29,869 members in New Zealand plus 8,786 Maori members and 7,904 members in the Solomons—a total of 46,559. Devoted attention was given to a full agenda, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit with a deep sense of responsibility to God and man; to God and the 162,000 census Methodists.

The decisions of Conference are important, for it is the supreme court of the Church. Conference expects the members of the Church and the various courts of the Church to give adherence to the findings of Conference which result mostly, if not wholly, from the guidance of the Divine Spirit.

There are encouraging features in the life and work of the Church. A total increase of 978 members (including 94 more Maori members) brings the New Zealand membership to 38,655 (pakeha and Maori). Nineteen Candidates for the Ministry presented to Conference were all accepted for theological training. This is the largest number in the history of our Church. Seven men were ordained, one for service in the Solomons. However, only one deaconess was dedicated and no young women were accepted for training. This avenue of service should be considered seriously by our dedicated young women. Forty-nine men and women qualified as Local Preachers during the year. This may be a record for one year and augurs well for the Church. From this group will come candidates for the ministry and for other branches of Church work.

The Stationing Committee found its task a little easier this year, and there is hope of a number of urgent requests for additional ministers being met by next Conference. For this we are grateful. There are still over 40 "one wanted" places on the List of Stations, although some of these are supplied for this year. A number of urgent cases remain and cry out for appointment.

Laymen's conferences and rallies held on District and Circuit levels have given a larger number of our laity a new sense of mission and a clearer vision of the Church's task in the community. Much more can be done in this direction and more Circuits should consider laymen's rallies for the coming year.

Noteworthy progress was made in Church Union matters. During the year a conference of eighty-one representatives of the negotiating Churches gave three days to careful consideration of the fundamental principles in regard to Church Union. It has now been agreed that the Joint Standing Committee should proceed to prepare a draft Basis of Union for presentation to Conferences and Assemblies in 1959 and for reference to District or Local Courts in 1960, with a view to a vote being taken upon the proposed basis as early as possible thereafter.

Stewardship has been prominently before the Church. Valuable guidance has been received from the Standing Committee on Church Finance and Stewardship. Conference has resolved that the Connexional Budget scheme shall operate from February, 1961, and urges all circuits to proceed with an intensive programme of preparatory education and also to adopt a budget system of pledge-giving. Stewardship has reference to more than money. It includes

also dedication of time and talents, with an acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Such devotion arises from what God has done for us in Christ. We love because God first loved us. Our giving of ourselves and our possessions must be viewed in the light of God's self-giving for us on the Cross.

Public Questions and International Affairs Committees presented valuable statements for the study and consideration of the Church. Conference favoured the abolition of the system of military training in schools and colleges. It spoke strongly against nuclear tests and nuclear warfare and against the sending of a so-called All Black Rugby team to South Africa without Maori representatives. All this stresses the importance of human values as from the Christian viewpoint.

God richly bless every one of you.

May there be an increasing awareness of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church, which is His Body, and of our responsibility to Him. "Thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God." "Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father."

For and on behalf of the Conference,

G. R. H. PETERSON, President.

A. A. DINGWALL, Vice-President.

A. R. PENN, Secretary.

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# APPENDIX

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# THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	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. Laurensen	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
Christchurch	1958	Gordon R. H. Peterson	Allen A. Dingwall	Athol R. Penn

\*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>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.<br/>    (Fellow of Trinity College)<br/>    (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.<br/>    (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  McArthur, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.<br/>    F.R.G.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Rowe, William (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B., (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Lawrence, Frederick B. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1914—Burnet, Oswald (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Werren, Samuel J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Olds, E. Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Odell, Henry J. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.<br/>    (Toronto) (Sup.)</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Fordyce, Robert E. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.<br/>    (Melb.) (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Chambers, Ernest B. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Dennis, John (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Parker, Frederick J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.<br/>    (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Parker, James W., (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Skuse, Thomas, (Sup.)</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Gatman, William (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1922—Brooks, Leslie A. G.</p> <p>    "  Jack, J. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Hames, Eric W., M.A.</p> <p>    "  Spencer, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p>1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Bateup, Frank (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Brown, Hubert G.</p> <p>    "  Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.</p> <p>    "  Kings, Harry S. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "  Taylor, Cecil R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.</p> <p>    "  Harris, G. Raymond</p> <p>    "  Voyce, A. Harry</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.</p> <p>    "  Laurenson, George I.</p> <p>    "  Penn, Athol R.</p> <p>    "  Raynor, Ivo M.</p> <p>    "  Silvester, A. Wharton E. (M.M.)</p> <p>    "  Utting, Harry V.</p> <p>1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.</p> <p>    "  Hailwood, Charlie O.</p> <p>    "  Handy, Francis J.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.</p> <p>    "  Horwood, Leonard C.</p> <p>    "  Kent, Arthur T.</p> <p>    "  Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery</p> <p>    "  Draper, Joseph C.</p> <p>    "  Leadley, E. Clarence</p> <p>    "  McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D.<br/>        (Mt. Union, U.S.A.)</p> <p>    "  Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D.</p> |
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- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.  
" Carr, W. E. Allon  
" Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D.  
(Dickenson, U.S.A.) F.R.E.S.  
" Greenslade, William W.H.  
" Moore, William E.  
" Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D.  
(Lond.)  
" Payne, Herbert W.  
" Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D
- 1932—Day, Reginald  
" Hickman, D. J. Donald  
" Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D.  
" Jenkin, William C.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.  
" Daglish, J. Ainsley  
" Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.  
" Patchett, Ralph E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.  
" Johnston, Andrew J.  
" Matthews, Howard C., B.A.
- 1935—Duder, Clifford L.  
" Hanna, L. Gordon  
" Luxton, Clarence T. J.  
" Thornley, Robert, M.A.  
Dip.Soc.Sc.  
" Witheford, Arthur R. B.A.
- 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John  
" Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.  
(Lond.)  
" Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.  
B.D. (Melb.)  
" Hoddinott, Ernest S.  
" Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.  
(Melb.)  
" Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.  
" Silvester, John, M.A.  
" Whitfield, Harris, E.D.
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.  
" Grice, Reginald  
" Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Agr.Sc  
" Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.  
" Oldfield, Charles B.  
" Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B. B.A.  
" Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.  
" Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.  
" Greenslade, Lawrence  
" Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.  
" Brown, Harold K.  
" Darvill, Harold A.  
" Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.  
" Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.  
" Collins, Alan F.  
" Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.  
B.Com.  
" Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.  
Ph.D. (Melb)  
" Morrison, William J., M.A.  
" Rogers, Ranginohora  
" Willing, Leonard V.  
" Williams, J. C. Aldwyn
- 1943—Andrews, Stanley G., M.A.,  
Dip.Ed.  
" Brown, Clifford G.  
" Cramond, George W.  
" Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A.  
" Falkingham, Wilfred E.  
" Grounds, Edmund D.  
" Jolly, Albert  
" Prosser, Frederick O. (Sup.)
- 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.  
" Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D.  
" Bycroft, Leslie F.  
" Chambers, Wesley A., M.A.  
" Dorian, A. Peter  
" Sherson, Donald G., B.A.
- 1945—Green, Warren  
" Shapcott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister  
" Moore, Harry  
" Olds, Norman W.  
" Shepherd, Trevor  
" Thompson, George R., E.D.
- 1947—Attwood, A. Francis  
" Clements, Leslie C.  
" Divers, W. Lloyd  
" Hall, Allen H., M.A.  
" Parker, Francis H.  
" Riseley, Benjamin H.  
" Stewart, Edmond S.
- 1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.  
" Hilder, Basil J.  
" Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,  
Dip.Ed.
- 1949—Baker, Edward  
" Benny, T. Ralph  
" Burt, Douglas H.  
" Burton, Ormond E., M.A.  
" 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.

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| <p>1950—Clark, Colin D., B.A.<br/>         „ Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.<br/>         „ Ramsay, Phillip D.<br/>         „ Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,<br/>            B.D.<br/>         „ Woodfield, Frank H.<br/>         „ Woodfield, Owen T.</p> <p>1951—Besant, H. David, B.A.<br/>         „ Burrough, Amos W.<br/>         „ Carter, George G., M.A.<br/>            Dip.Ed.<br/>         „ Clucas, Ivan J.<br/>         „ Gilbert, Geoffrey T.<br/>         „ Raynor, Charles H.<br/>         „ Ruck, Idris J.<br/>         „ Stead, Peter A., B.A.<br/>         „ Toothill, Harry W.<br/>         „ Olds, O. McLennan</p> <p>1952—Edmonds, David W.<br/>         „ George, R. Leslie<br/>         „ Gibson, Loyal J.<br/>         „ Hall, John R.<br/>         „ Handyside, Allan J.<br/>         „ Penman, John A., B.A.<br/>         „ Reid, Ian W.<br/>         „ Shaw, Harry I.<br/>         „ Spindler, Sydney J.<br/>         „ Thompson, John H.<br/>         „ Trebilco, George R.</p> <p>1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.<br/>         „ Le Couteur, E. Raymond<br/>         „ Craig, Hughan M.<br/>         „ McKay, Archibald W.<br/>         „ Newman, Alan<br/>         „ Osborne, John H.<br/>         „ Stubbs, David G.</p> <p>1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.<br/>         „ Boyd, Edward P.<br/>         „ Dickie, Arthur W.<br/>         „ Eastwood, Eric R.<br/>         „ Grundy, John, M.A.<br/>         „ Heppelthwaite, Ernest<br/>         „ Newton, Alan H. V.<br/>         „ Rakena, Ruawai D.<br/>         „ Rushton, Percy P.<br/>         „ Tahere, Te Awha W.<br/>         „ Trebilco, David L.<br/>         „ Watson, Alexander C.</p> | <p>1955—Abbott, William K.<br/>         „ Bennett, Trevor L.<br/>         „ Cable, Wilfred J.<br/>         „ Peart, Cuthbert R.<br/>         „ Rigg, Frank S.<br/>         „ Tauroa, Lane M., B.A.<br/>         „ Thornicroft, Neville<br/>         „ Wood, Ronald H.</p> <p>1956—Andrews, Robert S.<br/>         „ Bennett, George L.<br/>         „ Grant, Ian D.<br/>         „ Kitchingman, Owen<br/>         „ Nicholls, Trevor L.<br/>         „ Scammell, Bruce<br/>         „ Ziesler, John A., B.A., B.D.,<br/>            (Lond.)</p> <p>1957—Bell, G. Basil W.<br/>         „ Brough, Gordon D., B.A.<br/>         „ Cropp, James F.<br/>         „ Downer, Maurice H.<br/>         „ Fowler, Irwin J.<br/>         „ Guthardt, Phyllis M., B.A.<br/>         „ Kitchingman, Henry W.<br/>         „ Mabon, John C.F.<br/>         „ Reddihough, John W., F.R.G.S<br/>         „ Russell, Kenneth H.<br/>         „ Scarr, Geoffrey E.<br/>         „ Taylor, Phillip F.<br/>         „ Walker, Bryan A., M.A.</p> <p>1958—Climo, Frederick J.<br/>         „ Gilbert, Wilfred S.<br/>         „ Glen, Frank G.<br/>         „ Hamlin, R. John<br/>         „ Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A.</p> <p>1959—Barker, Peter S.<br/>         „ Bowen, Lewis A.<br/>         „ Campbell, Michael J.<br/>         „ Dine, Mervyn L.<br/>         „ Gibson, Roger M.<br/>         „ Goudge, Stanley, R. B.A.<br/>         „ Greening, G. Kihgsley<br/>         „ Griffith, Keith C.,<br/>         „ Hosking, John S., B.A.<br/>         „ Jones, Dorothea M., B.A.<br/>         „ Kitchingman, David L., B.A.<br/>         „ Morrison, William<br/>         „ Salter, Lawrence E.<br/>         „ Widdup, Robert W.</p> |
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### NATIVE MINISTERS

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| <p>1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)<br/>         1944—Piani, Timothy<br/>         1944—Taufa, John<br/>         1944—Palavi, Daniel<br/>         1953—Vula, Aisake</p> | <p>1955—Bitibule, John Veo<br/>         1956—Maka, Ahofitu<br/>         1957—Pataaku, Samson<br/>         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 |
| C.E.D.—Christian Education Dept. | Th.C.—Theological College. |

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	.. 2	Abbott, William K., 81 Johnson Street, Milton ..	.. 136
1944	.. 4	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead Auckland, N.5. ..	.. 20
1956	.. 1	Andrews, Robert S., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton ..	.. 107
1943	.. 8	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. ..	.. F.M.
1947	.. 3	Attwood, A. Francis, Paeroa ..	.. 32
1924	.. S	Bailey, John H., Hill Street, Warkworth, Northland (1956)	29
1949	.. 3	Baker, Edward, 22 Union Street, New Brighton Christchurch, E.3. ..	.. 106
1953	.. 4	Baker, Frederick J. K., Paparoa, Northland ..	.. 9
1959	.. 1	Barker, Peter S., Stanley St., Eketahuna ..	.. 91
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	.. 30
1941	.. 5	Bell, Charles H., B.A., Tainui Street, Matamata ..	.. 40
1957	.. 3	Bell, G. Basil W., 56 Foyle Street, Bluff ..	.. 143
1944	.. 3	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., 100 West Street, Feilding ..	.. 75
1956	.. 1	Bennett, George L., 8 Combridge St., Gonville Wanganui	61
1955	.. 1	Bennett, Trevor L., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton ..	.. 125
1949	.. 4	Benny, T. Ralph, 5 William Street, Gore ..	.. 138
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur A., No. 2 R.D., Te Puna, Tauranga (1950)	43
1951	.. 2	Besant, H. David, B.A., 36 Kings Road, Panmure, Auckland, E.2. ..	.. 15
1954	.. 3	Billingham, 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	.. 5	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.1. (1957) ..	.. 104
1959	.. 1	Bowen, Lewis A., 29 Rimu St., Helensville, Auckland ..	.. 28

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955 ..	2	Boyd, Edward P., Scotland Street, Roxburgh ..	144
1922 ..	5	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu ..	46
1957 ..	1	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., Methodist Mission, Kekesu, Teop, Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea ..	[10]
1943 ..	2	Brown, Clifford G., Wainuiomata, Wellington ..	87a
1916 ..	8	Brown, George E., 611 Blockhouse Bay Road, Auckland, S.W.3. (1956) ..	16
1941 ..	1	Brown, Harold K., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, N.1. ..	111
1924 ..	4	Brown, Hubert G., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.1. ..	105
1910 ..	8	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951) ..	
1914 ..	8	Burnet, Oswald, 6 Horseshoe Lake Road, Shirley Christchurch, N.E.2. (1954) ..	106
1951 ..	2	Burrough, Amos W., 10 Freyberg Street, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay ..	68
1949 ..	3	Burt, Douglas H., Box 12 Ruawai, Northland ..	8
1949 ..	4	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Kirk St., Otaki ..	93
1944 ..	3	Bycroft, Leslie F., 142 North Street, Timaru ..	120
1955 ..	4	Cable, Wilfred J., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill ..	140
1959 ..	1	Campbell, Michael J., 63 Tukapa St., Westown, New Plymouth ..	52
1931 ..	5	Carr, Thomas H., C.F., 336 Selwyn St. Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1. ..	109
1931 ..	9	Carr, W. E. Allon, 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1 ..	13
1951 ..	9	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands. ..	[6]
1917 ..	8	Chambers, Ernest B., 52 Woodlands Road, Glen Eden, Auckland (1956) ..	17
1944 ..	7	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 46 Radley Street, Christchurch, S.E.1. ..	107
1933 ..	1	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui ..	59
1937 ..	4	Churchill, John, 30 Church St., Te Aroha ..	34
1950 ..	7	Clark, Colin D., B.A., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1. ..	108
1942 ..	3	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., C.F., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3. ..	11
1947 ..	4	Clements, Leslie C., C/o Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie Post Office, Wellington ..	81
1958 ..	2	Climo, Frederick J., Main Rd, Greytown ..	88
1951 ..	5	Clucas, Ivan J. Silverdale, Northland ..	28
1939 ..	7	Cochrane, Herbert A., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin, W. 1. ..	132
1942 ..	2	Collins, Alan F., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1 ..	130
1915 ..	8	Cooke, Percy I., 528 Te Atatu Rd., Te Atatu, Auckland (1952) ..	17
1905 ..	8	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2., (1947) ..	16
1949 ..	11	Cornwell, Gordon A.R., Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea ..	[11]
1918 ..	8	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sci., South Tee., Pictou (1955) ..	99
1909 ..	8	Cottom, Harry, Springston R/D., Canterbury (1949) ..	113
1953 ..	1	Craig, Hugham M., Kohu Kohu, Hokianga ..	3
1943 ..	2	Cramond, George W., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru ..	126
1957 ..	2	Cropp, James F., 61 Brown's Rd., Manurewa ..	24
1933 ..	1	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Cuba St., Marton ..	64
1941 ..	15	Darvill, Harold A., 107 Waihi Road, Hawera ..	H.M.
1940 ..	3	Dawson John B., B.A. 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton ..	90
1943 ..	6	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2., C.F. ..	19

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1932	.. 1	Day, Reginald, 62 Albert St., Pahiatua	.. 71
1917	.. S	Dennis, John, 28 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.. 19
1929	.. 2	Dickens, Charles E., 82 Murray Place, St. Albans Christchurch, N.1	.. 111
1954	.. 4	Dickie, Arthur W., 83 King St., Whakatane	.. 44
1959	.. 1	Dine, Mervyn L., C/- 60a 13th Ave., Tauranga	.. 43
1947	.. 4	Divers, W. Lloyd, 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	.. 25
1940	.. 3	Dixon, Haddon, C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2453, Auckland	.. 11
1944	.. 5	Dorrian, A. Peter, 67 Shearman Road, Waimate	.. 121
1957	.. 1	Downer, Maurice H., C/- 45 High Street, Blenheim	.. 99
1930	.. 5	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 42 Melanesia Road, Kohimarama Auckland, E.1	.. 15
1935	.. 2	Duder, Clifford L., 38 Sealey St., Thames	.. 30
1931	.. 8	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 56 Royal Terrace Dunedin, C.2	.. 128
1954	.. 2	Eastwood, Eric R., Cromwell	.. 145
1952	.. 3	Edmonds, David W., 82 Auckland Street, Picton	.. 99
1948	.. 3	Eisner, Wilf G., B.A., 31 Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	.. 84
1911	.. S	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum Street, Paeroa (1948)	.. 32
1943	.. 9	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P. O. Box 1449, Christchurch, C.1	.. 105
1924	.. 14	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, C.1 C.S.	.. 104
1919	.. S	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	.. 104
1948	.. 3	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 16 Duncan St., Tawa Flat Wellington	.. C.E.D.
1916	.. S	Fordyce, Robert E., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (1956)	.. 52
1957	.. 3	Fowler, Irwin J., Apiti	.. 77
1911	.. S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1., (1941)	.. 106
1937	.. 6	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton, C.F.	.. 37
1949	.. S	Garner, William M., C/o Parsonage, DeMerle Street, Kaikohe (1957)	.. 2
1919	.. S	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland (1947)	.. 19
1952	.. 3	George, R. Leslie, 18 West Rd., Northland, Wellington W.2.	.. 80
1952	.. 5	Gibson, Loyal J., Greendale No. 1 R/D., Christchurch	.. 120
1959	.. 1	Gibson, Roger M., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 2
1952	.. 3	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., C. F., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill Auckland, S.2	.. 13
1958	.. 2	Gilbert, Wilfred S., Mace Street, Reefton	.. 100
1940	.. 6	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 15
1958	.. 2	Glen, Frank G., Liemen Street, Otautau, Southland	.. 142
1934	.. 3	Goodman, George H., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.. 73
1950	.. 5	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 12 Marsden Road, Greymouth	.. 102
1959	.. 1	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 78 Church St., Mosgiel	.. 135
1956	.. 1	Grant, Ian D., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson	.. 96
1945	.. 1	Green, Warren, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.2	.. 133
1959	.. 1	Greening, G. Kingsley, Woodend	.. 116
1940	.. 3	Greenslade, Lawrence, 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington E.2	.. 82
1931	.. 3	Greenslade, William W. H., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.. 52
1939	.. 3	Grice, Reginald, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	.. 36
1959	.. 1	Griffith, Keith C., Taihape	.. 62
1928	.. 4	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	.. 110
1943	.. 1	Grounds, Edmund, The Manse, 24 Tyne St., Timaru	.. 120a

