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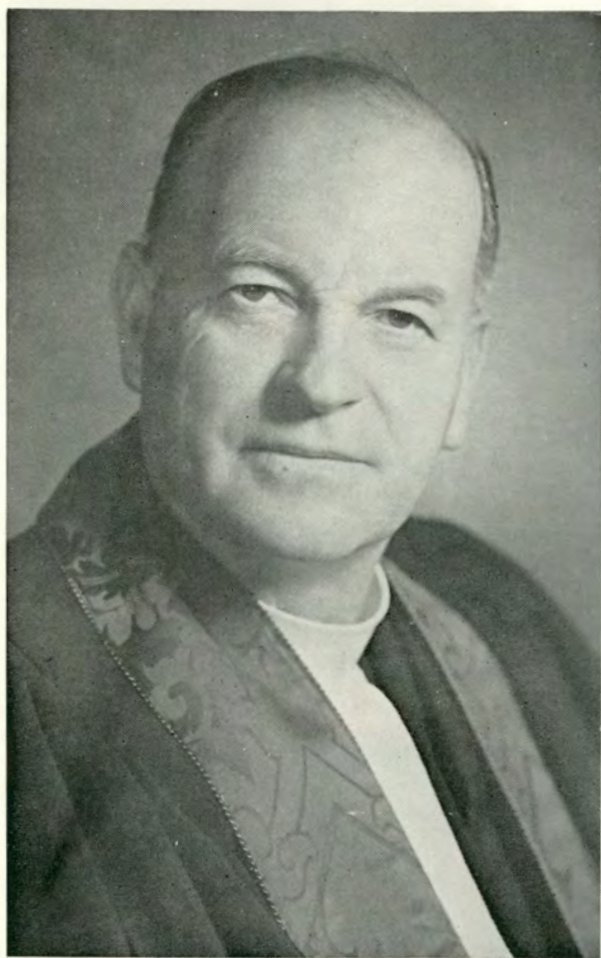
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“The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to be denominated ‘The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,’ with an Annual Conference,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

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

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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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, 1960-61

(FOR OPTIONAL USE OF PREACHERS)

MAY, 1960		MORNING	EVENING
2nd after		Deut. 4 : 1,23-35	Exodus 13 : 17-22
Easter	1	Luke 7 : 1-17	John 15 : 1-11
3rd after Easter		<i>Magnificat</i>	Deut. 6 : 4-7, 20-25
(Home & Family Day)	8	Matthew 19 : 13-22	Matthew 5 : 13-20; 27-30
4th after		Deut. 10 : 12-15, 17-11-1	Exodus 16 : 2-15
Easter	15	Luke 16 : 19-31	John 16 : 1-15
5th after		Amos 4 : 4-13	Numbers 14 : 11-24
Easter	22	2 Peter 1 : 1-11	John 17 : 1-6; 9-11,15-17 20-26
(Aldersgate Sunday)			
Sunday after		Daniel 7 : 9-10; 13-14	Exodus 24 : 1-18
Ascension	29	Luke 24 : 36-53	Hebrews 2 : 1-10
JUNE			
Whit-Sunday	5	Ezek. 37 : 1-14 Acts 2 : 1-13	Numbers 11 : 16-17, John 14 : 15-31 [24-9]
Trinity		Exodus 2 : 23-3 : 14	Isaiah 63 : 7-16
Sunday	12	Revelation 4 1-11	Matthew 28 : 16-20
1st after		Deut. 30 : 15-20	Judges 4 : 1-22
Trinity	19	Matthew 11 : 2-19	Acts 9 : 1-19
2nd after		Job 5 : 8-27	Judges 5 : 1-12, 24-31
Trinity	26	Luke 7 : 36-50	Acts 9 : 20-31
JULY			
3rd after		Job 14 : 1-15	Judges 6 : 1-6, 11-16,
Trinity	3	Matthew 12 : 22-37	Acts 14 : 8-27 (33-40)
4th after		Job 40 : 6-24	Judges 7 : 1-8, 16-21
Trinity	10	Matthew 12 : 38-50	Acts 15 : 1-20
5th after		Job 28 : 12-28 (No.66)	Proverbs 3 : 1-7; 11-17
Trinity	17	Luke 2 : 41-52	Acts 17 : 16-31
(Youth Day)			
6th after		1 Sam. 8 : 4-22	Ruth 1 : 1-19a
Trinity	24	Acts 5 : 33-42	Matthew 9 : 27-10 : 1
7th after		1 Sam. 9 : 15-19, 25-	Ruth 2 : 1-17
Trinity	31	Acts 6 : 1-15 (10 : 1	Matthew 10 : 2-15
AUGUST			
8th after		1 Sam. 12 : 1-5, 13-15,	Proverbs 6 : 6-19
Trinity	:	Acts 7 : 51-8 : 4 (23-5	Matthew 10 : 16-33
9th after		1 Sam. 15 : 10-23	Proverbs 10 : 1-12
Trinity	14	Acts 8 : 26-40	Matthew 10 : 34-11-1
(Local Preacher's Sunday)			

AUGUST		MORNING	EVENING
10th after		Proverbs 20 : 1-12	2 Sam. 7 : 1-17
Trinity	21	1 Peter 4 : 7-19	Mark 6 : 14-29
11th after		Proverbs 23 : 15-26	2 Sam. 12 : 1-10, 15-23
Trinity	28	1 Peter 5 : 1-11	John 13 : 1-20

SEPTEMBER

12th after		Proverbs 25 : 11-28	2 Sam. 18 : 5-15, 24-33
Trinity	4	Mark 7 : 24-37	Acts 16 : 6-15
13th after		1 Kings 3 : 4-15	1 Kings 18 : 1-9
Trinity	11	Matthew 15 : 32- 16 : 4	Acts 16 : 16-34
14th after		1 Kings 10 : 1-13	1 Kings 18 : 20-46
Trinity	18	Mark 8 : 13-26	1 Corin. 12 : 4-14, 26-31
15th after		Jeremiah 35 : 1-10,	Isaiah 5 : 11-12, 18-24
Trinity	25	18-19	Matthew 19 : 1-12
(Temperance Sunday Romans 13 : 1-14)			

OCTOBER

16th after		Isaiah 30 : 1-3, 7-17	Jeremiah 1 : 4-15, 18-19
Trinity	2	Colossians 1 : 21- 2 : 7	John 8 : 12-30
(World Communion)			
17th after		Isaiah 32 : 1-5, 16-18	Jeremiah 2 : 1-13
Trinity	9	Colossians 3 : 1-17	John 8 : 31-45
18th after		2 Kings 18 : 13-17,	Jeremiah 5 : 1-3, 21-31
Trinity	16	28-37	
		1 Timothy 6 : 6-19	John 8 : 46-59
19th after		Isaiah 58 : 1-8	Isaiah 35
Trinity	23	Luke 4 : 14-22	Rev. 21 : 1-7, 10-11a,
(Industrial Sunday) 22-27			
20th after		2 Kings 24 : 8-17	Jeremiah 17 : 5-14
Trinity	30	Matthew 20 : 1-16	Luke 14 : 15-35

NOVEMBER

21st after		Job 19 : 1-9, 21-9	2 Sam. 9 : 1-13
Trinity	6	Rev. 14 : 13- 15 : 4	Rev. 19 : 6-16
(Remembrance Sunday)			
22nd after		Ezekiel 3 : 4-21	Jeremiah 28 : 1-14
Trinity	13	James 1 : 1-4, 12-27	Luke 15 : 11-32
Next before		Micah 6 : 1-8	Eccles. 11 : 9- 12 : 8
Advent	20	Hebrews 11 : 1-16	Hebrews 11 : 23- 12 : 2
1st in Advent	27	Isaiah 1 : 1-4, 11-20	Malachi 1 : 1-14
		1 Thess. 4 : 13- 5 : 11	Luke 1 : 5-25

DECEMBER MORNING

2nd in Advent	4	Isaiah 2 : 1-4 Romans 15 : 4-13
3rd in Advent	11	Isaiah 25 : 1-9 2 Tim. 3 : 1-7, 14-17
4th in Advent	18	Isaiah 35 : 1-10 Matthew 3 : 1-17
Christmas		Isaiah 7 : 10-14
Day	25	Matthew 1 : 18-25

EVENING

Malachi 2 : 17- 3 : 12
Luke 1 : 26-38
Malachi 3 : 13- 4 : 6
Luke 1 : 39-56
Zech. 2 : 1-5, 10-13
Luke 1 : 57-80
Isaiah 9 : 2, 6, 7
Luke 2 : 1-20

JANUARY, 1961

1st after		Isaiah 40 : 1-11	Joshua 1 : 1-11, 16-17
Christmas	1	Luke 2 : 21-40	1 John 1 : 4 : 7-21
1st after		Isaiah 60 : 1-9, 18-22	Isaiah 44 : 6-20
Epiphany	8	Matthew 2 : 1-12	John 1 : 35-51
2nd after		Genesis 42 : 1-20	Isaiah 49 : 14-16, 22-26
Epiphany	15	Matthew 16 : 13-28	1 Corin. 1 : 1-17
3rd after		Genesis 45 : 1-15	Isaiah 50 : 4-10
Epiphany	22	Matthew 17 : 1-13	1 Corin. 1 : 18-31
Septuagesima	29	Genesis 1 : 1- 2 : 3 John 1 : 1-18	Genesis 12 : 1-9 Matthew 6 : 1-15

FEBRUARY

Sexagesima	5	Exodus 17 : 1-16 Matthew 7 : 1-14	Genesis 13 : 1-18 Matthew 7 : 15-29
Quinquagesima		2 Chronicles 28 : 8-15	Genesis 18 : 20-33
	12	1 John 3 : 13-24	Luke 10 : 25-42
1st in Lent	19	Joel 2 : 12-17 Luke 22 : 1-23	Genesis 21 : 9-20 Hebrews 4 : 14- 5 : 9
2nd in Lent	26	Amos 7 : 7-16a Luke 22 : 24-46	Genesis 22 : 1-18 Romans 6 : 15-23

MARCH

3rd in Lent	5	Amos 3 : 1-6, 8-12 Luke 22 : 47-71	Genesis 25 : 19-34 Romans 12 : 1-21
4th in Lent	12	Amos 5 : 18-24 Luke 23 : 1-25	Genesis 29 : 1-20 1 Peter 2 : 11-25
5th in Lent	19	Amos 8 : 1-12	Genesis 32 : 22-32
(Passion Sunday)		Luke 23 : 26-49	1 Peter 3 : 8-22
Palm Sunday	26	Isaiah 59 : 12-20 Matthew 21 : 1-17	Isaiah 52 : 13- 53 : 12 John 12 : 20-36

APRIL

EASTER DAY	2	Exodus 12 : 1-14 Matthew 28 : 1-15	Exodus 14 : 5-16, 21-7,31 Mark 15 : 42- 16 : 8
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APRIL		MORNING	EVENING
1st after		Leviticus 23 : 1-14	Job 19 : 1-9, 21-9
Easter	9	Revelation 5 : 1-14	John 21 : 1-19
2nd after		Exodus 19 : 1-11, 16-20	Lamentations 3 : 22-33
Easter	16	1 Corin. 15 : 1-11	John 11 : 1-16
3rd after		Exodus 32 : 1-6, 15-24,	Isaiah 43 : 1-13
Easter	23	30-35	John 11 : 17-28
		1 Corin. 15 : 12-28	
4th after Easter		Exodus 33 : 5-23	Isaiah 62 : 1-12
	30	1 Corin. 15 : 35-49	John 11 : 32-46

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES SUITABLE FOR
SPECIAL DAYS.

	MORNING	EVENING
Covenant Sunday	Genesis 17 : 1-9 Matthew 6 : 16-34	Jer. 31 : 31-34 2 Peter 1 : 1-11 or Hebrews 8 : 1-13
Good Friday	Genesis 22 : 1-14 John 19 : 1-22	Psalms 22 : 1-8, 15-18, 22-24 Matthew 27 : 32-56
Ascension Day	2 Kings 2 : 1-15, Acts 1 : 1-14.	Exodus 24 : 1-18 Luke 24 : 26-53
Spring or Flower Service	Psalms 65 , Psalm 126 , Matthew 13 : 1-9.	Genesis 1 . Matthew 13 : 24-30.
Harvest Thanksgiving	Genesis 8 : 15-22, Deut. 16 : 9-17, 26 : 1-10, 16-19, Leviticus 26 : 1-13,, Ruth 2 : 1-17, Nehemiah 10 : 32-39, Isaiah 55 , Matthew 13 : 24-34, Mark 4 : 1-12, Luke 8 : 4-10, John 4 : 27-38, Galatians 6 : 6-10.	
Home and Overseas Missions	Exodus 19 : 1-8, Isaiah 11 , 40 , 60 , Hosea 14 , Matthew 16 : 13-28, John 3 : 1-21, 12 : 20-36, Acts 17 : 16-34, Romans 1 : 1-17, Romans 10 : 1-17, Ephesians 4 : 1-16	
Church Anniversary	1 Kings 8 : 22-30, 1 Chron. 22 , 1 Chron. 29 : 1-2, 10-20, Haggai 2 : 1-9, Matthew 16 : 13-28, Colossians 1 : 1-20, 1 John 5 , 1 Peter 1 : 22- 2 : 10	
Local Preachers' Sunday	Exodus 20 : 1-17, Isaiah 55 , Psalm 111 , Luke 10 : 1-20, John 1 : 35-51, Romans 10 . 1-15.	
A Dedication Service	Numbers 7 : 1-11 Romans 12 .	1 Chronicles 28 . Matthew 10 : 1-23.
Watchnight or End of the Year	Psalms 90 , Exodus 12 : 21-36, Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-15, Matthew 24 : 32-51, Luke 21 : 25-36.	
New Year	Psalms 91 , 103 , Matthew 6 : 19-34, 1 Thess. 5 , Ephesians 5 : 1-21.	

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, November 4th, 1959 at 7.30 p.m. in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, by the retiring President, Rev. Gordon R. H. Peterson, after which the Rev. A. Everil Orr, M.B.E., C.F., was inducted to the Presidency. Mr. Magnus S. Hughson was elected Vice-President and was welcomed to that Office.

The Secretary, Rev. Athol R. Penn 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?

- (a)
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| G. Basil W. Bell | Henry W. Kitchingman |
| Gordon D. Brough, B.A. | John C. F. Mabon |
| James F. Cropp | Kenneth H. Russell |
| Irwin J. Fowler | Philip F. Taylor |
| Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A. | |

Who have travelled three years.

- (b)
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| Frederick J. Climo | Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. |
| R. John Hamlin | |
- (c) And Who have travelled two years.
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| Owen L. Christian | Frederick D. Peterson |
| W. John Henderson | Charles Edward Roke |

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

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| Maurice Downer | Frank G. Glenn |
| Wilfred S. Gilbert | Geoffrey E. Scarr |
- (b) Who have travelled two years.
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| 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 |
| Stanley R. Goudge, B.A. | Andrew G. Reid (See Qn. IV) |
| G. Kingsley Greening | Lawrence E. Salter |
| Keith C. Griffith | Robert W. Widdup |

Who have travelled one year.

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

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| Graham Brazendale | C. Seton Horrill |
| James H. Conway | Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc. |
| Albert A. Grundy, B.A. | Lewis H. Major |
| Warwick Gust | David S. Mullan |
| E. Francis I. Hanson | Andrew G. Reid (See Qn. III) |
| Maxwell A. Hornblow | |

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

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| Bruce W. Edwards | A. Kerry Taylor |
| Cedric R. Marshall | William L. Wallace |
- (b) Who are continued for a third year.
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| John B. Currie | Harold C. Pomeroy |
| Graham G. Hawkey | Ian H. Robertson |
| Arnold C. Hight | Robert J. H. Rowe |
| David L. Hines | Maynard G. Rutherford |
| Edgar R. Hornblow | Brian W. Sides |
| Russell E. James | Frederick E. Waine |
| Barry E. Jones | Walter J. D. Wakeling |
| John E. Langley | Alan K. Woodley |

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Niven Graeme Ball
Derek G. Laws

Brian Keith Rowe
William Geoffrey Tucker

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

None.

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

John V. Bitubule, who is continued for another year.

Joel Zio, "who has travelled three years."

Samson Pataaku, "who has travelled one year" (see Qn. IX).

QUESTION IX.—Who are now received as Native Preachers on Probation?

Samson Pataaku (see Qn. VIII).

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

Moses Mosusu.

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

Gladys Thomas.

(2) What Deaconesses are placed on Probation?

Ann Browne, Joan Wedding, Norma Yarr, Pamela Beaumont.

(3) What Candidates are Received for Deaconess Training?

Graewyn Hammond, Edna Jenkin.

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

First Year: P. Garside, G. A. Lee, L. M. Matkovich, C. D. Shave, R. N. Simpson.

Second Year: S. A. Neal.

Third Year: S. Hargreaves.

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

Alan F. Collins.

Frederick B. Lawrence.

Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., E.D., B.A., F.R.G.S.

Also John Harris (Maori Home Missionary)

And Sister Mildred West (Retired Deaconess).

ALAN FREDERICK COLLINS

Alan Frederick Collins was born in Kaiapoi in 1916 and at an early age moved with his family to Wanganui, where he received his primary and secondary education. At about twenty years of age he offered for Home Mission work and served for three years.

After three years in Trinity College he was appointed to Opawa in 1942 and completed his probation at Putaruru in 1945. For one and a half years after ordination he served in Taumarunui before his appointment as a Chaplain to the Air Force at Whenuapai for two and a half years. In 1946, while at Taumarunui, he married Margaret Barney, of Timaru (Woodlands Street) Circuit.

From 1950 he served at Cashmere Hills (Christchurch) and at Oamaru, and then as Superintendent of the Dunedin South Circuit

from 1958. During his four years in South Canterbury he was the efficient Secretary of the District. He was also an organist of ability.

First and foremost, however, Alan Collins was a consecrated minister of the Word and the Sacraments. With a deep sense of call he gave himself devotedly in thought and service to the work of the Church. He had a concern for people, especially for men and women in special need because of illness or other anxiety. People were on his heart and the burden of his prayers. Many testify to the graciousness of such a ministry exercised with humility, sincerity, and love. He was a thoughtful preacher and a beloved pastor. His was a choice spirit adding greatly to the enrichment of our ministry and Church. We thank God for the spirit, life, and ministry of Alan Collins. The sympathy and love of the Church is extended to his loved ones, especially to his devoted wife and the three young children.

FREDERICK B. LAWRENCE

Fred B. Lawrence was born in London in 1883 and came to New Zealand as a young man, settling in Blenheim, where he was engaged in carpentry. Whilst there, he became a Local Preacher, entered Home Mission work, serving at Tapawera and later at Murchison.

In 1912 he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. During the First World War he enlisted and in 1915 served overseas with the Forces as a member of the Field Ambulance Brigade. While on leave in France, he was ordained in England.

At the end of the War, he entered into the work of the Church with enthusiasm and devotion, the major part of his ministry being spent in, or adjacent to, Christchurch.

His ministry was not spectacular but it was thoroughly efficient. He was an expository preacher. There was a charm and friendliness in his personality. He mastered the art of getting alongside men and could talk to them of the things that mattered most. Prayer was a living experience to him. He was an excellent pastor, able to succour those in sickness, sorrow, need or any other adversity.

No greater tribute could be paid to Mr Lawrence than that, in everything, he was a fine Christian gentleman. He was at his best in his own home, helping to create its companionship, and the fellowship of his family meant much to him.

On his retirement in 1949 he went to live in Stoke, Nelson, and there entered into the life and work of the local Church. During the closing two years of his life he was in failing health. His widow and family are circled by the love and prayers of friends throughout the country.

LESLIE B. NEALE, M.B.E., E.D., B.A., F.R.G.S.

Leslie B. Neale, B.A., M.B.E., F.R.G.S., was born at Devonport, Auckland, in 1886. He began preaching before he was 17 years of age, and received his theological training at Pukekawa College. For three years he served overseas as a Chaplain in World War I, and was severely wounded at Passchendale. In 1931, after pastorates at Ashhurst, Stratford and St Albans, he was appointed Superintendent of the Dunedin Central Mission, where for 21 years he exercised an outstanding ministry.

He established the "Radio Church of the Helping Hand" and his voice became widely known. He gave meticulous attention to detail and property matters. He pioneered the first Health

Camp in Otago, and established the Company Bay Eventide Settlement for the Aged, before the days of subsidies.

His courageous work during the economic depression provided food, clothing and shelter for many unfortunate people. He was twice Chairman of the Otago-Southland District, and became the President of the Conference in the Centennial Year, 1940, during which year he launched the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund. In 1949 he was awarded the M.B.E. and in 1950 he received the Efficiency Decoration. Mr Neale has been ably supported by his wife, who has brought culture and dignity to the work.

Since his retirement in 1951, Mr Neale has been closely associated with the Auckland Central Mission where his masterful and gracious personality together with his remarkable ability gave special impetus to its various Building Schemes. Bro. Neale had compassion in his soul, and passion in his preaching which he retained to the end. The home call came suddenly but peacefully on August 26, 1959.

MR JOHN HARRIS

Mr John Harris who died in the Auckland Hospital on September 1st and was buried at Pakiri, North Auckland on September 4th 1959, was directly descended from leaders of the Ngati-whatua tribe of Kaipara. Mr Harris became an Honorary Home Missionary during the Ratana movement.

Though he and his family stood alone in the face of a strong and persuasive movement their loyalty to our Church proved a reassuring refuge and strength. Mr Harris inherited and showed some of the characteristics of his parents in honest hard work and exemplary living. To his widowed wife and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

SISTER MILDRED WEST

Sister Mildred West was born at Tikorangi, Taranaki, where she later taught in Sunday School and assisted in Church work.

Entering the Deaconess Order, in 1920 she was appointed to the Ashburton Circuit where outstanding service was given by her, not only before her retirement, but until the time of moving to Te Awamutu last year. This service thus covered a period of 38 years.

Keenly interested in the training and development of youth, she was a leader and teacher, and for many years prepared scholars for the Scripture examinations. She also conducted Scripture Lessons in the Primary Schools.

As well as her own Church meetings such as the Ladies Guild, the Women's Missionary Auxiliary etc. Women's Welfare Organisations claimed her full support e.g. The Women's Christian Temperance Union; of which she was for some years president; The Plunket Society and The National Council of Women.

Sister Mildred was a woman who kept her counsel. She bore her own burdens and she was never a burden to others.

A familiar figure in a blue uniform, pedalling her bicycle in all weathers on some errand of mercy for more than a generation, the late Sister Mildred will remain a gracious memory for all who knew her. The Church is richer because of her life.

Sister Mildred West was called home on May 5th 1959, and the sympathy of the Church is extended to members of her family.