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1954 ..	1	Grundy, John, M.A., 274 High St., Carterton ..	89
1957 ..	3	Guthardt, Phyllis M., B.A., 519 Barrington St., Christchurch	110
1928 ..	2	Hailwood, Charlie O., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt ..	85
1947 ..	13	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands ..	[6]
1926 ..	4	Hall, James H., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth ..	52
1952 ..	4	Hall, John R., Geraldine ..	123
1923 ..	21	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House" Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3. ..	ThC.
1958 ..	2	Hamlin, R. John, Bombay, Auckland ..	26
1928 ..	4	Handy, Francis J., 64 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7. ..	22
1952 ..	3	Handyside, Allan J., 890 George St., Dunedin, N.I. ..	128
1935 ..	5	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., (1917) ..	15
1938 ..	6	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 ..	1	Harris, G. Raymond, 19 Schofield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland	11
1900 ..	S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes Street, Waimate, (1940)	121
1939 ..	2	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., "Friendship House," (20a) Bueckburg, West Germany ..	79
1954 ..	2	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 3 Delta Street, Dunedin, N.W.1 ..	127
1932 ..	3	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 5 Chapman St., Invercargill ..	140
1948 ..	2	Hilder, Basil J., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake ..	58
1912 ..	S	Hinton, George B., 12 Roslyn St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.I. (1949) ..	111
1938 ..	4	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 235 Karori Road, Wellington W.3.	80
1911 ..	S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935) ..	66
1936 ..	1	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 304 Stanmore Rd., Christchurch N.E.1, ..	106
1929 ..	5	Horwood, Leonard C., 801E, Queen St., Hastings ..	66
1959 ..	1	Hosking, John S., B.A., C/- 31 Huanui St., Porirua Wellington ..	84
1900 ..	S	Hunt, George P. 25 Claude Road, Manurewa Auckland (1940) ..	24
1942 ..	2	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Riemenschneider St., Maniaia ..	57
1922 ..	S	Jack, J. Francis, 15 Northboro Rd., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1956) ..	19
1932 ..	13	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 ..	1	Jenkin, William C., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	60
1934 ..	7	Johnston, Andrew J., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington, S.I.	81
1943 ..	1	Jolly, Albert, 83 Kolmar St., Papatoetoe ..	23
1940 ..	6	Jones, Allan O., 98 North Street, Timaru ..	119
1959 ..	1	Jones, Dorothea M., B.A., 5 Garden Pl., Lower Hutt ..	85
1899 ..	S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green Street, Lower Hutt, (1940)	85
1949 ..	6	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission Mendi, via Goroka Territory of New Guinea ..	[12]
1916 ..	S	Kendon, Charles H., 99 Avondale Road, Greenmeadows, Napier, (1954) ..	65
1929 ..	4	Kent, Arthur T., C.F., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei ..	6
1924 ..	S	Kings, Harry S., 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956) ..	92

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1959	.. 1	Kitchingman, David L. B.A., 73 Churchill Rise, Broad Bay, Dunedin	.. 131
1957	.. 2	Kitchingman, Henry W., Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	.. 2
1956	.. 4	Kitchingman, Owen, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn Wellington	.. 79
1927	.. 6	Larsen, Norman P., 15 Verran Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch, N.W.I.	.. 111
1927	.. 21	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	.. H.M.
1912	.. S	Lawrence, Frederick B., Sadlier St., Stoke, Nelson (1949)	96
1938	.. 1	Laws, William R. M.A., B.D., 226 Thames St., Morrinsville	35
1930	.. 7	Leadley, E. Clarence, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	.. 67
1900	.. S	Leadley, Frank E., 7 Fowlers Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.E.2. (1940)	.. 16
1953	.. 4	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, King Edward Street, Eltham	55
1958	.. 2	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt	.. 85a
1942	.. 7	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1939	.. 2	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.. 116
1935	.. 4	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Queen Street, Waiuku	.. 27
1957	.. 2	Mabon, John C.F., 14 Middleton St., Johnsonville	.. 83
1948	.. 12	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	.. 25
1934	.. 6	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., C.F., 151 Kennedy Rd., Napier	65
1909	.. S	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	.. 99
1946	.. 7	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	.. [8]
1930	.. 2	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 320 Hardy St., Nelson	.. 95
1953	.. 3	McKay, Archibald W., Regent Street, Waihi	.. 33
1946	.. 5	Moore, Harry, 105 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson	.. 96
1931	.. 1	Moore, William E., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.. 31
1959	.. 1	Morrison, William, Ohura	.. 50
1942	.. 3	Morrison, William J., M.A., 116 Barrs Rd., Old Hill, Staffs., England.	.. 37
1918	.. S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood, Christchurch E.I. (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	.. 3	Newman, Allan, 40a Henley Street, Westport	.. 101
1954	.. 5	Newton, Alan H.V., Wesley Tce., Te Kuiti	.. 48
1956	.. 3	Nicholls, Trevor L., Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu	.. 94
1949	.. 1	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 1060 Heapy Tce., Claudelands, Hamilton	.. 36
1937	.. 2	Norwell, Leslie T., 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	.. 21
1915	.. S	Odell, Henry J., 9 Ravi St., Khandallah, Wellington, N.5 (1953)	.. 78
1939	.. 8	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	.. 4	Olds, J. Stanley, 216 Earn St., Invercargill	.. 141
1946	.. 1	Olds, Norman W., 19 Rothsay Bay Rd., Rothsay Bay, Auckland	.. 19
1951	.. 1	Olds, O. McLennan, 2 Westend Rd., Herne Bay, Auckland, W.1	.. 14
1933	.. 27	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., C.F., Box 5104, Auckland C.1	.. 12
1953	.. 4	Osborne, John H., 37 Mouatt St., Waitara	.. 53
1947	.. 3	Parker, Francis H., 11 Redwood St., Upper Hutt	.. 86

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1917 ..	S	Parker, Frederick J., 6 Irene Ave, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1952)	15
1931 ..	1	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	92
1918 ..	S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3. (1950)	15
1929 ..	8	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	13
1930 ..	7	Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D., C.F., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	11
1933 ..	5	Patchett, Ralph E., 19 Regent Street, Hawera	56
1931 ..	4	Payne, Herbert W., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	24
1955 ..	2	Pear, Cuthbert F., C.F., R.N.Z.A.F., Woodbourne	99
1953 ..	1	Penman, John A., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.W.2	H.M.
1927 ..	4	Penn, Athol R., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2...	16
1938 ..	8	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Cranmer Tee, Christchurch, C.1	104
1925 ..	9	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	131
1943 ..	S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch, S. E. 3. (1948)	107
1954 ..	6	Rakena, Ruawai D., Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1949 ..	6	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 30 Matai Street, Hamilton	37
1950 ..	2	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 ..	5	Raynor, Charles H., Ashhurst	74
1927 ..	3	Raynor, Ivo M., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington, N.4.	83
1957 ..	3	Reddihough, John W., 24 Passmore Cres, Maori Hill Dunedin, N.W.1.	129
1952 ..	3	Reid, Ian W., 30 Keko St., Tokoroa	41
1911 ..	S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	114
1955 ..	2	Rigg, Frank S., 81 Yule St., Wellington E.3.	82
1947 ..	6	Riseley, Benjamin H., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	115
1942 ..	5	Rogers, Ranginohora, 519 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.1.	[2]
1911 ..	S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington E.5. (1949)	82
1951 ..	2	Ruck, Idris J., 39 Strathavon St., Miramar Wellington, E.4	82
1954 ..	2	Rushton, Percy P., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland	4
1957 ..	3	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
1959 ..	1	Salter, Lawrence E., 48 Marchant St., Putaruru	41
1956 ..	1	Scammell, Bruce., Taitua St., Taumaranui	40
1957 ..	3	Scarr, Geoffrey E., Hikurangi, Northland	5
1950 ..	3	Schroeder, Leonard, P. B.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.	15
1912 ..	S	Scriven, 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 ..	4	Shapcott, Leonard, 95 Fitzroy St., Dunedin, S.W.1	130
1952 ..	3	Shaw, Harry I., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	87
1946 ..	2	Shepherd, Trevor, Park Ave., Oxford	118
1944 ..	6	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 32 Edmonton Rod., Henderson, Auckland	17
1927 ..	3	Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.) DeMerle St., Kaikohe Northland	2
1938 ..	1	Silvester, John, M.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, W.1	18

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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 ..	4	Spindler Sydney J., 230 High St., Dannevirke	.. 69
1951 ..	1	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church St., Palmerston Nth.	.. 72
1947 ..	3	Stewart, Edmond S., 45 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows, Hawkes Bay	.. 65
1953 ..	4	Stubbs, David G., No. 3 R/D, Wellsford	.. 10
1955 ..	3	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., North Esplanade Rd., Te Kuiti	.. [4]
1954 ..	6	Tahere, Te Awha W., 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	[5]
1924 ..	S	Taylor, Cecil R., 23 Garreg Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch N.W.1 (1955)	.. 111
1957 ..	2	Taylor, Phillip F., Methodist Mission, Kihili, Buin, South Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea	.. [9]
1911 ..	S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., Oturei, Aratapu, Nth. Wairoa (1954)	H.M
1941 ..	6	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 42 Malfroy Road, Rotorua	.. 42
1946 ..	1	Thompson, George R., E.D., Awakino Rd, Dargaville	.. 7
1951 ..	1	Thompson, John H., 12 Barr St., Balclutha	.. 137
1955 ..	3	Thornicroft, Neville, 82 Pah Street, Motueka	.. 97
1935 ..	3	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4.	79
1908 ..	S	Tinsley, Robert B., 77 Fox Street, Hamilton (1949)	.. 37
1951 ..	3	Toothill, Harry W., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Northland	.. 1
1954 ..	2	Trebilco, David L., 107 Dyers Pass Rd., Cashmere, Christchurch, S.2	.. 104
1952 ..	4	Trebilco, George R., Neville St., Warkworth, Northland	.. 29
1927 ..	4	Utting, Harry V., 23 Aynsley Terrace, Christchurch, S.E.2	107
1926 ..	S	Voyce, A. Harry, 29 Prospect Tee., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 19
1956 ..	2	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 ..	4	Watson, Alexander C., Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1939 ..	1	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., C.F., Otorohanga	.. 47
1914 ..	S	Werren, Samuel J., 17 Murray Street, Maeroa, Hamilton	.. 37
1938 ..	2	Whitfield, Harris, E.D., C.F., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui Christchurch, N.W.2	.. 112
1959 ..	1	Widdup, Robert W., 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland	.. 16
1931 ..	13	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1943 ..	6	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, E.1.	106
1942 ..	5	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Shirley Road, Shirley, Christchurch N.E.1.	.. 106
1935 ..	3	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., C.F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	.. 124
1953 ..	S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	.. 52
1950 ..	1	Woodfield, Frank H., Springston No. 4 R/D, Christchurch	.. 113
1950 ..	1	Woodfield, Owen T., Selwyn St., Leeston	.. 114
1955 ..	4	Wood, Ronald H., 10 Onslow Street, Huntly	.. 39
1941 ..	4	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 60a 13th Av., Tauranga	.. 43
1955 ..	1	Ziesler, John A., B.D., B.A., C/- 801e Queen St., Hastings	.. 66

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1941 ..	S	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Gibson's Rd., Tuakau (1954)	.. [2]
1944 ..	13	Taufa, John, Kieta, South Bougainville, New Guinea	.. [9]
1944 ..	12	Palavi, Daniel, Tearaka, Private Bag, Kakesu, Bougainville	{10

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1944 .. 5	Piani, Timothy, Senga, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	[8]	
1950 .. 6	Vula, Aisake, Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]	
1955 .. 4	Bitibule, John Veo, Skolotan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. .. [11]	
1955 .. 3	Maka, Ahofitu, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]	
1957 .. 3	Pataaku, Samson, D.T.I., Banga, Roviana, British Solomon Islands	.. .. [6]	
1957 .. 3	Zio, Joeli, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. .. [6]	

### HOME MISSIONARIES

1908—1928 and 1946—	W. E. Sleep (Retired)	.. .. 12
1917—	A. L. Witheford, (Retired) 14 Claudé St., Claudelands, Hamilton	25
1919—	J. W. Bayliss (Retired), Awaroa Rd. Henderson, Auckland	.. 21
1922—	H. Ashworth, (Retired) 571 South Rd. New Plymouth	.. 23
1922—	C. Robinson (Retired), 108 McGrath St. Napier.	.. 8
1924—	R. T. Alexander (Retired) Pah Street, Motueka	.. 8
1924—	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce. Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	21
1925—	(Senior H.M.) W. J. Henderson, Methodist Parsonage, Rongotea	1
1926—	W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland, N.2.	.. 21
1928—	R. Coombridge (Retired) Kerikeri Central, North Auckland	.. 9
1939—	(Senior H.M.) H. R. Wright, Okato, Taranaki	.. 5
1940—	W. J. Bryant (Retired) Ford Street, Opotiki (Retired 4th year)	.. 2
1941—	T. Steele (Retired) Dick Street, Reefton	.. 2
1944—	(Senior H.M.) C. E. Roke, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	.. 1
1946—	(Senior H.M.) O. L. Christian, Inglewood, Taranaki	.. 4
1948—	(Senior H.M.) H. Prowse (Retired) 34 Harris St., Marton	.. 1
1948—	(Senior H.M.) F. D. Peterson, Robinson Street, Foxton	.. 5
1952—	F.L. Johnson, Westgate St., Ngaruawahia, Waikato	.. 1
1956—	F. E. Trim, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 4
1958—	D. I. Robertson (Retired) Onetangi P.O. Waiheke Island, Auckland	1

### HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1956—	G. H. J. Yearbury, 5 Walnut Ave., Ashburton	.. .. 4
1957—	Stephen Hargreaves, C/o 320 Hardy St., Nelson	.. .. 1
1958—	S. A. Neal, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	.. .. 2
1959—	G. A. Lee, Gilligan St., Palmerston, Otago	.. .. 1
1959—	L.M. Matitovich, P.O. Wellsford, Northland.	.. .. 1
1959—	Miss Ruth Nicholls, C/o 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton.	.. .. 1

### HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

Thomas Walker, Coromandel.
Rev. W. M. Isitt, Ngongotaha, Rotorua
E. H. Downer, Taupo
A. E. Tardif, 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers
Brian W. Sides, (non-resident Student of Trinity College) 30 Richmond Ave., 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
Rev. J. Crawford, Palmertson Nth.
J. E. Langley (Non-resident Student of Trinity College) 28 Paddington St., Glen Innes, Auckland.
Arnold C. Hight, (Non-resident Student of Trinity College) 32 Kensington Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2.

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1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	.. .. 32
1930—	Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired)	.. .. 3
1932—	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	.. .. 12
1954—	Huru Wiperi, 519a Mt. Albert Rd., Three Kings, Auckland, S.3.	.. .. 3
1934—	<u>Heemi Rihimona, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia</u>	.. .. 19
1936—	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato	.. .. 14
1937—	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, Kawhia	.. .. 8
1938—	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	.. .. 22
1938—	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki, Auckland.	.. .. 6
1939—	John Harris, P.O. Box 30, Kaiwaka, North Auckland	.. .. 21
1940—	Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	.. .. 20
1942—	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, R/D, Kawakawa	.. .. 18
1944—	Te Urunga Pura Wetere, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti	.. .. 2
1944—	Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	.. .. 16
1945—	Tame Ponui, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti	.. .. 11
1946—	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	.. .. 14
1946—	Tumu Te Huia, C/o 60 Churchill Ave, Maeroa, Frankton Junction	.. .. 13
1946—	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau.	.. .. 14
1946—	Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	.. .. 14
1947—	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	.. .. 13
1948—	Nguru Winikerei, Marakopa, King Country	.. .. 12
1950—	Maharaia Winiata, Ph.D., 25 Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland	.. .. 10
1950—	Houtai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167, Kaikohe	.. .. 9
1950—	Te Iwikau Waaka, R/D 4, Rotorua	.. .. 10
1951—	Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamutu.	.. .. 9
1952—	Matene Hori de Thierry, Rangiriri, Waikato	.. .. 8
1952—	Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato.	.. .. 8
1952—	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	.. .. 8
1952—	J. Hatoitoi Pihama, Higgins Road, Frankton Junction.	.. .. 8
1952—	Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Rd., Onerahi	.. .. 8
1952—	Tutu Keepa, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato.	.. .. 8
1954—	Alexander Grahame Kahui, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato.	.. .. 6
1954—	Te Akonga Pihama, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	.. .. 6
1955—	Wera Couch, Rapaki, Lyttelton.	.. .. 5
1957—	Taipua Te Uira, Taharoa, King Country	.. .. 3
1957—	Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura, Aramiro, R/D, Raglan	.. .. 3
1958—	Himiona Waata, No. 3 R/D, Hikurangi	.. .. 2
1958—	Marshall Rite, Waimiha, King Country	.. .. 2

### DEACONESSSES

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, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, 455 South Rd., New Plymouth
1939—	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 50 Awahuri Rd., Feilding.
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, 40 Sladden St., Naenae.  
 1955—Sister Doreen Bulford, Central Mission, Box 1449, Christchurch.  
 1955—Sister Kathleen Rogers, Taheke, P.O. Hokianga  
 1955—Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Methodist Central Mission, Box 5104, Auckland.  
 1956—Sister Lorraine Flowers, 630 Fergusson St., Palmerston Nth.  
 1956—Sister June Peters, Pahia, Bay of Islands  
 1957—Sister Beverley Taylor, C/o 130 Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3  
 1958—Sister Mary Sealey, P.O. Box 224, Dargaville

### 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, Choiseul, 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, Sohano, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.  
 Sister June Hilder, Skotolan, Buka, Sohano, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.  
 Sister Rewa Williamson, Kekesu, Teop, Sohano, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.  
 Sister Norma Graves, Skotolan, Buka, Sohano, 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 Valella, 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, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.  
 Sister Beulah Reeves, Buin, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.  
 Sister Audrey Roberts, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

### RETIRED

#### (a) Deaconesses

- 1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 10 Littlebourne Road, Dunedin.  
 1913—Mrs. W. J. Williams, C/-Mrs. A. J. Hill, Atkins, Enroa, Victoria.  
 1913—Sister May Barnett, Tai Tapu, No. 2 R.D., Christchurch.  
 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, 36 MacFarlane 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 Rd., Auckland, S.E.6.

(b) Missionary Sisters

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland.  
1936—Mrs. H. Breed, R.D. No. 4, Cambridge.  
1936—Sister Edna White, 479 Gt. South Rd., Auckland, S.E. 6.  
1938—Sister Merle Farland, Box 11, Taichung, Taiwan, Formosa.  
1932—Sister Effie Harkness, 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.