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	Frederick J. Parker
George P. Hunt	Arthur H. Scrivin
Frank E. Leadley	Henry J. Odell
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	Wallace S. Neal
Albert H. Fowles	Oswald Burnet
E. Percy Blamires	John Dennis
Henry Ryan	Alfred E. Jefferson
William Walker	Charles H. Kendon
Ernest O. Blamires	Ngatete K. Kukutai
Fred Copeland	Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E.
Charles Blair	Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
Edwin S. Harkness	Ernest E. Sage
William Gatman	Cecil R. Taylor
Albert Blakemore	John H. Bailey
Walter J. Enticott	George E. Brown
H. Leslie Richards	Ernest B. Chambers
Herbert Ford	J. Francis Jack
Frederick O. Prosser	Harry S. Kings
Harry Cottom	Thomas Skuse
George B. Hinton	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	A. Harry Voyce
James W. Parker	

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

A. Francis Attwood	Joseph C. Draper
Leslie A. G. Brooks	
Ormond E. Burton, M.A.	

(The Record concerning these brethren is filed in the Conference Journal and at the Connexional Office.)

QUESTION XVI.—What Supernumeraries Return to Regular Work?
None.

QUESTION XVII.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

A. L. Witheford	R. T. Alexander
H. Ashworth	Roy Coombridge
J. W. Bayliss	Cyril Robinson
W. Sussex	W. J. Bryant
W. H. Wilson	T. Steele
W. E. Sleep	D. I. Robertson
	H. Prowse

(b) Placed on Retired List?

H. R. Wright

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

Leslie C. Clements (with permission to serve with the Justice Department as Adviser in Marriage Guidance).

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

Ernest S. Hoddinott (with permission to serve with the Justice Department as a Chaplain).

Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (with permission to serve with C.O.R.S.O.).

Bryan M. Walker (with permission to serve part-time with S.C.M.).

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

Leslie C. Clements

Ernest S. Hoddinott

Leslie A. D. Hayman

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

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

Ian W. Reid.

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

No.

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

Ahofitu Maka, to the Tongan Conference.

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

No.

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

None.

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

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(A) Examiners for Probationers

- Hebrew : Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
2nd year: Rev J. A. Ziesler, M.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. Ranginohora Rogers.
Pre-Collegiate Course—
N.T.: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.
O.T. and Homiletics: Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A.
Theology (Clarke's Outline)—Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tutors in Theology.

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| 1st Section | .. | .. | .. | .. | Rev R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D. |
| 2nd Section | .. | .. | .. | .. | Rev G. V. Thomas, B.A. |
| Third Section | .. | .. | .. | .. | Rev J. A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D. |

Tutors in Greek.

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| 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—

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

Pastoral Theology—

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| (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.

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| Bible Knowledge I | .. | .. | .. | Rev A. T. Kent |
| 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 C. H. Bell, B.A.
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) 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 D. B. Gordon, M.A.

(F) 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 D. B. Gordon, M.A.
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 1960 (from N.Z. B.D. Course Stage I).

NOTE: All chapters are inclusive.

1st year: Matthew 6-7, 10; Acts 19-20; I Cor., 3.

2nd year: Matthew 6-9; Acts 18-20; I Cor., 2-3.

3rd year: Matthew 5-10; Acts 18-20; I Cor., 1-3.

1st year: Translation, Grammar and Exegesis.

2nd year: As above with retranslation.

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

OR—B. English New Testament.

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

2nd year: Romans. C. H. Dodd (Moffat Commentary).

3rd year: Hebrews (Moffatt Commentary).

3. THEOLOGY A. For 1960. Third Section: "The Holy Spirit, Church Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things."

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

1st 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 1960—3rd 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" (Chaps. 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 (SOLOMON ISLAND) 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.

1st year 1960: The Parables of Jesus.

1961: The Last Week of Jesus' Life on Earth.

2nd year 1960: Ephesians.

1961: Romans, Chapters 1-8.

3rd year 1960: Johannine letters.

1961: II Peter and Jude.

4th year 1960: Genesis, chapters 1-25, v. 10.

1961: The Rise of the Kingdom of Israel from Samuel to Solomon.

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.

Tutors—

That the tutors for 1960 be:

Theology—Rev G. A. R. Cornwell.

Bible Knowledge—Rev G. D. Brough, B.A.

Homiletics and Worship—Rev D. I. A. McDonald.

Methodism—Rev A. H. Hall, M.A., Dip.Ed.

**COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIVE
(SOLOMON ISLANDS) MINISTRY****Theology—**

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

Text books:

"I believe" (Snaith); (Nicene).

"Notes on the Creed" (Beetham); (Apostles).

Bible Knowledge:

An elementary knowledge of Palestine and its people at 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. 1960: 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.

4. English—The Oxford English Reader, sixth year.

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 Methodist Works. Conduct of meetings.

(b) Criticism Service, 1 period weekly.

(c) Sermon Criticism Class, 1 period weekly.

This includes some attention to radio technique.

(d) Voice Production, 1 period weekly.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

1. OLD TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "An Approach to the Old Testament," Horace Cleaver.

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

2. NEW TESTAMENT.

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

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

3. THEOLOGY.

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

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

SELECTED PASSAGES:

Matthew chapters 5-7.

Luke chapters 14-16

John chapters 14-17

Romans chapters 5, 8, 12, 14

Galatians chapter 5

Ephesians chapters 2 and 4

Hebrews chapter 11

I John chapters 3 and 4.

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

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

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIVE MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES

(Three Hour Papers)

FIRST YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part I, Chs. 1-6.

2. Theology.—"What a Christian believes and Why?" Hunter. (Whole book).

3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament." Adam Welch.

4. Homiletics.—"Manual for Preachers." W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. "The Craft of Sermon Construction." Sangster.

SECOND YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part I, Chs. 7-12.

2. Theology.—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 1-181.

3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." J. S. Stewart.

4. Church History.—"The Story of the Church." Church of Scotland Series.

5. Homiletics.—"Heralds of God." J. S. Stewart. "The Craft of Sermon Illustration." Sangster.

THIRD YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chs. 1-6.

2. Theology.—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 182-368.

3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Religious Ideas of the Old Testament." Wheeler Robinson.

4. Homiletics.—"A Preacher's Handbook." Lewis. Book 1. (Epworth Press.)

FOURTH YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chs. 7-11.

2. Theology.—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 369-427. "Christian Doctrine." J. S. Whale.

3. Bible Knowledge.—"Introducing the New Testament." A. M. Hunter. (S.C.M. Press.)

4. Homiletics.—"A Preacher's Handbook." Book 2. Lewis. (Epworth Press.)

5. Church History.—"Household of God," Newbigin.

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—DEACONESES

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—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.

STUDENTS, 1961

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

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

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

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

Pastoral Psychology.—“Psychology, Religion, and Human Need,” by W. L. Carrington, chapters 4, 5, 11, 12, 14 and 17.
 Homiletics.—“Worship and Preaching,” by T. M. Morrow.
 English and Specified Reading.—As above.

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

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS

1. Old Testament: “An Approach to the Old Testament,” Horace Cleaver.
2. New Testament: “An Approach to the New Testament,” G. P. Lewis.
3. Theology: “An Approach to Christian Doctrine,” Ed. by G. P. Lewis.
4. Homiletics.—“Worship and Preaching,” T. W. Morrow.

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

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.

IX.—SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

A. Curriculum—

OLD TESTAMENT—

Subject	Hours Weekly
1. History and Faith of Israel	2
2. Elementary Hebrew	1

NEW TESTAMENT—

3. N.T. Introduction and Teaching	1
4. N.T. Exegesis	1
5. Elementary N.T. Greek	2

THEOLOGY—

6. Elementary Theology	1
7. Wesley’s Sermons and Notes	1

HISTORY AND POLITY OF THE CHURCH—

8. Elementary Church History	1
9. Practising the Faith (How Methodism Works. Membership and ethics)	1

TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP—

10. Worship and Preaching	1
11. Understanding People (Training for Pastoral Care, Visitation Evangelism, etc.)	1
12. Elementary Christian Education Course	1

ENGLISH—

13. Grammar and Composition	1
14. Literature	1

Students who will be candidates for the ministry must take the full course. For the diploma course, under “Training for Leadership,” at least one of 10, 11, 12 must be taken.

The school year will run from late February to mid-October, with the usual University vacations.

The course is designed so that including (10) it will give a thorough preparation for the written Examination for L.P. status. Including (12) it will prepare amply for the Certificate of Proficiency in Religious Knowledge of the N.C.C.

Those who expect to come forward as candidates for the ministry **must** give full time to the school. Work for the diploma may reasonably be combined with part-time employment, but students are advised to take a full course if possible. The core subjects for the diploma will if possible be taken in the evening. Individual evening lectures will be open to suitable people on application to the Principal.

B. Regulations—

Applications: 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 shall 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 unsufficiently prepared.

Accommodation: The student is responsible for the cost of his board and lodging. Hostel fees are for the term and should be paid to the Resident Tutor in advance, unless otherwise arranged. Residents are expected to conform to the standards of the College. Application for admission to the school shall be made if possible at the September Quarterly Meeting, but in any case not later than the December meeting. Earlier notice is essential if the applicant wishes to live in the Hostel.

Membership: Students shall be encouraged to retain their membership in their home circuit. If candidates, they shall come forward in the usual way with the support of their local Quarterly Meetings.

• **Diploma:** A suitable diploma shall be issued to all students who complete the course to the satisfaction of the Board of Studies.

C. Terms for 1960—

First Term—February 22nd to May 7th.

Second Term—May 30th to August 13th.

Third Term—September 5th to mid-October.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for 1960 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers—Tuesday, May 17th, and Tuesday, September 20th.

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

Candidates for Ministry—Tuesday, July 19th.

Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, September 13th.

Bible Knowledge Tutorials for H.M. Probationers.—Tuesday, March 8th.

Deaconess Entrance—Tuesday, August 2nd.

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.

PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY

Special Report by Board of Studies: (Ref. 1958 Minutes, p 35)—

The course of Probation required of men after leaving College is designed:

- (a) To 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 pursued in College, and to encourage each man to apply himself methodically to some particular subject in which he shall be required to produce a thesis of not less than 30,000 words by the end of the probationary period.

To this end we make the following recommendations:

1. That the present probationary course of study be retained only as a guide for non-Collegiate probationers.

2. That Probationers, on leaving College, be required to pursue individual courses related to their special interests and abilities, under the guidance of competent, individual advisers, leading to the production of a thesis before ordination. It shall be understood that the presentation of a satisfactory thesis is a prerequisite for ordination.

3. That each thesis shall have a satisfactory biblical and theological basis.

4. That the field of study be selected or confirmed at the conclusion of the College course by the Board of Studies in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and with the Probationer concerned.

5. That the Probationer submit at the March Synod of his first year on Probation an outline of his course of study and, at the August Synod of the same year, a draft of his thesis together with a list of books and articles consulted, these to provide the ground for an oral examination.

6. That, in the case of a three year probationary course, at the August Synod of the second year, the Probationer submit a record of the year's reading together with a report from his supervisor concerning the progress of the research.

7. That the completed thesis be submitted by the end of June of the year of ordination together with a total list of the books and articles consulted during the period of research.

8. That at the oral examinations at Synod and Conference, each ordinand be examined separately in the field indicated by his booklist.

9. That a sub-committee of the Board of Studies be appointed to examine thesis.

10. That, where the whole period of probation is involved, and provided that satisfactory progress is made, a Probationer be permitted to pursue a B.D. course as an alternative.

11. That the course of study for Probationers pursuing other University studies or spending a portion of the probationary period only in study for the B.D. be at the discretion of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners in consultation with the Board of Studies.

12. That copies of these judged to make a contribution to research be retained in the College Library for reference and with a view to possible publication.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

J. J. LEWIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1960 be: Rev Dr J. J. Lewis, M.A.

2. That congratulations be extended to: Rev J. A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D., on securing the M.A. (Bristol), B.D.; Rev P. M. Guthardt, B.A., on securing the M.A. with first-class honours in English; Rev J. Hosking, B.A., on securing the M.A. and the Diploma in Music; Student A. A. Grundy, B.A., on securing the M.A.; Student W. L. Wallace on securing the B.A. degree; and that permission be granted for these degrees to be printed in the Minutes of the Conference.

3. That we record receipt of the following theses; from Rev D. G. Stubbs on the theme "An Anthropological Study of Missionary Influence on Malaita" (marked satisfactory); Rev E. R. Le Couteur on the theme "The Relationship Between Law and Grace" (marked satisfactory); Rev I. C. E. Ramage, M.A., on the theme "Evangelicalism and Church Membership" (marked very good).

4. That Revs J. H. Bailey, J. C. Draper and A. O. Harris be thanked for many years of valuable work as Conference Examiners; and that they become Honorary Members of the Board of Examiners.

5. That the Conference authorise an emergency Ministerial Training Course for selected men who will otherwise have no opportunity of training at Trinity College, and that the Board of Studies in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Rev G. I. Laurenson be empowered to arrange details; and that necessary expenditure at the discretion of the Board of Studies be a charge on the Contingent Fund (not to exceed £50 per man to cover travelling, board and books).

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6. (1) That the proposed new Course of Study for Probationers be referred back to the Board of Studies in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and Rev J. A. Ziesler M.A., B.D. for further consideration. (2) That permission be granted the Board of Studies to operate a Thesis Course for Probationers immediately, where such a course is deemed desirable.

7. **Oral Examination.** That the following be referred to the Board of Studies for consideration:

"That at the oral examinations at Synod and Conference each ordinand be examined separately with questions inter alia related to the field indicated by his book list."

8. That congratulations be extended to the principal and staff of Trinity Theological College on the proposed Course of Study and general arrangements for the School for Christian Workers; and that Conference commend this new venture to the whole Church.

9. That the Course of Study for the School for Christian Workers be printed in the Minutes of Conference; and that the Board of Studies in consultation with the Secretary of the Examination Committee arrange for suitable external Examiners as may be necessary.

10. That the delay, until 1960, in implementing the new law re Candidature for the Ministry, be approved.

11. That the Law Book, page 79, paragraph 388, be amended by the deletion of the words "on the day" in the first sentence.

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

13. That Revs A. R. Witheford B.A. and L. G. Hanna be thanked for their services as Assistants to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and that they be reappointed.

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

AUCKLAND:

Auckland East: That as from February 1st, 1960, AUCKLAND EAST Circuit consist of Epsom, Mt. Eden, Panmure, Tamaki, Pakuranga, and Howick: the staffing to be three ordained ministers and a single Probationer, and that a new Circuit to be known as AUCKLAND (ORAKEI) CIRCUIT be constituted comprising Remuera, Mission Bay, Glendowie, Glen Innes, Marua Road, and including Waiheke Island, the staffing to be two ordained ministers and one other married agent.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

That the boundaries of Hamilton and Hamilton East be adjusted to include the Wesley Society (Claudelands) in the Hamilton East Circuit.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Norsewood: That PORONGAHAU be transferred from the Norsewood H.M. Station to the Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit.

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

AUCKLAND:

Auckland East (as altered, under Qn. XXV a): That the staffing of the Auckland East Circuit be three Ordained ministers and a single Probationer.

Auckland (Orakei). (See Qn. XXV (a): That the staffing of the Auckland (Orakei) Circuit be two ordained ministers and a married probationer.

Papakura: That the staffing of the Papakura Circuit be two ordained ministers.

Birkenhead: That the staffing of the Birkenhead Circuit be two ordained ministers and one Probationer to be listed as follows: Birkenhead (ordained minister), Northcote (ordained minister), Beach Haven (probationer).

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Hamilton: The staffing for Hamilton to be two ordained ministers and a Probationer.

Hamilton East: That the staffing of the Hamilton East Circuit be two ordained ministers.

Putaruru: That the staffing of the Putaruru Circuit be two ordained ministers with a suitable grant. (Superintendent to be stationed at Putaruru).

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Palmerston North (St Paul's): That the staffing be two ordained ministers.

Palmerston North (Trinity): That the staffing of Trinity Circuit, Palmerston North, be one ordained minister and one probationer.

Foxton-Shannon: That the Foxton-Shannon Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit, the staffing to be one ordained minister.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Inglewood: That the H.M. Station be constituted a Circuit and that the staffing be one ordained minister with a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON:

Masterton: That the staffing of the Masterton Circuit be two ordained ministers.

Porirua: That the staffing be two ordained ministers and a probationer.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Papanui: That the staffing of the Papanui Circuit be an ordained minister and a probationer.

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

AUCKLAND:

Auckland East, 4th.

Auckland (Birkenhead), 3rd.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Inglewood: Ordained Minister.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Palmerston North (St Paul's): 2nd Ordained Minister.

Palmerston North (Trinity), 2nd.

Foxton-Shannon, Ordained Minister.

WELLINGTON:

Porirua, 3rd.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Papanui, 2nd.

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

None.

QUESTION XXVII.—What New Stations are now constituted?

Auckland (Orakei).

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

Hikurangi is due and will fulfil its obligations.

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

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

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

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

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

Palmerston North (St Pauls) is due and fulfils its obligation.

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 A. EVERIL ORR, M.B.E.

Vice-President—MR MAGNUS S. HUGHSON

Secretary—REV ATHOL R. PENN.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1960

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 148 and [1] to [13] for Maori Stations and the Overseas Mission Circuits is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

I—NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1. **Mangonui**—Harry W. Toothill.
2. **Whangaroa-Bay of Islands**—A. Wharton E. Silvester (Medal for 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, B.A.
5. **Hikurangi**—Graham Brazendale.
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. Climo.
10. **Port Albert**—Frederick D. Peterson, One Wanted.

MAORI MISSION—

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

A. WHARTON E. SILVESTER, M.M.,

Chairman of the District.

GEORGE R. THOMPSON, 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; John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching, Resident Tutor.
Department of Christian Education—Field Director (see Question 30).
12. **Auckland Central Mission**—A. Everil Orr, M.B.E. (President of Conference), One Wanted, Arthur J. Seamer, C.M.G. (Sup.), Two Deaconesses.
13. **Auckland South**—E. Clarence Leadley, 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., H. David Besant, B.A., Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.), Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
16. **Auckland (Orakei)**—Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. (Chaplain to Winstone Lodge and Joint Chaplain to Seamer House), George R. Trebilco, One Wanted, William Walker, E.D. (Sup.), Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.), James W. Parker (Sup.).
17. **Auckland (Avondale)**—Athol R. Penn (Secretary of Conference, Chaplain to Astley House and Tyler House), Robert W. Widdup (Avondale-New Lynn), Frank E. Leadley (Sup.), Ernest E. Sage (Sup.), George E. Brown (Sup.).
18. **Auckland (Henderson)**—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., Harry Moore (Glen Eden) and One Wanted (Te Atatu), Percy I. Cooke (Sup.), Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.), Thomas Skuse (Sup.), Fred Copeland (Sup.).
19. **Auckland (Devonport)**—John Silvester, M.A., E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
20. **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.), Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.).
21. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Robert H. Allen, B.A., One Wanted (Beach Haven), One Wanted (Northcote), Joseph C. Draper (Sup.).
22. **Onehunga**—Leslie T. Norwell (Joint Chaplain to "Kurahuna"), One Wanted.

23. **Otahuhu**—Francis J. Handy.
24. **Papatoetoe**—Albert Jolly, Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.),
25. **Papakura**—Herbert W. Payne, Clarence T. J. Luxton (Manurewa), who shall supervise the Waiuku Circuit.
26. **Pukekohe**—W. Lloyd Divers. Wesley Training College, Paerata; Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
27. **Bombay-Tuakau**—R. John Hamlin.
28. **Waiuku**—G. Kingsley Greening.
29. **North Waitemata**—John H. Osborne, Lewis A. Bowen.
30. **Mahurangi**—James H. Conway, John H. Bailey (Sup.).
- [2] **Auckland**—Ranginohora Rogers (Joint Chaplain to Seamer House and "Kurahuna"), Ngatete K. Kukutai (Sup.), 7 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

A. EVERIL ORR, President of Conference,
Chairman of the District.
ERIC W. HAMES, M.A., Deputy-Chairman.
G. RAYMOND HARRIS, Financial Secretary.

III—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

31. **Thames**—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station and Hauraki Plains), Frank Bateup (Sup.).
32. **Hauraki Plains**—David S. Mullan.
33. **Paeroa**—One Wanted, Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
34. **Waihi**—Archibald W. McKay, J. Francis Attwood (Sup.).
35. **Te Aroha**—V. Roy Jamieson (who shall supervise the Paeroa Circuit).
36. **Morrinsville**—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., Warwick Gust (Waitoa).
37. **Cambridge**—Reginald Grice, Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
38. **Hamilton**—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D., Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A., One Wanted, Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.), Samuel J. Werren (Sup.), Leslie A. G. Brooks (Sup.).
- 38a. **Raglan Union Parish**—Cong. Appointment.
39. **Hamilton East**—Charles B. Oldfield, A. Roger Nuttall, B.A.
40. **Huntly**—Ronald H. Wood.
41. **Matamata**—Charles H. Bell, B.A.
42. **Putaruru**—Frederick J. K. Baker, Lawrence E. Salter, Ian W. Reid (Overseas).
43. **Rotorua**—W. E. Allon Carr, One Wanted, One Wanted (Taupo).
44. **Tauranga**—J. Henry Woolford, Noel D. Billingham (Te Puke), Mervyn L. Dine (Mount Maunganui), Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
45. **Whakatane**—Arthur W. Dickie (who shall supervise the Kawerau Circuit).
46. **Opotiki**—William E. Moore.
47. **Te Awamutu**—John Churchill.
48. **Otorohanga**—John K. Watson (who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station).
49. **Te Kuiti**—Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A., A Home Missionary.
50. **Taumarunui**—Bruce Scammell.

51. **Ohura**—William Morrison.
 52. **Kawerau**—One Wanted.
 [3] **Waikato**—Charles E. Roke 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. LAWS, M.A., B.D.
 Chairman of the District.
 V. LEACH, Financial Secretary.

IV—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

53. **New Plymouth**—William W. H. Greenslade, James H. Hall, Michael J. Campbell, Robert E. Fordyce (Sup.).
 54. **Waitara**—Kenneth H. Russell, A Home Missionary.
 55. **Stratford**—Alan H. V. Newton.
 56. **Eltham-Kaponga**—E. Raymond Le Couteur, A Home Missionary.
 57. **Hawera**—Colin D. Clark, B.A. A Home Missionary (Patea).
 58. **Mania**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
 59. **Opunake**—Basil J. Hilder, Andrew G. Reid.
 60. **Wanganui Central**—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (who shall supervise the Taihape and Raetihi-Ohakune Circuits); Herbert Spencer (Sup.).
 61. **Wanganui North**—William C. Jenkin.
 62. **Wanganui West**—Geo. L. Bennett.
 63. **Taihape**—Keith C. Griffith.
 64. **Raetihi-Ohakune**—One Wanted.
 65. **Marton**—J. Ainsley Daglish.
 66. **Inglewood**—Owen L. Christian.
 [5] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Harold A. Darvill (Hawera, Acting-Circuit Superintendent), Te Awha W. Tahere (New Plymouth), 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

BERNARD M. CHRYSTALL, B.A., Chairman of the District.
 ARTHUR H. IVORY, LL.B., B.Com., Financial Secretary.

V—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

67. **Napier**—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., Edmond S. Stewart (Greenmeadows), One Wanted, Henry Ryan (Sup.), Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
 68. **Hastings**—Leonard C. Horwood (who shall supervise Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit), John A. Ziesler, M.A. (Bristol), B.D., Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
 69. **Gisborne**—J. C. Aldwyn Williams, One Wanted.
 70. **Wairoa**—Amos Burrough.
 71. **Dannevirke**—Sydney J. Spindler.
 72. **Woodville**—One Wanted.
 73. **Pahiatua**—Reginald Day.
 74. **Palmerston North** (St Paul's)—Peter A. Stead, B.A., Geoffrey E. Scarr (Roslyn).

75. **Palmerston North** (Trinity)—George H. Goodman, One Wanted.
76. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—J. Montgomery Blight.
77. **Feilding**—R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., A Deaconess.
78. **Sanson-Rongotea**—W. John Henderson.
79. **Apiti**—Irwin J. Fowler.
80. **Waipawa-Waipukurau**—One Wanted.
81. **Foxton-Shannon**—David G. Stubbs, William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.).

NORSEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman of the District.

VI—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

82. **Wellington Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., One Wanted, Benjamin H. Riseley, A Deaconess, Leslie C. Clements (with Justice Department as Adviser in Marriage Guidance), Ernest S. Hoddinott (Senior Chaplain to Justice Department), Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Ag.Sc. (serving in North Germany), Henry J. Odell (Sup.).
Department of Christian Education—Director, Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
83. **Wellington West**—Gordon R. H. Peterson, R. Leslie George.
84. **Wellington South**—Norman P. Larsen, One Wanted.
85. **Wellington East**—Lawrence Greenslade, Idris J. Ruck, Frank S. Rigg, William Rowe (Sup.).
86. **Wellington North**—Ivo M. Raynor, John C. F. Mabon.
87. **Porirua**—Wilf G. Eisner, B.A., John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus.
88. **Lower Hutt**—Charlie O. Hailwood, Philip D. Ramsay, Dorothea M. Jones, B.A., Bryan M. Walker (who shall serve part time with the S.C.M.), R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
- 88a. **Taita Union Parish**—Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
89. **Upper Hutt**—Francis H. Parker, One Wanted.
90. **Petone**—Harry I. Shaw.
- 90a. **Wainuiomata Union Parish**—Clifford G. Brown.
91. **Greytown-Featherston**—Maxwell A. Hornblow.
92. **Carterton**—John Grundy, M.A. (who shall supervise Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
93. **Masterton**—John B. Dawson, B.A. (who shall supervise Eketahuna Circuit), Lewis H. Major. Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, John B. Dawson, B.A.
94. **Eketahuna**—Peter S. Barker.
95. **Leyn**—Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D., Harry S. Kings (Sup.).
96. **Otaki**—Harris Whitfield, Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Sup.).
97. **Paraparaumu**—Trevor L. Nicholls.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman of the District.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Deputy-Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Financial Secretary.

VII—NELSON DISTRICT

98. **Nelson**—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D., Ian D. Grant (Stoke, who shall supervise the Murchison Circuit), One Wanted, Charles Blair (Sup.).
99. **Waimea**—Loyal J. Gibson.

100. **Motueka**—Neville Thorneicroft.
101. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
102. **Blenheim**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., One Wanted (Pictou), Maurice H. Downer (Springland), Cuthbert Peart, C.F., John D. McArthur (Sup.), Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.).
103. **Reefton**—Wilfred S. Gilbert.
104. **Westport**—E. Francis I. Hanson.
105. **Greymouth**—Alan Newman (who shall supervise the Reefton and Hokitika and Westport Circuits), One Wanted (Runanga).
106. **Hokitika**—Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, D.D.,
Chairman of the District.
ALAN NEWMAN, Deputy-Chairman.
J. HEATH, A.R.A.N.Z., Financial Secretary.

VIII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

107. **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., David L. Trebilco, Herbert Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.), William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.) (Connexional Editor), William G. Slade, M.A., D.D. (Sup.).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
FIELD DIRECTOR—(See Question 30).
108. **Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church**—Wilfred E. Falkingham, David W. Edmonds, A Deaconess.
109. **Christchurch East**—Hubert G. Brown, A. Peter Dorrian, Leonard V. Willing, Edward Baker, H. I. K. Hopper, B.A., Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.), Oswald Burnet (Sup.).
110. **Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)**—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., Charles H. Raynor (Opawa), Robert S. Andrews (Lyttelton), Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).
111. **Christchurch (Sydenham)**—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
112. **Christchurch (Addington)**—Thomas H. Carr (Chaplain to Sunnyside Hospital).
113. **Christchurch (Riccarton)**—John D. Grocott, B.A., Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., One Wanted.
114. **Christchurch (St Albans)**—Charles E. Dickens, Harold K. Brown, Herbert A. Cochrane, George B. Hinton (Sup.), Cecil R. Taylor (Sup.).
115. **Christchurch (Papanui)**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A. South Island Orphanage: Chaplain, Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
116. **Springston**—Frank H. Woodfield, One Wanted (Islington), Harry Cottom (Sup.).
117. **Leeston**—Owen T. Woodfield, Horace L. Richards (Sup.).
118. **Kaiapoi**—Harry V. Utting.
119. **Rangiora**—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th., One Wanted.
120. **Greendale**—James F. Cropp.
121. **Oxford**—Trevor Shepherd.

HUBERT G. BROWN, Chairman of the District.
A. PETER DORRIAN, Financial Secretary.

IX—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

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

ALAN O. JONES, Chairman of the District.

X—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

130. **Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)**—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A., Ernest Heppelthwaite, One Wanted, A Deaconess.
131. **Dunedin (Dundas Street)**—Allan J. Handyside (who shall supervise the Port Chalmers Circuit).
132. **Dunedin North**—John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S.
133. **Dunedin South**—William J. Morrison, M.A., Leonard Shapcott (who shall supervise the Mosgiel Circuit), One Wanted (Abbotsford).
- 133a. **Corstorphine Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
134. **Dunedin (St Kilda)**—Ralph E. Patchett (who shall supervise the Waikouaiti-Palmerston Home Mission Station), David L. Kitchingman, B. A.
135. **Dunedin (Mornington)**—Andrew J. Johnston.
136. **Dunedin (Roslyn)**—Warren Green.
137. **Port Chalmers**—One Wanted.
138. **Mosgiel**—Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.
139. **Milton**—William K. Abbott.
140. **Balclutha**—J. Herbert Thompson.
141. **Gore**—T. Ralph Benny.
142. **Edendale**—One Wanted.
143. **Invercargill Central**—D. J. Donald Hickman, Wilfred J. Cable (who shall supervise Edendale Circuit).
144. **Invercargill (St Peter's)**—J. Stanley Olds (who shall supervise Western Southland Circuit), One Wanted (Newfield).
145. **Western Southland**—Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., Frank G. Glen.
146. **Bluff**—G. Basil W. Bell.
147. **Roxburgh**—Edward P. Boyd.
148. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Eric R. Eastwood.

WAIKOUAITI-PALMERSTON—A Home Missionary.
LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Chairman of the District.

D. J. DONALD HICKMAN, Deputy-Chairman.

S. S. HOLDEN, 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, Aisake Vula, Honiara; 1 Native Minister, wanted—Marovo; 1 Native Minister, wanted—Gizo; Timothy Piani and Joeli Zio, under the direction of the Chairman. One Missionary Sister (Teacher), 1 Missionary Sister (Teacher), 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse), 1 Lay Missionary (Technician), Kokengolo; 1 Lay Missionary (Secretary), Kokengolo; 8 Native Catechists, 46 Native Teachers; 4 Native Medical Assistants, 3 Native Nurses.

District Training Institution—

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

[7] **VELLA LAVELLA CIRCUIT—**

Alexander C. Watson, Bilua; 1 Missionary Sister (Teacher), 1 Missionary Teacher (wanted); 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse); John V. Bitibule; 6 Native Catechists, 37 Native Teachers, 5 Native Medical Assistants.

[8] **CHOISEUL CIRCUIT—**

D. I. Alister McDonald, Sasamunga; 1 Native Minister—wanted (Senga); 1 Missionary Sister (Teacher); 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse)—wanted; 1 Missionary Sister (Deaconess); 6 Native Catechists, 38 Native Teachers, 2 Native Medical Assistants.

[9] **BUIN CIRCUIT—**

Philip F. Taylor, Kihili; John Taufa, Kieta; 1 Native Minister—wanted (Tonu); Samson Pataaku, Nagavisi; 2 Missionary Sisters (Teachers), District Girls' School; 1 Missionary Teacher (wanted); 1 Missionary Sister (Deaconess); 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse), Tonu; 9 Native Catechists, 74 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

[10] **TEOP CIRCUIT—**

Gordon D. Brough, B.A., Kekesu; Daniel Palavi, Tearaka; 1 Missionary Sister (Teacher), 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse); 1 Missionary Teacher (wanted); 5 Native Catechists, 14 Native Teachers, 2 Native Medical Assistants.

[11] **BUKA CIRCUIT—**

Gordon A. R. Cornwell, Skotolan; 1 Native Minister (wanted); 1 Missionary Sister (Teacher); 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse); 4 Native Catechists, 23 Native Teachers, 4 Native Medical Assistants.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Gerald E. Hoult, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., D.T.M. and H.; 1 Missionary Sister (Nurse), 1 Native Staff Nurse; 8 Native Nurses, 9 Native Medical Assistants.

N.B.: 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, 1 Lay Missionary, 3 Missionary Sisters.

[13] **TARI—**

Roland L. Barnes, L.Th., 1 Lay Missionary, 1 Carpenter, 3 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—

Whangaroa-Bay of Islands—R. Coombridge (Retired).

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

Whangarei (2nd) (Kamo)—One Wanted.

Port Albert (2nd) (Wellsford)—One Wanted.

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—Himiona Waata.

Hikurangi—Hohepa Hemara.

Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.

Rangitane (Pouto)—Henare Kapa.

Batley—Supply.

Pakiri—Supply.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Department of Christian Education, Field Director—Miss Mary Astley.

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

Auckland (Orakei) (4th) (Glen Innes)—Non-resident Student Supply (J. E. Langley), D. I. Robertson (Retired).

Auckland East (4th)—One Wanted.

Auckland West (2nd)—One Wanted.

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

Auckland (Henderson) (3rd) (Te Atatu)—Supply (Rev E. B. Chambers).

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

Auckland (Onehunga) (2nd) — Non-resident Student Supply (Derek G. Laws).

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

Auckland (Birkenhead) (3rd)—One Wanted.

Maori Mission:

Rewiti—Supply.

Point Chevalier—Hone Wilcox.

Auckland Suburban—Napi Walker.

Auckland—Huru Wiperi. (To assist in King Country.)

Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.

Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.

Mangere—Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Ph.D., Dip.Ed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Kawerau—One Wanted. (To be worked from Whakatane.)
Whakatane—W. J. Bryant (Retired).
Tauranga (4th) (Greerton)—One Wanted.
Paeroa—Supply (K. J. Keall).
Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker).
Rotorua (2nd)—Supply (Rev Wm. Isitt) (Western Heights).
Rotorua (3rd)—Supply (E. H. Downer) (Taupo).
Ngaruawahia—F. L. Johnson.
Hamilton East—A. L. Witheford (Retired).
Hamilton (3rd)—One Wanted.
Kawhia—One Wanted.

Maori Mission:

Hamilton—Kelly Pehi.
Rangiriri—Matene Hori De Thierry.
Huntly—Supply.
Ngaruawahia—Te Akonga Pihama and Tutu Keepa.
Ngaruawahia Rural—Graham Kahui.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Frankton Junction—J. Hatoitoi Pihama.
Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama.
Aramiro—Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura and Wiremu Tonga (Retired).
Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.
Makomako—Tumu Te Huia.
Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
Kawhia—Paahi Moke.
Rakaunui—Supply.
Taharoa—Taipua Te Uira.
Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.
Ngutunui—Rangi Katipa.
Mokau—Supply.
Te Kopua (Te Awamutu)—Supply.
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.
Aotearoa—Pukerua Rangitutia.
Otorohanga—Supply.
Waitomo—Supply.
Hangatiki—Supply.
Southern King Country—Assistance from Huru Wiperi.
Waimiha—Tame Ponui.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

Waitara (Uruti)—One Wanted.
New Plymouth—H. Ashworth and H. R. Wright (Retired).
Eltham (Kaponga)—One Wanted.
Hawera (Patea)—One Wanted.
Raetihi-Ohakune—One Wanted.
Marton—H. Prowse (Retired).

Maori Mission:

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Palmerston North (Trinity) (2nd)—One Wanted.
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.
Dannevirke—W. E. Sleep (Retired).

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Central (2nd)—One Wanted.
Wellington South (2nd) (Island Bay)—One Wanted.
Upper Hutt (2nd)—Deaconess Appointment (Sister Gladys Thomas).

NELSON DISTRICT—

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

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Department of Christian Education, Field Director—One Wanted.
Christchurch (Riccarton) (3rd)—One Wanted.
Springston (2nd) (Islington)—Paul A. Garside.
Rangiora (2nd) (Woodend)—Ronald E. Fields.

Maori Mission:

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

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)—Maxwell L. Bruce.
Port Chalmers—Supply (A. E. Tardif).
Lawrence—Vacant. (Under Milton Superintendent.)
Edendale—One Wanted.
Invercargill (St Peter's) (2nd)—Ronald N. Simpson.

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 Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch.
Sister Doreen Bulford, Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace Church, Christchurch.
Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Auckland Central Mission.
Sister Beverley Taylor, Auckland Central.
Sister Gladys Thomas, Upper Hutt.

II—Maori Work—

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
Sister Nicholls, Waikato.
Sister Airini Hobbs, Waikato.
Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" 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 Grace Clement, Auckland.
Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.
Sister Kathleen Rogers, Rawene, Northland.
Sister Mary Sealey, Otorohanga.
Probationer Ann Browne, Waikato.
Probationer Joan Wedding, Auckland.
Probationer Norma Yarr, Te Kuiti.

III—Overseas Work—

Sister Lucy Money, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
Sister Lorraine Flowers, Lucknow and Benares District of India (under the Australian Board of Missions).
Probationer Pamela Beaumont, Buin, Territory of New Guinea.

IV—Retired—

(a) Deaconesses:

Sister Ruth Fawcett	Sister Olive Coleman
Mrs W. J. Williams	Mrs H. Breed
Sister May Barnett	Mrs R. Venis
Sister Annie Tocker	Sister Olive Bott
Sister Winifred Beaumont	Sister Ivy Jones
Sister May Ralph	Mrs L. M. Tauroa
Sister Lily White	Sister Frances Smith
Mrs C. B. Jones	

(b) Missionary Sisters:

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

V—In Training—

Graewyn Hammond, Edna Jenkin.

VI—Supply Appointments—

(a):

Mrs G. George (Sister Atawhai), Bay of Islands.
Miss Barbara Miller, Dargaville.
Miss Connie Fell, Auckland 2nd.

(b) **Part-time Waikato Supply:**

Mrs Eunice Bell.
Miss Marama Walters.
Miss Rose Kiddle.

VII—Overseas Missionary Sisters—

Sister Ada Lee, Buin, T.N.G.
Sister Merle Carter, Teop, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister Myra Fraser, Munda, B.S.I.P.
Sister Nancy Ball, Munda, B.S.I.P.
Sister The!ma Duthie, Teop, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister June Hilder, Buka, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister Edith James, Tari, via Goroka, T.N.G.
Sister Joy Thompson, Vella Lavella, B.S.I.P.
Sister Mary Addison, Buin, T.N.G.
Sister Audrey Grice, Vella Lavella, B.S.I.P.
Sister Audrey Roberts, Munda, B.S.I.P.
Sister Lesley Bowen, Munda, B.S.I.P.
Sister Audrey Highnam (leave of absence).
Sister Phyllis Rudolph, Choiseul, B.S.I.P.
Sister Norma Graves, Buka, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister Beulah Feeves, Buin, T.N.G.
Sister Kathleen Shaw, in training, All Saints' College, Sydney.
Sydney.
Sister Gladys Larkin, in training at Christchurch.

N.B.: B.S.I.P. = British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

T.N.G. = Territory of New Guinea.

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

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

Peter S. Barker
John V. Bitibule
Lewis A. Bowen
Graham Brazendale
James H. Conway
Mervyn L. Dine
Maurice H. Downer
Roger M. Gibson
Wilfred S. Gilbert
Frank G. Glen
G. Kingsley Greening
Keith C. Griffith
Stanley R. Goudge
Albert A. Grundy
Warwick Gust
E. Francis I. Hanson

Maxwell A. Hornblow
C. Seton Horrill
John S. Hosking
Dorothea M. Jones
David L. Kitchingman
Lewis H. Major
Ian H. McKenzie
William Morrison
David S. Mullan
Samson Pataaku
Andrew G. Reid
Lawrence E. Salter
Geoffrey E. Scarr
Robert W. Widdup
Joeli Zio

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

All Senior Home Missionaries.

E. H. Downer

S. Hargreaves

A. C. Hight

F. L. Johnston

J. E. Langley

George A. Lee

S. A. Neal

B. W. Sides

A. E. Tardif

T. Walker

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS:

Northland—A. Wharton E. Silvester, M.M.

Auckland—A. Everil Orr, M.B.E. (President of Conference).

South Auckland—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—George H. Goodman.

Wellington—Robert Thornley, M.A.

Nelson—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.

North Canterbury—Hubert G. Brown.

South Canterbury—Alan O. Jones.

Otago-Southland—Andrew J. Johnston.

Solomon Islands—George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES:

General Statistical Secretary—William C. Jenkin.

Northland—Arthur T. Kent.

Auckland—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

South Auckland—Chas. H. Bell, B.A.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Basil J. Hilder.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—J. Montgomery Blight.

Wellington—Lawrence Greenslade.

Nelson—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

North Canterbury—H. Kilford Brown.

South Canterbury—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.

Otago-Southland—Alan J. Handyside.

Solomon Islands—Alan H. Hall, M.A.

QUESTION XXXIII—(1) Who are Elected as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference, 1960?

President—Rev Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.

Vice-President—Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.

Secretary—Rev Athol R. Penn.

(2)—Have adequate arrangements been made for President's Supply?
Yes.

QUESTION XXXIV: What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary?

Report of the Statistical Secretary

General:

Most returns were returned on time this year and for the co-operation of the District Secretaries I offer my sincere thanks. Very few mistakes indeed, in comparison with previous years needed attention and only one failed after Ten Days to send on the necessary information that was asked for. Surely the business of Conference should receive more attention than is apparently the case.

Buildings:

The number of Churches has increased by 4 this year bringing the total to 449. It must be remembered that the loss by fire of the 'Whitely Memorial Church' New Plymouth meant that for the time being there is one less Church in our Dominion total so that the number should have been 450. This is the highest number of Churches recorded since 1930. Next year should result in an all-time record of Churches in New Zealand.

Other 'Preaching Places' have decreased by 4 bringing the total now to 281. So that on the face of it we are still maintaining our witness as a Church, but it must be remembered that some of the Churches returned are in new residential areas and the number of Other Preaching Places is now at the lowest figure ever returned to our Conference.

Schoolrooms show another increase of 3 this year there being 294 schoolrooms attached to our Church. This is another all-time record.

Parsonages have increased in number by 2 bringing the total to 214. It must also be noted that there are many replacements of Parsonages these days but a replacement cannot be looked upon as an increase in numbers.

Staffing:

The highest number ever, is returned this year for Ministers and Probationers. An increase of 13 sees our total standing at 259. It is hoped that places marked in the Minutes of Conference as 'One Wanted' will in the foreseeable future have their requirements filled.

It should be noted however that there are also places that for the moment have not applied for additional help because of the short supply of ministerial supply and the challenge still stands before our young folk to volunteer for Full-time Service in our Church.

Home Missionaries show a decrease of 6 on last year's figures but it must be remembered that some were accepted at last Conference into the ranks of the Ordained Ministry and that the Policy of the Church in this matter is being pursued.

An increase of 1 Deaconess brings the total to 11 at present employed by the Church. There is an urgent need here for more volunteers for this most important aspect of our Church witness in New Zealand.

Local Preachers show an increase in 3 Districts, Northland; North Canterbury and South Canterbury; the other seven Districts all show decrease in the ranks of the Local Preachers the most noticeable being South Auckland where a decrease of 28 is recorded: 62 as against 90 for last year. The overall decrease in the ranks of our Local Preachers is 35, the total number now being 664 as against the 699 as returned last year.

Membership:

A net increase of 787 members for the year under review brings our total membership to 30,656 this is the first time we have been above the 30,000 mark.

The year 1913 saw our membership at the 20,000 level; Twenty years later 1933 we passed the 25,000 level. It then took us Twenty-Six years, 1959 to reach the 30,000 level. During this period 17 years recorded only an increase of 700. In the last 9 years the 'Tempo' of

New Zealand Methodism has increased considerably 1671 members being the net figure for the last Two Years. (884 and 787).

New Membership shows still a slight increase on last year being 12 under Twenty Years of age and 9 over that age. The figures being 840 and 1001 respectively, a total of New Members for the year under review of 1,841.

This is very gratifying but there is no cause whatever for complacency because our serious leakages are still operative. 127 members were lost in transfer that is an increase of 41 on last years figure. In the last 14 years 1633 members have been lost in this way, an average of 116 members each year. This is still a serious problem.

Members 'Ceased to attend' show an increase of 30 on last year, the figure being 443 for this year. Figures as returned from circuits would seem to indicate that there has been a 'Purging' of the Membership Rolls in some of our Circuits; 13 Circuits report in excess of 10 and 3 Circuits in excess of 20 lapsed members. While allowing for transfers overseas and to other churches this position is serious and cannot lightly be dismissed as of no account. When it is considered that we have lost 5,444 members in the last 13 years, an average of approx. 420 a year, (this year being 433) in addition to those lost 'In Transfer' 1,633 making a total leakage of 7,077 in 14 years (average of approx 505 a Year) we should pause. I feel it to be my duty to point this out year by year as the General Statistical Secretary.

484 members have died during the year under review.