# 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
Batley, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
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
Durnbell, 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., F.R.E.S.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.			1880		Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.	Newcastle on Tyne, England	1867	1887	8th February, 1958	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

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Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George, Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
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
Ngarōpi, 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
Patchett, Ernest D.	Styx, North Canterbury	1878	1902	13th September, 1958	Auckland
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki

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Paul, Hauraki	Orakei	—	1882	1910	Kaipara
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Auckland
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	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
Roberts, Charles M.	Henderson, Auckland	1812	1906	17th May, 1958	New Plymouth
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

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Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Napier	1875	1900	8th October, 1955	Christchurch
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	—	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, 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.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	—	1911	January, 1937	Waikare
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

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

### Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

G. E. HICKIN, Hon. Auditor.  
Dunedin, 11th July, 1958.

# METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries .. ..	1,501	6	5	By Contributions .. ..	4,229	14	5
" Office Salaries .. ..	876	5	2	" Trading Profit (Bookroom), 1956-57 .. ..	950	0	0
" Property Expenses—				" Interest .. ..	1	3	0
Christchurch .. ..	59	18	6	" Youth Conference .. ..	11	11	7
Wellington .. ..	89	17	11	" Conference Youth Demonstration .. ..	8	3	8
				" Duplicating Services .. ..	109	3	3
" Connexional Charges .. ..	149	16	5	" Film Hire .. ..	6	11	3
" Grants .. ..	112	0	0				
" Travelling Expenses .. ..	483	6	7				
" Solomon Alu and Simon Rigamu .. ..	73	2	8				
" Christian Education Handbook .. ..	289	16	9				
" Home Sunday School and Bible Class .. ..	121	16	4				
" Depreciation .. ..	341	4	1				
" Printing and Stationery .. ..	695	3	9				
" Postages .. ..	125	14	0				
" General Expenses .. ..	371	13	3				
" National Leadership Training Committee .. ..	18	15	0				
" Excess Income over Expenditure .. ..	5	6	6				
	£5,316	7	2		£5,316	7	2

D. M. HAY,  
Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

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# EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/6/58

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .				1,654	7	5	Sundry Debtors .. .. .	5,686	10	6			
Capital Account, 30/6/57 .. ..	3,118	10	6				Less Sales in Advance .. ..	2,577	6	3			
Less Transferred to Department of Christian Education .. .. .	950	0	0										
	<u>2,168</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>				Department of Christian Education	3,109	4	3			
Add Profit for Year .. .. .	2,047	3	10					136	1	8	3,245	5	11
				4,215	14	4	Stock in Hand—Trade .. ..	1,750	0	0			
							Printing and Stationery .. ..	80	0	0			
											1,830	0	0
							Equipment—Less Depreciation ..				565	5	0
							National Bank of New Zealand ..				228	3	1
							Cash in Hand .. .. .				1	7	9
				£5,870	1	9					£5,870	1	9

## Trading Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/7/57	1,870	0	0	By Sales	12,676	19	2
" Purchases	8,305	14	4	" Stock in Hand, 30/6/58	1,750	0	0
" Sales in Advance	2,577	6	3	" Sales in Advance	2,107	5	11
" Gross Profit	3,781	4	6				
	£16,534	5	1		£16,534	5	1

## Profit and Loss Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To General Expenses	200	5	8	By Gross Profit	3,781	4	6
" Printing and Stationery	97	13	11				
" Postages	224	9	4				
" Depreciation	62	16	0				
" Salaries	1,148	15	9				
" Net Profit	2,047	3	10				
	£3,781	4	6		£3,781	4	6

D. M. HAY,  
Treasurer.

# METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

## Revenue Account for Year Ending 31st May, 1958

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Loans at 31.5.57 .. .. .	48,811	6	10	By Loans Repaid .. .. .	7,462	8	8
New Loans .. .. .	14,030	0	0	Loans at 31.5.58 .. .. .	55,378	18	2
	£62,841	6	10		£62,841	6	10

## SITES FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
To Grants—								By Contributions—					
Taihape .. .. .	100	0	0					Fire Insurance Fund .. .. .	480	0	0		
Whangarei .. .. .	75	0	0					Home Mission Dept. .. .. .	100	0	0		
Henderson .. .. .	75	0	0								580	0	0
Rotorua .. .. .	100	0	0					Interest .. .. .			39	11	10
				350	0	0		Peace Fund .. .. .			1150	0	0
Balance Forward .. .. .				1419	11	10							
				£1769	11	10					£1769	11	10

## ADMINISTRATION REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Appropriation .. .. .	550	0	0	By Working Expenses .. .. .	361	14	8
Stationery and General Expenses .. .. .	256	0	0	Trust Contributions .. .. .	170	2	0
Rates (Seddon) .. .. .	2	7	9	Hymn Book Commission .. .. .	125	2	6
				Interest .. .. .	116	14	3
				Deficit .. .. .	34	14	4
	£808	7	9		£808	7	9

# METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1958

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Accumulated Funds .. .. .				46,125	0	0	Loans Account—						
Capital Fund—							Outstanding Loans .. ..	58,343	15	7			
Bequests and Donations .. ..				6,235	0	0	Less Working Expenses .. ..	2,968	0	7			
Special Loans Account .. ..				700	0	0							
Advance Methodist Grants .. ..				4,241	4	8							
Trust Account .. .. .				863	10	6	Plus Interest .. .. .	55,375	15	0			
Sites Fund Account—								3	3	2			
Balance at 31.5.57 .. .. .	470	14	3				Deposits—				55,378	18	2
Transfer from Revenue Account	1419	11	10				Bank of New Zealand .. ..	1,852	19	3			
				1,890	6	1	P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	69	7	3			
Administration Account—											1,922	6	6
Capital as per Contra .. ..				300	0	0	Trust Account—						
							Bank of New Zealand .. ..				863	10	6
							Sites Fund Account—						
							P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	1,297	3	2			
							Bank of New Zealand .. ..	493	2	10			
							Sundry Dr. .. .. .	100	0	0			
											1,890	6	1
							Administration Account—						
							Accumulated Deficit at						
							31.5.57 .. .. .	£111	8	1			
							Deficit for year 31.5.58	34	14	4			
											146	2	5
											23	6	7
							Bank of New Zealand .. ..				130	11	0
							Sundry Drs. .. .. .						
											300	0	0
				£60,355	1	3					£60,355	1	3

H. L. FIEBIG,  
H. DE R. FLESHER, Treasurers.

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, 1958.

R. H. SHERRIS,  
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditors.  
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### Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958

EXPENDITURE						INCOME							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovation—							Rents .. .. .				6,102	9	4
No. 1 Block .. .. .	250	14	9				Interest—						
No. 2 Block .. .. .	150	19	11				N.Z. Government Stock .. .. .	147	7	7			
No. 3 Block .. .. .	200	12	6				Savings Banks .. .. .	95	2	11			
Cottages, etc. .. .. .	313	5	0				Mortgage .. .. .	109	3	7			
				915	12	2					351	14	1
Insurance Premiums .. .. .				221	0	6							
Rates .. .. .				164	5	1							
Sundries—													
Audit Fee .. .. .	12	12	0										
Land Tax .. .. .	96	7	1										
Bank Charges and Cheque Book .. .. .	2	0	0										
Sundries and Legal Charges .. .. .	37	5	6										
Secretary's Salary .. .. .	150	0	0										
Commission on Rents etc. collected .. .. .	179	7	1										
Valuation fee, re: Fair Rents .. .. .	60	0	0										
				537	11	8							
Surplus for the year .. .. .				4,616	14	0							
				£6,455	3	5					£6,455	3	5
Amount Capitalised .. .. .				7,469	10	11	Balance, 30th June, 1957 .. .. .				20,145	5	9
Appropriated to Building Renewal Fund .. .. .				13,500	0	0	Surplus for the year .. .. .				4,616	14	0
Paid to Theological College .. .. .				1,500	0	0							
Balance, 30th June, 1958 .. .. .				2,292	8	10							
				£24,761	19	9					£24,761	19	9

Auditors: P. F. PRESCOTT and A. R. MARTIN.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

M. IZZARD, Secretary.

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J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Prober Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1958, 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, 1958, as shown by the books.

Auditors:  
P. F. PRESCOTT & A. R. MARTIN.

\*Government Valuation—31/3/1953:

Unimproved Value .. .. .	34,375	0	0
Value of Improvements .. .. .	53,540	0	0
Capital Value .. .. .	<u>\$87,915</u>	0	0

# PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 Months Ending 30th June, 1958

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1957 .. ..				Interest on Mortgage .. ..	330	0	0
Rent Received .. ..				Rates to 31/5/58 .. ..	847	14	11
Interest—				Repairs and Maintenance .. ..	1,492	10	11
Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	10	2	3	Insurance .. ..	115	11	9
Government Stock .. ..	76	5	0	Land Tax .. ..	97	5	10
Profit on Govt. Stock Matured 15/2/58	11	5	0	Salaries .. ..	92	0	0
				Sundry Expenses .. ..	135	11	6
				Grant to Trinity College .. ..	400	0	0
				Repayment of Mortgage .. ..	1,500	0	0
				Compensation to Salvation Army			
				on Expiration of Lease .. ..			
				Balance:			
				N.Z. Govt. Stock, £2000 at 3½%,			
				Maturing 15/9/59 .. ..	1,960	0	0
				Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	347	11	3
				Bank of New Zealand .. ..	73	1	7

MEMO:—Mortgage to Bank of New Zealand .. £4,500 0 0

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Prince Albert College Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1958. In my opinion the above statement of Receipts and Payments correctly sets out the transactions for the period and as shown by the books.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.  
P. DELLOW, Secretary.

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH,  
B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

G. T. WITHERS, F.R.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor. 28/10/58.

## Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1958

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### Profit and Loss Appropriation Account as at 31st May, 1958

To Transfers:—						By Balance as at 31/5/57						415	13	0
Fire Loss Reserve	..	..	..	3000	0	0	"	Transfer from Revenue A/c	..	..	..	4764	10	7
Investment Reserve	..	..	..	200	0	0								
Recommended Grants	..	..	..	1700	0	0								
Balance forward	..	..	..	280	3	7								
				<u>£5180</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>						<u>£5180</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

# METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1958

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Accumulated Funds .. .. .			33,500 0 0	Mortgage Investments .. .	13,174 17 10		
Fire Loss Reserve .. .. .	21,115 0 0			Mortgage Interest Accrued .. .	164 1 0		
Less Claims .. .. .	1285 8 8					13,338 18 10	
	19,729 11 4			Debenture Investments .. .	48,195 0 0		
Plus Provision .. .. .	3000 0 0	22,729 11 4		Debenture Interest Accrued .. .	460 9 0		
Investment Reserve .. .. .	2618 12 10					48,655 9 0	
Plus Appreciations .. .. .	177 10 0			Deposits: — P.O.S.B. .. .		47 8 10	
	2796 2 10			Premiums Due .. .. .		665 10 1	
Plus Provision .. .. .	200 0 0			Govt. E. and W.D. due .. .		745 19 2	
		2996 2 10					
Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c		280 3 7					
Recommended Grants .. .. .		1700 0 0					
Sundry Creditors .. .. .		271 9 7					
Bank of New Zealand .. .. .		354 5 5					
Suspense Account .. .. .		42 17 7					
Levies Prepaid .. .. .		24 13 1					
Natural Calamities Fund as at							
31/5/57 .. .. .	1561 9 6						
Plus interest and grant .. .	79 13 0						
	1641 2 6						
Less Flood Damage Grants .. .	87 0 0						
		1554 2 6					
			£63,453 5 11				£63,452 5 11

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all the securities produced to us except those deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificate has been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st May, 1958.

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. (12th August, 1958).

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

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# CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1958

EXPENDITURE					INCOME						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries .. .. .				2,740	11	4	By Appropriations .. .. .		3,550	0	0
" Office Rent .. .. .				150	0	0	" Registration Fees .. .. .		43	10	0
" Connexional Charges .. .. .				135	17	6	" Board Room Rents .. .. .		88	10	0
" Telephone and Bank Charges, etc.				82	11	7	" Duplicating .. .. .		7	11	6
" Stationery and General Expenses				111	0	8					
" Maintenance Reserve Account ..				150	0	0					
" Office Equipment Reserve A/c.				45	0	0					
" House Property—17 Merivale Lane:											
Rates .. .. .	34	19	11								
Insurance .. .. .		6	9								
Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .	60	19	10								
Furnishings .. .. .		117	19								
Interest .. .. .		51	0								
				271	8	4					
" Surplus .. .. .				3	2	1					
				£3,689	11	6			£3,689	11	6

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended the 30th June, 1958. 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, 1958.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

## TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1958

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance, 1st July, 1957	..	215	6 9	House and Service	..	4,558	16 2
Probert Trust	..	1,500	0 0	Special Accommodation Women Students	..	112	10 0
Emsley Trust	..	66	9 0	Stipend and Allowances	..	2,370	17 1
General Purposes	..	1,000	0 0	Tutor's Fees	..	40	0 0
Contingent Fund	..	1,400	0 0	Bursaries	..	220	0 0
Home Mission Board	..	150	0 0	Connexional Charges	..	228	17 4
Prince Albert College	..	400	0 0	Rates	..	290	3 2
Foreign Mission Board	..	75	0 0	Insurance	..	152	8 2
Pitt Street Church	..	100	0 0	Repairs and Maintenance	..	275	15 0
Hamilton Church	..	50	0 0	Furnishings	..	319	6 5
Friends of Trinity	..	133	2 6	Telephones	..	78	19 6
Hostel Fees	..	4,568	8 6	University Fees	..	142	0 0
Lecture Fees (Baptist Church)	..	25	4 0	Rent Board Room	..	14	0 0
Garden Rents	..	11	0 0	Postage and Stationery	..	87	15 5
E. Blackwell Foundation—Donation for Tape Recorder	..	136	16 9	Sundries	..	4	6 9
Debit Balance, 30th June, 1958	..	77	17 5	Students' Magazine	..	18	5 0
				Hockey Club	..	5	0 0
				134 Grafton Road—			
				Mortgage Principal	..	564	19 11
				Mortgage Interest	..	18	13 0
				Tape Recorder	..	136	16 9
				Transfer to New Chapel Fund—			
				Interest	..	136	12 9
				Friends of Trinity	..	133	2 6
		£9,909	4 11			£9,909	4 11

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

### Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

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I have examined the books, vouchers and bank statements of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council, have compared them with the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of the Council as at that date.

8th August, 1958.

E. P. SALMON, F.R.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

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**RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD**  
(Incorporated under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act)  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
				£	s. d.					£	s. d.
Staff Salaries .. .. .				929	1 2	Fees .. .. .				460	11 2
Fuel .. .. .				37	16 10	Staff Board .. .. .				58	10 0
Bread, Milk and Meat .. .. .				272	8 11	Rent Hostel .. .. .				15	0 0
Groceries and Vegetables .. .. .				374	6 10	Rent—Spotswood .. .. .				60	0 0
Light and Heat .. .. .				44	18 2	Grants .. .. .				850	0 0
Repairs and Renewals .. .. .				86	0 10	Interest on Fixed Deposits .. .. .				21	8 7
Labour—Cutting Lawns, etc. .. .. .				37	10 7	Interest on Mortgage and Investments .. .. .				719	14 4
Telephone Rental and Tolls .. .. .				14	10 11	Loss on Year's Workings .. .. .				107	14 6
Insurance .. .. .					5 9 0						
Special Grant .. .. .				50	0 0						
Petty Cash .. .. .				60	0 0						
Sundries .. .. .				55	8 2						
Deaconess' Retiring Fund .. .. .				4	0 0						
Rates—Spotswood .. .. .				63	1 2						
Sundries—Spotswood .. .. .				92	4 7						
Bank Charges, etc. .. .. .					1 0 0						
Secretary's Honorarium .. .. .				75	0 0						
Audit Fee .. .. .				15	15 0						
Depreciation .. .. .				74	6 5						
				£2,292	18 7					£2,292	18 7

### Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

New Plymouth,  
11th September, 1958.  
W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

F. V. MORINE, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.

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EXPENDITURE			INCOME			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Annuities .. ..	9,882	8 10			By Circuit Levies .. ..	4,710 15 0
Furniture Grants .. ..	415	0 0			Personal Subscriptions .. ..	3,192 0 0
			10,297	8 10	Commission .. ..	60 8 4
Office Expenses—					Interest—	
Authorised Appropriation ..	450	0 0			P.O. Savings Bank ..	150 7 7
Actuarial Valuation .. ..	105	0 0			Mortgages .. ..	3,793 13 2
Audit Fee .. ..	53	10 0			Debentures .. ..	2,537 13 8
Stationery & General Exp.	205	6 11			Arrears .. ..	26 10 4
			813	16 11		6,508 4 9
Government and Earthquake					Less provision for invest-	
Premiums .. ..			16	15 3	ment fluctuations ..	200 0 0
Balance transferred to Accumu-						6,308 4 9
lated Funds .. ..			5,275	3 0	Less interest on deposits ..	1,992 11 3
						4,315 13 6
					Freehold property .. ..	5,024 7 2
					Less depreciation provision	500 0 0
						4,524 7 2
					Less Maintenance Reserve	400 0 0
						4,124 7 2
			£16,403	4 0		£16,403 4 0

# METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds—				Investments—			
Balance Forward .. ..	137,041	4	4	Mortgages .. ..	72,608	15	11
Capital Contributions .. ..	447	12	5	Debentures .. ..	64,995	0	0
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	5,275	3	0				
	142,763	19	9		137,603	15	11
Less Subs. and Levies Re-				Less Investment			
funded or Transferred ..	322	14	10	Fluctuation Reserve	2,561	12	8
	142,441	4	11	Plus provision .. ..	200	0	0
Less Annuities Commuted	927	12	10	Plus premiums .. ..	147	10	0
					2,909	2	8
Freehold Property Maintenance				Freehold property ..	54,333	11	4
Reserve .. ..				Plus additions .. ..	354	7	0
Deposits—Connexional Funds ..					54,687	18	4
Sundry Creditors and Accruals—				Less depreciation			
Rates accrued .. ..	317	6	6	Res. .. ..	11,750	0	0
Personal Subs. paid in adv.	772	14	0	Plus provision .. ..	500	0	0
Sundry Creditor .. ..	100	12	11		12,250	0	0
				P.O.S. Bank (1) ..	2,251	6	6
				P.O.S. Bank (2) ..	2,288	11	10
				Bank of N.Z. .. ..	2,933	17	6
				Advances—			
				Allied Funds .. ..			
				Sundry Debtors, Ac-			
				cruals & Prepay-			
				ments—			
				Commissions .. ..	60	8	4
				Annuities Prepaid	955	5	10
				Rents Accrued .. ..	43	4	8
				Rents Due .. ..	266	8	10
				Mortgage Interest			
				accrued .. ..	553	10	3

	Debenture Interest accrued	592 3 1	
	Personal Subs in arrears	685 15 10	
	Circuit Levies due	1,386 0 0	
		<u>4,542 16 10</u>	
<u>£190,649 4 3</u>			<u>£190,649 4 3</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, 1958.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
G. S. SALTER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD and MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.  
Auditors.

# **SUPERNUMERARY FUND, BENEVOLENT BRANCH**

**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Appropriation .. .. .	14	10 0	By Balance as at 30th June, 1957 .. .. .	319	11 4
" Audit Fee, Stationery and General Exp. ..	2	17 9	" Donations .. .. .	22	10 7
" Grants .. .. .	481	1 8	" Interest .. .. .	49	11 6
			" Balance .. .. .	106	16 0
	£498	9 5		£498	9 5

## **Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital Account .. .. .	1,400	0 0	Deposit — Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	1,293	4 0
			Revenue Account .. .. .	106	16 0
	£1,400	0 0		£1,400	0 0

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1958.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
G. S. SALTER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.  
Auditors.

# METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
To Withdrawals .. .. .			1,028	1 11	By Balance as at 30/6/57 .. .. .			22,027	16 7
" Forfeitures .. .. .			25	0 0	" Personal Subscriptions .. .. .			1,731	15 6
" Balance as at 30/6/58 .. .. .			23,996	19 5	" Fire Insurance Subsidy .. .. .			400	0 0
					" Interest to Contributors' A/c. .. .. .			890	9 3
			£25,050	1 4				£25,050	1 4

## Revenue Account

		£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest to Contributors .. .. .				890	9 3	By Balance as at 30/6/57 .. .. .		33	7 4
" Office Expenses—						" Forfeitures .. .. .		25	0 0
Appropriation .. .. .		185	10 0			" Interest on Deposits and Investments .. .. .		849	3 0
Postages, Stationery, etc .. .. .		29	2 9			" Adjustment of Subsidies .. .. .		20	0 0
				214	12 9	" Balance as at 30/6/58 .. .. .		177	11 8
				£1,105	2 0			£1,105	2 0

## Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
Personal Accounts .. .. .			23,996	19 5	Debentures .. .. .			8,795	0 0
					Debenture Interest Accrued .. .. .			71	1 0
					Deposit — Supernumerary Fund .. .. .			14,953	6 9
					Revenue Account .. .. .			177	11 8
			£23,996	19 5				£23,996	19 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1958.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
G. S. SALTER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.  
Auditors.

**METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND**  
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances .. .. .	451	15	1	By Balance as at 30/6/57 .. ..	3,453	11	2
Transfer to Supernumerary Fund .. ..	128	0	0	" Contributions—			
Balance as at 30/6/58 .. .. .	3,480	5	2	Personal .. .. .	182	0	0
				Circuit .. .. .	139	10	0
				Home Mission Board .. ..	147	15	0
				" Interest .. .. .	469	5	0
					137	4	1
	£4,060	0	3		£4,060	0	3

**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Contributors' A/c .. ..	137	4	1	By Balance as at 30/6/57 .. ..	201	10	6
" Office Expenses—				" Interest .. .. .	136	16	3
Authorised Appropriation .. ..	100	0	0				
Audit Fee, Stationery and							
General Expenses .. .. .	19	12	11				
" Balance as at 30/6/58 .. ..	119	12	11				
	81	9	9				
	£338	6	9		£338	6	9

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts .. .. .	3,480	5	2	Debentures .. .. .	3,110	0	0
Capital Account .. .. .	584	15	0	Debenture Interest Accrued .. ..	19	2	4
Revenue Account .. .. .	81	9	9	Deposit Account — Supernumerary Fund .. ..	1,017	7	7
	£4,146	9	11		£4,146	9	11

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, 1958.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
G. S. SALTER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.

**METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND**  
**Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowance .. .. .	1,554	4	0	By Balance as at 30/6/57 .. ..	14,565	14	10
" Benefits Surrendered .. .. .	47	10	0	" Contributions—			
" Balance as at 30/6/58 .. .. .	15,414	11	6	Personal .. .. .	762	15	0
				Circuit .. .. .	289	10	0
				Home Mission Board .. ..	265	10	0
				Foreign Mission Board ..	533	15	0
				" Interest .. .. .		1,851	10 0
						599	0 8
	£17,016	5	6		£17,016	5	6

**Revenue Account**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Contributors A/c. ..	599	0	8	By Balance as at 30/6/57 .. ..	1,670	11	11
" Office Expenses—				" Interest .. .. .	754	16	1
Appropriation .. .. .	100	0	0	" Forfeitures .. .. .	47	10	0
Audit Fee, Stationery and							
General Expenses .. .. .	20	10	8				
" Balance as at 30/6/58 .. .. .	1,753	6	8				
	£2,472	18	0		£2,472	18	0

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts .. .. .	15,414	11	6	Debentures .. .. .	2,375	0	0
Capital Account .. .. .	2,500	0	7	Debenture Interest Accrued .. ..	17	7	4
Revenue Account .. .. .	1,753	6	8	Deposit Account — Supernumerary Fund ..	17,275	11	5
	£19,667	18	9		£19,667	18	9

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, 1958.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
G. S. SALTER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.  
Auditors.

# METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest on Trust Accounts .. ..	..	2,416	15 11	By Commission .. ..	..	82	9 10
" Authorised Appropriation .. ..	..	375	0 0	" Interest on Deposits and Investments ..	..	2,976	19 7
" Stationery and General Expenses ..	..	129	7 11				
" Excess Income over Expenditure ..	..	138	5 7				
		£3,059	9 5			£3,059	9 5

### Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

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G. S. SALTER,  
Treasurers.

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Auditors.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CHILDREN'S FUND**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1958**

INCOME				EXPENDITURE						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 30th September, 1957—							By Grants as per Warrants for 1958—			
Cash at Bank N.S.W., Wellington .. .. .				239	8	0	Northland .. .. .	122	10	0
„ District Levies for Year 1958—							Auckland .. .. .	642	10	0
Northland .. .. .	136	0	0				South Auckland .. .. .	375	0	0
Auckland .. .. .	656	0	0				Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	215	0	0
South Auckland .. .. .	396	0	0				Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	302	10	0
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	264	0	0				Wellington .. .. .	417	10	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	297	0	0				Nelson .. .. .	227	10	0
Wellington .. .. .	396	0	0				North Canterbury .. .. .	502	10	0
Nelson .. .. .	165	0	0				South Canterbury .. .. .	215	0	0
North Canterbury .. .. .	561	0	0				Otago-Southland .. .. .	295	0	0
South Canterbury .. .. .	165	0	0							
Otago-Southland .. .. .	264	0	0							
				3,300	0	0	„ Grant Towards Funeral Exp.			
							„ Sundry Expenses—			
							Bank Charges .. .. .	1	0	0
							Exchange .. .. .		11	0
							„ Balance as at 30th September, 1958—			
							Cash at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington .. .. .			

Audited and found correct.  
 J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.  
 Hon. Auditor.  
 29th. September, 1958.

ROBERT THORNLEY,  
 T. M. PACEY,  
 Hon. Treasurers.

# METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1958

RECEIPTS					EXPENDITURE				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1/7/57—									
Bank Balance .. .. .				1,727	10	6			
Balances Held by Chairmen ..				391	7	4			
„ Current Levies — Districts—									
Northland .. .. .	137	0	0						
Auckland .. .. .	1,603	0	0						
South Auckland .. .. .	870	0	0						
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	575	10	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	651	10	0						
Wellington .. .. .	795	0	0						
Nelson .. .. .	363	10	0						
North Canterbury .. .. .	1,231	10	0						
South Canterbury .. .. .	363	10	0						
Otago-Southland .. .. .	582	0	0						
				7,172	10	0			
„ Synod and other Collections—									
Auckland .. .. .	10	12	9						
South Auckland .. .. .	21	11	3						
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	11	3	0						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	16	14	2						
Wellington .. .. .	41	3	7						
Nelson .. .. .	13	3	5						
North Canterbury .. .. .	25	11	3						
South Canterbury .. .. .	18	8	9						
Otago-Southland .. .. .	42	11	8						
				200	19	10			
„ Sales—									
Sale of Agendas .. .. .	36	13	3						
Sale of Minutes .. .. .	125	10	1						
Sale of Law Books .. .. .	32	13	6						
Sale of Supplies .. .. .	26	16	8						
				221	13	6			
„ Collections—									
Opening Conference .. .. .	30	14	2						
Ordination .. .. .	55	5	7						
Deaconess Dedication .. .. .	15	0	0						
President & Vice President Visits	180	3	7						
				281	3	4			
„ Refund of Grant World Peace ..				10	0	0			
By Cost of Conference—									
(a) Travelling to Palmerston									
North:									
Equalisation Fund .. .. .	420	0	0						
Official Representatives .. .. .	233	1	0				653	1	0
(b) Printing and General:									
Agendas, 1957 .. .. .	291	9	6						
Agendas, 1958 .. .. .	152	4	8						
Supplementary Agendas & Station Lists .. .. .	75	12	0						
Minutes .. .. .	433	7	0						
Home & Foreign Mission Reports .. .. .	78	16	6						
General Printing & Station, Secretary's Expenses .. .. .	35	18	1						
Platform Staff .. .. .	67	5	6						
Conference Press Services .. .. .	25	0	0						
General .. .. .	5	0	0						
	2	0	0				1,166	13	3
„ District Expenses—									
Northland .. .. .	74	5	4						
Auckland .. .. .	157	4	6						
South Auckland .. .. .	164	15	6						
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	99	8	9						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	70	0	4						
Wellington .. .. .	119	19	4						
Nelson .. .. .	68	4	2						
North Canterbury .. .. .	53	11	6						
South Canterbury .. .. .	30	5	2						
Otago-Southland .. .. .	153	11	0				991	5	7
„ Synod Expenses—									
Northland .. .. .	70	3	6						
Auckland .. .. .	52	2	0						
South Auckland .. .. .	121	16	1						
Taranaki-Wanganui .. .. .	60	7	4						
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. .. .	53	6	2						
Wellington .. .. .	29	10	6						
Nelson .. .. .	39	5	0						
South Canterbury .. .. .	23	5	8						
North Canterbury .. .. .	41	7	10						
Otago-Southland .. .. .	54	8	10				545	12	11

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Carried forward .. .. .	£10,005 4 6			
Ministerial Supply—				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	31	19	8
Wellington .. .. .	..	4	4	0
Connexional Payments—				
President's Travel Bal. 1956-57	..	91	4	3
Vice-President's Travel Balance 1956-57 .. .. .	..	60	19	11
Personal Allowance R. Dudley	..	65	0	0
Personal Allow. D. O. Williams	..	65	0	0
President's Travel & Expenses 1957-58 .. .. .	..	210	0	0
Vice-President's Travel and Expenses 1957-58 .. .. .	..	20	0	6
Gown, R. Dudley .. .. .	..	15	15	6
Gown and Hood, D. O. Williams	..	23	5	0
Printing Synod Reports ..	..	138	12	6
Printing Membership Cards ..	..	81	0	7
Printing General .. .. .	..	22	12	6
Printing, Stationery & Secretary's Expenses .. .. .	..	42	11	6
Expenses Board Examiners ..	..	75	0	0
Loan Spiritual Advance Committee re Pres. General	..	30	5	5
Travel Coun. Christian Educat.	..	18	6	6
Inter Church Council Pub. Aff.	..	4	0	6
Supply .. .. .	..	10	0	6
Church Union Comm. Travel and Expenses .. .. .	..	99	13	0
Church Council Travel .. ..	..	91	18	9
General .. .. .	..	13	9	8
Grants—				
Trinity Theological College ..	1,400	0	0	
Connexional Secretary .. ..	350	0	0	
Deaconess Institute .. .. .	125	0	0	
Methodist Times .. .. .	150	0	0	
Methodist Times Editors Exp.	25	17	11	
Overseas Travel Fund .. .. .	258	6	8	
Spiritual Advance Committee ..	25	0	0	
Public Questions Committee ..	25	0	0	
World Council of Churches ..	125	0	0	
National Council of Churches ..	6	0	0	
World Methodist Council .. ..	10	0	6	
Ecumenical Committee .. .. .	5	0	0	
Wesley Historical Society .. ..	5	0	0	
Temperance Committee .. .. .	10	0	6	
Radio Committee .. .. .	10	0	0	
Faith & Order Committee .. ..	5	0	0	
Church Union Committee .. ..	12	0	6	
Sub Religious Film Society ..	4	0	0	
Spiritual Healing Committee ..	5	0	0	
		1,178	16	7

Carried forward .. .. . £10,005 4 6

Finance & Budget Committee	15	0	0
Publications Committee ..	30	0	0
Internation. Affairs Committee	20	0	0
University Expenses .. ..	20	0	0

2,641 6 1  
11 7 3

„ Exchange and Bank Charges etc.

„ Balances held by Chairmen—

Northland (Dr. Balance) ..	19	18	10
South Auckland .. ..	17	6	1
Taranaki-Wanganui .. ..	2	17	6
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	151	10	10
Wellington .. ..	188	15	2
Nelson .. ..	26	8	2
North Canterbury .. ..	100	15	2
South Canterbury .. ..	24	14	9
Otago-Southland .. ..	70	19	0

563 7 10  
2,217 10 4

„ Balance Bank of New Zealand

£10,005 4 6

£10,005 4 6

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund together with the District Chairmen's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1958, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the fund at that date.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.  
AUCKLAND, 18th September, 1958.

# METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1958

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balances—Bank of New Zealand .. ..	81	0	3	By Removal Expenses .. ..	3,189	14	2
„ Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	337	18	5	„ Expenses, Exchange and Postage .. ..	7	18	0
„ Levies .. ..	2,968	0	0	„ Balance—Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	365	18	2
„ Interest—Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	19	13	3				
„ Balance—Bank of New Zealand .. ..	156	18	5				
	£3,563	10	4		£3,563	10	4

## Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1958

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses .. ..	3,189	14	2	Levies .. ..	2,800	0	0
Expenses, Exchange and Postage .. ..	7	18	0	Interest—Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	19	13	3
				Excess of Expenditure over Income .. ..	377	18	11
	£3,197	12	2		£3,197	12	2

## Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand .. ..	156	18	5	Outstanding Levies .. ..	566	14	10
Capital Account—				Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	365	18	2
Balance 1st July, 1957 .. ..	1,153	13	6				
Less Excess Expenditure over							
Income .. ..	377	18	11				
	775	14	7				
	£932	13	0		£932	13	0

Audited and found correct.  
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.  
8th September, 1958.

W. E. CLOTHIER,  
B. H. RISELEY,  
Treasurers.

# METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1958

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	3,974	19	9	<b>Credit Balances at Bank, 31/8/58:</b>			
Sisters' Salary Reserve ..	1,335	0	5	General Account ..	11,701	14	5
Gleanings .. .. .	1,727	6	6	Loan—Home Mission Board ..	1,000	0	0
Kurahuna Fund .. .. .	480	5	4	Kurahuna Emergency Account ..	894	9	6
Stamp Fund .. .. .	989	15	8	Kurahuna Treasurer's Maintenance			
Medical and Educational Fund ..	580	17	0	Account ..	453	10	11
Solomon Islands Gift Box Fund ..	472	0	0	Solomon Islands Capital Fund ..	736	12	8
Special Objective .. .. .	2,407	17	2	Home Mission Capital Fund ..	1,012	6	7
Smethurst Estate .. .. .	688	7	7	<b>Deposits with General Purposes Trust Board:</b>			
Legacies .. .. .	45	5	0	Solomon Islands Girls' School ..	2,820	0	11
				Kurahuna Capital and Depreciation			
Kurahuna Emergency Fund ..				Fund ..	1,191	12	11
Solomon Islands Capital Fund ..	736	12	8	Solomon Islands Doctor Fund			
Home Mission Capital Fund ..	1,012	6	7	Investment Account ..	100	0	0
Kurahuna Treasurer's Maintenance				Kurahuna Girls' Hostel Drainage			
Account .. .. .	453	10	11	Board Debentures ..	500	0	0
				Smethurst Investment Account			
Kurahuna Girls' Hostel Bequest ..	500	0	0	Drainage Board Debentures ..	4,000	0	0
Solomon Islands Girls' School ..	2,820	0	11				
Kurahuna Capital and Depreciation					8,611	13	10
Fund .. .. .	1,191	12	11	<b>Properties:</b>			
Solomon Islands Doctor Fund ..	100	0	0	Kurahuna Maori Girls' Hostel ..	7,007	16	0
Smethurst Investment Fund ..	4,000	0	0	Less Depreciation .. .. .	23	6	0
Excess Assets over Liabilities ..					6,984	10	0
				Kurahuna Furniture .. .. .	340	0	0
				Smethurst Property and Furniture	4,000	0	0
					11,324	10	0
					£35,734	17	11
					£35,734	17	11

I have examined the cash books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union and I have inspected the audited accounts 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, 1958.

6th September, 1958, Auckland.

HELENA I. HENDRA, Auditor.

**METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION**  
**Revenue Account for Year Ending 31st May, 1958**

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To House Expenditure:									
House supplies .. ..	1,002	4	0						
Power and light .. ..	202	12	2						
Salaries and wages .. ..	1,337	18	2						
Telephone, tolls .. ..	21	11	6						
Repairs .. ..	391	2	8						
Rates .. ..	101	9	2						
Advertising .. ..	8	1	3						
Stamps, stationery, etc. ..	41	9	11						
Insurance .. ..	51	15	3						
Depreciation .. ..	100	0	0						
				3,258	4	1			
„ Library .. ..				42	6	4			
„ Uniforms .. ..				28	2	6			
„ Travelling .. ..				63	10	9			
„ Jubilee Dinner .. ..				1	16	3			
„ Jubilee Brochure, Printing ..	77	9	0						
„ Donation, Rev A. O. Harris ..	5	5	0						
				82	14	0			
Less Sales .. ..	65	1	11						
					17	12	1		
				£3,411	12	0			
							£3,411	12	0

**Furniture Renewals Account**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure .. ..	159	4	5	By Balance 31/5/57 .. ..	176	18	4
„ Balance, 31/5/ 8 .. ..	248	6	4	„ Donations from Guilds .. ..	223	12	5
				„ Interest .. ..	7	0	0
	£407	10	9		£407	10	9

**METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS											
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Sundry Creditors	..	..			69	13	10	Freehold property	..	..		5,000	0	0	
Grants paid in Advance	..	..			20	16	8	Furniture	..	..	667	10	0		
Trainees Allowances	..	..			23	6	8	Plus additions	..	..	86	10	0		
Trainees Emergency Fund	..	..			5	5	0					754	0	0	
Furniture Renewals	..	..			248	6	4	Aga Cooker, gas stove	..	..		138	12	0	
Property Renewals	..	..	3,041	15	0			Refrigerator	..	..		90	0	0	
Less Cost Renovations	..	..	1,620	3	6			Electric Cylinder	..	..		259	0	0	
					1,421	11	6					6,241	12	0	
Accumulated Funds	..	..	3,676	2	7			Less Deprec'n. Reserve				2,783	6	8	
Less excess Expenditure over Income	..	..	217	15	6										
					3,458	7	1	Post Office	..	..			3,458	5	4
								General Purposes Trust	..	..			921	4	10
								Bank of New Zealand	..	..			276	4	4
								Cash in Hand	..	..			554	19	3
								Sundry Debtors	..	..			20	0	0
													16	13	4
					£5,247	7	1						£5,247	7	

# **AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—MOUNT ROSKILL**

Treasurers: Sister Ivy Jones and Mr P. Dellow

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Capital—As at 1st July, 1957</b> .. .. .	106,156	9	10			
<b>Add Bequests—Estates of:</b>						
B. E. Brain ..	450	0	0			
A. C. Hook ..	99	17	5			
J. C. M. Mallach ..	42	4	3			
J. E. Martin ..	100	0	0			
E. Stevenson ..	15	0				
G. W. Turley ..	100	0	0			
	792	16	8			
" Building Fund						
Donations ..	50	0	0			
" Whangarei Light-						
ing and Mftg.						
Co. Ltd. (in						
Liquidation) ..	1,491	0	0			
" Surplus — Lease-						
hold Sections	1,341	11	0			
	109,831	17	6			
<b>Endowment Legacies:</b>						
Eliza Gilmore Trust		1,000	0 0			
M. Caughey Preston		2,000	0 0			
John Rendell ..		200	0 0			
<b>F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:</b>						
Capital ..	3,108	16	10			
Add Surplus for Year	66	4	5			
	3,175	1	3			
<b>Mortgage—A.M.P. Soc'y</b>	7,000	0	0			
Less Repayments ..	2,332	4	3			
	4,667	15	9			
<b>Ground Rent Received</b>						
in Advance ..		443	10 0			
<b>Sundry Creditors</b> ..		888	2 11			
	£122,206	7	5			
				<b>Properties:</b>		
				Epsom—Sections at Valuation ..	10,500	0 0
				Wesley—Sections at Valuation ..	15,575	0 0
				Mount Roskill—		
				Land at Valuation ..	3,780	0 0
				Improvements ..	5,111	6 6
					8,891	6 6
				Home ..	69,087	2 0
				Less Depreciation ..	700	0 0
					68,387	2 0
				<b>Shares:</b>		
				Whangarei Lighting and Mftg. Co.		
				Ltd. (in Liquidation) — 1000		
				Ordinary Shares (16s 6d dis-		
				tributed) ..	1	0 0
				E. Astley and Sons Ltd. — 561		
				Ordinary Shares, 14s at Valua-		
				tion ..	631	2 6
					632	2 6
				<b>New Zealand Inscribed Stock (in-</b>		
				<b>cluding Investment of Endowment</b>		
				<b>Legacies):</b>		
				New Zealand Government Stock,		
				£3,300, at Cost ..	3,196	17 6
				Plus Purchased During Year,		
				£1,600, at Cost ..	1,532	10 0
					4,729	7 6
				<b>Auckland Metropolitan Drainage</b>		
				<b>Board—Stock at Cost ..</b>	700	0 0
				<b>National Savings Investment A/c.</b>	3,530	15 0

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Trounson Bequest—with Gen. Purposes Trust Bd.	510	0	0
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20th August, 1958.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Public Accountant.

**MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1/7/57 .. .. .				345	17	6	By Salaries .. .. .	1,918	7	7
Wellington Board—Grant for:							Household Provisions .. .. .	1,380	8	5
General Purposes .. .. .	1,300	0	0				Drapery and Clothing .. .. .	863	16	1
Replacement of Roof .. .. .	800	0	0				Fuel and Lighting .. .. .	301	17	0
				2,100	0	0	Repairs and Renewals .. .. .	1,569	16	7
Maintenance Fees .. .. .				1,241	0	0	Printing, Stationery and School Requisites ..	138	15	10
Social Security Benefits .. .. .				841	10	9	Farm Expenses .. .. .	15	6	6
Government Capitation .. .. .				446	6	8	Opticians .. .. .	13	10	0
Circuit Collections .. .. .				1,224	7	0	Children's Fares .. .. .	41	4	10
Donations .. .. .				44	13	6	Music and Elocution Fees .. .. .	26	7	7
Farm Account .. .. .				35	0	0	Telephones and Postages .. .. .	40	0	5
Masterton Trust Lands Trust							General Expenses .. .. .	54	18	8
Special Grant for Library .. .. .	56	5	6				Car Expenses .. .. .	144	14	0
School Stationery Grant .. .. .	30	0	0				Manager's Imprest Account .. .. .	89	4	4
				86	5	6	Children Boarded Out .. .. .	73	9	0
McKenzie Trust—Grant .. .. .				300	0	0	E/L Insurance .. .. .	11	12	4
Legacies .. .. .				1,374	1	2	Advertising and Travelling re Staff Vacancies	27	12	6
Income from Estates .. .. .				35	12	4	Tennis Courts .. .. .	72	4	8
Recreational Purposes Fund—							Wellington Board—Legacies .. .. .	1,374	1	2
Interest .. .. .				5	11	0	Library .. .. .	56	5	6
P.O.S.B. Withdrawal for Tennis							Projector .. .. .	50	0	0
Courts .. .. .	72	4	8				Secretary's Expenses .. .. .	25	0	0
Projector .. .. .	50	0	0				Sports Equipment .. .. .	2	15	0
				122	4	8	Deposits in Recreational Fund .. .. .	168	13	0
Sale Beds .. .. .				6	0	0	Cocker Trust .. .. .	1	11	7
Sale Tractor .. .. .				24	6	0	Other Payments .. .. .	—		
Police Charity Day Appeal .. .. .				163	2	0	Balance, 30/6/57, at Bank of N.Z. .. .. .	—		
Other Receipts .. .. .				—						
Balance, 30/6/58, at Bank of N.Z.				65	14	6				
				£8,461	12	7				
								£8,461	12	7

## MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

### Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958

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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, 1958.

Masterton,  
8th August, 1958.

W. A. BARNES,  
J. A. WELLINGTON,  
Auditors.

# SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME

## Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages .. .. .	4,450	15	9	By Interest Received .. .. .	3	7	5
" House Supplies .. .. .	1,665	12	4	" Donations and Collections .. .. .	2,214	6	3
" Drapery, Clothing, etc. .. .. .	1,021	10	2	" Combined Orphanage Appeal .. .. .	1,635	0	0
" Lighting and Heating .. .. .	742	7	11	" Maintenance Fees .. .. .	3,616	8	6
" Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance .. .. .	2,326	6	8	" Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .	32	15	5
" Stationery, Stamps and General Expenses .. .. .	618	5	6	" Deficit .. .. .	5,261	16	4
" Insurances .. .. .	71	18	7				
" Board and Residence Payments .. .. .	232	1	0				
" Grounds .. .. .	122	1	5				
" Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	650	0	11				
" Travelling Expenses .. .. .	164	0	7				
" Rates .. .. .	96	19	11				
" Depreciation written off (This includes £59/13/2 on Van) .. .. .	601	13	2				
	£12,763	13	11				
					£12,763	13	11

## SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME

### Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1958

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We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 31st May, 1958, and all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and the attached Revenue Account have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the Books.

Christchurch, 22nd September, 1958.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.  
AUDITORS.

# SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD

## Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Expenses & Commission Account .. ..		29	11 8	By Interest Earned .. ..		1,308	15 4
„ Investment Fluctuation Reserve .. ..		50	0 0	„ Legacies Received .. ..		1,029	6 8
„ Legacies transferred to Capital A/c. ..		1,029	6 8				
„ Balance to Income Account .. ..		1,229	3 8				
		£2,338	2 0			£2,338	2 0

## Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1958

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve .. ..	959	4 2		Mortgage Investments .. ..		11,356	19 9
Plus Further Provision .. ..	50	0 0		Debentures & Government Stock .. ..		13,830	0 0
			1,009 4 2	Secured Deposit Stock—			
Capital Account .. ..	31,928	10 7		New Zealand Farmers .. ..		350	0 0
Plus Legacies .. ..	1,029	6 8		Preference Shares — St. Elmo Courts .. ..		500	0 0
Plus Income A/c. at 31/5/57 .. ..	681	5 4		National Savings .. ..		1,689	3 10
Plus net Revenue for year .. ..	1,229	3 8		Deposits—			
	34,868	6 3		Supernumerary Fund .. ..		366	17 10
Less transfers to Orphanage A/c. .. ..	4,750	0 0		P.O. Savings Bank .. ..		2,033	1 9
			30,118 6 3	Bank of New Zealand .. ..		1,001	7 3
			£31,127 10 5			£31,127	10 5

Christchurch, 22nd September, 1958.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,  
Public Accountants and Auditors,  
Christchurch.  
Auditors.

# METHODIST TIMES

## Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th April, 1958

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
To Printing and Publishing	..	..	2561 1 3	By Subscriptions	..	..	3231 16 1
„ Addressograph Plates	..	..	25 15 11	„ Advertisements	..	..	504 2 7
„ Process Blocks	..	..	45 3 0	„ Contingent Fund Grant	..	..	175 13 5
„ Distribution Charges	..	..	667 14 11	„ Deficit	..	..	214 11 4
„ Exchange	..	..	3 15 0				
„ Agents' Commission	..	..	111 16 6				
„ Editors' Honoraria, Expenses & Contributors' Fees	..	..	175 13 5				
„ Office Expenses	..	..	135 3 5				
„ Authorised Appropriation	..	..	400 0 0				
			<u>£4126 2 5</u>				<u>£4126 3 5</u>

## Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1958.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Advertisements (Unexpired Values)	..	..	236 6 2	Advertising Accounts in Arrear	..	128 9 2	
Subscriptions prepaid	..	..	136 4 7	Subscriptions in Arrear	..	331 2 10	
Agents' Commission Provision	..	..	11 7 0	Sundry Debtors	..	5 2 6	
Suspense Account	..	..	19 14 1	Accumulated deficit as at 30.4.57	476 19 7		
Sundry Creditors	..	..	279 18 7	Plus balance from Revenue A/c.	..	214 11 4	
Contingent Reserve A/c.	..	..	500 0 0	30.4.58	..		691 10 11
			<u>£1183 10 5</u>	Bank of New Zealand	..	27 5 0	
							<u>£1183 10 5</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, 1958.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
ERNEST H. ANDREWS,  
Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
F. M. SOWDEN, A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,  
Auditors.  
26th May, 1958.

# METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

## Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st July, 1958

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock of Booklets and Paper							By Sales of Booklets and Papers .. ..	686	18	7
1st August, 1957 .. ..				322	17	7	" Donations and Grants .. ..	55	0	0
" Printing Booklets, etc:							" Interest—Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	6	17	5
Circulars reprinted .. ..	14	10	0							
Communion Cards .. ..	9	15	6							
Season of Advent .. ..	76	8	0							
Conference Exerpts .. ..	48	10	0							
Prayer Manuals .. ..	128	10	0							
Peace Leaflets .. ..	13	1	10							
Lenten Leaflets .. ..	65	10	0							
Mormonism .. ..	6	5	0							
Mormonism and the Churches ..	20	16	0							
Duplication Paper .. ..	170	7	8							
				553	14	8				
				876	12	3				
Less Stock of Booklets and Paper										
31st July, 1958 .. ..				241	5	3				
				635	7	0				
Cost of Sales										
" Petty Cash, Postages, Bank										
Fees, etc. .. ..				33	5	0				
" Travelling Allowance .. ..				5	0	0				
" Rent of Storeroom .. ..				9	15	0				
				683	7	0				
" Excess Income over Expenditure										
for year .. ..				65	9	0				
				£748	16	0				
								£748	16	0

## Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1958

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds:							Cash Balances						
Balance, 1st August, 1957 ..	1,110	17	5				National Bank of N.Z., Ltd. ..	564	3	9			
Plus Income for year .. ..	65	9	0				Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	236	15	5			
Balance, 31st July, 1958 .. ..				1,176	6	5					800	19	2
							Sundry Debtors .. ..				134	2	0
							Stock of Booklets and Paper ..				241	5	3
				£1,176	6	5					£1,176	6	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, 1958

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand .. ..	742	6	9				
Add Interest Accrued .. ..	6	11	9				
				748	18	6	
<b>Loans at Call:</b>							
Foreign Mission Department ..	3,000	0	0				
Youth Department .. ..	750	0	0				
Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust ..	1,000	0	0				
Wesley Church Social Services Trust Board .. ..	1,000	0	0				
				5,750	0	0	
<b>Accumulated Funds:</b>							
Balance, 30th. June, 1957 ..	457	15	10				
Add, Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1958 .. ..	117	7	9				
				575	3	7	
Balance, 30th. June, 1958 .. ..				£7,074	2	1	
							£7,074 2 1

(Sg.) L. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

(Sgd.) D. TAYLER, Treasurer.

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Transport Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1958, 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.

(Sgd.) J. B. STEEL,  
Hon. Auditor.

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Audited and found correct.

J. W. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.  
Hon. Auditor.

ROBERT THORNLEY & T. M. PACEY,  
Hon. Treasurers.

**KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1958**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Grants:				By Rent		575	0 0
Rangiatea College Trust .. .. .		100	0 0	" Interest on Depreciation Investment .. .. .		6	13 11
Home Mission Department .. .. .		100	0 0				
General Expenses .. .. .		4	0 0				
Interest (State Advances Mortgage) .. .. .		120	19 0				
Depreciation Reserve Account .. .. .		75	0 0				
Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .		181	14 11				
		<u>£581</u>	<u>13 11</u>			<u>£581</u>	<u>13 11</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1958**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
State Advances Mortgage .. .. .	2,951	2	8	Farm Property .. .. .	15,169	0	0
Less Repaid .. .. .	76	7	8	Less Depreciation Reserve .. .. .	225	0	0
						<u>14,944</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Loan Account .. .. .	1,350	0	0	Sundry Debtors .. .. .		144	0 6
Less Repaid .. .. .	75	0	0	Bank N.S.W. Current Account .. .. .		190	1 3
				Depreciation Fund Investment A/c.		271	1 7
Accumulated Fund .. .. .	11,217	13	5				
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure .. .. .		181	14 11				
		<u>11,399</u>	<u>8 4</u>				
		<u>£15,549</u>	<u>3 4</u>			<u>£15,549</u>	<u>3 4</u>

(Signed) GEORGE R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Kai Iwa Mission Estate for the year ended 30th June, 1958, and in our opinion the above Accounts and Balance Sheet show the true financial position of the Trust at 30th June, 1958.

(Signed) D. R. SMART, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
 J. DRAKE.

# SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

## STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1958

		Rov.	Vella	Chois.	Buin	Teop	Buka	Total
Churches	..	45	29	35	83	31	32	255
Other Preaching Places		14	3	2	4	3	3	29
European Ministers	..	2	1	1	2	1	1	8
Doctor	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Sisters	..	4	2	2	4	3	2	17
Lay Missionaries	..	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Lay Workers	..	2	1	—	1	—	—	4
Native Ministers	..	3	—	1	1	1	1	7
Native Agriculturists	..	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Catechists	..	9	6	6	7	5	4	37
Pastors	..	2	—	—	4	16	—	22
Pastor Teachers	..	43	37	38	74	12	45	249
Teachers	..	45	—	24	4	16	—	85
Medical Assistants	..	7	6	2	8	2	—	25
Local Preachers	..	114	37	33	18	10	28	240
Class Leaders	..	10	—	4	11	20	—	45
European Members	..	13	4	4	9	5	4	39
„ Youth Roll	..	10	2	2	1	6	3	24
„ Adherents	..	6	4	—	—	—	24	34
Native Members	..	2311	647	1704	1613	358	1232	7865
„ Youth Roll	..	2895	1429	1747	1084	236	709	8100
„ Adherents	..	579	711	257	1612	1227	393	4779
Sunday Schools	..	48	28	30	22	14	24	166
S.S. Scholars	..	1716	779	996	521	220	571	4803
Day Schools	..	44	34	35	82	22	25	242
„ „ Scholars	..	2229	1025	1130	1097	645	608	5734
„ „ Teachers	..	98	62	63	96	42	53	414
Members and Adherents		5814	2797	3714	4319	1832	2365	20841

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st August, 1958.**

EXPENDITURE	£
<b>To Solomon Islands Expenses:</b>	
Overseas Staff: Stipends and Allowances	16,315
Local Staff: Stipends and Allowances	7,233
Superannuation, Retiring and Repatriation Funds	871
Native Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Funds	48
Lighting Account	467
Education	4,275
Circuit Travel	441
Furniture Replacement	83
Buildings	891
Agriculture	64
Sickness and Accident Fund	73
"Methodist Messengers"	45
Printing and Literature	56
Duplicating and Translation	68
Stamps, Stationery and Cables	246
Lands and Rents	49
Fire Insurances	453
Boat Insurance	540
Planters' Assoc. Fee	5
Boat Clearances	5
Overseas Travelling	4,237
Technical Account	176
Station Maintenance, District	228
District Travelling	3,519
Medical	5,481
Stock Written Off	66
	<hr/> 45,935
Less Reduction to N.Z. Currency	5,115
	<hr/> 40,820

INCOME	£	£
<b>To Solomon Islands Contributions:</b>		
Roviana Circuit	3,152	
Vella Lavella Circuit	2,053	
Choiseul Circuit	2,431	
Buin Circuit	1,512	
Teop Circuit	1,108	
Buka Circuit	1,075	
District Training Institution	116	
	<hr/>	11,447
<b>To Government Grants:</b>		
B.S.I.P.—		
Medical (2 years)	3,198	
Educational	1,000	
New Guinea—		
Educational	3,598	
Metecrological Supervision	100	
	<hr/>	7,896
<b>To Sales of Produce:</b>		
Roviana	11	
Vella Lavella	458	
Choiseul	78	
Teop	123	
Buka	178	
D.T.I.	873	
	<hr/>	1,721
<b>To Sundry Income:</b>		
Medical and Dental Fees	84	
Fees for Aircraft Services	204	
Aviation Fuel Service	78	
Donations	28	
Interest on Bank Accounts	56	
Discounts	22	
	<hr/>	472
		21,536
Less Reduction to N.Z. Currency		4,310
		<hr/> 17,226

**To Papua New Guinea Highlands Expenses:**

(Estimated)	
Stipends and Allowances	1,789
District and General Expenses (N.Z. Share)	1,580

	3,369
Less Solomon Islands Church Contribution	595

2,774

**To New Zealand Working Expenses:**

**General Administration:**

General Secretary's Stipend and Allowance	230
General Secretary's House Expenses	125
General Secretary's Travelling and Car Exs.	77
Deputy General Secretary's Expenses	96
Connexional Charges	114
Office Salaries	570
Office Rent	205
Printing, Stationery	100
General Office Expenses	167
Audit Fee	21
Legal Expenses	30
Telephones	88
Travelling, Annual Meeting	52

1,875

**To Publicity and Deputation:**

Annual Reports	135
Folders, Handbills, etc.	202
Travelling and Supply Expenses	85
Subsidy, "Open Door" and "Lotu"	145

567

**To Miscellaneous:**

Deaconess Institution	25
Trinity College	75
Interest on Loan	7
"Methodist Times" Grant	20
Literature, Special	16
Contribution, COMICA	27
Sundry Expenses	148

318

46,354

**To Depreciation:**

Projector	60
Car	21

81

Balance Carried to Accumulated Funds	341
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£46,776

**To Papua New Guinea Highlands:**

Government Grant, Medical	279
Interest on Appeal Account	305

**To Leper Income Transferred**

Medical Income Transferred	584
	1,167
	1,241

**To New Zealand Contributions:**

Circuits	21,404
Native Teachers	233
Orphans	11
Adoption of Leper Patients	354

22,002

Methodist Women's Missionary Union	3,700
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Interest	820
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Sundry Income	36
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£46,776

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August, 1958 (excluding properties on the mission field).**

LIABILITIES	£	£
<b>SOLOMON ISLAND DISTRICT:</b>		
Circuit Balances .....	458	
Sundry Creditors .....	6,965	
Personal Balances .....	122	
		7,545
Solomon Islands Church Building Funds .....	2,245	
Loan .....	200	
Sundry Creditors .....	91	
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS:</b>		
Medical .....	33,825	
Medical Orderly .....	547	
Working Capital .....	24,495	
Vanes Bequest .....	438	
Boat Insurance .....	17,431	
Fire Insurance .....	1,111	
Sickness and Accident .....	676	
South Sea Islands Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	140	
Solomon Islands Native Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	221	
Solomon Islands Rehabilitation .....	12,979	
New Guinea Highlands Appeal .....	9,989	
New Guinea Highlands Agriculture .....	103	
Solomon Islands Jubilee .....	8,878	
Solomon Islands College .....	82	
Vella Lavella Memorial Hall .....	455	
Nicholson Memorial .....	416	
Lotu Church and Window .....	1,275	
Refrigerator Replacement .....	320	
Don Alley Memorial .....	697	
Lepers Fund .....	5,409	
Lepers Trust Board Grants .....	1,300	
Mission to Lepers Grant .....	2,024	
Leprosy Relief Vessel .....	8,872	
<b>M.W.M.U. Funds:</b>		
Solomon Islands Girls' School Equipment .....	330	
Vella Lavella and Roviana Hostels .....	62	

ASSETS	£	£
<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:</b>		
Cash in Hand and in Bank .....	12,190	
Debtors .....	1,831	
Stock .....	12,201	
		26,222
Boats .....		32,764
Ranonga Lease .....		728
Solomon Islands District Account .....		9,301
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>		
N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock .....	76,572	
Savings Bank and National Savings Accounts .....	6,539	
Commonwealth Savings Bank .....	221	
Debentures .....	6,600	
Shares and Stock .....	4,777	
Loans at Call .....	11,000	
		105,709
Medical Fund .....	33,825	
Medical Orderly Fund .....	547	
Working Capital Account .....	24,495	
Vanes Bequest .....	438	
Boat Insurance Fund .....	17,431	
Fire Insurance Fund .....	1,111	
Sickness and Accident Fund .....	676	
South Sea Islands Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	140	
Solomon Islands Native Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	221	
General Investments .....	26,825	
		105,709
Residence, General Secretary .....		1,240
Projector .....		180
<b>DEBTORS:</b>		
Solomon Islands Special .....	139	
Sundry .....	116	
		255

Choiseul Dormitory .....	207
Teop Dormitory .....	333
Buka Dormitory .....	322
	<u>1,254</u>
Buildings and Equipment Fund .....	2,994
New Guinea Highlands:	
Solomon Islands Contributions .....	726
M.W.M.U. Translation .....	100
Boats Reserve Account .....	30,000
Papua New Guinea Highlands:	
Sundry Creditors .....	354
Exchange Account .....	4,669
Accumulated Fund Account .....	639
	<u>£182,500</u>

<b>STOCKS:</b>	
Maps .....	36
"Isles of Solomon" .....	41
Stationery, etc. ....	173
	<u>250</u>
Papua New Guinea Highlands District Account	2,371
Sundry Debtors .....	4
	<u>2,375</u>
Cash .....	3,476
	<u>£182,500</u>

G. S. GAPPER, *Lay Treasurer.*

### INCOME OF SPECIAL FUNDS for the Year Ended 31st August, 1958.

EXPENDITURE	£
Medical Income Transferred to Solomon Islands Income	1,241
Transferred to Special Funds as per contra	13,950

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 books of the Society, as at 31/8/58. Islands assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having been entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

AUCKLAND, MACKY & FREAR, Public Accountants  
23rd October, 1958. **Auditors**

£15,191

INCOME	£	£
Medical Fund Income		1,241
Leper Fund	3,761	
Leper Relief Vessel (Maintenance)	2,000	
Rehabilitation Fund	674	
Building and Equipment Fund	3,946	
Refrigerator Replacement	83	
New Guinea Highlands:		
Solomon Islands Contribution	192	
Nicholson Memorial Fund	415	
M.W.M.U.:		
Siwai Girls' Dormitory	995	
Siwai Maternity Annex	513	
Land Rover	1,200	
Sickness and Accident Fund	143	
Don Alley Memorial Fund	28	
	<u>13,950</u>	
		<u>£15,191</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, 1958.

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. H. M. PATRICK.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<b>BALANCES at 31st July, 1957:</b>			<b>DEBIT BALANCE, 31st July, 1957.</b>		
Legacies Held for Disbursement	581	16 4	General Account	4,799	15 10
H.M. Removal Expenses	129	16 3			
Picture Dept.	269	14 11	<b>LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:</b>		
H.M. Training Conference	77	5 11	Wairakei Rd.	100	0 0
	1,058	13 5	Coromandel Church	25	0 0
<b>LEGACIES received during year</b>	1,163	13 8	Limitangi Hall	25	0 0
<b>CIRCUIT INCOME:</b>			Reefton Sunday School	25	0 0
Northland	443	14 11	Henderson Parsonage	50	0 0
Auckland	3,939	3 5	Waipawa Parsonage	100	0 0
South Auckland	3,498	19 7	Tokoroa	100	0 0
Taranaki - Wanganui	1,310	1 10	Eketahuna	100	0 0
H.B.-Manawatu	2,148	3 5	Russell Parsonage	40	0 0
Wellington	2,618	1 5	Christchurch Central Mission		
Nelson	1,368	15 7	Hostel	100	0 0
North Canterbury	3,119	0 5	Rothsay Bay Parsonage	50	0 0
South Canterbury	1,376	9 0	Silverdale Parsonage	100	0 0
Otago-Southland	1,549	18 8	Ohura Parsonage	100	0 0
1957 Appeal	15,094	1 8	Wainui-o-mata Parish	100	0 0
1958 Appeal	6,278	6 7	Te Kohanga Pa	8	18 0
<b>SUNDRY DONATIONS</b>	152	14 2		1,023	18 0
<b>DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS</b>	275	7 4	<b>MAORI MISSION:</b>		
<b>CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES:</b>			(a) To the Maori Mission Account:		
Mission Property Trust	500	0 0	Stipends	11,332	2 0
Spring Creek	20	0 0	Travelling	1,649	0 0
Kai Iwi	100	0 0	Maori Ministers' Car Accounts	450	0 0
	620	0 0	Deaconess Car Account	985	0 0
<b>INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD</b>	2,061	12 1	Circuit Exps.	657	15 0
<b>CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS</b>	21	16 4	Rent—Mission Hill	125	0 0
<b>M.W.M.U.</b>	3,425	0 0	Sunday School Materials	5	0 0
" Special	200	0 0	Maori Furniture	50	0 0
" Smethurst			Maori Section N.C.C.	12	0 0
" Interest	130	0 0	Contingencies	50	0 0
Duplicating and Typewriting	3,755	0 0	Methodist Times	5	0 0
Use of Duplicator	23	19 6		15,320	17 0
Circuit Levies:	10	0 0			
H.M. Removal Expenses	24	0 0	(b) European Missioner in Maori Work:		
Picture Department—Grant	75	0 0	Stipend	625	0 0
H.M. Training Conference—Grant	75	0 0	Travelling	172	9 5
				797	9 5
			Investment Funds Bd.—Rents (7)	621	10 0
			Connexional Charges	150	8 4
				16,890	4 9
<b>Carried Forward</b>	30,689	4 9			