Communicants have increased by 1549 to 28,085. This under our present method of communion does not give a very accurate estimate. The Auckland Synod has a recommendation restricting our returns to those in full membership only. This in no way restricts our present system of an 'open' invitation to all who are present at any given service but it has this advantage that we shall be in a better position to assess the Communicant membership of our Church. Often some small matter keeps a person from attending the Communion Service and an explanation in season can be of great help and comfort to such folk.

106 people are recorded as at the 30th June as be 'Members on Probation'. It is good to see this necessary test being once more applied to our membership.

Youth Returns:

Baptisms are up by 259 this year, the total being 3263 and the Cradle Roll stands at 7970 an increase of 400 for the year.

The Beginners and Primary section show a decrease of 15, the total being 10,747.

The Junior and Intermediate sections show an alarming decrease of 743 Junior and 109 Intermediate respectively; until it is realised that in the 1956 Returns to Conference there was reported a loss of 1,038 in the Primary Department of our Youth work. This is apparently due to causes beyond the control of the Church and a similar drop must be expected during the next few years as this section moves toward maturity.

The loss of 21 teachers may also be accounted for in part by the loss in scholars in the Junior and Intermediate sections. In the Bible Classes increases are shown in the Junior Young men 122,

Junior Young Women 48, and Intermediate Young Men of 48. While the Intermediate Young Men show a decrease of 100. The Senior sections show an increase of 120 Young Men, and 77 Young Women.

Bible Class Leaders also show increases of 10 Men and 39 Women.

Pastoral Care:

Figures returned this year show 43,670 families and 132,345 people under our Pastoral Care.

Figures for the Maori Section of our work showed last year 11,164 people under our Pastoral Care.

The 1956 Census Returns recorded the fact that the Methodist Church had 161,823 Census declared Methodists in New Zealand. Our records show that we are in touch with 143,509 persons. So statistically we are out of contact as a Church with 18,314. Methodist people throughout New Zealand. This figure could easily be over the 20,000 mark if we were to take into consideration the increase in population during the last two years and the number of children belonging to other Church communions whose children for one reason or another attend our Sunday Schools and thus for the time being come under our Pastoral care together with their parents.

The only way to close this gap is to try and break the difference between the Census Declared Methodists and our official numbers down to the synodal District and then down to the Circuit level. This would take a good deal of research work to accomplish but it might be well worth the effort; and at least it would show that as a Church the sense of 'caring for people' is a real part in our Methodist Church to-day.

Finances:

Stipends have increased by £9,572 18s this year the total paid being £132,605 16s 1d. Travelling Expenses are up by £4,027 16s 6d.

Cars owned by Circuits number 24, an increase of 2 on last year, 187 cars are now owned by Ministers, this being an increase of 11 for the year under review.

Circuit Accounts show increases of £7,745 2s 2d credits and £128 16s 5d debits for the year ending 30th June last.

As far as the instructions for recording the Balances for the Trust Accounts are concerned the instructions are simplicity itself but again ministers seem unable to copy the figure shown in their property accounts as submitted to the Synods correctly into the Statistical Returns. If more care is not taken in this matter then the figures as a source of information and for research work largely lose their usefulness. Increases according to the figures supplied show increases of £6,502 2s 10d Credits and £17,127 10s 5d Debits. The totals being £57,982 12s 10d Credit Balances and £48,267 9s 5d Debit Balances as at the 30th June, 1959.

Maori Mission Returns:

The number of Churches has decreased by two, the decrease being in the Northland District.

Other Preaching Places remain the same though Northland under this heading has returned an increase of two, so that it would appear that the designations this year have altered from last year's returns. Parsonages have increased by six. Three were returned last year while nine is the number returned this year.

Ordained Ministers now number six, being a decrease of one on last year's figures.

Fourteen Home Missionaries are returned this year as against nine last year, an increase of five. This is partly offset by three less Honorary Home Missionaries, the total this year being eighteen.

One more Deaconess brings the total of Deaconesses employed as at the 30th June to seventeen.

Local Preachers, including three on trial, show an increase of two, the total now being twelve.

Membership:

Senior Membership shows an increase of 108 and allowing the figure for last year's estimate for the Auckland District of 1,079 Junior Members the total is approximately 5674 as against 5785 as returned last year, a decrease of 111.

Pastoral Care:

The number of families has increased by 48 to 3295 families and with last year's estimate of 3500 persons for the Auckland District will bring the total to 15,520 persons, an increase of 4356 for the year.

It is hoped that the Auckland District will endeavour to have their records completed this year so that we may be able to present a more accurate estimate of what our Maori Mission Department is accomplishing.

Youth:

An increase of 11 Sunday Schools and 158 Sunday School Scholars bring the totals to 194 and 3117 respectively as at the 30th June last. Increases are shown in the Bible Classes, there being an increase of 3 Bible Classes and 56 Bible Class members, the totals being 40 Bible Classes with 456 members.

The work of the Maori Mission seems to be in good heart and the returns indicate a healthy state of affairs.

Conclusion:

Again it is necessary to point out that Statistics in themselves do not show the complete picture. No one dealing in statistics would suggest that such was the case. They are made to show trends in the work, and we are in keeping with sound business practice in so doing 100 per cent co-operation would enable us to have a reasonably clear picture of our position in all parts of our work and for those who have helped I offer sincere thanks and to the very small minority please do your best.

Once again thanks to all on District and Circuit levels for your co-operation.

WM. C. JENKIN,
General Statistical Secretary.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT REPORT

There is an increase of 7 Churches bringing the total to 262, but against this there is a decrease of 4 Other Preaching Places; thus giving a net increase of 3 places where our Witness is being made.

Seven European ministers this year as against 8 last year, and an increase of 1 sister, making the total as at the 30th June, 18. There is one doctor.

The only lay workers now returned are 2 at Roviana; Vella and Buin return "none" this year. Lay Missionaries remain at 2, also Native Ministers 7 and 1 Native Agriculturist.

Thirty-seven Catechists are returned, the same as last year. Pastors have increased by 7 and now number 29; while Pastor-Teachers show a decrease of 24 the total as at 30th June being 225. Teachers number 98 an increase of 14; and Medical assistants, with an increase 12, stand at 37. It would appear from these figures that the designation of some of the workers has changed during the year.

Local Preachers now total 213, a decrease of 27 for the year. There are now 49 Class Leaders, an increase of 4.

Membership:

European Membership 37, a decrease of 2; with a Youth Roll of 24, the same as last year and 41 Adherents as against 34 last year.

Native members show an increase of 105, the total being 7970. The Youth Roll shows an increase of 244, the total being 8344. Adherents also show an increase of 75, the total being 4874.

One hundred and seventy-nine Sunday Schools, an increase of 13 for the year, serving 4903 children, an increase of 100 for the year. 241 Day-schools, staffed by 396 Teachers (with a decrease of 18 teachers) are serving an increased school population of 896 scholars, the total being 6630 as at the 30th June this year.

The Grand Total for Members and Adherents for the Solomon Islands District as at 30th June, 1959, shows an increase of 498 and brings the total to 21,339.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of Rev W. C. Jenkin as the Statistical Secretary, and that he be reappointed.

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

A—Welfare of the Church Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Lectionary:

The Lectionary for 1960-61 has been prepared and is again recommended for optional use, and to be printed in the "Methodist Times" and Circuit Magazines or Preaching Plans. It is to be noted that no booklet of Explanatory Introductions is at present being published by the British Conference.

Refrigerators and Washing Machines:

After careful consideration of the matter, the committee is convinced that all parsonages should be equipped with a washing machine and refrigerator as soon as possible. One reason for this is to avoid the expense and transport difficulties consequent on private ownership, but the primary reason is because parsonage life is subject to many particular demands upon the Minister and his family, and labour-saving devices assist greatly in coping with these demands.

Standard Parsonage Equipment:

In considering this matter the committee has had in mind that the parsonage is first and foremost a home, not just a house, for the Minister and his family. Unlike nearly all other sections of the community, the minister's family is denied the privilege of furnishing a home according to personal taste, and circuit officials should ever remember this, endeavouring to compensate worthily for the fact by seeing that the parsonage is as attractive and comfortable as possible without the appearance of ostentation. In the main the standard of most parsonages to-day is very gratifying, strengthening the work and influence of the Church.

In order to avoid embarrassing misunderstandings that can occur, the committee has felt it necessary to make very detailed recommendations, but it is emphasised that a spirit of imagination and understanding in furnishing parsonages is of primary importance and the recommendations deal only with minimum requirements.

The following shall be the minimum requirements for each parsonage:

THE DINING ROOM: An extension table and sufficient chairs to enable the family and several guests to eat at one sitting. A matching dining room suite should be provided where possible.

THE KITCHEN: A modern properly planned kitchen with good sink and bench, built-in cupboards, Efficient hot water service and at least two power points. A reliable stove and a refrigerator of at least 5 cubic feet capacity. A good quality washing machine if this is not supplied in a laundry. Brooms, mops and buckets.

THE LOUNGE: Matched occasional chairs or a lounge suite China cabinet and tea-waggon. Light fittings in this and all other rooms should be of modern design, adding dignity to the home.

BEDROOMS: A dressing table and adequate wardrobes; beds, mattresses and pillows of good quality, and one bedroom chair to each room.

BATHROOM: A good bath, basin and shower; A shaving cabinet and large-size mirror.

STUDY: A large desk, at least 100 feet of bookshelves, and 30 cubic feet of suitably shelved cupboards. Three strong comfortable chairs.

SHED: Lawnmower, wheelbarrow, garden hose.

GENERAL: Attractive floor coverings and curtains in all rooms.

Where a fireplace or permanent heating is not provided in the Lounge, Dining Room and Study an efficient heater shall be supplied in each case. Where necessary fire screens, fire guards, fire irons and a log box. At least 1 telephone and at least one extension. It is recognised that the Minister provides linen, blankets, bed covers, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, cushions and vacuum cleaner.

Discussion in the committee revealed that embarrassment is sometimes caused by the method in which the Parsonage Allowance is made. We would emphasise that this payment should be made by the Circuit Stewards, whether or not Women's Guilds help in raising the amount.

Chairmanship of Meetings:

The Committee is persuaded that in some cases provision should be made for a Layman to be appointed annually by the Superintendent Minister to preside at certain meetings, and a recommendation is made accordingly.

Losses of Members on Transfer:

The committee considers that the loss of 1300 members in 12 years through removals is largely due to failure to fulfil paragraph 27, page 4 of the Law Book. Action is needed to see that the Law is observed, so recommendations are made accordingly.

People transferred who fail to "transplant" into another circuit may eventually be removed from the roll as having "ceased to attend." If the Law is observed we believe that many of those formerly considered "lost" will have a known address, even though they may cease to be members.

There are members however, who move from a Circuit whose subsequent address is unknown. Recommendations are made to help meet this situation.

The committee feels it necessary to emphasise that all members transferred must be accepted as soon as their identity is established by the receiving circuit, because only the Leaders' Meeting, not the Minister, has the power to remove them from the roll if they are considered unsatisfactory. If the pastoral function of the Leaders' Meeting is fully exercised in regard to adherents as well as members there would be fewer losses through removals.

Triennial Visitation:

Sufficient reports on this matter are not available from Districts to make recommendations at present. It is known that all Synod Standing Committees are favourable to some form of Triennial Visitation, but there are considerable differences of opinion as to the purpose and nature of it. Auckland District is experimenting with a scheme of circuit visitation which may become a guide to the rest of the Connexion. The committee seeks permission to continue investigations and report next year.

Circuit Policy Committee:

The proposal in Minutes of Conference, 1958, page 195, resolution 18, that in each Circuit there be a Circuit Policy Committee has been considered. We believe that the Law already allows for sub-committees of a Quarterly Meeting to be appointed as required and that it would be unwise for the Conference to give specific direction to Quarterly Meetings regarding sub-committees. Therefore we have no recommendation to make.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Chairman.

H. A. COCHRANE, Acting-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.
3. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to examine the inclusion of a note pointing out that on Industrial Sunday it is suggested that the Social Principles of the Methodist Church (1952) be read.

4. That a good quality washing machine and a refrigerator of at least 5 cubic feet capacity be installed in every parsonage by February 1962.

5. That in those cases where ministers now own a refrigerator and/or washing machine in good order the Quarterly Meeting or Trustees be urged to offer to buy them at valuation.

6. That the Standard Equipment for Parsonages be as recommended in the report.

7. That the following be referred back to the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the Law Revision Committee.

"That the Law Book, paragraph 154 (c), be amended to read: 'Preside at all Official Meetings in the Circuit, providing that he may appoint one of his colleagues to preside at any Leaders' Meeting or any other Society meeting and exercise all his powers and privileges thereat. He may appoint annually a layman to preside at Church Meetings except the Quarterly Meetings and Leaders' Meetings, such appointee having all his powers and privileges thereat.'"

8. (a) That in cases where membership transfers are not acknowledged each minister shall report details annually to the District Ministerial Committee, which shall report such cases as seem necessary to the Connexional Secretary who shall communicate with Chairmen of Districts.

(b) That a suitable question be added to the agenda for the District Ministerial Committee.

9. That when members move to an unknown address the Leaders' Meeting shall forward the names to their Synod Standing Committee, who shall send them if necessary to the Connexional Office for communication to Circuits.

10. That the following be referred to the Law Revision Committee:

Society Stewards

That the law relating to the election of Society Stewards be altered to allow a Society to elect a maximum of eighteen Society Stewards, instead of twelve as at present.

11. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION XXXV.

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The Spiritual Advance Committee meets regularly in Palmerton North every second month while the Executive and sub-committees meet when necessary to attend to urgent matters or particular questions.

Prayer Life of the Church:

(1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 3.)

The Rev O. E. Burton completed the series of articles in "The Methodist Times" incorporating the findings from the questionnaire sent to Circuits last year. He is now engaged in compiling from these findings two sets of studies—one of three studies for week-end retreats, etc., and a longer one for week-night and other fellowship groups.

The Significance of the Communion Service for the Organised Life of the Church:

(1957 Minutes, Page 63, Res. 7 iii. 1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 3.)

The Committee thinks that Conference should have referred this matter to the Faith and Order Committee. However, it has given it careful consideration and submits the following statement.

The Holy Communion is a Service given by Christ to commemorate His death and Risen Presence, represented by the visible broken bread and poured wine. The participating congregation is in fellowship with Him and with the whole company of the redeemed. It thus brings the people to the centre of Christian loyalty and experience. From this Sacramental Service Christians go into the world endeavouring to share the knowledge and experience given to them. Thus, the Holy Communion has in itself both sanctifying and evangelising significance, and also inspires evangelistic effort. The Holy Communion has a vital place in the life and witness of the Church and should be observed reverently and regularly.

The Committee is also preparing a questionnaire concerning the practice and observance of the Communion Service in the Circuits.

Studies on the Questionnaire Concerning Statistics and Related Matters:

(1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 4.)

Conference asked this Committee in consultation with the Board of Publications and the Department of Christian Education to prepare a study on the findings from the questionnaire sent to March Ministerial Committees and Synod Standing Committees last year. The Committee carefully considered this and contacted the other Boards involved. It arrived at the opinion that no lasting value could result from such a study as the material was to meet a particular need of the time and had achieved its purpose in stimulating thought among those to whom it was sent. Similar findings resulted from the various Laymen's Conferences and some of these will be incorporated in the Handbook for Lay Pastors now being prepared.

Handbook For Lay Pastors:

(1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 5.)

The Committee has collected much material from various ministers and representative men and women, and is pursuing the compilation and production of this booklet. A worthy publication is envisaged and so time will be needed for its appearance.

Connexional Evangelist:

(1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 8.)

The Committee has examined this resolution and while it is convinced that the evangelistic task of the Churches is of primary importance it has the opinion that the appointment of a Connexional Evangelist is not warranted. It is sure that such an appointment would tend to shift the responsibility for evangelism from the ministers, the preachers and the congregations. The development of the modern concept of the congregation as the evangelising unit through such methods as "visitation evangelism" produces much more durable results. For these reasons it has no recommendation to make concerning the appointment of a Connexional Evangelist.

However, the Committee recognises that there should be much more direct "preaching for a verdict" in our normal church life, and feels that there are many in our congregations who need to

face a personal challenge and to be given opportunities to confess their commitments to Jesus Christ as Lord. It suggests that this need could be met by either (a) a series of evangelistic meetings conducted every year or (b) the holding of regular "decision" Sundays throughout the year.

In order to reach those outside the regular life of the Churches the Committee favours "United Evangelistic Campaigns" in which the denominations in a particular area co-operate. A demonstration of a united front creates a favourable climate in which a missionary chosen from the ministers of the participating Churches could effectively present the Gospel.

Advent and Lenten Leaflets:

These were produced as usual during the year and gratitude is expressed to the writers. The author of the Advent Leaflet for 1959 is Rev W. R. Laws and of the Lenten Leaflet for 1960, Professor A. B. Cochran.

Overseas Visitors:

i. The President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

The whole Church was enriched by the visit of the Rev Dr A. H. Wood and the already close bond between Australian and New Zealand Methodism was further strengthened. The Committee has conveyed its gratitude to Dr Wood.

ii. Rev Principal Frederic Greeves:

(1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 6.)

Principal Greeves has accepted the invitation of the Conference to visit New Zealand about the time of his Cato Lecture in Australia next year. He will arrive here about June 8, 1960. The Spiritual Advance Committee will arrange his itinerary. Mr Greeves will be the principal lecturer at the Ministerial Schools of Theology being organised by the Welfare of the Ministry Committee.

iii. Bishop Gerald Kennedy:

(1958 Minutes, Page 60, Res. 6.)

The Committee is maintaining correspondence with Dr Kennedy concerning his visit to New Zealand which will eventuate in March, 1961.

The Prayer Manual:

The Board of Publications has accepted the suggestion of this Committee that it should assume the full responsibility of producing the Prayer Manual each year. The previous method of joint responsibility proved cumbersome in practice.

Circuit Missions:

The Committee has been approached by a number of Circuits and has arranged missionaries in some cases. Circuits contemplating Evangelistic or Teaching Missions are asked to contact the Spiritual Advance Committee in terms of the Report in the 1957 Minutes of Conference, Page 61.

Prayer for the Methodist Church of New Zealand:

(1957 Minutes, Page 63, Res. 10.)

Having carefully considered the suggestion of annual organised prayer meetings for the Church, the Committee believes that the prayer life of the Church cannot be organised in this way but must grow from the concern of the local congregation. There is evidence of such growth and the Committee hopes that the studies and

other material it has produced will strengthen the devotional activities of congregations and so fulfil the intention of the Conference resolution.

Dr Billy Graham Crusade:

With the rest of the Church, the Spiritual Advance Committee gives thanks to God for the quickening of the spiritual experience of so many people and the inspiration given to the Churches by the Rev Dr Billy Graham and his associates, and those who helped in the arrangements for the Crusade. Our Churches are urged to be diligent in their pastoral care of those who were influenced and to give prayerful consideration to their evangelistic opportunities.

The Committee is making a survey to assess the impact of the Crusade on the Methodist Church and on the community.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

R. G. BELL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That early in 1960 Leaders Meetings and Quarterly Meetings give consideration to their evangelistic task along the following lines.
 - (a) An extension or implementation of a campaign of visitation evangelism.
 - (b) The holding of a series of evangelistic meetings and teaching missions.
 - (c) The adoption of a programme of evangelism including "decision Sundays" in which an appeal for commitment will be made.
 - (d) The possibility of securing the co-operation of the other denominations in the area for a United Evangelistic Campaign.
3. 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.
4. Conference gives thanks to God for the quickening of the spiritual experience of so many people and the inspiration given to the Churches by the Rev Dr Billy Graham and his associates, and those who helped in the arrangements of the Crusade.
5. That Conference thank Rev Dr A. H. Wood for the inspiration given to the New Zealand Church during his recent visit.
6. That the Committee be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XXXV.

C—Local Preachers' Association

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The Dominion Executive, in presenting the report of the New Zealand Local Preachers' Association, are conscious that, under the guidance and control of the Holy Spirit, much constructive work has been done towards helping the local preachers of New Zealand to contribute worthily to the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Mention should be made of the growing sense of teamship between the Dominion Executive and the various branches, executive officers of which have exercised their minds and expended

their time in order to forward constructive ideas on policy and administration at frequent intervals; also of the willing and sympathetic co-operation of many Departmental Heads and Conveners of Committees of the Church when advice and assistance has been sought by the Executive. This happy and helpful attitude, we believe, is indicative of a growing awareness within our Church that, properly trained and marshalled, the local preachers of New Zealand present a great potential for evangelism in the future policy of the church.

The report which we now present will show progress, but also will reveal weaknesses which must be remedied if the work of the Local Preachers' Association and of lay preachers generally is to be effective.

Annual Meeting, 1958:

The Annual Meeting of the Association for 1958 was held in the Cambridge Terrace Church, Christchurch, where the members were the guests of the North Canterbury Branch and where, with traditional hospitality, tea was provided by the ladies of the Circuit. There was an attendance of 43 members. At the tea a welcome was extended to the President of Conference, the Rev G. R. H. Peterson; the Vice-president, Mr A. A. Dingwall, who as a local preacher and a past member of the Dominion Executive found an especial place in the welcome extended by the president of the North Canterbury branch; and to the Secretary of Conference, the Rev A. R. Penn.

In the business session, which was a crowded two hours, many remits from branches and recommendations from the Executive which will have a far-reaching effect upon the work of the association as to policy, finance and administration were discussed, approved and sent forward to the main session of Conference for confirmation.

Examination Results:

A summary of the results of the 1958 examinations is as follows:

	ENTRIES		PASSES		FAILURES	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.
Theology	21	31	17	22	4	9
Homiletics	34	35	28	18	6	17
Bible Knowledge (Old Course) ..	13	—	12	—	1	—
Old Testament ..	13	15	11	12	2	3
New Testament ..	13	—	8	—	5	—

Analysis of the foregoing reveals that of 175 papers attempted, 47, or approximately 25.5 per cent, were failed.

This is surely too high a percentage. Comparisons showed that the great majority of failures occurred when candidates attempted two or three subjects simultaneously; whereas, conversely, where candidates attempted one subject only, high marks resulted.

Of the 128 passes secured, 56 were by "one-paper" candidates, who, among them, secured an average mark of 62.6 per cent.

The Local Preachers' Association would emphasise that the term for the Written Examinations has been extended to three years, and that we are more interested in a high standard of preaching ability than in quick passes. In this matter also the Executive has been encouraged by the number of Circuit Super-

intendents who, in response to enquiry, have replied that certain candidates who have passed their written examinations have had their reception as fully accredited local preachers deferred because it was considered that further preaching experience was necessary.