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT  
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Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Brought Forward .....	30,689	4 9	<b>CIRCUIT GRANTS:</b>		
			<b>Northland District:</b>		
			Nth. Hokianga .....	102	10 0
			Hokianga .....	100	0 0
			Whangaroa-Bay		
			of Islands .....	87	10 0
			Hikurangi .....	50	0 0
			Port Albert .....	25	16 8
			Kawakawa-		
			Kaikohe .....	75	0 0
				440	16 8
			<b>Auckland District:</b>		
			North Waitemata .....	190	0 0
			Birkenhead .....	137	10 0
			Auckland East .....	140	0 0
			Henderson .....	87	10 0
			Auckland South .....	50	0 0
				605	0 0
			<b>South Auckland District:</b>		
			Ngaruawahia .....	25	0 0
			Taumarunui .....	97	10 0
			Kawhia .....	12	10 0
			Hauraki Plains .....	40	0 0
			Waihi .....	20	0 0
			Te Kuiti .....	120	0 0
			Putaruru .....	472	10 0
			Opotiki .....	25	0 0
			Ohura .....	25	0 0
			Whakatane .....	74	0 0
			Huntly .....	97	10 0
			Tauranga .....	52	10 0
				1,061	10 0
			<b>Taranaki-Wanganui District:</b>		
			Marton .....	82	10 0
			Inglewood .....	35	0 0
			Raetihi-Ohakune .....	50	0 0
			Taihape .....	107	10 0
			Wanganui West .....	60	0 0
			Waitara .....	60	0 0
				395	0 0
			<b>Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:</b>		
			Waipawa-Waipu-		
			kurau .....	15	0 0
			Apiti .....	20	0 0
			Wairoa .....	100	0 0
				135	0 0
			<b>Wellington District:</b>		
			Paraparaumu .....	27	10 0
			Otaki .....	20	0 0
			Eketahuna .....	30	0 0
			Upper Hutt .....	46	13 4
			Wainui-o-mata .....	90	0 0
			Porirua .....	25	0 0
				239	3 4
			<b>Nelson District:</b>		
			Westport .....	97	10 0
			Reefton .....	37	10 0
			Hokitika .....	50	0 0
Carried Forward .....	30,689	4 9		185	0 0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Brought Forward .....	30,689	4 9	<b>North Canterbury District:</b>		
			Riccarton .....	62	10 0
			Woolston-Lyttelton .....	150	0 0
				212	10 0
			<b>South Canterbury District:</b>		
			Timaru South .....	60	0 0
			Marchwiell Union Parish .....	27	0 0
				87	0 0
			<b>Otago-Southland District:</b>		
			Waikouaiti-Palmerston .....	65	0 0
			Mosgiel .....	50	0 0
			Cromwell-Alexandra .....	125	0 0
			Bluff .....	25	0 0
			St. Kilda .....	35	0 0
			Milton .....	40	0 0
			Roxburgh .....	90	0 0
			Port Chalmers .....	100	0 0
			Dunedin North .....	80	0 0
			Balclutha .....	25	0 0
				635	0 0
			<b>MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS:</b>		
			Seamer House .....	200	0 0
			Youth Dept., "Tell Every Man" .....	50	0 0
			Meth. World Conf. Travel Fund .....	50	0 0
			Board of Publications .....	55	0 0
			Social Service Association .....	5	0 0
			Religious Film Society .....	100	0 0
			Picture Dept. .....	75	0 0
			Home Missionaries' Study Conf. .....	75	0 0
			Church Sites Fund .....	100	0 0
			Deaconess Institution .....	100	0 0
			Deaconess Students .....	45	0 0
			Spiritual Advance Committee .....	25	0 0
			Trinity Theological College .....	150	0 0
			Ministerial Supply Expenses .....	13	9 0
			Special Travelling .....	50	0 0
				1,093	9 0
			<b>RETIRING FUNDS:</b>		
			Deaconess .....	369	0 0
			Home Missionaries .....	152	5 0
				521	5 0
Carried Forward .....	30,689	4 9	Carried Forward .....	28,324	12 7

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought Forward .....	30,689	4	9	Brought Forward .....	28,324	12	7
				<b>OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES:</b>			
				Office Salaries .....	542	0	0
				Office Rent .....	186	0	0
				Expenses: Post- ages, Exchange, etc. ....	137	17	9
				Light and Power .....	9	1	9
				Telephone & Tolls .....	88	16	2
				Printing and Sta- tionery .....	175	19	0
				Interest on Over- draft .....	100	3	0
				Audit Expenses .....	20	0	0
					1,259	17	8
				<b>SUNDRY PAYMENTS:</b>			
				Annual Reports .....	319	19	10
				Deputation Exps. ....	113	16	5
				Share of "Lotu" .....	93	0	0
				Collection Boxes .....	40	6	0
				Staff Insurance .....	18	18	6
				Staff Super- annuation .....	30	2	0
				Sundry Expenses .....	44	10	2
					660	12	11
				<b>CONNEXIONAL CHARGES:</b>			
				Department .....	209	16	10
				<b>GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:</b>			
				Stipend .....	650	0	0
				General Allowance .....	50	0	0
				Travelling .....	459	12	7
					1,159	12	7
				<b>ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:</b>			
				Stipend .....	625	0	0
				<b>RENTS TO INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD:</b>			
				For 2 Parsonages .....	300	0	0
				Picture Department .....	28	8	1
				H.M. Training Conference .....	194	3	4
				<b>BALANCES, 31st July, 1958:</b>			
				Legacies held for Disbursement .....	721	12	0
				H.M. Removal Ex- penses Fund .....	153	16	3
				Picture Dept. ....	316	6	10
					1,191	15	1
					£33,953	19	1
<b>DEBIT BALANCE, 31st July, 1958:</b>							
General Account .....	3,222	16	11				
H.M. Training Conference A/c. ....	41	17	5				
	3,264	14	4				
	£33,953	19	1				

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1958, and certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the General Account is correct. Receipts and Payments made through the Maori Mission Account have been shown on a supplementary statement, which has also been audited.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

# MAORI MISSION ACCOUNTS

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July, 1958.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Stipends: H.M. Fund Grants			11,332 2 0	Dr. Balance 31st July, 1957			935 19 1
Travelling: H.M. Fund Grants			1,649 0 0	Stipends			11,332 2 0
Circuit Expenses:				Travelling			1,649 0 0
Grants	657	15	0	Circuit Expenses:			
Sundry	26	19	1	Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits	411	15	0
			684 14 1	Auckland and Taranaki Circuits:			
Mission Hill: Grant for Rent			125 0 0	Ministers' Additional Trav.	311	17	7
Deaconess Cars:				Special Trav.	70	5	3
Grants	985	0	0	Phones and Tolls	74	12	3
Sundry	68	9	10	Parsonage Allowances	37	10	0
			1,053 9 10	Sundries	49	0	1
Maori Ministers' Cars:							955 0 2
H.M. Trav. Grants	450	0	0	Deaconess Cars:			
Circuit Expenses Trav.	311	17	7	Purchases (2) less Trade-ins	981	15	0
Ministers' Payments	327	10	0	Repairs, Insurances, etc.	552	3	11
Trade-in (1)	625	0	0				1,533 18 11
			1,714 7 7	Maori Ministers' Cars:			
Waikato Circuit Car Loans (2)			145 0 0	Purchase (1)	821	0	9
Furniture Grant			50 0 0	Insurances, Regns., etc.	68	13	9
S.S. Materials Grant			5 0 0				889 14 6
Maori Section N.C.C. Grant			12 0 0	Waikato Circuit Car Loan			400 0 0
Leaflets (Temperance)			15 0 0	South Island Travelling			69 8 8
Retiring Funds			246 0 0	Grey Institute Trust, Rent Mission Hill			80 15 1
Sales of Hymn Books			24 14 3	Furniture			4 12 0
Contingencies:				Maori Section N.C.C.			24 0 0
Grants	55	0	0	Leaflets (Temperance)			30 2 6
Refunds	15	7	6	Retiring Funds			241 0 0
			70 7 6	Maintenance—Ratana Pa and Akd.			
Loan Repayments			60 0 0	Maori Centre			5 0 7
Dr. Balance 31st July, 1958			1,031 4 1	Contingencies			63 5 10
			£18,213 19 4				£18,213 19 4

## MAORI MISSION ACCOUNTS

**BALANCE SHEET for Year Ended 31st July, 1958.**

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**THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July, 1958.**

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. H. M. PATRICK.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>BALANCES: Bank of N.Z. 31st July, 1957:</b>							
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund		381	11	5			
Cash on Account of Capital		1,047	15	5			
					1,429	6	10
<b>CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:</b>							
Estate of late O. E. O. Cresswell		500	0	0			
G. W. Kirk		25	0	0			
F. A. G. York		50	0	0			
E. McCaffrey		1,077	7	5			
J. Letcher		450	0	0			
M. Liggins		50	0	0			
J. Hope Haynes		250	0	0			
F. F. Clark		50	0	0			
G. H. Shepherdson		50	0	0			
M. Cock		100	0	0			
J. Butler		50	0	0			
Anonymous Donation		50	0	0			
Transfer from Mission Property Trust		400	0	0			
		3,102	7	5			
Less Proportion for Disbursement		1,463	13	8			
					1,638	13	9
<b>LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT</b>							
					1,463	13	8
<b>REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS</b>							
					6,230	10	2
<b>REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGES</b>							
					71	0	11
<b>NEW LOANS AT CALL</b>							
					4,476	11	8
<b>NEW CAPITAL:</b>							
Sinking Funds		515	18	0			
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel		111	0	0			
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel		50	0	0			
Otorohanga Maori Centre		215	0	0			
Northern Building Fund		7	14	0			
					899	12	0
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund		65	4	1			
Inscribed Stock Matured		800	0	0			
					2,061	12	1
<b>NET INTEREST AND RENTS</b>							
					68	6	0
<b>MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS—NET RECEIPTS</b>							
					2	14	4
<b>THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND INTEREST</b>							
					8	0	8
<b>GEORGE BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT INTEREST</b>							
<b>EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST:</b>							
Net Rents					1,262	5	0
					£20,477	11	2

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:</b>							
Through Mornington		3	10	0			
Through Invercargill		8	15	0			
Direct		2,050	7	1			
					2,061	12	1
<b>LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT:</b>							
To Home Mission Fund		1,163	13	8			
To Marion Ave.—Loan A/c.		250	0	0			
To Maori Hostel Capital		50	0	0			
					1,463	13	8
<b>CAPITAL INVESTED:</b>							
New Special Loans		7,800	0	0			
Post Office Savings Bank		16	8				
					7,800	16	8
<b>Properties:</b>							
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel		23	17	10			
Kawakawa Maori Centre		3	3	0			
Otorohanga Maori Centre		2	19	3			
Te Kuiti Maori Centre		88	2	3			
Hawera Maori Parsonage		452	1	9			
11 Kakariki Avenue		7	17	6			
New Plymouth Parsonage Furniture		1	11	6			
Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage		126	5	6			
Waima Maori Parsonage		211	1	1			
					916	19	8
<b>REPAYMENT OF LOANS:</b>							
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel		260	0	0			
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel		360	0	0			
Loans at Call		1,672	10	6			
					2,292	10	6
<b>EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST:</b>							
Expended					610	17	0
<b>INTEREST DISBURSED:</b>							
Thomas Buddle Library Fund		2	14	4			
George Buttle Centennial Gift		8	0	8			
					10	15	0
<b>BALANCES: Bank of N.Z. 31st July, 1958:</b>							
On account of Income		208	2	9			
On account of E. W. Blackwell Trust		651	8	0			
On account of T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund		446	15	6			
On account of Capital		4,014	0	4			
					5,320	6	7
					£20,477	11	2

**THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1958.**

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>CREDITORS:</b>							
Loans at Call	25,379	4	4				
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	446	15	6				
Kawakawa Maori Centre	1,157	19	5				
				26,983	19	3	
<b>SUNDY FUNDS:</b>							
T. Buddle Library Fund	90	5	0				
Geo. Buttler Memorial Fund	266	0	0				
				356	5	0	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust				651	8	0	
<b>RESERVES:</b>							
Working Expenses Maintenance	208	2	9				
Sinking Funds 31/7/57	5,274	19	9				
Added during year	515	18	0				
	5,790	17	9				
Investment Reserve	400	0	0				
Loan Repayment Suspense	680	0	0				
				7,079	0	6	
<b>MAORI HOSTELS AND CENTRES:</b>							
<b>Mortgages:</b>							
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostels	5,460	0	0				
Less repaid during year	260	0	0				
	5,200	0	0				
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	3,680	0	0				
Less repaid during year	360	0	0				
	3,320	0	0				
<b>Capital Receipts to Date:</b>							
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	13,077	11	6				
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	8,478	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	471	3	10				
Northern Building Account	227	2	10				
	31,977	6	10				
				40,497	6	10	

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>CASH—BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:</b>							
On Account of Income	208	2	9				
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	651	8	0				
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	446	15	6				
On Account of Capital	4,014	0	4				
				5,320	6	7	
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>							
<b>Memorial Gifts, Auckland Savings Bank:</b>							
T. Buddle Library Fund	90	5	0				
Geo. Buttler Memorial Gift	266	0	0				
				356	5	0	
<b>General:</b>							
Mortgages	791	18	8				
Debentures	4,900	0	0				
Government Inscribed Stock	15,745	0	0				
Sundry Shares	1,751	14	0				
Post Office Savings Bank	29	18	10				
				23,218	11	6	
<b>Special Loans</b>							
Maori Boys' Hostel (Hamilton)	680	0	0				
				57,293	13	10	
<b>PROPERTIES:</b>							
Parsonages, etc.				15,666	0	6	
<b>MAORI HOSTELS AND CENTRES:</b>							
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	24,342	18	1				
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	471	3	10				
Opunake Deaconess Centre	622	16	4				
Otorohanga Deaconess Centre	2,396	19	11				
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	769	17	4				
				52,223	1	2	
				£154,077	18	7	

**CAPITAL:**

Balance 31/7/57	76,871	5	3
Add Legacies, etc.	3,102	7	5
Less Transfer for Dis- bursement	1,463	13	8
	1,638	13	9
	78,509	19	0
	£154,077	18	7

Brought Forward £154,077 18 7

£154,077 18 7

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1958.

In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet shows the position of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Board at 31st July, 1958.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

**EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st July, 1958.**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Repairs	121	7	8	Rent and Rates	1,925	18	6
Rates	260	5	11				
Insurance	188	7	11				
Commission	93	12	0				
			663 13 6				
Depreciation Reserve			200 0 0				
Net Income Carried Down			1,062 5 0				
			£1,925 18 6				£1,925 18 6
Debit Balance 31/7/57			248 0 1				
Transfer to Capital			162 16 11				
Balance Carried Forward			651 8 0	Net Income Brought Down	1,062	5	0
			£1,062 5 0				£1,062 5 0

**BALANCE SHEET** as at 31st July, 1958.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>CAPITAL:</b>				<b>BUILDINGS</b>			
Balance at 31/7/57	11,127	13	2				10,000 0 0
Add during year:				<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>			
From Income	162	16	11	National Savings Investments	3,727	1	3
From Interest	38	16	4	Post Office Savings Bank	20	6	3
	201	13	3				3,747 7 6
				Balance—Bank of N.Z. 31/7/57			651 8 0
<b>DEPRECIATION RESERVE:</b>							
Balance at 31/7/57	2,144	4	1				
Add During Year	273	17	0				
Income and Expenditure A/c.							

### SEAMER HOUSE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July, 1958.

RECEIPTS						PAYMENTS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Boarding Fees				2,445	14	0	Dr. Balance—Bank of N.Z., 31/7/57	768	5	3	
Home Mission Fund Grant				200	0	0	Salary of Matron	350	10	0	
J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant				350	0	0	Wages	321	7	4	
Sundry Receipts				27	3	6	Provisions	984	10	3	
Donations—Clothes Dryer				34	0	0	Light and Heat	202	16	10	
Donations—Staff and Boarders Furnish- ings Fund	38	5	2				Cleaning and Laundry	27	18	2	
Less Payments	30	14	0				Repairs and Maintenance	50	4	3	
				7	11	2	Rates and Insurance	257	3	10	
Dr. Balance, Bank of N.Z., 31/7/58	321	2	3				Interest on Loan	242	15	6	
Less Petty Cash in Hand	15	0	0				Sundry Expenses	53	0	3	
				306	2	3	Sundry Equipment	18	3	7	
							Telephone	28	2	3	
							Deaconess Retiring Fund	9	0	0	
							Boarders' Monogram A/c. (Recoverable)	36	18	0	
							Canteen Account	19	15	5	
				£3,370	10	11		£3,370	10	11	

**METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July, 1958.**

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. H. M. PATRICK.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>BALANCE: Bank of N.Z., 31/7/57:</b>							
Income Account		607	19	3			
Capital Account		643	0	1			
					1,250	19	4
<b>RENTS:</b>							
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare		74	2	0			
Mt. Wesley, Parsonage		66	13	4			
Newark		2	0	0			
Opononi		40	12	3			
					183	7	7
Sales, Kaeo					50	0	0
Repayments, Opononi					81	6	5
Sales, Kinross Street					375	0	0
					£1,940	13	4

PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rates and Insurance				23	10	7			
Repairs and Sundries				11	8	8			
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>									
Kaeo					3	12	6		
Kinross Street					2	12	6		
Transfer of Cash (Capital) to Investment Funds									
Board				400	0	0			
Transfer of Cash (Income) to Home Mission Fund				500	0	0			
<b>BALANCE: Bank of N.Z., 31/7/58:</b>									
Income Account				256	7	7			
Capital Account				743	1	6			
							999	9	1
							£1,940	13	4

**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1958.**

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</b>							
At 31st July, 1957		6,114	1	8			
Less Income Deficit for year		351	11	8			
		5,762	10	0			
Less Transfer to Investment Funds							
Board		400	0	0			
					5,362	10	0
Held for Special Purposes		35	0	0			
Proceeds Capital, Kinross St.		763	1	8			
					798	1	8
					£6,160	11	8

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Properties and Loans, 31st July, 1957</b>							
Properties and Loans, 31st July, 1957		5,288	16	6			
Add Capital Expenditure, Kaeo			3	12	6		
		5,292	9	0			
Less Sales, Kaeo		50	0	0			
Repayment, Opononi		81	6	5			
		131	6	5			
					5,161	2	7
<b>Cash:</b>							
Income		256	7	7			
Capital		743	1	6			
					999	9	1
					£6,160	11	8

**METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1958.**

		LIABILITIES					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	_____	1,352	14	11			
Bills Payable	_____	379	5	9			
Subscriptions in Advance	_____	29	18	6			
					1,761	19	2
Home Mission Department	Loan A/c.				2,350	0	0
Van Replacement Reserve	_____				1,368	19	4
Capital:							
Balance 1/8/57	_____	5,252	17	10			
Plus Net Profit	_____	22	8	2			
					5,275	6	0

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash on Hand	_____	11	4	6			
Cash at Bank	_____	937	8	8			
Cash at Auckland Savings Bank	_____				948	13	2
(Van Replacement Reserve)	_____				619	12	4
Sundry Debtors	_____	687	19	1			
Less Bad Debts Reserve	_____	50	0	0			
Stock on Hand	_____				637	19	1
Fittings and Equipment	_____	337	3	6	5,966	1	11
Plus Additions	_____	14	9	1			
Less Depreciation	_____	351	12	7			
	_____	33	10	11			
Renovations	_____	2,359	19	8			
Less Depreciation	_____	177	0	0			
	_____				318	1	8
Superannuation in Advance	_____				2,182	19	8
Rent in Advance	_____				49	10	0
	_____				33	6	8
					£10,756	4	6

### 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, 1958, 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, 14th October, 1958.

L. T. HAYMAN, Treasurer.

R. W. COOKE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,  
Auditor.

# METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

## *Estimates, Income and Expenditure for 1959*

### INCOME

#### 1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS—

(Average Income based on last three years of ordinary income).

##### DISTRICTS:

NORTHLAND .....	815	0	0			
AUCKLAND .....	3162	0	0			
SOUTH AUCKLAND .....	2538	0	0			
TARANAKI - WANGANUI ....	1283	0	0			
HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU ..	1910	0	0			
WELLINGTON .....	2349	0	0			
NELSON .....	1212	0	0			
NORTH CANTERBURY .....	2667	0	0			
SOUTH CANTERBURY .....	1113	0	0			
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND .....	1716	0	0			
				18765	0	0

#### 2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS .... 2200 0 0

#### 3. M.W.M.U.:

SISTERS' SALARIES .....	3600	0	0			
SMETHURST INTEREST .....	130	0	0			
				3730	0	0

#### 4. EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST 213 4 0

#### 5. MISCELLANEOUS ..... 300 0 0

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**TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES £25208 4 0**

# EXPENDITURE

## NORTHLAND DISTRICT Maori Work

	£
Minister—	
Stipend .....	655
Travelling .....	175
Acting Senior Maori Superintendent—	
Honorarium .....	52
Travelling .....	100
Special Trav. ....	25
Home Missionary (part time)—	
Travelling .....	52
Home Missionary (part time)—	
Travelling .....	52
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	455
Prov. for Car .....	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	425
Prov. for Car .....	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	425
Travelling .....	110
General Circuit Expenses—Phones etc.	50
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	32
Investment Funds Board—Rent for	
Parsonage—Waima .....	75
	<hr/> £2,903

## European Work

Hokianga (M.O.M.) .....	67
(E. W. B.) .....	33
North Hokianga (M.O.M.) .....	175
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands—	
(M.O.M., M.P., and S.P.) .....	250
Port Albert—(If S.P.) .....	200
	<hr/> £725

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT Maori Work

Minister—	
Stipend .....	655
Travelling .....	175
Supernumerary Minister—	
Travelling .....	100
(Parsonage in lieu of Honorarium)	
General Circuit Expenses .....	50
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	493
Prov. for Car .....	110
Deaconess (or supply)—	
Stipend .....	493
Travelling .....	25
Deaconess (or supply)—	
Stipend .....	425
Prov. for Car .....	110
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	40
Investment Funds Board for Parson-	
ages—	
Tuakau .....	75
Auckland .....	150
	<hr/> £2,901

## European Work

Auckland East (M.H.M.P.) .....	100
(E.W.B.) .....	40
Auckland South (M.H.M.P.) .....	100
North Waitemata (M.O.M.) and (S.P.)	130
(E.W.B.) .....	20
Bombay-Tuakau (M.P.) .....	75
	<hr/> £465

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT Waikato Maori Circuit

	£
Senior Home Missionary (Hamilton)—	
Stipend .....	592
Travelling .....	175
Rent .....	150
Home Missionary—	
Stipend .....	566
Travelling .....	75
Prov. for Car .....	100
Home Missionary—	
Stipend .....	566
Travelling .....	75
Rent .....	78
Prov. for Car .....	100
Home Missionary (supply)—	
Honorarium .....	78
Travelling .....	75
Prov. for Car .....	100
Home Missionary (supply)—	
Honorarium .....	78
Travelling .....	80
Home Missionary (Part time)—	
Honorarium .....	100
General Circuit Expenses—	
Travelling for Hon. H.M.s etc.	180
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	493
Prov. for Car .....	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	493
Prov. for Car .....	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	455
Prov. for Car .....	110
Deaconess (Supply)—	
Stipend .....	396
Travelling .....	110
Deaconess —	
Stipend .....	493
Travelling .....	110
Investment Funds Board for Rent—	
Ngaruawahia .....	52
Hon S.S. Teacher—	
Travelling .....	36
	<hr/> £6,136

## King Country Maori Circuit

Minister (6 months only)—	
Stipend .....	327½
Travelling .....	87½
Home Missionary—	
Stipend .....	566
Travelling .....	175
Home Missionary (supply)—	
Honorarium .....	78
Travelling .....	75
Home Missionary (supply)—	
Honorarium .....	78
Travelling .....	75
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium .....	39
Travelling .....	25
General Circuit Expenses—	
Trav. etc. ....	90
Kawhia Circuit—	
Travelling .....	60
Deaconess—	
Stipend .....	493
Prov. for Car .....	110

	£
Deaconess—	
Stipend	493
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess Supply (Half)—	
Stipend	198
Travelling	55
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	24
Investment Funds Board—Rent for parsonages:	
Te Kuiti	75
Kawhia	75
	£3,309

#### European Work

Coromandel	15
Hauraki Plains—	
(M.O.M.)	150
(E.W.B.)	20
Kawerau to Whakatane for—	
Supply argrts.	100
Putaruru—	
(M.O.M. and M.P.)	250
(E.W.B.)	50
Opotiki (M.H.M.)	25
Rotorua for Taupo (M.H.M.)	500
Huntly (M.O.M.)	100
Te Kuiti—	
(M.O.M.)	40
Travelling	70
Taumararui (M.O.M.)	100
	£1,420

#### TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT

##### Maori Work

Minister (Missionary in Maori Work)—	
Stipend	655
Travelling	175
Minister—	
Stipend	655
Travelling	175
Rent	125
General Circuit Expenses	120
Connexional Charges (Two Ministers)	58
Deaconess—	
Stipend	493
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	493
Prov. for Car	110
Investments Funds Board—Rent for Hawera	150
	£3,319

#### European Work

Marton (M.O.M.)	50
Inglewood (Sr. M.O.M.)	45
Waitara (M.O.M.)	60
Taihape—	
(S.P.)	30
Travelling	25
Raetihi-Ohakune	100
	£310

#### HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Wairoa (M.O.M.)	60
Travelling	40
Apiti (M.P.)	50
	£150

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wainui-O-Mata Parish	150
Porirua—2nd Agent (S.P.)	200
Paraparaumu—(M.O.M.) if Paekak. included in Porirua	200
Upper Hutt—	
if 2nd Agent	180
(E.W.B.)	20
Otaki	25
Eketahuna (S.P.)	NIL
	£775

#### NELSON DISTRICT

Hokitika (M.P.)	50
(Refer to Board if new Parsonage)	
Reefton (M.P.)	75
Murchison (If S.P.)	100
	£225

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Woolston-Lyttelton (3 M.O.M.s)	150
	£150

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Willowby (M.O.M.)	50
	£50

#### OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Waikouaiti-Palmerston (M.H.M.P.)	100
Cromwell-Alexandra—	
(M.O.M.)	100
Travelling	30
Roxburgh—	
(M.O.M.)	70
Travelling	50
Port Chalmers—	
(M.H.M.)	75
Travelling	25
Mosgiel (S.P.)	NIL
Dunedin North (M.O.M.)	60
St. Kilda—	
(S.H.M.P.)	30
(E.W.B.)	30
Corstorphine Union	40
	£610

#### GENERAL EXPENDITURE

##### Maori Work

South Island Deaconess—	
Honarium	52
Expense All'ce	10
Subsidy—Auckland Maori Girls Hostel	200
National Council of Churches—Maori Section	36
Contingencies	100
	£398

#### MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Spiritual Advance Committee	25
Board of Publications	55
Deaconess Institution	100
Trinity Theological College	150
Church Sites Fund	100
Methodist Ecumenical Travel Fund	25
Methodist Social Service Association	5
Colportage Society—Otago-Southland	12½
Picture Department—Plant	75
Home Missionaries Study Conference	75
	£622½

# MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

	£
Home Mission Deputation Expenses	400
Deputation—Visual Supplies	50
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund (Est.)	175
Deaconess Retiring Fund (Estimated)	350
Deaconess Student Allowances	75
Workers Compensation Insurance—	
Staff	40
Printing and Stationery	400
Methodist Times	12½
Ministerial Supplies	75
Share of "Lotu" Printing	100
Interest and Bank Charges	100
Contingencies and Sundries	400
	<u>£2,177½</u>

# GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	680
General Allowance	50
Travelling	150
	<u>£880</u>

# ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

	£
Stipend	655
General Allowance	50
Travelling	150
	<u>£855</u>

# EUROPEAN MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

See under Taranaki Maori Circuit

# CONNEXIONAL CHARGES

Two Ministers	220
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# INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD: RENT

Two Parsonages	300
	<u>£2,255</u>

# OFFICE EXPENSES

Bookkeeping	190
Secretarial—Wages etc.	400
Office Rent	200
Lights, Postages and Sundries	130
Telephones and Tolls	100
	<u>£1,020</u>

# GRAND TOTAL:—

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	<u>£29,916</u>
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# SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1959

## INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Circuits and Home Mission			
Stations	18,765	0	0
Properties and Investments	2,200	0	0
M.W.M.U. Sisters' Salaries	3,600	0	0
Smethurst Interest	130	0	0
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	213	4	0
Miscellaneous	300	0	0
Estimated Deficit on 1959	4,707	16	0
	<u>£29,916</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Maori Mission	18,966	0	0
European Work	10,950	0	0
	<u>£29,916</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

# NOTES:

- Actual Debit balance in the Home Mission Fund at 31 July, 1958 £3,264/14/4.
- Grants to Circuits have been adjusted in the light of the Stationing.

**FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1958**

DISTRICTS	Churches		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																	YOUTH										PASTORAL CARE		STIPENDS, ETC.										State of Finances as at 30th June																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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			Members as at 30th June last year.		Number Recd. during yr.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year		Net Increase		Net Decrease		On Probation		Communi-cants		No. of Baptisms		No. on Cradle Roll		Beginners—Primary		Junior		Intermediate		Teachers		Junior Y.M.		Y.W.		Intermediate Y.M.		Intermediate Y.W.		Senior Y.M.		Y.W.		Leaders		Y.M.		Y.W.		No. of Families		No. of People		Annual Stipend		Bonus and/or Allowance (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend		Travelling (or Car) Allowances		Ownership Car		Minister		Cr. Balance		Dr. Balance		Total Credit Balances (excluding balances held for special purposes)		Total Debit Balances																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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## GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1958.

## NORTHLAND DISTRICT

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No. Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Number Recd. during the year.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Communicants	No. of Baptisms	PASTORAL CARE	
										New Members under 20 yrs.	New Members over 20 yrs.	Transfers from other Circuits N.Z.	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							No. of Families	No. of People
Mangonui ..	4	1	2	1	1	-	-	5	124	-	2	4	1	9	10	110	-	14	-	99	14	144	432
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands ..	5	12	1	3	2	-	-	4	184	-	1	4	1	3	-	185	1	-	-	233	42	426	1465
North Hokianga ..	3	6	2	1	-	1	-	1	70	-	2	3	1	6	-	68	-	2	-	92	6	60	200
Hokianga ..	3	2	3	1	1	-	-	3	59	4	3	1	-	2	1	64	5	-	-	92	9	85	220
Hikurangi ..	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	2	49	-	2	3	1	2	-	51	2	-	-	30	12	130	400
Whangarei ..	4	4	3	1	1	-	-	12	289	15	7	12	1	11	3	308	19	-	-	235	30	403	1072
Dargaville ..	3	7	3	1	1	-	-	6	233	7	-	5	3	11	-	231	-	2	-	255	25	125	527
Ruawai ..	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	4	99	6	1	3	-	4	1	104	5	-	-	100	14	121	505
Paparoa ..	4	5	1	1	1	-	-	2	106	-	1	5	3	3	2	104	-	2	-	76	10	181	659
Port Albert ..	7	4	4	1	1	1	-	4	130	13	17	2	1	9	-	152	22	-	-	150	19	200	800
TOTALS ..	36	47	20	11	10	2	-	43	1343	45	36	42	12	60	10	1377	54	20	-	1362	181	1875	6280

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central ..	5	-	5	6	10	-	-	113	577	9	35	32	11	54	14	574	-	3	-	425	54	659	1802
Central Mission ..	1	1	1	2	3	-	-	15	215	9	11	4	6	8	9	216	1	-	7	235	10	248	770
Auckland South ..	5	1	3	2	4	-	-	11	428	12	14	43	5	28	-	464	36	-	-	463	79	805	2183
Auckland West ..	2	-	3	2	1	-	-	2	136	1	6	6	3	21	10	115	-	21	-	125	21	319	734
Auckland East ..	10	-	5	6	11	1	-	24	954	18	10	74	10	68	35	943	-	11	26	750	44	1137	2898
Avondale ..	4	3	4	2	6	-	-	12	422	13	5	9	6	14	-	429	7	-	-	400	39	477	1308
Henderson ..	4	7	3	2	4	2	-	7	242	5	12	33	5	9	7	271	29	-	9	285	59	728	2366
Devonport ..	3	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	164	2	5	2	4	7	-	162	-	2	-	184	15	205	620
Takapuna ..	5	-	2	2	5	2	-	14	423	12	16	20	5	9	6	451	28	-	-	335	35	580	2000
Birkenhead ..	4	1	3	1	1	1	-	6	296	17	18	13	4	8	4	328	32	-	9	320	34	570	1700
Onehunga ..	5	-	6	1	1	1	-	5	281	1	3	7	6	11	11	264	-	17	-	260	41	606	2224
Otahuhu ..	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	99	5	9	5	1	6	-	111	12	-	-	130	28	80	140
Papatoetoe ..	2	-	2	1	2	-	-	9	269	17	2	8	5	7	1	283	14	-	-	200	22	300	700
Papakura ..	3	1	2	1	2	-	-	3	227	5	6	11	1	11	2	235	8	-	-	230	27	435	930
Pukekohe ..	5	3	2	1	2	-	-	7	200	12	25	17	6	11	2	235	35	-	-	210	18	225	560
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	4	-	1	1	-	-	4	107	4	-	9	1	9	2	108	1	-	-	104	18	170	612
Waiuku ..	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	4	134	1	-	11	2	4	4	135	1	-	6	94	10	180	541
Mahurangi ..	2	9	2	1	2	-	-	4	102	1	3	4	1	-	1	108	6	-	-	105	13	120	380
North Waitemata ..	5	12	3	3	2	-	-	8	137	3	8	3	4	6	2	139	2	-	-	154	14	304	1236
TOTALS ..	71	46	50	37	61	7	-	241	5413	147	188	311	86	291	110	5571	212	54	57	5009	581	8148	23704

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	145	-	2	2	2	9	2	136	-	9	-	240	12	170	450
Hauraki Plains ..	2	5	1	1	-	1	-	-	61	-	-	2	1	5	-	57	-	4	-	80	11	73	182
Paeroa ..	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	53	-	5	5	-	-	1	62	9	-	-	40	3	50	150
Waihi ..	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	3	85	-	11	-	1	3	2	90	5	-	-	70	13	141	270
Te Aroha ..	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	5	218	5	6	5	2	6	1	225	7	-	-	175	24	190	650
Morrinsville ..	3	4	3	2	1	-	-	8	261	12	13	5	4	7	2	278	17	-	-	260	42	413	1377
Cambridge ..	3	2	2	1	2	-	-	6	179	-	5	4	4	9	1	174	-	5	-	120	7	176	382
Hamilton ..	5	2	4	3	4	1	-	11	541	28	9	30	10	30	2	566	25	-	-	724	61	750	2163
Hamilton East ..	3	3	4	1	1	-	-	8	264	6	3	22	3	20	1	271	7	-	-	300	22	190	671
Huntly ..	1	6	-	1	1	-	-	1	78	5	5	7	-	10	2	83	5	-	-	82	7	189	480
Matamata ..	3	4	2	1	1	-	-	3	182	3	21	5	3	8	4	196	14	-	-	175	22	230	764
Putaruru ..	1	3	1	2	1	1	-	1	95	3	6	9	1	9	3	100	5	-	-	60	18	135	235
Rotorua ..	3	2	1	1	1	1	-	7	185	-	4	20	2	8	4	195	10	-	-	140	18	260	723
Tauranga ..	4	5	1	2	4	1	-	15	354	6	18	28	5	26	7	368	14	-	-	370	42	540	1500
Whakatane ..	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	81	6	13	6	1	10	5	90	9	-	-	82	12	156	448
Opotiki ..	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	53	-	6	4	-	-	3	60	7	-	-	41	7	100	300
Te Awamutu ..	2	4	3	1	1	-	-	2	223	8	7	13	1	7	-	243	20	-	-	220	30	269	859
Otorohanga ..	1	6	1	1	1	-	-	2	105	8	1	2	1	7	-	108	3	-	-	75	12	90	350
Te Kuiti ..	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	2	65	7	2	5	1	9	-	69	4	-	-	30	9	130	300
Taumarunui ..	1	3	-	1	1	-	-	1	65	-	1	6	1	5	2	64	-	1	-	40	12	160	500
Kawerau ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	12	-	1	2	-	2	-	13	1	-	-	12	2	56	179
Ohura ..	3	7	1	-	1	-	-	2	46	2	5	1	-	5	-	49	3	-	-	60	12	105	325
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	1	1	-	1	-	3	49	-	5	-	-	5	2	47	-	2	6	25	7	60	240
Kawhia ..	1	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	28	-	2	1	-	1	6	24	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Coromandel ..	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raglan Union ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	3	5	-	-	-	-	58	8	-	-	37	-	36	81
TOTALS ..	52	74	35	28	28	8	-	90	3505	102	156	184	43	201	50	3653	173	25	6	3428	405	4669	13579

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	..	7	3	5	3	6	1	-	15	600	22	8	47	20	49	7	601	1	-	-	460	42	900	3300
Waitara	..	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	3	112	-	-	5	1	14	-	102	-	10	-	127	15	245	802
Stratford	..	7	-	1	1	1	-	-	4	186	1	-	8	2	5	-	188	2	-	-	210	26	200	1100
Eltham-Kaponga	..	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	5	125	4	1	13	-	11	2	130	5	-	-	90	16	105	400
Hawera	..	4	-	1	1	1	-	-	6	231	3	7	12	5	11	1	236	5	-	-	162	27	304	1020
Mania	..	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	2	110	-	-	12	-	23	3	97	-	14	-	85	10	115	408
Opunake	..	6	1	5	2	1	1	-	6	201	3	12	12	-	9	1	218	17	-	-	156	22	358	1330
Wanganui Central	..	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	4	258	15	8	20	8	16	1	276	18	-	-	290	35	345	1320
Wanganui North	..	2	2	2	2	1	-	-	9	153	9	10	14	2	23	-	161	8	-	-	190	14	280	1020
Wanganui West	..	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	118	2	4	7	-	14	2	115	-	3	-	94	13	216	573
Taihape	..	1	5	1	1	1	-	-	-	42	-	1	3	1	-	-	45	3	-	-	37	7	81	247
Marton	..	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	75	6	3	5	2	4	-	83	8	-	-	92	11	115	365
Raetihi-Ohakune	..	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	-	2	1	1	-	32	-	-	-	15	9	60	200
Inglewood	..	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	3	145	-	-	5	1	11	-	138	-	7	-	35	39	240	700
TOTALS	..	41	23	22	17	18	3	-	61	2388	65	54	165	43	191	17	2421	67	34	-	2043	286	3564	12785

## GENERAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1958

## NELSON DISTRICT.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CIRCUITS		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																			PASTORAL CARE			
		Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Number Recd. during the year.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation				
											New Members under 20 yrs.	New Members over 20 yrs.	Transfers from other N.Z. Circuits	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend								
Nelson .. .. .	1	1	2	1	3	-	-	10	339	2	8	20	3	24	-	342	3	-	-	260	27	524	1654	
Waimea .. .. .	7	-	3	2	3	-	-	10	267	5	26	5	2	11	4	286	19	-	-	263	30	400	1000	
Motueka .. .. .	2	2	3	1	1	1	-	6	123	8	7	7	3	7	5	130	7	-	-	110	4	160	500	
Murchison .. .. .	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	17	-	-	4	-	-	-	21	4	-	-	16	2	50	205	
Blenheim .. .. .	7	9	4	4	5	-	-	11	442	12	6	23	4	23	3	453	11	-	-	396	39	573	1837	
Reefton .. .. .	2	2	1	1	1	1	-	1	67	10	3	3	-	7	-	76	9	-	-	63	3	119	407	
Westport .. .. .	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	101	-	5	-	3	10	-	93	-	8	-	71	9	176	709	
Greymouth .. .. .	2	4	1	1	1	-	-	3	193	4	8	8	3	18	1	191	-	2	-	180	24	203	541	
Hokitika .. .. .	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	49	4	-	1	-	2	2	50	1	-	-	53	5	72	196	
TOTALS .. .. .	25	20	17	12	16	2	-	47	1598	45	63	71	18	102	15	1642	54	10	-	1412	143	2277	7049	

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street .. .. .	2	1	3	2	7	-	-	11	597	13	34	25	7	26	6	630	33	-	-	635	40	720	1955
Central Mission & Cambridge Tee. Church	1	1	3	3	2	-	-	4	143	7	5	8	6	7	4	146	3	-	-	110	7	190	550
Christchurch East .. .. .	8	2	7	4	8	-	-	12	686	12	18	58	13	39	11	711	25	-	-	732	100	1290	3806
Woolston-Lyttelton .. .. .	6	4	5	3	4	-	-	4	350	15	10	10	4	27	4	350	-	-	-	343	38	609	1628
Sydenham .. .. .	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	5	206	5	5	3	6	6	1	206	-	-	-	190	18	241	563
Addington .. .. .	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	153	9	-	3	1	-	8	156	3	-	6	170	8	140	460
Riccarton .. .. .	5	1	4	1	2	-	-	2	240	2	7	25	3	11	7	253	13	-	10	250	39	600	1400
St. Albans .. .. .	3	1	4	3	5	-	-	1	586	13	13	49	9	41	12	599	13	-	-	485	30	860	2460
Papanui .. .. .	3	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	201	3	7	3	2	2	-	210	9	-	-	180	32	302	890
Springston .. .. .	7	-	3	2	2	-	-	7	150	-	9	9	2	8	8	150	-	-	-	130	13	250	714
Leeston .. .. .	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	4	212	-	-	1	-	4	2	207	-	5	-	120	9	130	420
Kaiapoi .. .. .	5	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	164	5	1	-	2	5	1	162	-	2	-	100	10	200	600
Rangiora .. .. .	7	1	3	2	1	1	-	6	328	7	11	9	6	18	-	331	3	-	-	225	24	365	1115
Greendale .. .. .	3	4	2	1	1	-	-	3	90	3	5	1	1	2	1	95	5	-	-	95	8	83	276
Oxford .. .. .	4	-	3	1	1	-	-	6	138	-	-	2	1	1	-	138	-	-	-	95	1	100	378
TOTALS .. .. .	61	16	46	30	39	1	-	481	4244	94	125	206	63	197	65	4344	107	7	16	3860	377	6080	17215