The high percentage of failures in some areas would seem to indicate that text books as issued by the Board of Studies are not used. Where many candidates receive marks in the vicinity of 20 per cent and in one case 12 per cent, it would appear that the time is overdue for circuit ministers to give more adequate supervision to the studies and so obviate disappointment and discouragement.

Accreditation Certificates:

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

Wilfred John Aldridge, Henderson; Edwin B. Clarke, Henderson; Brian Willis Sides, Birkenhead; Derrick Alan White, Addington; Philip le Brun, St Albans; Maxwell Lawrence Bruce, Bryndwr; John Barrie Currie, Hastings; Lester Francis Holdaway, Blenheim; Ronald Herbert Marshall Rimmer, Cambridge; Robin George Riseley, Kaiapoi; Ian Leslie Clarke, Richmond; Graham Gordon James, Porirua; Lynette Quarrie, Whangarei; Pamela Valerie Beaumont, Shirley; Barry Edwin Jones, Banks Street, Timaru; Graham Earl Hawkey, Marchwiell Union, Timaru; Hector Gray, Papanui; Derek G. Laws, Napier; Doreen Bulford, Central Mission, Christchurch; Kathleen Rogers, Hokianga; Gwenda Kennedy, Auckland Central Mission; Anne Culham, Mount Eden; Geoffrey Tucker, Ngaio; Lorimer Jean Robinson, Ashburton; Wilfred Thomas Lill, Ashburton; Clive Cotton, New Brighton, Christchurch; Ronald Simpson, New Brighton, Christchurch; Brian Barker, Hamilton.

Long Service Diplomas:

By the issue of Long Service Diplomas the Church has recognised and honoured the long and loyal service of the following:

Frederick Sanderson, Templeton, Springston Circuit.

Alan Frank Thomas, St John's Church, Nelson.

Bernard Lloyd Wells, Waimea, Nelson.

Gordon Cosgrove Laws, Napier.

Passed to Higher Service:

Mrs A. Wells, Upper Moutere; Sir William Jordan, Auckland; Miss Wyn Blacklock, Hamilton; Bro. A. Fenwick, New Plymouth; Bro. J. Holland, New Plymouth; Bro. Joseph Belton, Plimmerton; Bro. S. T. S. Martin, Trinity, Newtown; Bro. L. A. White, Nelson.

We greatly honour the memory of the above local preachers who, since the last Annual Report, and after long and faithful service in the Church Militant, have been called to higher service.

Resolutions of Conference, 1958:

The Executive reports upon the implementation of various Resolutions passed at Conference, 1958:

Resolution 2. (With reference to the using of the training and ability of Local Preachers in a larger field.)

The Executive has not been made aware of any attempt to use local preachers other than as "fill-ins" or supplies where ordained ministers are not available.

We re-emphasise that, equipped as they must be under the

present policy of requiring the highest possible standard in examination passes and preaching ability, local preachers should be able to fill a more positive role in the work of evangelism. The establishment of "house" churches in new building areas where Methodism has no church buildings is one of many suggestions which could be made where the special training of the local preacher could be constructively used.

To the end that more information might be available and the penetration of new building areas, or of areas where Methodists are merged into other denominational groups because of lack of Methodist facilities, helped, the Dominion Executive has asked the Rev W. Ford whilst visiting Canada and the U.S.A. to investigate the American system of "House" churches.

We re-emphasise the opportunity presented to the church for penetrative evangelism in Resolution 2, Conference, 1958, and append a Recommendation covering it.

Resolution 3. (The clarifying of the Law on accreditation by emendation.)

This amended law has come into effect and has been accorded general approval by the circuits.

The original framing of the wording of the amendment as written into the Law Book seemed to the Executive to not quite adequately express the intention of the Resolution. Representations were made to the Law Revision Committee with the result that they are presenting a suggested re-wording of the amendment which will remove ambiguities and express the intention of the original resolution.

Resolution 4. (With reference to the acknowledgment of District Branches by Circuit Ministers in planning Reception services and in applying for certificates and diplomas.)

This procedure has been generally adopted.

In some cases, however, clause (b) has had to be ignored because of rather belated decisions of Circuit Quarterly Meetings to hold Reception Services.

Resolution 5. (With reference to the re-establishing of Preachers' Meetings.)

The Executive has approached all District Chairmen and has received replies from several.

In one case the reply was that apparently little could be done to expand the present situation within the district with reference to Preachers' Meetings. Most of the Circuits were already connected with the District Preachers' Meeting.

Other Chairmen with less compact districts stated that they had been in consultation with the District Executive of the L.P. Association. In some cases, constructive work has been reported.

The Executive is pleased to be able to report that since last report that the following district activities have commenced:

Otago-Southland: A L.P. Association sub-branch and a Preachers' Meeting has been established to cover the Invercargill-Gore area.

Correspondence is taking place with the idea of the commencing of a South Otago sub-branch covering the Balclutha-Milton area.

South Canterbury: A Preachers' Meeting has been commenced at Ashburton.

Nelson: An area Preachers' Meeting has been established with centre at Nelson.

Wellington reports the commencement of an area Preachers' Meeting at Wellington and neighbouring circuits.

Taranaki-Wanganui, Auckland and South Auckland branches report that in different ways they are working on the idea of dividing their Districts into close-knit areas which shall become areas for Preachers' Meetings.

The foregoing would seem to indicate that generally speaking the connexion is realising increasingly the value of the gathering together regularly for inspiration and mutual encouragement those men and women whose responsibility it is to preach the Word through the Methodist pulpit.

As the effective period during which the implementation of this policy has been attempted is only five months to the time of compilation of this report, we feel confident of a worthwhile advance in this direction before our next report.

Resolution 6. (With reference to the ensuring that lay preachers used in the Methodist pulpits are of good standing and in general agreement with the doctrines of our Church.)

The Executive has given this matter considerable thought, but, in the final analysis, has been forced to the opinion that the remedy for the misuse of the Methodist pulpit rests with the supervision exercised by Circuit ministers. The Association believes, however, that, if backed by the circuits, its policy of constantly seeking to increase the number of accredited local preachers should eventually make it possible for circuits to dispense with the services of those whose doctrinal belief is not attested by examination, either written or oral.

Resolution 7. (With reference to the raising of the standard of local preaching, taking the British Conference method as a guide.)

Correspondence by a member of the Executive with the Rev. David N. Francis, Secretary of the Local Preachers' Department in England, reveals that there is no organised post-accreditation course for local preachers there.

They encourage training classes, study circles, the sending out of Preachers Handbooks, the recommending of the use of commentaries, the use of tape recordings, and the encouraging of local preachers conferences and schools.

All the above is present normal practice and policy for the Local Preachers' Association of New Zealand to-day.

Mindful of the desire of Conference implicit in the Resolution, the Executive has been pursuing correspondence with the Board of Examiners and the Board of Studies with the view to the establishment of a "post-accreditation" course for local preachers in New Zealand. We have suggested that the "Course for Christian Workers" with possibly a little variation, could be used as a correspondence course, open to accredited local preachers who wish to further their studies and systematically increase their knowledge; or that, optionally, a correspondence course be instituted by the Board of Studies which should be supplementary to the Local Preachers Course and preparatory to the School for Christian

Workers. The matter, as with other matters concerning the Board of Studies, mentioned elsewhere, is under discussion.

Streamlining of Lay Courses:

Arising from a request from Northland, the Executive has instituted correspondence with the Board of Examiners and the Department of Christian Education seeking to have the various courses for laymen so arranged that they are complementary one to the other. Thus subjects which are common to each shall be of sufficiently high standard to satisfy the requirements of all departments concerned and that passes in these subjects shall be transferable. The proposals of the Local Preachers' Association have been considered by the Council of Christian Education and recommended to the Department of Christian Education and the Board of Studies for adoption.

This course will bring relief to circuit ministers who at present have preface to act as tutors for several different courses concurrently, and will make it possible for holders of a Diploma in one course to complete another without having to re-traverse ground already covered.

"THE PREACHER"

In accordance with the expressed wish of the District Branches, the Dominion has commenced the publication of a Quarterly Newsletter under the name of "The Preacher."

It is distributed through the Branch Executives to all preachers in the Dominion.

Designed to keep all local preachers aware of activities throughout the Connexion; to provide articles which will stimulate thinking; and to express opinions on church polity with special reference to the lay preacher, its issue has been well received.

District Rallies and Schools:

Since last annual report, one-day preachers' rallies have been reported as having been held as follows: Wellington District—In each of Carterton, Masterton, and Porirua. Auckland District—In Auckland South. South Auckland District—In Hamilton.

Outstanding success attended the holding of a full Week-end School organised by the South Auckland Branch with its venue at Trinity College, Auckland. No "inspiration of the minute" and quickly organised matter this, for careful preparation extended over nearly two years.

Patience and prayer were rewarded with results so worthwhile that the Dominion Executive is exploring the possibility of securing the same facilities as to lecturers, guidance, etc., for the planning of similar schools in other districts.

Attended by preachers from Northland and Auckland as well as the South Auckland Branch members, and with the advantage of lecturers fully equipped to deal with their appointed subjects, a wide field of matters theological and organisational was explored to purpose.

Good fellowship between lectures, frank discussion and spiritual uplift in the various devotional periods added up to one of the most memorable week-ends in the experience of those who attended.

An important factor in the success of the School was the co-operation of circuit ministers who so arranged their preaching plans for the Sunday as to release all preachers who wished to attend it.

The Executive commends the idea to District Chairmen and Local Preachers Branch Associations.

Address by Bro. S. E. Barnes, O.B.E.:

During a visit to Dunedin, Bro. Barnes, a L.P. from London, was entertained by the Dominion Executive and the Dunedin Branch. His talk was considered so worthwhile that a condensed version was prepared by an Executive member and made available throughout the Dominion. Many local preachers have received copies on personal request.

Book Purchase Concessions:

Due to the introduction of import restrictions, the Local Preachers Association Book Scheme arrangement with Epworth, London, has lapsed.

As a result of negotiations with Epworth Bookrooms at Auckland and Wellington, the Executive has received for local preachers the same concession in the purchase of theological and devotional books as that accorded ministers.

A. H. HARMAN, President.

H. C. VINCE, Secretary.

A. J. GANDERTON, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference request Circuit Quarterly Meetings in considering extension work to take advantage of the training of local preachers as directed by Conference Minutes 1958, Local Preachers Report, Resolution 2.

3. That the matter of the distribution of the "Mission Message" to Local Preachers be referred to the Home and Maori Mission Department for favourable consideration.

4. That the attention of Circuit Quarterly Meetings be drawn to Law Book, par. 287 (f) and (g), in relation to the payment of Travelling expenses for Local Preachers,

5. That Rule 5 of the N.Z.L.P. Association be repealed and the following substituted:

"The Executive shall consist of the President, two vice-presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and a committee of not less than 5 and not more than 10, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association."

6. That Rule 6 of the N.Z.L.P. Association be repealed and the following substituted:

"The Executive shall come into office on the first day of February following the Annual Meeting at which it is elected and shall continue until their successors take office."

7. That the Diploma of the School for Christian workers shall be accepted as a substitute for the Written Examinations required for Local Preacher Candidates and that this be referred to the Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Board of Studies:

8. That the Conference express its appreciation of the continued loyal services of our Local Preachers.

D—Methodist Men's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

We have pleasure in presenting the following report, which has been prepared after only three months in office.

Location of Dominion Executive.—Last Conference authorised the transfer of the Dominion Executive to Palmerston North, where the newly-formed Central Districts Executive was located. Members of that Executive travel from as far away as Dannevirke in the east, Wanganui in the west, and Levin in the south.

Questionnaire.—Before assuming responsibility on March 1 last, the Executive had given some thought to the task to be undertaken and on March 2 sent out a questionnaire to all ministers for them to pass on to their Men's Fellowships or groups of laymen where no Fellowships existed.

Retreat.—A whole day retreat was held at Camp Wesley, Feilding, where members came to know one another better, and where a study of the replies to the questionnaire enabled them to understand much better the value of the movement to our Church, and to gain a clearer idea of the future policy to be pursued.

Newsletter.—Our President has been asked to maintain contact with ministers, home missionaries, and branches of the Fellowship Movement by means of a newsletter in place of "The Layman," which has been abandoned meanwhile. The President hopes to make personal contacts with branches and district executives during his term of office.

"Methodist Times" Column.—We are grateful for the space afforded to us in our Church paper. We would ask for more co-operation from district executives and local Fellowships in supplying news of their activities for this column.

Department of Christian Education.—Our executive seeks to co-operate with this department because of its interest in adult education, and was pleased to be given the opportunity to voice movement problems at the annual meeting of the Council of Christian Education. It is grateful for the offer of the director to obtain latest information concerning the Men's Movement of our Church in U.S.A. while visiting that country.

Our Patron.—Mr A. A. Dingwall, Vice-President of Conference, was guest speaker at the Feilding retreat and emphasised the need for purpose in our movement and the importance of giving service to those in need in the locality where branches are established. He has also given valuable and inspiring addresses at various rallies and Fellowship meetings.

District Executives.—These operate in Auckland, South Auckland, and Central Districts, and we are happy to report news of a new executive located at Dunedin. Auckland District held their usual annual retreat and reported a successful gathering.

Annual Meeting.—This is planned for 5 p.m. November 5, at the Brooklyn Church, when we hope to present a more up-to-date report on our year's activities.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Dominion President.

H. H. WOOD, Dominion Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXV.

E—N.Z. Women's Guild Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

We have pleasure in submitting an interim report of the Guild Fellowship activities for 1958 and up to June 30th, 1959.

The Annual Conference was held in Christchurch, the Rev Peter Stead conducted the service of Holy Communion, taking as his theme, "She hath done what she could."

District Activity:

Reports gave a full picture of the many varied activities Guilds had undertaken during the year. Two new districts have been formed, Northland with 14 Guilds and 242 members, and Bay of Plenty-Thames Valley, 12 Guilds, 240 members. Wellington District have formed a sub-committee in the Wairarapa.

Membership:

A steady increase of Guilds and Members is reported.

			1958	1957
Districts	..	..	13	11
Guilds	..	..	291	247
Membership	..	..	6397	5181

Finance:

Amount raised and expended by affiliated Guilds are as follows:

			£	
Circuit	..	..	2,853	
Trust	..	..	9,377	
Parsonage Furnishing	..	..	4,218	
Quarterage	..	..	1,393	
Missions	..	..	570	
Orphanages	..	..	205	
Deaconess House	..	..	206	
Sunday School,	..	..	2,228	Total amount raised £22,086.
Social Service	..	..
Sundries	..	..
Total	..	..	£21,050	

President's Address:

The President's address was on the lines of Guild procedure, containing many worthwhile and practical suggestions for the organising and conducting District meetings and rallies. The President of the Church Conference (Rev Dr D. C. Williams) visited the Conference and gave an account of some of the impressions gained at the Layman's Conference and women's meetings he had attended. He expressed his appreciation of women's work and asked them to give encouragement and support to laymen's activities.

Reports from N.C. Women, N.C. Churches, and World Federation of Methodist Women were interesting and informative.

The business sessions were very thoughtfully conducted and remits thoroughly discussed and voted on.

One N.Z. Group of Methodist Women:

The President reported on negotiations with M.W.M. Unfon, and read a statement drawn up on 3rd November, 1958, at a combined meeting of both executives, which read: "As a result of observation, discussions and thought, during the year, it appears to us that what is necessary is a complete reorganisation of women's work, resulting in a new movement, embracing all the activities of women in the Church."

This statement was reaffirmed and it was agreed that both executives meet as soon as possible to consider ways and means.

Incoming Executive:

The new Dominion executive officers were received and in a simple but moving service, conducted by the outgoing President, were dedicated to the work of the Church.

The new officers are:

President	..	..	Mrs L. G. B. McAlister
Vice-President	..	..	Mrs M. E. Hayman.
District President	..	..	Mrs A. R. Witheford.
Treasurer	..	..	Mrs A. H. Gorringer.
Secretary	..	..	Mrs P. Hansen.

The new Dominion Executive has taken up the work wholeheartedly and by Presidential letters and circulars to Districts and Guilds carried on an educative programme. A new parsonage furnishing list has been compiled and sent to Guilds. Further negotiations with the M.W.M. Union for the formation of a New Zealand Federation of Methodist Women have been carried on and a joint letter sent to all women's groups, and replies are coming in by June 30th.

The New Zealand Executive thank all Districts and Guilds for their help and co-operation, and the Past Executive for their help in every way.

We give thanks to our Father for the rich blessing He has given us, and we pray that we will be ready and willing to use our powers in the service of the Church and the Master.

Alterations to Constitution:

The following were approved:

1. "That Guild representatives to District Quarterly Meetings be the President and **two** others."

2. That Clause 7 be amended to read: "The District Fellowship shall consist of representatives of the Women's Guilds in the District. Such representatives shall be the President of each Guild with **two** other persons to be elected by the Guild. All such representatives, where practicable, shall be members of the Church. In the event of any representative being unable to attend, a substitute may be appointed by the President of the Local Guild."

L. G. B. McALISTER, President.

EVA HANSEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be adopted to the section "Alterations to Constitution."

2. That the section "Alterations to Constitution" be referred to the Law Revision Committee for implementation.

3. That Conference commend the Women's Guild Fellowship and the M.W.M.U. on their negotiations.

F—Church Council

REPORT TO SYNODS, 1959

1. Personnel of Synod Standing Committees:

(1958 Minutes, p. 57, Resolution 12.)

Some members of the Council favoured the inclusion of all ordained ministers in the District, with an equal number of laymen. Other members raised the question concerning representatives of Departments and as to whether the Committees are intended to correspond to the Presbyteries or to be executives of the Synods.

The Council affirmed the principle and referred the matter to Synod Standing Committees for report.

2. Re Gifts and Gift Duties:

(1958 Minutes, p. 73, Resolution 5.)

It was pointed out that misunderstandings had arisen over confusion between "gifts" and "legacies." Gifts made during the donor's lifetime were exempt.

The following statement, approved by the Legal Adviser, was adopted:

"All gifts made by a donor **in his lifetime** to the Church or to any of its funds and organisations are exempt from both gift and estate duty. It does not matter when the gift is made, or its value, so long as it is made in the lifetime of the donor. Legacies, i.e., amounts bequeathed under a will, are not gifts in the lifetime of the donor and are therefore subject to estate duty."

It was recommended that all possible publicity to this statement be given throughout the Church.

3. Permanent Camp Sites:

(1958 Minutes, p. 81, Resolution 6.)

The Council stressed that in our permanent Camp Sites we have valuable assets, which, more and more are being used not only by youth, but the whole Church, for family camps, etc.

The Council, therefore, supported a Dominion appeal.

4. Annual Special Appeals:

Wesley College Board forwarded a request to be placed on the list of general appeals for the carrying out of substantial additions at the College.

This was supported.

REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on May 20 and 21 and dealt with the following matters in addition to those reported to Synods.

1. Church Council Reports:

(1958 Minutes, P. 73, Res. 8.) The Council would remind the Conference that when too many matters of detail are referred to it, the real purpose of the Council can be defeated.

After the passage of 13 years it is wise to look back and note the original intention that the Council be an advisory body to the Conference on long-term policy of the Church. In 1945, under the convenership of the Rev W. T. Blight, a special report on Church Statistics was presented to Conference. That report included this

statement: "In the early days of Methodism in New Zealand it was inevitable that we worked from year to year, but to-day there seems to be a need for a long-range policy to cover, not this or that department, but the whole of our Church life and work. . . . We need a plan to cover, say, the next 20-25 years, a plan into which each department of our Church would fit its activities and its special efforts." The Committee listed eleven possible matters which might be referred to such a Council. These included Our Educational Policy, a Programme for Religious Literature, our relation to World-wide Methodism, the raising of our Standards of Churchmanship, survey of Circuit Boundaries, New Housing Areas, future of the Maori Mission, the possibility of widening our interests in Overseas Missions, increasing the powers of Synods. (Minutes, 1945, page 56.)

The 1946 Conference Minutes (page 57) record that the Conference resolved: (1) That a Church Council be set up to survey periodically the general trend of Church and Community life. (2) That the Council recommend to Conference the broad policy of the Methodist Church in New Zealand as it affects every aspect of our mission—the Conference to allocate the various parts of that policy to necessary departments, boards or committees.

At the beginning the Council met in alternate years, but almost immediately began to meet annually.

The Council at its meeting this year suggested that the Conference keep this concept of the Council's task in mind. It is also recommended that a paragraph be added to Paragraph 490 (a) of the Law Book, making it explicit that the Council's report to Conference in one year would be referred to Synods in the following year.

2. Amount of Conference Business:

(1958 Minutes, page 217, Misc. Res. 3.) A Memorandum on this question by the Christchurch Committee was very fully discussed. Points raised were that the volume of business is not the only consideration. The personal element must be taken into consideration. Conference has developed into a mixture of business from our departments and an annual life and work Conference. Attention was drawn to confusion between standing committee recommendations in the Agenda, with further Synod recommendations and recommendations from the Conference Committee of Details.

The Council recommends the main suggestions of the Christchurch Committee, involving recommendation by an Agenda Committee as to which reports should be open for discussion and which adopted without discussion; also provision for the duplicating and circulating to members of Conference of the recommendations from Committees of Details. The suggestion is fully set out in the recommendations following the report.

3. Invitation to Ministers:

(1958 Minutes, page 196, Res. 2.) Three Memoranda, drawing attention to difficulties which have arisen in some circuits, were presented. e.g., in inviting a minister to remain in a circuit, at present a small group of six to eight people can terminate a ministry, even in a large church. There was a fairly general feeling in the Council that the voting ought to be over a wider constituency, such as the whole membership of the church or circuit concerned. There was also considerable support for the idea of invitations being

for longer periods than one year (i.e., after the first three-year period). The invitation to a new minister would also be strengthened by the total membership being associated with the action of the Quarterly Meeting.

Difficulties arise in some Circuits through lack of understanding between ministers and Circuit Stewards. Notice of motion of the intention to terminate a ministry, it was suggested, could help on that point.

The Council's suggested methods for meeting the situation are set out in the Recommendations.

4. Church Finance and Stewardship:

(1958 Minutes, page 195, Res. 17.) The difficulty in fixing a suitable time for the meeting of the Special Committee at Conference lies in the fact that all Chairmen and heads of Departments are involved, which means that it cannot meet at the same time as the Committees of Details. The recommendation of the Council is that it meet on the Tuesday morning prior to the opening of Conference.

The wider issues involved in the operation of a Connexional Budget were also discussed. In the opinion of the Council it will be necessary to have a mid-year meeting of the Standing Committee with the Conference Committee to work out the Budget for presentation to Synods and Conference.

The question of a Director of Stewardship is being reported on to Conference by the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee itself.

5. Venue of Conference, 1960:

Correspondence was received from the Otago Synod Standing Committee pointing out difficulties under present conditions in holding Conference in Dunedin. The Southland Area Committee invited the Conference to meet in Invercargill in 1960.

The Secretary of Conference was asked to secure more definite details from Dunedin and Invercargill and report to the General Purposes Committee of Conference.

6. Status of a Woman Minister who Marries:

Attention was drawn to the necessity for regulations in view of a woman Candidate for ordination coming forward this year.

The question provoked a lengthy discussion.

A fairly strongly supported suggestion was that the regulations concerning ministers retiring on account of ill-health (1958 Minutes, pages 210-211) could be modified to meet the position. Others felt we should be very careful in taking away the privileges of ordination. It might be better just to leave the woman minister "without pastoral charge."

The Christchurch Committee (1957 Minutes, page 192 (2)) was asked to note the discussion and bring a report to Synods and Conference, 1959.

7. Triennial Visitation of Circuits:

The Convener of the Welfare of the Church Committee asked for guidance as to the procedure, owing to the fact that Synod Standing Committees had not sent in reports last year as requested. His Committee suggested dropping the scheme because of lack of interest.

District chairmen indicated general support for the idea in their Districts, though some wanted revision of the Questionnaire. Auckland District is putting it into operation this year, on trial.

Chairmen were directed to see that reports went forward to the Welfare of the Church Committee.

8. Educational Policy of the Church:

Arising out of a particular problem, there was general discussion on our Church's need for an educational policy.

The Council is recommending Conference to set up a special Committee to review our educational policy, with particular reference to the establishment of a Girls' School.

It was also considered that this matter could well be the major matter for discussion at the next Church Council meeting.

9. Outside Service by Ministers:

It was suggested it was time the Church considered its policy concerning ministers in various outside chaplaincies, etc. Great new opportunities are opening here. It is not right that a man who thinks he would like to do this is the man to be appointed. Perhaps we ought specially to train young men for these tasks.

The Board of Studies is recommended as the body to consider the matter and our Methodist workers in the State Welfare Service could be consulted.

G. R. H. Peterson, President of Conference.

ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary of Conference, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

Reports to Synods

1. That the Report be received and adopted, except sections 4 and 5, which were referred back.

2. Personnel of Synod Standing Committee.

(a) That the Conference affirm the principle of direct Circuit and Connexional representation on Synod Standing Committees in such a way as to allow for flexibility of application in districts,

(b) That Synods, through their Standing Committees, give consideration to this proposal and report to the Church Council.

Gifts

3. That the statement on Gifts to the Church and Gift Duty be approved and publicised throughout the Church.

4. That the matters of appeals for the Wesley College Training Board and the Camp Sites Funds be referred back to the Church Council for report to Synods and Conference 1960, with special reference to the financial and other needs of Wesley College and the various Camp Sites Funds throughout New Zealand, on the understanding that the Board of Christian Education collects material re Camp Sites.

5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund submit to Conference regulations clearly defining the obligation of Circuits concerning the provision of a ministerial residence on the part of circuits anticipating the appointment of a probationer.

6. That the National Council of Churches be recommended to investigate with the Government the possibility of exempting donations to religious and charitable organisations from Income Tax and Social Security Tax.

REPORT TO CONFERENCE

1. That the report be received.

2. Church Council Reports to Synods and Conference.

(a) That Conference reaffirm the original intention and purpose in the formation of the Church Council as an advisory body on major matters of policy.

(b) That the Law Revision Committee report on the procedure to be adopted in respect of reports from the Church Council.

3. Volume of Business at Conference.

(1) (Preamble—Many reports are presented from time to time which are factual only, and have no positive recommendations attached. Others contain recommendations bearing on the substance of the Report. It is not always possible to anticipate from year to year the nature of any given report, as certain matters arise during the year which will determine the contents of the report and necessitate some recommendations. The procedure recommended, therefore, would be for reports to be submitted annually by all boards and committees, and printed as at present for purposes of information and publicity. Of the 45 Reports usually submitted at present, there are probably half which do not require discussion every year. A record would be kept of such reports from year to year, and care taken to see that every second or third year opportunity was given for some exposition of the work dealt with, if no actual recommendations were being submitted.)

That an Agenda Committee be appointed to recommend at each Conference which reports should be open for discussion and which should be adopted without discussion.

(2) That the Agenda Committee consist of the President of the Conference, the President-elect, Secretary, Vice-president, and Vice-president-elect, in consultation with the Conveners of the Conference Committees of Details.

(3) That where the Church has already expressed its mind on matters of public importance, Committees concerned with these matters be asked not to report on them to Conference unless new factors or material have arisen.

(4) That all recommendations of Committees of Details be duplicated and distributed to members of the Conference.

(5) That Morning Devotions of the Conference be co-ordinated so as not to last more than 20 minutes.

(6) That the list of greetings from districts be read from the platform and passed en bloc.

(7) That the matter of rearrangements of reports under Committees of details be referred to the Church Council.

4. Invitations to Ministers.

(a) That the whole question of ministerial invitations be investigated by a Committee consisting of the Christchurch members of the Council, with Mr A. A. Dingwall as convener.

(b) That the Committee take into its survey the following suggestions:

- (1) That Circuits should have the right to invite a minister for a period of up to three years, subsequent to the initial three years. For a second period of three years the vote to be by a bare majority; for further periods a majority of two-thirds be required.
- (2) That Circuit Stewards seek the advice of a Church Meeting. (See Law Book, page 49, paragraph 273 (6)).
- (3) That the matter of termination of a ministry be the subject of a Notice of Motion from members of the Quarterly Meeting, to be handed to the Circuit Stewards one month prior to the meeting.
- (4) That the Committee report its findings to Synods and Conference 1960 through the Church Council.

5. Church Finance and Stewardship:

That the special Conference Committee on Church Finance and Stewardship meet on the Tuesday morning prior to the Opening of Conference.

- (2) That the Law Revision Committee make provision for the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee in section of the Book of Laws under Central Finance Committee.

6. Educational Policy of the Church:

(a) That Conference set up a Special Committee to review the educational policy of the Church with particular reference to the establishment of a Girls' School and Students Hostel.

- (b) That the Committee be Revs E. M. Marshall, G. I. Laurenson, W. Parker, E. W. Hames, R. F. Clement, and Miss Maire Griffin, Miss Eileen Laking, Messrs W. E. Donnelly, C. W. Nicholls, Theo. Thomas, J. Osborne. Corresponding Members. Rev W. F. Ford, Miss Connell, Miss Hodder, Miss C. Bell, Mr G. A. Leary. Convener, Rev Wesley Parker.

7. Outside Service by Ministers:

That the Faith and Order Committee prepare a memorandum on this question for presentation to the next Church Council; and that our Methodist workers in the State Welfare Service be also asked to submit a memorandum.

8. Next Meeting of the Council:

That the date be left in the hands of the President and Secretary of Conference.

Marriage of Students and Probationers.

1. Candidates.

That the principle set out in the Law Book, Par. 85, P. 13, be maintained. While not desiring to close the door to the ministry against married men and especially against married Home Missionaries, we consider that such cases should be regarded as exceptional, and that in the normal course candidates should be prepared to spend the period of College training as single men in residence.

2. Students,

All students who are single when accepted as candidates shall go into residence for the full College term; provided always that if on account of age or any other special circumstance the student desires permission to marry and live out

during any part of his course, and where he is able to support a wife, he may apply to the President of Conference through the Principal, and have his case considered by the General Purposes Committee; but every such student shall be required to spend at least the first year of his College course in residence. He shall undertake in writing that if permitted to marry he will make no claim for maintenance while a student, and that he will make no claim for allowance in respect of any children that may either be born to him or legally adopted by him while a student or on probation.

3. Probationers (Group A). (Probationers who were single at the time of their reception as Candidates for the Ministry.)

(a) Probationers are reminded that they are undergoing a period of testing as to their suitability for Ordination, and that the Church is not yet committed to their acceptance for a life ministry.

(b) A Probationer shall be free to marry any time after his reception on Probation by Conference, providing he undertakes in writing that he will make no claim for any allowance while on probation in respect of any children that may either be born to him or legally adopted by him while on Probation. (See Law Book, P. 124 (8).)

(c) Every Probationer shall be entitled to the stipend now known as a "Married Probationer's Stipend," and that the matter of accommodation be referred to the Church Council for consideration.

4. Probationers (Group B). (Probationers who were married at the time of their reception as Candidates for the Ministry.)

Such men, when received on Probation and appointed to a Circuit, shall be entitled to a furnished parsonage and a Married Probationer's Stipend.

QUESTION XXXV.

G—Spiritual Healing Committee

REPORT FOR 1959

The Spiritual Healing Committee has met on thirteen occasions over the past year with an average attendance of seven persons. The Rev J. D. Grocott and Mr A. B. Allen were granted leave of absence for the year and on the nomination of the Committee the President appointed the Revs E. Baker, H. K. Brown, W. A. Chambers and Dr H. M. Roake to strengthen the Committee.

The main task of the Committee has been the consideration of the ancient rite of the laying-on of hands and its contemporary significance. Book reviews and other articles have been prepared for publication in the Methodist Times. A manuscript entitled "The Lessons of Suffering," by Derek Bell, a young man of triumphant faith who died at the age of 28 with cancer, was submitted to the Board of Publications with a view to its publication as a separate pamphlet. At each meeting the Committee has spent time praying for a number of sick people known to members.

Full-time Methodist Hospital Chaplains:

In recent years there has been a growing awareness of the necessity for spiritual ministrations in the recovery of the sick. Doctors and ministers should work together to help meet the

total needs of the whole person. (See, for example, "Divine Healing and Co-operation between Doctor and Clergy," British Medical Association Report, 1956; Reports of the Archbishops' Commission and the Commission of the Church of Scotland, 1958.)

One sphere where there is a unique opportunity for such co-operation is through the work of the Hospital Chaplain. Professor Seward Hiltner reported that in the U.S.A. many hospitals employ full time Chaplains on their staff and that the hospital authorities value highly their work. The visit of the Hospital Chaplain was not a substitute for the pastoral ministrations of the patient's minister, but usually resulted in an increase in the frequency and effectiveness of such ministration. In New Zealand the Church of England and the Presbyterian Church have appointed full time Chaplains to hospitals in a number of places, but to date no serious thought has been given to the appointment of full time Methodist Chaplains.

In Christchurch the Rev H. G. Brown has been working as a part time Hospital Chaplain for more than a year. The success of his work indicates what could be achieved by a full time Chaplain. Sunnyside Mental Hospital and Burwood Hospital have part time appointments. Later this year the opening of the new Cashmere Hospital will increase further the scope of the Chaplain's services and it will be difficult to find a minister able to do this work adequately on a part time basis. The consolidation of at least a portion of this work with a full time appointment is a matter of urgency. The Committee has no first hand information of the need in other centres, but believes that similar situations are to be found there also.

When a full-time Chaplain is appointed the utmost care must be taken to choose a minister with a special sense of vocation for the task of ministering to the sick. Before taking up his duties it is important that he should receive adequate specialist training. The committee envisages the possibility that in the first instance selected personnel would take a Hospital Chaplaincy course overseas.

The Committee knows that there are practical difficulties to be faced before a full time Hospital Chaplain can be appointed. These include the provision of a parsonage, raising the stipend, etc. But the time has come for the Church to face these practical difficulties and plan methods of overcoming them. The status of the Methodist Church in this sphere of service requires the early appointment of a full time Hospital Chaplain in Christchurch and in other centres where a similar need exists. The magnitude of the difficulties must not blind the Church to the urgency of the situation if she is adequately to fulfil the command of her Lord to heal the sick.

For this reason the Committee raised the matter with the M.S.S.A. at its annual meeting in May, and the M.S.S.A. has sent a questionnaire to Synod Standing Committees enquiring the cost of the appointment of a Hospital Chaplain in their area.

THE LAYING-ON OF HANDS

1. The Present Situation:

The ancient rite of the laying-on of hands is used in many private and public services of healing. The form of the service and the mode of laying hands on the sick person vary greatly from one person to another, but the fact that the minister or "healer" places

hands on the sick person during the service is a feature common to them all. Some "healers," who are not necessarily Christian, claim to possess a gift of healing, so that when they place their hands on a sick person a "power" is transmitted to him which may lead to his healing. There seems to be confusion in the minds of some people as to whether the possession of this "gift of healing" is essential in the rite of the laying-on of hands, or whether it is a sacramental act which may be performed by any minister or authorised layman after due preparation.

2. The Practice of Jesus:

The Gospels record that there were occasions when Jesus laid hands on the sick to heal them (Mark 8: 23; Matthew 9: 29; 20: 34; Luke 13: 13; and Mark 6: 5.) Sometimes Jesus appears to have used his hands to assist the sick person to rise rather than as part of a healing ritual (Mark 1: 31; 5: 41). In the greater number of healing miracles Jesus is not reported as using his hands or following any other regular procedure. It is evident, therefore, that Jesus' healings did not come in response to any particular technique.

The touch of a great person was believed to have therapeutic power and people sought to touch Jesus to be made whole (Mark 5: 27; 6: 56). It is reasonable to support that suggestion and the eager anticipation of recovery by the sick could have played a part in their healing. This could have been true in the cases where Jesus took the initiative and touched the sick (Mark 1: 41, etc.).

It seems probable that Jesus used his hands to aid his communication with some of the sick people that he healed. The touching of the ears of the deaf man (Mark 7: 32-37) would be a means of telling him what was to follow. Jesus by touching the leper, indicated his acceptance of the man as he was, for this act broke through the strong social barrier that prevented him from normal contact with his fellows.

We conclude that although Jesus laid his hands on some sick people and healed them, it did not constitute a regular technique of healing, and that where Jesus did lay hands on the sick it was often an instinctive expression of sympathy.

3. Jesus' Commission to His Disciples:

Jesus, in his instructions to the twelve and the seventy disciples before he sent them out, commissioned them to heal the sick (Matthew 10: 8; Luke 9: 1, 2, and 6; and Luke 10: 9), but He is not reported to have instructed them to lay hands on the sick. The only command to "lay hands on the sick" is found in Mark 16: 18. As this passage is of disputed authenticity, it makes an insecure foundation for a practice that is to be regarded as a scriptural injunction.

4. The Laying-on of Hands in the New Testament Church:

Of the thirteen definite references to physical healing in the Acts of the Apostles only one describes healing through the laying on of hands (Acts 28: 8). Another describes the gift of the Spirit accompanied by healing through the laying-on of hands (Acts 9: 17). The rite is also used in connection with baptism (Acts 8: 17-19; 19: 5-6), and in the appointment to a special task (Acts 6: 6; 13: 3). The practice was used in Old Testament times in blessing and consecrated to specific offices (cf Numbers 27: 18-23). Virtue was thought to pass from one person to another by physical contact. The use of the gesture of touching was taken over by the Church

which added distinctively Christian ideas. "The Spirit sent by Christ was supposed to be communicated by those who already possessed it by the laying on of hands" (E. F. Scott). The rite appears to have been used for a variety of ministries in the early Church and its use in healing was only one of these.

In association with baptism and ordination the person laying hands on another held a position of authority in the Church, and acted in response to the moving of the Holy Spirit. This act symbolised the gift of the Spirit, and was accompanied by prayers for such a gift. It is reasonable to assume that this gesture had the same significance when hands were laid on the sick. There is no evidence that the early Church considered the act possessed any magical virtue in itself.

5. The Gift of Healing:

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit . . . To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good . . . To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom . . . To another gifts of healing by the one Spirit . . . (I Corinthians 12: 4-11). Some people appear to possess a psychic power which, through placing their hands on another person, can be conveyed to them with therapeutic results. A number of Christians with this power claim that it is the "gift of healing" referred to by St Paul. A more satisfying explanation of this passage is that Paul is outlining the principle of division of labour through the various manifestations of the Spirit. "It is the same God who inspires them all in every one" (I Corinthians 12: 6). Later in the same chapter (I Corinthians 12: 27-30) it appears that apostles, prophets and teachers are persons appointed by God, but "miracles, gifts of healing," etc., are types of function. "The apostolic, prophetic, and teaching ministries are permanently associated with particular persons: the other gifts may be granted to anyone at any time (T. W. Manson). Paul, in speaking about these spiritual gifts, is urging that every person concentrate on making his contribution to the common good along the line of his special interest and training.

6. Conclusions:

The New Testament evidence is incomplete, but it suggests the following conclusions as being normative for our attitude towards, and practice of, the rite of the laying-on of hands in spiritual healing:

(a) The laying-on of hands is a sacramental act, which when accompanied by prayer for the gift of the Spirit, symbolises the receiving of that gift.

(b) The laying-on of hands is to be regarded as a ministry of the whole Church, exercised through her ministers or authorised laymen, and not the act of any specific individual.

(c) It does not require the possession of any unusual psychic power.

(d) It is desirable that the minister be supported in prayer by the whole congregation, and that he have in the service, if circumstances permit, a few chosen members of the Church.

(e) The healing ministry of the local Church is not confined to the use of the rite of laying-on of hands, but will normally find expression in private prayer and services of intercession for the sick.

7. The Service of the Laying-on of Hands:

(a) Where ministers undertake the Service of Laying-on of Hands, the British Methodist Order be used (cf Conf. Minutes, 1957, p. 76).

(b) The patient and the immediate members of his family should normally be prepared for the Service by the minister, and this should be done wherever possible in co-operation with his doctor.

(c) Wherever circumstances permit the service should be held in the Church.

(d) During the preparation it should be made clear to the patient that the aim of the Service is to bring the sick person into as complete a harmony with God as is possible and that the results are in God's hands. These results could be immediate or gradual recovery though the physical benefits are secondary to the healing of mind and spirit. And where there is no recovery the spiritual benefits of such a service can help the patient to face the future unafraid. The Cross of Christ demonstrates that God can use our suffering to bless other people and enrich ourselves, if we make the right reaction to it.

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, Chairman.

COLIN D. CLARK, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

"Authorisation for the Laying-on of Hands."

Since Conference, 1956, the Spiritual Healing Committee has commended the recovery of the ancient rite of the "Laying-on of Hands" as part of the Church's ministry of healing. A few Methodist ministers are now conducting these services when occasion demands it. As more people become aware of the New Testament authority for the rite, and the blessings, spiritual and physical, that can come from it, they will regard it as a normal part of the Church's ministry to the sick.

The Committee is convinced that it is better for this awareness to develop out of a growing insight and concern than for it to be enforced by Conference resolutions. For this reason it would be premature for Conference to legislate for the authorisation of laymen for the Laying-on of Hands. The Committee believes that normally the minister will conduct this service as part of his spiritual ministration to certain sick people. But the service is not a sacrament and may be conducted by a suitable layman authorised by the local Church if the minister is unavailable or unwilling to conduct it. The layman would need to be a person of spiritual maturity, to possess an active and informed interest in the Church's ministry of healing and be authorised by the Leader's Meeting or minister to perform this function. The following amendment to the statement on "The Laying-on of Hands" is suggested to clarify the issue:

6. Conclusions:

(b) The laying-on of hands is to be regarded as a ministry of the whole Church, and not the act of any specific individual.

(c) It does not require the possession of any unusual psychic power.

(d) Normally the service will be conducted by the minister,

but it is not the exclusive prerogative of the ministry. When no minister is available the service could be conducted by a suitable layman authorised by the minister or the Leader's Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That while we approve the principle of appointing full-time Hospital Chaplains we recommend that the Committee approach the N.C.C. and ask them to consider the possibility of the appointment of Hospital Chaplains.
(b) In the event of the N.C.C. being unable to accede to this request, the Spiritual Healing Committee in conjunction with the M.S.S.A. investigate the possibility of co-operation among Churches negotiating for Church Union in the appointment of such chaplains.
3. That the statement on "The Laying-On of Hands" be approved and commended for study.
4. That the Spiritual Healing Committee receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund.
5. That Conference ask the Committee of Spiritual Healing to consider the matter of Anointing with Oil, in the light of the action of the British Methodist Conference.
6. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 9 herein.

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

Department of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

A—METHODIST COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This Council, which is responsible for policy making and co-ordinating our Church's work in Christian Education, met following the Church Council.

1. Family Church—Church School Programme:

Reports were received from six churches acting as pilot plants for a revised Sunday morning programme. The reports were only very tentative at this stage of the experiment, but encouraging signs were the large numbers of adults attending weekly groups for fellowship and Bible study, the obvious advantages of families coming and worshipping together, and the fact that what was an occasional family service congregation tends to become a regular one. The main difficulties arising are connected with the preparation necessary before implementing a major change in a church's programme, and with transport to a central city church.

2. Adult Education Through Existing Groups:

Suggestions were made as to how the Department should assist the Women's Guilds, Men's Fellowship, and Fireside Groups. It is hoped to produce a handbook for the leaders of these groups. The Board was asked to confer with the Dominion Executive of the Men's Fellowship with a view to further co-operation and co-ordination.

3. Oversight of Adult Education in the Local Church:

The Council was of the opinion that there was need for overall planning of Christian education in the local church, and that this

was an essential function of the Leaders' Meeting. The Board was asked to submit to the next meeting detailed proposals which would provide for a Christian Education Committee of the Leaders' Meeting. This committee would have three sections—children's, youth, and adult.

The Board was asked to report on the possibility of a similar pattern of district organisation.

4. Leadership Training—Facilities and Co-ordination:

The Council gave general approval to the proposed curriculum for the School for Christian Workers. It was felt that the time had come for a co-ordination of all other leadership training facilities. The Board, at the request of the Local Preachers' Dominion Executive, submitted an outline of a course which would include preparation for local preaching and other positions of leadership, and which would prepare people for the more advanced work in the School for Christian Workers. The proposed course:

A—Old and New Testament.

Theology.

Church History—including modern Ecumenical Movement.

B—Mission of the Church—Worship and Sacraments, Preaching, Evangelism, Pastoral Care, Christian Education, Social Service.

C—Polity of the Methodist Church of New Zealand—including what membership involves.

D—Training for specific leadership role in any one of the activities mentioned in B.

The Council gave its approval and commendation to these plans, and asked the Board to implement them.

5. Missionary Education:

Consideration was given to the need for missionary education. A statement setting out objectives was adopted and referred to the three departments for action.

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

W. F. FORD, Director of Christian Education.

B—BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. C.Y.M.M. Officers:

It is widely recognised that a young people's movement which provides youth with its own forum and helps to develop leadership, has a legitimate place in the Church's programme of Christian Education. With the change of name of the Department there is the danger of the importance of the "Youth" Movement being overlooked. The annual C.Y.M.M. Convention discussed the proposals from the Board for the annual appointment of a President and Vice-President of the C.Y.M.M. The recommendations are the result of that discussion. The duties of these officers would be:

(a) Promotion of the objectives and standards of the C.Y.M.M.