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.) .. .. .	1	2	2	1	1	-	-	2	199	3	4	3	3	2	-	204	5	-	-	175	14	210	610
Timaru (Woodlands St.) .. .. .	1	-	3	1	1	-	-	2	202	7	2	14	3	7	-	215	13	-	-	200	13	260	800
Marchweil Union Parish .. .. .	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	50	1	3	-	1	2	-	51	1	-	-	50	5	100	400
Timaru South .. .. .	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	64	1	2	1	-	-	4	64	-	-	-	50	-	70	200
Waimate .. .. .	2	-	2	1	2	-	-	2	202	12	2	10	5	4	1	216	14	-	-	172	6	221	703
Temuka .. .. .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	4	2	-	1	8	-	67	-	3	-	58	1	73	178
Geraldine .. .. .	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	70	6	2	1	-	9	2	68	-	2	-	50	3	53	160
Ashburton .. .. .	4	4	3	2	1	1	-	12	398	18	2	29	9	15	3	420	22	-	11	300	33	450	1220
Willowby .. .. .	6	2	2	2	1	-	-	7	127	5	-	4	2	19	3	112	-	15	5	83	9	86	144
Oamaru .. .. .	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	169	2	4	6	2	10	3	166	-	3	-	140	5	55	400
TOTALS .. .. .	23	10	14	10	9	2	-	27	1551	59	23	68	26	76	16	1583	55	23	16	1278	89	1678	4815

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central Church and Mission ..	2	2	2	3	2	-	1	8	263	1	6	15	7	9	5	264	1	-	-	375	13	490	800
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ..	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	123	6	6	7	3	7	4	128	5	-	-	100	9	175	430
Dunedin North ..	3	-	3	1	1	-	-	2	112	6	3	13	2	5	-	127	15	-	-	75	4	178	408
Dunedin South ..	4	-	4	2	2	-	-	11	264	4	11	19	4	12	7	275	11	-	8	250	24	432	1240
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ..	3	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	177	9	16	7	4	9	2	194	17	-	-	176	14	260	730
Dunedin (Mornington) ..	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	4	159	5	4	8	4	8	3	161	2	-	-	130	17	211	572
Dunedin (Roslyn) ..	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	108	3	5	7	3	7	-	113	5	-	-	95	12	200	380
Port Chalmers ..	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	63	-	-	2	-	5	-	60	-	3	-	34	5	116	336
Mosgiel ..	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	61	-	-	6	2	10	-	55	-	6	-	41	6	98	327
Milton ..	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	53	-	1	2	2	6	1	47	-	6	-	40	4	86	220
Balclutha ..	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	3	122	1	21	6	2	8	-	140	18	-	-	72	2	177	456
Gore ..	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	98	-	2	7	3	6	2	96	-	2	6	70	8	152	578
Edendale ..	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	42	4	3	1	-	5	1	44	2	-	-	26	-	40	78
Invercargill (Central) ..	2	2	4	2	2	-	-	6	300	16	23	22	4	20	1	336	36	-	-	288	32	447	1087
Invercargill (St. Peters) ..	3	-	2	2	1	-	-	6	260	9	15	16	2	14	1	283	23	-	-	200	31	380	1050
Western Southland ..	7	2	2	1	1	-	-	4	119	4	8	8	-	8	5	126	7	-	-	120	22	233	708
Bluff ..	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	71	-	-	-	1	1	-	69	-	2	-	25	4	164	300
Roxburgh ..	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	52	-	-	5	1	3	-	53	1	-	-	50	4	60	115
Cromwell-Alexandra ..	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	51	-	2	6	1	9	-	49	-	2	-	50	11	132	417
Waikouaiti-Palmerston ..	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	31	-	-	1	-	1	-	31	-	-	-	35	1	50	120
Lawrence ..	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	25	2	25	65
Corstorphine Union ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	4	-	-	-	14	5	-	-	14	-	20	60
TOTALS ..	50	15	27	25	19	4	1	59	2560	69	126	162	45	153	32	2687	148	21	14	2291	225	4126	10479

# MAORI MISSION RETURN, 1958

	NORTHLAND	AUCKLAND	STH. AUCKLAND	MANIOPOTO	TARANAKI	TOTALS
<b>General—</b>						
No. of Churches .. ..	12	3	—	1	1	17
No. of Other Preaching Places	19	34	52	47	16	168
No. of Parsonages .. ..	1	—	1	1	—	3
No. of Ordained Ministers ..	2	2	—	1	2	7
No. of Home Missionaries ..	6	—	2	1	—	9
No. of Honorary Home Missionaries .. ..	—	3	7	10	1	21
No. of Deaconesses .. ..	2	5	4	2	3	16
No. of Local Preachers .. ..	1	2	6	1	—	10
<b>Membership—</b>						
No. of Senior Members .. ..	475	5136	1564	914	697	8786
No. of Junior Members .. ..	754	1079*	1786	1286	880*	5785
<b>Pastoral Care—</b>						
No. of Families .. ..	151	1512	741	479	412	3295
No. of Persons .. ..	984	3500*	3212	2368	1200*	11164
<b>Youth Statistics—</b>						
No. of Sunday Schools .. ..	25	21	83	30	24	183
No. of Sunday School Scholars	437	616	928	489	489	2959
No. of Bible Classes .. ..	2	6	16	3	10	37
No. of Bible Class Members	38	103	132	26	107	400

\*N.B.—These numbers are estimates only.

## GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1958

## NORTHLAND DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	STIPENDS, Etc.					STATE OF FINANCES at 30th June			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Minis- ters specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling additional to Stipend)	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Car Ownership Circuit Minister	Circuit		Trust Account Totals		
					Credit	Debit	Total Credit Balances ex- cluding bal- ances held for special purposes	Total Debit Balances	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Mangonui .. ..	635 0 0		150 0 0	C		127 6 9	75 15 5	40 13 2	
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	623 6 8	12 10 0	255 18 0	M		271 8 2	63 14 6	7 9 5	
	587 10 0	12 10 0	230 12 5	C					
North Hokianga ..	461 14 6		225 11 3	M		119 9 4	8 4 1	8 7 4	
	+£75 from	Winstone Trust							
Hokianga .. ..	531 0 0		175 0 0	C	56 19 2		310 4 5		
	+£84 from	Winstone Trust							
Hikurangi .. ..	447 18 0		106 10 5	M		474 4 6		17 5 8	
Whangarei .. ..	623 6 8	39 18 0	170 17 4	M	1032 10 2		204 5 9		
	101 2 0		30 9 7	M					
Dargaville .. ..	623 6 8	5 0 0	235 0 0	M	33 15 7		574 8 0	50 0 0	
Ruawai .. ..	623 0 0		230 0 0	M		98 18 4	533 1 4		
Paparoa .. ..	621 16 8		204 0 0	M		62 18 6	158 3 4		
Port Albert .. ..	623 6 8		200 0 0	M	128 5 3		401 17 8		
	412 0 0		80 0 0	M					
TOTALS .. ..	7073 7 10	69 18 0	2293 19 0		1251 10 2	1154 5 7	2329 14 7	123 17 6	

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central ..	658 6 8	25 0 0	150 0 0	M	480 7 5		256 18 2	2116 4 4
	635 0 0		100 0 0	M				
	603 15 0		100 0 0	M				
Central Mission ..	689 0 0			M	26 1 0			
Auckland South ..	621 13 4		75 0 0	C	41 17 2		247 18 10	61 0 10
	621 13 4		75 0 0	M				
	310 16 8		39 0 0	M				
	621 13 4		50 0 0	M				
Auckland West ..	623 6 8	65 0 0	78 1 11	M		76 5 6		3458 10 9
Auckland East ..	635 0 0	20 0 0	75 0 0	M	2266 8 2		1114 16 10	3 17 7
	635 0 0	5 0 0	75 0 0	M				
	635 0 0	5 0 0	75 0 0	M				
	635 0 0	5 0 0	85 0 0	M				
	635 0 0	5 0 0	75 0 0	M				
	513 0 0	5 0 0	90 0 0	M				
Avondale .. ..	635 0 0		100 0 0	M	138 14 2		478 10 7	258 4 2
	104 0 0		156 0 0	M				
			104 0 0	M				
Henderson .. ..	623 6 8		150 0 0	M	87 14 7		59 7 5	339 19 2
	503 13 4		75 0 0	M				
	70 16 0		13 15 0					
Devonport .. ..	623 6 8		80 0 0	M	138 10 11		314 14 8	
Takapuna .. ..	655 0 0	10 0 0	156 0 0	M	268 1 0		430 13 3	
Birkenhead .. ..	635 0 0		150 0 0	M	805 2 9		271 14 5	103 10 10
	513 0 0		125 0 0	M				
Onehunga .. ..	635 0 0		120 0 0	M	5 2 0		458 9 10	
	549 0 0		120 0 0	M				
Otahuhu .. ..	635 0 0		75 0 0		23 13 7		109 18 6	
Papatoetoe .. ..	635 0 0		125 0 0	M	53 7 4		94 4 8	
Papakura .. ..	655 0 0		132 0 0	M	1358 3 8		1083 3 6	
	492 0 0		24 0 0					
Pukekohe .. ..	635 0 0		250 0 0	M	197 9 4		178 1 1	
Bombay-Tuakau ..	503 5 0	13 15 0	175 16 8	M		179 19 6	112 15 11	
Waiuku .. ..	640 0 0	6 0 0	214 0 0	C		166 9 8	83 18 0	450 0 0
Mahurangi .. ..	623 6 8		150 0 0	M	38 9 3		10 4 7	153 1 2
North Waitemata ..	556 14 11		129 18 4	M		225 8 0	354 17 3	246 15 11
	537 0 0		152 3 4	M				
			70 0 0					
TOTALS .. ..					5929 2 4	648 2 8	5660 7 6	7191 4 9

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames .. ..	625 0 0		70 0 0	M		41 7 8	216 2 3	253 18 5
Hauraki Plains ..	513 0 0		124 16 0	M		153 19 11	122 1 3	1242 6 6
Paeroa .. ..	623 6 8		14 14 7	M	56 16 3			35 4 8
Waihi .. ..	635 0 0		125 15 0	M	610 8 0		226 14 8	
Te Aroha .. ..	623 6 8		183 0 0	M	235 16 9		254 9 5	
Morrinsville .. ..	660 0 0	50 0 0	213 0 0	M	327 1 6		390 17 2	23 9 10
Cambridge .. ..	635 0 0		120 0 0	M	132 0 10		566 17 5	
Hamilton .. ..	635 0 0		149 13 0	M	242 1 4		779 13 5	
	625 0 0		94 6 0	C				
	425 0 0		95 10 0	M				
Hamilton East ..	636 8 5		92 0 0	C	327 11 4		724 18 11	597 6 11
Huntly .. ..	565 1 8		94 16 6	C	17 17 11		11 3 0	
Matamata .. ..	635 0 0		195 0 0	M	95 12 11		63 15 0	
Putaruru .. ..	623 6 8		77 10 0	M		641 6 0	12 3 7	
	529 10 0		70 0 0	M				
Rotorua .. ..	635 0 0	12 0 0	225 0 0	M	436 6 2		370 15 3	2772 7 11
	300 0 0		150 0 0	M				
Tauranga .. ..	624 11 3	25 0 0	127 0 0	M	25 4 8		458 9 9	
	624 11 3		108 0 0	M				
	414 10 0		67 0 0					
Whakatane .. ..	623 5 11		127 7 3	M	5 16 11		17 18 7	
Opotiki .. ..	574 0 0		100 0 0	M	37 0 0		87 13 3	
Te Awamutu .. ..	635 0 0		198 14 4	M		36 8 1		292 14 6
Otorohanga .. ..	621 13 4		70 0 0	C	58 11 2		151 18 6	
Te Kuiti .. ..	635 0 0		127 0 0	M	10 2 0		12 11 7	
Taumarunui .. ..	635 0 0		100 0 0	M		42 18 0	19 10 10	
Kawerau .. ..					62 10 11		19 17 1	
Ohura .. ..	545 0 0		60 9 1	C	213 2 7		100 13 5	
Ngaruawahia .. ..	574 0 0		140 0 0	M	112 11 3		234 8 4	
Kawhia .. ..					50 9 3			
Coromandel .. ..	78 0 0				13 7 8		6 5 4	
TOTALS .. ..	16498 11 10	87 0 0	3320 11 9		3170 9 5	915 19 8	4848 18 0	5217 8 9

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	700 0 0		87 10 0	M		55 11 9	1865 7 11	762 7 8
	623 0 0		68 15 0	M				
	623 0 0		87 10 0	M				
Waitara .. ..	635 0 0		150 0 0	M		102 19 11	213 7 1	
Stratford .. ..	623 6 8		142 16 10	M	44 18 11		248 4 4	2 6 2
Eltham-Kaponga ..	635 0 0		175 0 0	M	644 0 0		237 3 10	
Hawera .. ..	629 0 0		102 0 0	M	40 9 0		657 6 11	
Mania .. ..	635 0 0		144 0 0	M		315 8 3	50 4 1	2 9 5
Opunake .. ..	623 6 8		116 9 1	C		151 14 5	411 9 9	9 19 2
	563 10 0		92 16 11	C				
Wanganui Central ..	685 0 0		78 0 0	M	745 18 1		313 16 2	
Wanganui North ..	637 14 4		40 13 0	M	336 14 11		289 1 0	
Wanganui West ..	623 6 8		35 0 0	M	92 1 5		254 5 3	
Taihape .. ..	538 10 0		41 12 3	M	66 6 11			481 12 1
Marton .. ..	574 6 8		20 0 0	M	10 7 8		162 16 10	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..		23 0 0	119 0 0		237 1 4		8 2 0	
Inglewood .. ..	574 0 0		235 6 8	C	62 3 5		79 1 1	
TOTALS .. ..	9923 1 2	23 0 0	1736 9 9		2280 11 8	625 14 4	4790 6 3	1258 14 6

## HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier .. ..	645 0 0		132 0 0	M	741 1 7		30 11 2	953 18 8
	624 0 0		20 0 0	C				
Hastings .. ..	687 0 0		205 0 0	M	152 12 5		60 18 11	
Gisborne .. ..	635 0 0		147 9 5	M	709 19 3		494 8 2	
Wairoa .. ..	603 9 5		89 1 9	M	13 10 3		1 10 8	
Waipawa-Waipukurau	513 0 0		80 0 0	M		20 17 3	85 18 7	
Dannevirke .. ..	635 0 0			C	75 2 8		75 2 8	
Woodville .. ..	574 0 0			C	161 10 2			

## GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1958.

## NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	STIPENDS, Etc.					STATE OF FINANCES at 30th June			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Minis- ters specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling additional to Annual Stipend)	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Car Ownership Circuit C. Minister		Circuit		Trust Account Totals	
						Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances ex- cluding bal- ances held for special purposes	Total Debit Balances
Nelson .. ..	£ s. d. 623 6 8 468 5 0	£ s. d. 26 0 0	£ s. d. 164 0 0	M		£ s. d. 1151 3 9	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 209 6 11	£ s. d.
Waimea .. ..	635 0 0 635 0 0	12 10 0 12 10 0	210 0 0 190 0 0	M C		41 6 2		160 16 11	
Motueka .. ..	574 6 8	12 10 0	66 0 0	M		126 6 1		16 10 11	6 16 2
Murchison .. ..			60 16 0			455 1 2			
Blenheim .. ..	648 6 8 623 6 8 183 6 8		102 17 1 155 12 2 122 1 4	C C M			26 15 2	1008 17 4	3 3 3
Reefton .. ..	477 0 0		100 0 0	M		50 3 10		274 1 2	
Westport .. ..	635 0 0		96 10 5	M			287 1 2	132 17 11	
Greymouth .. ..	635 0 0		160 0 0	M			5 15 5	282 10 9	
Hokitika .. ..	549 0 0		50 0 0	M		2 3 9		365 6 9	
TOTALS .. ..	6686 18 4	63 10 0	1477 17 0			1826 4 9	319 11 9	2250 8 8	9 19 5

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street ..	670 0 0	25 0 0	135 0 0	M		371 4 6		166 3 10	
Central Mission and Cambridge Tce. Church	635 0 0 685 0 0		135 0 0 C rates	M M		63 14 1		812 16 1	
Christchurch East ..	635 0 0 635 0 0 635 0 0 635 0 0		50 0 0 50 0 0 50 0 0 50 0 0	M M M M		85 8 0		1424 11 0	1 1 11
Woolston-Lyttelton ..	623 6 6 623 6 8 623 6 8	2 0 0	40 0 0 35 0 0 85 0 0	M M M		25 2 3		397 18 6	65 3 9
Sydenham .. ..	623 6 8		78 0 0	M			23 1 7	367 5 11	
Addington .. ..	635 0 0		36 0 0	M		18 4 4		33 16 1	
Riccarton .. ..	625 0 0 469 10 0		100 0 0 80 0 0 100 0 0	M M M		90 10 2		613 14 6	160 8 7
St. Albans .. ..	648 6 8 623 6 8 623 6 8	15 0 0 15 0 0 15 0 0	80 0 0 80 0 0 75 0 0	M M M		47 0 0		303 12 7	199 5 11
Papanui .. ..	635 0 0		30 0 0	M		53 2 0		976 0 0	
Springston .. ..	635 0 0		185 3 6	M		1 8 2		247 19 2	18 1 2
Leeston .. ..	615 0 0		170 0 0	M			74 9 4	293 8 11	
Kaiapoi .. ..	615 0 0		90 0 0	M		149 5 4		428 15 1	
Rangiora .. ..	623 6 8 503 13 4		164 13 6 127 10 0	M M		133 0 8		578 12 7	
Greendale .. ..	623 6 8		175 0 0	M		88 18 2		270 14 2	134 11 11
Oxford .. ..	635 0 0		150 0 0	M		2 15 0		846 15 1	
TOTALS .. ..	16193 3 4	72 0 0	2351 7 0			1129 12 8	97 10 11	7762 3 6	578 13 3

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.) ..	700 0 0		104 0 0	M		373 11 8		15 1	
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	635 0 0		100 17 8	M		400 15 8			
Marchweil Union Parish	750 0 0		102 0 0	M				115 0 10	
Timaru South .. ..	412 0 0		52 0 0	M		25 15 4		1991 0 0	
Waimate .. ..	635 0 0		114 0 0	M			283 14 10		
Temuka .. ..						81 17 4			33 12 1
Geraldine .. ..	623 6 8		168 15 0	M		54 14 1		142 1 9	
Ashburton .. ..	638 6 8 505 6 8	10 0 0 10 0 0	126 9 2 160 5 0	M M		98 7 0		1530 11 7	266 5 5
Willowby .. ..	635 0 0		270 0 0	M			79 3 1	376 13 6	
Oamaru .. ..	635 0 0		52 0 0	M		100 18 9		277 10 10	
TOTALS .. ..	6169 0 0	20 0 0	1250 6 10			1135 19 10	362 17 11	4424 13 7	259 17 6

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central Church and Mission ..	795 0 0 635 0 0		100 0 0 100 0 0	M M		821 17 5		517 16 9	
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ..	623 6 8		50 0 0	M		115 13 1		12 10 4	270 5 5
Dunedin North ..	634 16 8		64 0 0	M		24 7 7		179 6 9	
Dunedin South ..	623 6 8 623 6 8		50 0 0 25 0 0	— —		156 16 9		1295 6 0	188 19 3
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ..	623 6 8 163 1 8		12 12 6 100 0 0	M M			293 9 3	44 10 7	
Dunedin (Mornington)	623 6 8		56 5 0	M			49 10 2	159 16 1	
Dunedin (Roslyn) ..	623 15 0		40 0 0	M		80 4 9			
Port Chalmers ..	534 10 0		68 16 2	M			18 4 4	150 6 1	537 10 0
Mosgiel .. ..	574 0 0		10 0 0	M			11 17 10	74 11 5	
Milton .. ..	623 6 8		26 16 11	M			375 14 10	91 8 2	
Balclutha .. ..	615 0 0		125 13 0	M			24 12 6	20 0 6	
Gore .. ..	623 6 8	6 0 0	91 0 0	M		172 2 10			694 14 10
Edendale .. ..			81 5 2	M		13 14 11		7 4 3	
Invercargill (Central) ..	623 6 8 574 6 8		100 0 0 21 10 0	M M		259 8 1		43 14 10	
Invercargill (St. Peters)	623 12 8	20 0 0	75 0 0	M		454 14 9			
Western Southland ..	587 10 0	12 0 0	300 0 0	M			615 6 0	80 7 8	424 0 3
Bluff .. ..	549 0 0		60 0 0	M		277 4 3		45 2 6	
Roxburgh .. ..	535 0 0		93 10 0	M		5 4 2		112 4 5	6 17 3
Cromwell-Alexandra ..	622 16 4		160 19 7	M			48 14 1	89 14 11	
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	549 0 0		78 0 0	M		42 2 11		55 14 4	
Lawrence .. ..			82 1 2	M		134 9 0		48 15 9	
TOTALS .. ..	13603 2 4	38 0 0	1999 9 6			2558 0 6	1397 9 0	3304 19 11	2212 7 0

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