(b) Strengthening of Movement-consciousness.

(c) Presiding at Convention.

(d) Representing the C.Y.M.M. at the Methodist Council of Christian Education.

Note: (a) and (b) shall be done by the leadership given at Youth Conference, by letters and by whatever visitation can be arranged in

collaboration with the Board of Christian Education. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses shall be paid by the Board.

2. Place of Brigades:

A statement prepared by the Presbyterian, Baptist, Associated Churches of Christ and Methodist Departments of Christian Education has been adopted by the Board, and was given general approval by the Methodist Council of Christian Education. It was stated that in our concern to win people for Christ and His Church, through-the-week activities have an integral part to play—

(a) They provide added opportunities for the development of the whole person—spiritual, physical, mental and social.

(b) They encourage people to mix with and engage in practical activities with those of their own age.

(c) They are useful as an enlisting agency.

(d) They train people for increasing responsibility and service in the Church and community.

The statement recognised the contribution made along these lines, and concluded:

"The Church values this work done by the Brigades and the service given by other youth organisations within the Church, and reminds all such organisations that their work must be seen in the light of the Church's comprehensive programme of Christian education outlined above. It is essential that each agency sharing in the Christian nurture of children and young people should understand its particular place within the Church's total programme."

The statement will be used as a basis for discussion with the Management Committees of the Boys' Brigade and the Girls' Life Brigade, in the hope that both movements will be better able to serve the Church. The present danger is that they may become ends in themselves, instead of being closely integrated with the work of the Church.

3. Order of St Stephen:

During the year Miss Ann Sharp and Messrs M. Corley, L. Michie, and R. Hawkins have been received into the Order, bringing the number received to 21. Miss Rose Falconer, of Pahiatua, is working in the Department Office, and Mr Gordon Heathcote, of Dargaville, is doing electrical work on buildings throughout New Zealand. Further applications to serve as candidates have been received from a shorthand-typist, and arrangements are being made for her to assist a circuit minister carrying heavy connexional duties; and from Beryl Grice, Rita Sides, Maurice Warth, Barbara Mullan, Judith Ford, Pamela Beaumont.

4. Adult Leadership Training:

Training Conferences in Group Work have been arranged for the four main centres. Officers of Guilds, M.W.M.U., and Men's Fellowship and leaders of Sunday Morning Adult Groups have attended in most encouraging numbers. The Department records its appreciation of the help given in this field by Dr. D. O. Williams.

It is planned to extend this training of Adult Leaders to other centres.

5. Resource Material:

The Board is grateful to Mr W. E. Donnelly for acting as a part-time resource officer. Material for Adult Groups and Orders

of Worship for Family Services and other occasions have been sent to all Local Youth Councils. A book of Responsive Services for Family Worship (1958 Minutes, No. 9, Page 81) is being prepared.

6. Field Staff:

Miss Mary Astley and Miss Meriel Beaumont have continued their training programme for Sunday School teachers and Bible Class leaders. Their work is of a high standard and has been well received. The Board is disappointed that some circuits have been slow to avail themselves of these specialist services provided by the Church. There is an urgent need to lift the Church's whole approach to Christian Education to a worthy level.

7. "Christian Education Handbook."

This monthly Handbook is used to circulate ideas and material which can assist and guide Christian Education in the local church. Recent issues have contained suggestions on Sunday School examinations, buildings and equipment, the authority of the Local Church over their Brigade companies, B.C. leadership, the running and supervision of church dances (1958 Minutes, 4(a), Page 56) and adult education. A free copy is sent to each local church.

8. Director's Visit to U.S.A. and Canada:

With the assistance of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Christian Education of the American Methodist Church, arrangements were made for the Director to visit U.S.A. and Canada for 4½ months—June to October. The three main objectives of the visit are:

1. To get in touch with key people and resources in Nashville and Toronto.
2. To attend various training conferences and University seminars, with special reference to adult education.
3. To work for approximately two months on the staff of a local church, attending all groups and meetings so as to become thoroughly familiar with the programme and the background to it.

9. Property:

The year has seen the completion at Tawa of a very satisfactory parsonage for the Director. The Department is grateful for the loan assistance of the Home Mission Investment Funds Board.

10. Bookroom:

This work continues to expand rapidly, although the major part of the turnover consists of A. and N.Z. Graded Lessons material.

Further expansion has been restricted by the premises, hence the Board's arrangement with the Wesley Trust to renovate and occupy the old Primary Sunday School building. The ultimate objective is to rent a shop and offices on the Taranaki Street frontage.

11. Religious Instruction in State Schools:

(a) The New Zealand Council for Christian Education has prepared a draft amendment to the Education Act, incorporating the principles adopted by the 1958 Conference (1958 Minutes, p. 91-2). These proposals have been discussed with professional and other bodies involved. The whole matter will be examined by a Royal Commission or special committee on Education.

(b) The last Church Conference passed a resolution asking the Board to report on the value of Christian Education in State schools.

To aid the Board in its thinking, a questionnaire on various aspects of the work was sent to all ministers, and a welcome response of 170 replies was received. The report includes direct quotations from these replies. A question about the number of State school pupils who attended Sunday School brought replies ranging from 5% to 98%, with an average of 62%.

Advantages of this work:

1. Sunday Schools touch probably about 60% of New Zealand's children, and many of these are irregular attenders. Religious instruction in State schools is the only opportunity of giving large numbers of children some basic teaching on the Bible and parts of the Christian Faith. "Children are systematically introduced to the Bible." "Valuable in country districts where there are no Sunday Schools."

2. It helps to counteract the effect of the secular clause which can encourage teachers and children in a purely scientific and materialistic attitude to life. Religious observances or instruction at least remind them of the religious approach to life. "Ministers' presence represents the Church in action." "Establishes the Church as something alive and active." "Shows religion is not something confined to Sunday."

3. It affords a useful contact between the Church (or Minister) and the school (or children). Many ministers, especially those in country districts, have emphasised this aspect.

4. It is a good ecumenical witness.

5. A few headmasters have claimed that religious instruction has improved the atmosphere and tone of the school.

Weaknesses of the present system:

1. The real ends of Christian Education cannot be reached when the child (for religious instruction) is isolated from the home and the church.

2. Children receiving religious instruction can be divided into two groups—those attending Sunday School and those who don't. In the case of the former, is anything worthwhile added to the work of church and Sunday School? ("Even Sunday School pupils need this extra"—"A lot of Sunday School teaching is not getting across to the children.") In the case of the latter, we are in danger of giving them only a smattering of the Christian Faith at an elementary level.

3. Can give factual information only—no opportunity for great worship experiences.

4. There are grave weaknesses connected with the instructors: some, both ministers and lay, are unsuited to this work; they may not be trained for this work or know how to handle a class. "Better for a class to miss out for a year rather than have a poor teacher." They are strangers imported into the school for this subject only. "Minister has little standing in eyes of staff or pupils"—"Bringing in an outsider separates religion from life." Ministers are often unable to attend because of other commitments.

5. Although the Agreed Syllabus, Handbooks, Activity Books and Worship Service Books have led to a great improvement, much of the present teaching is poor in content and method. Standards vary so much that the whole scheme is brought into disrepute. There would be very few children who have had all the Agreed Syllabus taught well right through the standards. Many of our

ministers are disappointed because so many of the instructors do not use the syllabus at all, including many of our ministers.

6. There is the inherent difficulty of teaching the Christian Faith in a classroom setting.

We must recognise that there are grave limitations in this work for the whole or the major part of Christian Education can never be done in school where children are isolated from the Worshipping Congregation and the Home. Nevertheless within those limits it is worthwhile, and the standard should be improved and religious instruction become more an integral part of school life.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Director.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That in view of the fact that some Churches already have their congregations and Leaders' Meetings organised along the lines of commissions for various aspects of the church's mission, and as steps are already being taken to provide for a Local Church Commission on Christian Education, Conference asks the Church Council to examine this whole policy of the organisation of the congregation and Leaders' Meeting.

3. **C.Y.M.M. Officers:**

- (a) That the officers of the C.Y.M.M. shall consist of a President and a Vice-President.
- (b) They shall be elected annually by ballot by the Youth Conference, to take office at the end of that Youth Conference. Nominations to be made in writing by District Youth Councils before Youth Conference or by any two representatives at Convention. The representatives at Convention shall decide by ballot which nomination or nominations for each position shall be submitted to the Conference.
- (c) Members of the C.Y.M.M. who are members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and over 21 years of age but not over 30 at the commencement of the Conference at which nominated, shall be eligible for election. Normally the President shall have attended at least one Youth Conference before being nominated, and be a lay member of the Movement. Both officers shall be present at the Conference at which they are nominated.
- (d) The President and Vice-President shall be responsible to the Board of Christian Education, of which they shall be corresponding members.

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

- (a) That representatives on the Council be: The Chairman of the Wellington District, the Director of Christian Education, Rev J. D. Grocott and Mr G. F. Briggs.
- (b) That a grant of £275 be made from the General Connexional Appeal.
- (c) That the Methodist Church reiterates its support of the New Zealand Council for Christian Education in its efforts to obtain more adequate provision for religious instruction in State schools and to improve the standards of instruction.

- (d) That Conference urges suitable Methodist people to assist in the religious instruction given in State schools, and commends the Certificate of Proficiency in Religious Knowledge as a means of preparation.
- (e) Quarterly meetings are urged to ensure that those giving instruction are provided with the necessary material and equipment.

5. That the Foreign Mission Department, Home Mission Department, Department of Christian Education, and Rev B. M. Chrystall confer on the best method of making tape recordings available for hire.

6. That Conference thank Miss M. J. Beaumont for her outstanding and most effective service as South Island Field Director of the Department of Christian Education.

7. That the Board be as printed on page 5 herein.

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

A—Public Questions Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The Committee now meets under the Chairmanship of the Rev C. O. Hallwood. The Director of the Department of Christian Education has kept the Committee informed concerning developments relating to the work of the Council for Christian Education, and there has been satisfactory liaison with the International Affairs Committee. Our main attention this year has been given to Resolutions of Conference as follows:

1. Immigration:

From time to time Conference has made specific recommendations concerning Immigration into New Zealand. The Committee feels that a Statement summarising the Christian principles underlying our concern is desirable, and submits the following:

IMMIGRATION INTO NEW ZEALAND PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

I. Basic Principles:

The basis of any Christian immigration policy must be the recognition of the infinite worth of all men in the sight of God; man is entitled to be treated in all circumstances with dignity and respect, and to share in the enjoyment of the material resources of the world. National barriers of a discriminatory nature are an affront to this policy of sharing.

Two principles must be kept in balance in any immigration policy:

(a) The need of the migrant for freedom, compassion and opportunity, as well as for food, clothing and shelter;

(b) The effect on the receiving country of the reception of the migrant.

2. Inequality of Welfare:

People throughout the world live under widely differing conditions. Apart from differences of race and religion, the main differences are economic or political.

The available physical resources (land, minerals, power, climate, fertility of soil, etc.) are very irregularly distributed. So are capital—the means of turning resources into income and wealth more effectively than can be done by labour alone—and the knowledge of modern techniques of production. People are unevenly distributed in relation to resources and capital. The result is large differences in living standards, with more than half the human race suffering from a vicious circle of low income, low productivity, low savings and little capital.

There are also many people living (or barely existing) as refugees from intolerable political and religious persecution. They want to preserve their freedom, and to have a chance to start again a new life and a new home.

On the economic side, the international extremes of wealth and poverty are becoming greater. New Zealand is near one extreme,

and is economically a very fortunate country. We hardly realise how fortunate we are. Our responsibility is all the greater.

We also enjoy religious and political freedom, and do not know what it is to be without it.

3. Bridging the Gap:

Against the above background we must look for means of helping the less fortunate people of the world. There are formidable barriers of ignorance, inertia, immigration laws, prejudice, and reluctance to make any effort or sacrifice to help people we do not know and cannot see.

One way to bridge the gap is to take financial and material aid to the needy people where they are. Organisations already exist for this purpose—CORSO, Red Cross, World Council of Churches, and many others. We cannot say that channels are not available for individual giving.

There are also official international organisations as agencies of United Nations—UNICEF, Refugee Organisations, Colombo Plan, UNESCO, World Health Organisation and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, etc. Our Government should be urged to support these much more. An important feature is not merely to make gifts but to help the needy to help themselves. Technical and administrative assistance are essential.

4. Immigration:

A further way to bridge the gap between the fortunate and the unfortunate, and to break down international barriers, is immigration. As an expression of faith in the infinite worth of man and of the essential one-ness of the world family, we should share our own high living standard and our political and religious freedom with those needy people who want to come to our country. As a country we should officially take responsibility for bringing people here and providing them with jobs and homes, accepting them and absorbing them into our community. Official policy should be stated in a way which creates goodwill in the countries from which the migrants come.

There are three classes of people who should be given priority—political and religious refugees, dependents of people already here, and Asians. Quotas of Asians should be extended and made much more liberal. New Zealand has a special obligation to those Asian countries which are near neighbours. We know we cannot satisfy the needs of South-east Asia, but we can help to create goodwill, carry some of the burden and ease inter-racial tension.

5. The Migrant's Responsibility:

An immigrant should not be encouraged to seek a new country and to accept all its benefits of wealth and culture without accepting also the responsibilities of citizenship in it. He must be willing to be integrated economically and socially in the new community.

6. What Will it Cost Us?:

The details of administration of policy are less important than the attitude adopted. Among many people the current attitude seems to be one of suspicion or resentment of immigrants, determination not to share our living standards with any "foreigner," and fear of political infiltration. Mostly the arguments against more liberal immigration are based on selfish fear, ignorance and colour prejudice.

The assertion that immigrants would lower our living standards is very arguable on economic grounds. Anyway, even if they did lower our living standards a little, that would be the means by which we help needy people. Help can never be costless. The annual increment in our national income could be spread over a very large number of immigrants (who would themselves contribute to our national income) without anyone noticing it. (We should not forget that we are all immigrants or descendants of immigrants.)

There remains the distinct possibility that immigrants would enrich our social and economic life. Those already arrived in recent years have certainly done so.

7. Our Responsibility:

If the Churches urge the Government to adopt a more liberal immigration policy, the Government has a right to expect positive co-operation from the Churches in helping immigrants to be absorbed in the community.

II. Advertising:

(1958 Minutes, Page 90, Res. 13.)

The need for growth in a competitive society seems almost inevitably to debase human values, as is seen commonly in the commercialisation of sex, for instance. Expansion is maintained largely by advertising, which is valuable only when it presents a commodity or service fairly and gives details of its whereabouts and price. Advertising is unethical when—

(a) It achieves sales by false suggestions and half truth, e.g. by representing objects of no particular merit as being supremely desirable;

(b) It relies for success on the engendering of unnecessary fears and preoccupation in the minds of the impressionable or immature;

(c) It seeks to allay the individual and the public conscience.

The last-named category embraces the type of announcement which endeavours to change the recipient's attitude to those possessions that are supposed to set his social status. Accompanying the ever increasing production of creature comforts of all kinds is the growing pressure on modern society to adopt pleasure as the chief good. According to Vance Packard in his book, "The Hidden Persuaders," motivation researchers are seeking ways to sanction the consumer's unlimited enjoyment of pleasure. Thus the trend in advertising, especially in U.S.A., is towards seeking to overcome the buyer's lingering sense of guilt at his self-indulgence. This is an alarming tendency which clashes directly with the Christian concept of stewardship.

An examination of press advertising over some months revealed no obvious examples of gross deception. There were, however, numerous advertisements that made (or appeared to make) extravagant claims, and others that seemed purposely susceptible to misleading inference by the casual or hasty reader.

Legislation controls the advertising of patent medicines in this country. Under the Medical Advertisements Act, 1942, and subsequent Regulations, the advertising of remedies for a large number of illnesses and afflictions is prohibited; furthermore, the advertiser of any medicine may be required to prove a claim made in his advertisement and, failing proper substantiation, be ordered to cease making the claim. A Regulation under this Act forbids the ascribing, in any advertisement, of nutritive or medicinal properties to alcoholic beverages.

Subliminal advertising is said to have been used successfully in the United States in the course of motion picture or televised entertainment. It consists of a visual message or advertisement which is flashed repeatedly upon the screen for only a fraction of a second; although the viewer is not consciously aware of the advertisement, the object is to make an impression on his mind and so persuade him to buy the product named. Any means deliberately employed to bypass the conscious mind must be rejected as denying man the right to exercise his will, and so violating the sacredness of individual personality.

The current standards of advertising in New Zealand are not obviously opposed to principles of Christian conduct, and there does not appear any need for action at the moment. As the greatest future danger is likely to be in radio—especially television—advertising, we suggest sending a copy of this report to the Radio Committee. At the same time, the Public Questions Committee will continue to watch closely for objectionable advertising in other media, with a view to calling the attention of Synods and Conference to any serious deterioration from the standards prevailing at present.

3. A.I.D.:

(1958 Minutes, Page 90, Res. 12.)

Medical, legal, and moral issues are involved in dealing with this topic. Hitherto no detailed consideration has been given to the matter by Christian moralists, although various Church Assemblies and individual Christian leader overseas have made sharply varying pronouncements. The Committee feels that this subject can only be considered in the context of wider issues relating to the nature of the family, the place of sex and children within it, and the nature of human personality. It seeks leave to continue consideration of this Resolution.

4. Liaison with the Church of Christ:

During the year the Associated Churches of Christ established a Public Questions Committee, and enquired about possible lines of co-operation with our Committee. An exchange of Minutes has been agreed to, and other forms of co-operation in this field may emerge.

5. Conservation of Natural Resources of New Zealand:

The Committee hopes to consider the Christian Stewardship of our natural resources during the remainder of the year, and to report to Synods and Conference 1960.

6. Inter-church Council on Public Affairs:

The Council continues to fulfil an important function as the most representative body of Christian opinion in New Zealand. Much of its work this year has been concerned with Compassionate Immigration into this country.

C. O. HAILWOOD, Chairman.

W. G. EISNER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Board of Publications in consultation with the P.Q. Committee arrange for the publication in popular form of the material on immigration in New Zealand.

4. (a) That the Government be urged to legislate against the possible use in New Zealand of subliminal methods in the media of mass communication for commercial, political, religious, or other purposes.

(b) That the section of the report on advertising be circulated for study.

5. That the representatives of the Methodist Church on the Inter-Church Council for Public Affairs be the Chairman of the District, the Convener of the Public Questions Committee, and Mr A. E. Hurley.

6. That representatives on Inter-Church Council for Public Affairs be instructed to urge the Council to publicise the work of the Council more adequately both within the Church and in the community.

7. That Conference support the N.C.C. in its desire to establish a Refugee Home in New Zealand and firmly supports its approach to the Government to permit a liberal number of hard-core Refugees into this country.

8. That the Committee investigate ways of making public statements on current affairs and report to the next Conference.

9. That the Public Questions Committee prepare suitable material and make an approach to all Districts in order that the Christian attitude to political issues be fully presented to political parties before the general elections.

10. That the attention of our people be drawn to the statements and recommendations on smoking as published by the Government's Health Department.

11. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XXXVII.

B—International Affairs Committee

REPORT FOR 1959

1. World Population Pressure:

In extensive areas of the world, notably in Asia, but also in the New World, there is a considerable pressure of population on resources. Over recent years, the increase of population has begun to outrun again the supplies of food and materials necessary for peoples' livelihood.

The basic fact in this rapid increase in population rates is the control of death so that more of the population survives. This general result of increased good health goes on side by side with the increase in the knowledge of how to raise production to feed, clothe and employ the increase in peoples. The pressure of population on resources is due to the differential rates at which these two increases operate; the increase in population and the increase in the ability to feed them. The first is felt immediately; the second needs a tremendous amount of organisation and good will in order to apply the knowledge we already have.

While the Christian church may not approve all the methods used, it must do all within its power to assist those Asian countries which are suffering from population pressure.

For New Zealand to offer land is futile. We have not sufficient food or money to be more than a drop in the bucket. The countries

which are undergoing this strain of population against resources are themselves doing a very great deal by reorganising their agriculture and economic systems and by encouraging family planning to help themselves. In these circumstances, New Zealand must offer what it can, and that is the advice of skilled people to an extent which has not so far been contemplated. This virtually means that Colombo Plan aid is the contribution we can make to helping those Asian peoples to organise themselves to meet the problem and the Methodist Church should urge the extension of this aid with all the force it can, and could also urge those younger members of the Church who feel a duty to their fellows in less fortunate circumstances to fit themselves by the highest training they can acquire to offer that aid personally. A Christian conscience and a kind heart, though essential, are useless without that specialised knowledge which will help other people.

2. Technical Assistance:

In the Committee's report last year we referred to human values in technical assistance, suggesting a few of the questions that warrant examination by the Church. The National Council of Churches has now brought the subject before its member Churches in greater detail by means of study at the Life and Work Conference in May of this year. A comprehensive report is being published by the N.C.C. and our Methodist people are encouraged to study the findings.

At the present time our country has some twenty advisers overseas, assisting in technical schemes. This is being done through Government participation in the Colombo Plan. Since 1950, when the Plan was introduced, New Zealand has sent overseas just on 100 experts. This aid is mainly in the field of education, with a considerable emphasis on nursing, agriculture, and dentistry. There are at present 250 Colombo Plan students studying in this country. The Government spends £1,250,000 annually on this kind of aid. This is approximately 0.1 per cent of our national income. Non-Governmental agencies are also giving technical assistance of one kind and another. Missionary enterprise, N.C.C., C.O.R.S.O., and the University Students' Association are a few of the groups seized with the importance of this work.

The Churches can assist in several ways. They can educate their members in Christian responsibility. By encouraging special study in adult groups and Bible Classes, they can keep their members informed on the problems faced by people in under-developed countries and also explore ways in which the Churches may act. Moreover, Christians can arouse public interest in technical assistance and support for it. Our Church should encourage the dedicated workers within her ranks to offer themselves for this work and undertake overseas assignments. She could ask the Government to base selection of such experts on a wide range of personal characteristics and abilities in addition to technical competence, and possibly to advertise in order that all people who are suitably qualified may apply. Not least, our Church should call all its members to take a greater interest in the overseas students coming to our land. Providing hospitality in our homes; "adopting" a student for the duration of his or her stay in order to show continued interest; and showing genuine friendship to the stranger—these are ways of assistance near at hand. Many of the students are of other faiths, but Christian families can offer their fellowship and

guidance without any thought of proselytising, except in so far as such Christian behaviour and concern bears its own witness.

3. Racial Discrimination in Sport:

The Committee welcomes the evidence of a growing concern throughout the world over racial discrimination in international sport.

As a neighbour country of western background and culture favourably accepted by the Asian community as one of themselves, it is important that New Zealand recognise her opportunity to give a lead in witness against racial discrimination in every aspect of life. We are under close scrutiny for confirmation or denial of our claim of racial equality and harmony.

We recognise that the New Zealand Rugby Football Union in its general administration of the code has been above reproach on the question of racial discrimination. But it seems clear that in the matter of the tour of South Africa in 1960 the Union is prepared to forsake these principles. An overseas tour by a team representing New Zealand from which Maoris must be excluded, raises serious doubts in all minds. Our Committee expresses deep concern that a moral issue so deeply held not only by the Church but also by a widespread section of the community was not sufficiently regarded by the N.Z.R.F.U. Council. We oppose the attitude that moral, political, or humanitarian standards can be divorced from sport or any other human activity.

In a spirit of humility, and with a keen sense of failure in our own dealings and relations with our Maori brethren, we must consider whether our growing awareness of the issues involved makes the sending of a further team on this basis a denial of our faith in the equal value of all men before God, and belief in the Fatherhood of God.

4. Statement on Peace and War:

The Standing Committee on International Affairs was directed to bring to Conference of 1958 a statement on Peace and War in relation to the new situation arising from the development of nuclear weapons. This statement was received by Conference. (See 1958 Minutes, pages 95-98).

The mind of Conference was that adequate consideration of this statement requires that its practical implications should be outlined. The Committee has examined its report of last year and now brings the following statement for the consideration of the Church:

There is general acceptance of the opinion that a nuclear war would result in vast destruction and probably even the end of civilisation. The Church has already recorded her conviction that the manufacture and testing of nuclear weapons should be discontinued. The Church must now consider whether official sanction or "blessing" can be given to war waged with these weapons and fraught with such possibilities. Individual Christians will look for guidance from the Church as to whether they can participate at all in nuclear warfare. The Church must also consider the issue in relation to the community, and must come to a decision on the issue of participation or non-participation in either preparations for nuclear war or nuclear war itself.

Practical Implications for a Church Contemplating Such Action:

1. A. As a non-participant:

- (i) Such action could, in dividing the community, weaken or even endanger what order and justice we now have in the world. The action would need to be justified by the prospects it offered of the eventual attainment of a higher order and justice.
- (ii) A Church thus contracting out, would need to prepare for situations which might result; e.g. by training members.
 - (i) in techniques of non-violent resistance;
 - (ii) for meeting a weakening of the existing order and justice.
- (iii) While some people might be attracted to this Church by this type of programme, greater numbers might find this non-participation unacceptable, and be led to seek fellowship in other Churches.
- (iv) The relationship between such a Church and the State would be affected. The Church could be required to forfeit some of the civic and national privileges now enjoyed, and might even be classed as a subversive organisation. Members would encounter strong criticism, and some might find their means of livelihood endangered.

B. Alternatively, as a participant:

The Church as a body may feel that she cannot separate herself from the State and the general community, and cannot withdraw unless she can take the State and society with her, at least partly, in such withdrawal. This position could become passive acquiescence in national policies in order to be in fellowship with the State and society in whatever disaster may occur. If it is to be more, the Church must intensify her teaching mission, and impress members and non-members with the urgency of grappling with the issue raised by nuclear warfare.

2. Further Considerations:

In considering the above implications, the following issues are fundamental:

- (i) The Church has declared that war is contrary to the spirit and purpose of Jesus Christ. In repudiating nuclear warfare, the Church must decide: Can she continue to associate herself with any war or war preparations, and if so, to what extent?
- (ii) Is the fulfilment of God's sovereign will and purpose for the world subject to the fidelity of His Church? Is the will of God discoverable for the action of His Church in facing the nuclear threat?
- (iii) What relationship should now hold between Church and State?

3. Wider Implications:

The Church must consider whether she is spiritually and morally ready for such a step.

The Church cannot rest with the call to abandon war. She must aim at the peace which results from the practising of Christian love and justice, and work for the acceptance of attitude and establishing of institutions which will promote co-operation rather than conflict.

Some requirements are:

- (a) Recognising that national sovereignty must be subordinated in some degree to international control, the Church must urge Governments to establish adequate international authority and assist in every way possible to develop a true community of nations.
- (b) The Church must encourage among her members an active concern for the exercise of constructive force by international authority and policing.
- (c) The Church must become a more intensive fellowship, as a witness to the sovereignty of Christ, and a demonstration of the zeal of its members to further together God's purposes in the world. She must address herself urgently and seriously to her own divisions, which make it difficult for her to speak effectively to the world about unity.
- (d) The Church, in renouncing war to work for effective international government, must strengthen her proclamation and practice of the Gospel, and dedicate herself afresh to God as His instrument in advancing the Kingdom of Christ. Anything which divides the human family—economic inequalities, barriers of colour, race, creed—must be judged in the light of this purpose.

While study on the above is of great importance, our knowledge is limited, and we can foresee consequences very inadequately. The Church must at some stage launch out in faith upon relatively uncharted seas. It therefore becomes all the more important that she be loyal in belief and practice, discarding anything which would interfere with her loyalty to God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Further Implications:

We cannot at present see any likelihood of universal abandonment of the means of war and will therefore assume that if one or more nations abandon war other nations will still retain armed forces and may use them. Presumably rejection of the means of war would not apply to—

- (i) A small armed force for control of frontiers and territorial waters, and capable of preventing infiltration;
- (ii) A United Nations armed force.

1. Implications for Nations Repudiating Warfare:

A. Nuclear Weapons Only:

Such a nation would be obliged to contract out of any alliance relying on the use or threat of nuclear weapons. Agreements, even with nuclear powers would be based on the use of conventional weapons only. If a hostile nation attacked with nuclear arms all resistance would cease immediately.

B. Repudiation of all Types of Warfare:

- (i) It would be necessary to withdraw from all military alliances.
- (ii) All foreign military bases on the nation's soil would be removed.
- (iii) Armed forces would be only a token quantity and there would be no appreciable barrier to any country choosing to invade and occupy, unless an international force intervened.

- (iv) The rights of small nations could no longer be militarily defended.
- (v) It would certainly lose some friends and provoke accusations of failing our former allies; but on the other hand strengthening of friendships with uncommitted nations would be expected.
- (vi) For a nation with a heavy defence programme a serious economic upset would be likely, but the ultimate relief to the national budget would be enormous (59 per cent in U.S.A. and about 30 per cent in U.K.). Economic relations with former allies (particularly highly developed nations) might be damaged.

2. Implications for New Zealand:

If New Zealand renounced nuclear warfare only, S.E.A.T.O. and A.N.Z.U.S. would need modification to expressly exclude any threat or use of nuclear weapons. If New Zealand repudiated all types of warfare she would have to withdraw from A.N.Z.U.S. and S.E.A.T.O. This loss of security might be partly offset by improved relations with most of our Asian neighbours. (Only Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines belong to S.E.A.T.O.).

The withdrawal from military commitments would free resources which could be used in greater technical assistance in undeveloped countries.

3. Prospects and Policies for Peaceful Consequences:

The value of a bold and moral action might open up a new attitude in the present deadlock of distrust. It could reduce the tension of fear in the world. If progress is to be made, some country must be prepared to take a step in faith, accepting the risks involved. Such action would challenge other nations to respond in like manner. It could on the other hand seriously impair existing unity and might, by upsetting former allies, precipitate unwise action.

With armed forces no longer available, friendly relations with other nations would become doubly important. A desire to negotiate and a willingness to meet other nations halfway would be essential. The nation would need to do all in its power to strengthen the U.N.O. and make its machinery for international arbitration more effective.

A nation choosing to occupy another would weigh its expected advantages against:

- (i) The pressure of unfavourable world opinion which is becoming a factor of increasing importance in the world to-day;
- (ii) The practical and economic difficulties of longer lines of communication and the spreading of administrative financial and material resources over a wide area;
- (iii) The awkward problems of passive resistance, possibly well organised in advance.

It is generally assumed that an unarmed nation must accept the risk of an invasion.

4. Implications of Occupation:

Conditions of occupation might vary widely. At the best it could mean for New Zealand a drastically reduced standard of living and a loss of civil liberties. At the worst it could mean brutal oppression with great physical and mental cruelty. There is the

possibility of domination of the mind by brainwashing and indoctrination.

Many of the institutions of our society could be severely tested. The Church itself would be an obvious target. She must then adhere to a steadfast faith in God and the assurance of His sovereign love. She would continue to cherish the undiminished hope that good finally overcomes evil.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

P. D. RAMSAY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received.

2. Racial Discrimination in Sport.

(1) That Conference approves the statement on racial discrimination in sport and calls on the New Zealand Rugby Football Union to reverse its decision to send in 1960 to South Africa a touring team from which Maoris would be excluded, on grounds of racial discrimination in that country.

(2) Conference appeals to our people to associate actively with movements designed to express public concern on this matter, such as the signing and circulation of the national petition on this issue.

(3) That because of the far-reaching moral and spiritual issues involved in the exclusion of Maoris from what purports to be a representative New Zealand team, Conference ask the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs to take every possible step to persuade the Government to convene a meeting of representatives of the Church and the community with representatives of the N.Z.R.F.U. to facilitate a frank discussion with a view to achieving a satisfactory solution to the issue.

3. That Conference commend to our people the 1957, 1958, and 1959 statements on peace and war and the reading of books such as "Defence in the Nuclear Age," Stephen King-Hall; "Commonsense and Nuclear Warfare," Bertrand Russell; and "The Devil's Repertoire," Victor Gollancz. Further, that the material in the statements on peace and war be prepared in suitable form for group study by the Department of Christian Education and the Board of Publications. The study to be referred to congregations and Quarterly Meetings who shall report back to Synods and Conference, 1960.

4. That the fact that North Canterbury, Hawke's Bay, Manawatu, and Nelson Synods have declared themselves unequivocally opposed to nuclear warfare be brought to the notice of the Church when the study material on this subject is sent out by the Department of Christian Education.

5. Conference learns with gratitude that the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, in August, 1959, appealed to the nations not to resume nuclear bomb tests; and also that the Life and Work Conference at Auckland, in May, 1959, urged the New Zealand Government to press for a cessation of nuclear weapon tests by international agreement.

Conference records its own conviction that nuclear bomb tests will gravely threaten the health of an immense number of people, stimulate international fear and hatreds, and be a repudiation of basic Christian truths. Conference is convinced that the well being of man depends on the establishing of policies of faith, rather than fear, and reconciliations, rather than threats. Conference therefore

urges the Prime Minister and Government of New Zealand to take immediate note of the implication of the appeal of the World Council to other nations to make every endeavour to dissuade other countries from further tests and to repudiate the testing of nuclear weapons on behalf of New Zealand.

6. That the International Affairs Committee prepare a statement on bacteriological and chemical warfare in addition to nuclear warfare.

7. That the great assistance that can be given in needy countries by skilled people in education, agriculture, and technical help, be constantly brought before our young people as a splendid sphere of Christian service, and that the Department of Christian Education be asked to implement this.

8. That a grant of £25 from the Contingent Fund be made to the the Committee.

9. That the Committee be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION XXXVII.

C—Temperance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959.

The Committee has met throughout the year to deal with matters remitted to it by last Conference and with several other issues that have arisen since. It has been found of value to work with the New Zealand Alliance both locally and through headquarters, and the committee has also contributed to a Temperance Workshop conducted by the Auckland branch of the Alliance.

Questionnaire to Leaders' Meetings, etc.:

(Res. 2, 1958, Minutes of Conference, page 100.)

The Questionnaire authorised by last Conference has been prepared and over a thousand copies sent out to Corresponding Members of the committee in each District for distribution to circuits. The primary object of these questionnaires is to promote some free and frank discussion of the temperance issue at the local Church level. The committee also hopes however that they will provide for Conference a general picture of what the majority of our responsible layfolk feel on these issues, and therefore asks that all the questionnaires be returned well before the end of this year so that the answers may be collated if possible in time for report to Synods and Conference, 1960.

Legal Anomalies:

(Res. 6, 1958, Minutes of Conference, page 100.)

The committee was directed by last Conference to "consider the anomalies that exist because of the present legislation regarding the serving of alcoholic liquor outside the normal trading hours . . .". From investigations made through the New Zealand Alliance we have to report the following:

Liquor may be served at any time by a hotel licensee to any bona fide lodger, and the lodger apparently has a right at common law, which has not been taken away by any specific statute, to supply liquor so purchased to his guests by way of entertainment. This latter right does not belong to hotel employees living on the premises. Liquor may also be supplied between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. with meals served in the dining room of a hotel or

chartered club. Extended hours permits may also be issued by the Chairman of a Licensing Committee at his own discretion, for the supply and consumption of liquor after normal trading hours at social functions held on licensed premises, at chartered clubs or at restaurants, on a specified date, provided that application is made by the licensee, club secretary, or authorised representative of the body holding the function, that no charge is made for the liquor, other than an approved admission charge, that admission to the function is by invitation, and that no liquor is supplied or consumed after an hour specified by the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

While the above exemptions from the normal trading hours could hardly be called anomalies, there does seem to be an element of genuine anomaly in two other provisions of the law.

Liquor which was purchased within the normal trading hours can be delivered or carried away at any time afterwards. This provision has been the subject of much abuse, and it was withdrawn under war regulations, but despite the recommendation of the Royal Commission to the contrary, this right has since been restored.

The licensed premises of a publican are his home and he is free to entertain his friends, and as a host, supply his personal guests with liquor. Previous to 1955 it was apparently accepted by all, that this right did not extend to the use of the public bar, which could not really be considered part of the publican's home. However a decision of the Supreme Court in 1955 ruled that the public bar could be used after hours, to supply liquor to the bona fide guests of either licensees or lodgers, and this provision was enacted by statute in 1957. A Christchurch Magistrate recently remarked that so long as a publican is free to entertain as many guests as he pleases the licensing laws will be difficult to enforce.

The committee feels that any direct action with regard to these matters is beyond its scope and would be best left to the New Zealand Alliance who are well aware of the position and on the alert to pursue any possible remedy.

Television Advertising:

During the year the New Zealand Alliance has made submissions to the Minister of Broadcasting regarding liquor advertising and liquor scenes on television programmes. From what has happened in this regard in England, especially under the auspices of the Independent Television Authority, there seems every reason for this matter to be looked into at an early stage, and all the more reason for supporting the recommendation of the Select Committee on RTV set up by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs that Commercial TV as and when initiated, should be under control of a Department of Government (See (2) top of page 214, 1958 Minutes of Conference).

There is no commercial advertising of liquor over the air in New Zealand, and although this is a matter of policy rather than law, it is backed up by the recommendation of the Royal Commission "that the advertising of alcoholic liquor by radio or by screen should be prohibited." The committee considers that the submission of the New Zealand Alliance that there should be no advertising of liquor on commercial television, is worthy of the support of Conference and an appropriate resolution is appended. Apart from actual advertising, the incidence of scenes on the ordinary television programmes in which the drinking of alcohol is played up

as a normal and necessary feature of gracious living has caused concern in Great Britain, and would need to be carefully watched by our Methodist Radio Committee.

The Election of Licensing Committees:

Due to certain difficulties of procedure, the projected legislation providing for the election of local Licensing Committees in conjunction with the local body elections has not yet come down, and at the date of this report it is not certain just when the next local Licensing Committees will be elected. However the committee would re-iterate the principle of Resolution 4 of last year's Conference (Minutes page 100) and ask Ministers and Quarterly Meetings to watch developments and co-operate in sponsoring suitable candidates when the need arises.

Liquor in Airports:

The Christchurch Airport Authority, backed up by the City Council has approached the Government to allow the sale of liquor at the Harewood Airport, in contravention of the well-established principle that it is in the interests of the travelling public that the purchase or consumption of alcohol on our public transport system should be prohibited. The New Zealand Alliance has opposed the application, and since it raises an important matter of principle, the committee appends an appropriate resolution conveying to the Government the support of our Church for the stand taken by the Alliance.

"Why People Drink":

This study prepared by the Rev Selwyn Dawson, M.A., has now been published by our Department of Christian Education and is warmly commended for use by youth groups. Supplies are available from the Epworth Bookroom, Wellington.

Assistant Superintendent, N.Z. Alliance:

During the year Mr Trevor Young LL.B. has taken up his duties as Assistant Superintendent to the New Zealand Alliance. An active member of the Church of Christ, Mr Young has recently qualified as a solicitor, and given up a responsible position in the public service. He is also a city councillor, and brings to his task a fresh and, vigorous approach. We commend him to the Church.

S. J. WERREN, Chairman.

I. RAMAGE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference support wholeheartedly the submissions of the New Zealand Alliance that advertising of liquor should be prohibited from Commercial Television if it is introduced, and that this resolution be conveyed to the Minister of Broadcasting together with the request that in the public interest the featuring of alcoholic drinking in ordinary television programmes be kept to a minimum.

3. Believing that the present regulations which aim at keeping our transport system free from the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor are in the best interests of the travelling public Conference view with deep concern the application for a liquor licence at Christchurch Airport. It is convinced that the granting of such a licence would be a serious retrograde step, in that it would

be a precedent for the granting of other such licences, and would open the way for the consumption of liquor in other transport services.

4. That greetings of the Conference be sent to Mr Trevor Young, LL.B., on his taking up his duties as Assistant Superintendent of the New Zealand Alliance.

5. That the Committee receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund during 1960.

6. That the National Broadcasting Service be commended for its series of broadcasts on the work of Alcoholics Anonymous.

7. That Conference request the N.C.C. to set up a representative committee to do research work into all the relevant factors associated with the liquor trade and temperance teaching.

8. That Conference convey its congratulations to Mr F. H. Southgate, of Blenheim, on his appointment as President of the New Zealand Alliance.

9. That Conference give expression to the Church's appreciation of the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and intimate the Church's support of this work.

10. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 8 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, 1959, are summarised in the following schedule:—

1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account	54,636	11	11
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	416,961	4	8
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ..	19,600	0	0
Loans from other sources	78,602	6	0
All other Receipts	397,042	4	0
Total Receipts	966,842	6	7
Debit Balances	46,110	17	5
TOTAL	1,012,953	4	0

EXPENDITURE

Debit Balance from last year	35,624	18	1
Loan Fund Instalments	9,438	3	1
Other Loans repaid	25,615	11	1
Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	7,725	3	8
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Bldgs.	239,736	0	11
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	154,469	1	6
Total Expenditure	472,608	18	4
Credit Balances	66,028	3	11
Balances held for Special Purposes	474,316	1	9
TOTAL	1,012,953	4	0

2. TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCES 3,830,698 0 0

3. DEBT

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	204,563	11	9
Add New Loans received during year	96,874	0	10
TOTAL	301,437	12	7
Deduct Loans repaid during year	35,306	3	2
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	266,131	9	5

In order to obtain a clear picture of the year's operations, it is necessary to consider the above facts in the light of the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee which gives full details of property transactions approved for the current year.

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

1. General trust income an increase of £19,137
2. Amount held for special purposes .. an increase of £64,254
3. Amount spent on erection of buildings, land purchases, etc. .. an increase of £72,833
4. Amount of debt an increase of £60,943

As stated in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee—the degree of activity in respect to building operations which has been a characteristic of our Church life for the last twelve years has again been a marked feature of this year's life and work within the Church.

The amount expended for all property purposes represents an average expenditure per Church member of approximately £14 10s. It must be kept in mind that a proportion of the money thus expended has been derived from sources other than direct contributions. The figures, however, indicate fairly clearly what is being done year by year by our people.

H. L. FIEBIG,

General Secretary for Church Property.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. (a) That thanks be tendered to the District Property Secretaries for their services.
(b) That special thanks be accorded to Mr J. Drake, of Gonville, who has acted as Property Secretary for the Taranaki-Wanganui District for the past 14 years.
(c) That Conference place on record its appreciation of the many years of faithful service rendered by the late S. E. Chappell as Property Secretary for the Auckland District.
3. That where there is only one auditor of account 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 F. M. Souster, 408 Richardson Road, Auckland.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Mr A. L. Fox, Brecon Road, Stratford.

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.

QUESTION XXXVIII.

B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Projects Approved:

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

- (a) New sites purchased (6)—excludes additional land.
- (b) New Churches (7)
- (c) New Halls (5)
- (d) New Parsonages (11)—includes 6 replacements.
- (e) Extension and additions to buildings (22)
- (f) Sundries (Dwellings, Hostels, etc.) (16)

It is estimated that the cost of the above undertakings will be in the vicinity of £210,000.

When it is remembered that this is but the continuance of a programme of similar magnitude reported annually for many years past it will be realised how devoted and consistent are the efforts of our people to provide the material means necessary for the work and witness of the Church.

Loans:

(a) As at 31st May, the total number of interest-free loans was 107 totalling £67,089 10s 2d.

(b) New Loans advanced this year to 23 trusts amounted to £20,550 as under:

Northland District: Rawene £1500; Kerikeri £300.

Auckland: Tyler Cres. £1000; Beach Haven £250; Silverdale £1000; Waiake £1000; Swanson £1000.

South Auckland: Rotorua £1000; Kerepehi £500; Huntly £800.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Inglewood £1000; Marton £1000; Taihape £900.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu: Trinity (P.N.) £1000; Napier South £1000.

Wellington: Te Marua £450; Upper Hutt £1000; Karori Church £1000; Karori Parsonage £1000; Raumati Beach £1000.

Nelson: Reefton £700.

South Canterbury: Oamaru South £150; Woodlands Street, £1000.

Otago-Southland: St Peters (Invercargill) £1000.

(c) **Loans promised** amount to £37,000. Further reference is made to these loans in a subsequent paragraph.

Church Extension Appeal:

(a) (1958) Last year the special effort of the Church was again directed toward the dual purpose of (a) increasing the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund for the issuing of interest-free loans and (b) Providing a fund from which straight-out grants can be made to assist in the establishing of new causes.

The total amount received was £18,976 7s 4d. After meeting expenses totalling £376 8s 5d, the sum of £12,400 (2-3rd) was transferred to the Loan Fund Capital and the sum of £6199 18s 11d (1-3rd) to Grants Account.

(b) (1960) Conference has decided that next year the Church will again be asked to put its united strength into a similar effort, the target being at least £30,000.

Last year only about two-thirds of the amount asked for was received. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that only as all circuits put as much as they possibly can into this common pool will it be possible for the Committee to give that degree of assistance which so many trusts are constantly seeking in their building enterprises.

Increased capital means:

(a) More interest-free loans.

(b) Increased revenue each year from repayments which in turn makes possible other loans.

(c) Reducing the waiting time for such loan money.

(d) A higher maximum amount for a loan than the present sum of £1000 when the priority list is reduced to reasonable proportions.

Grants:

(a) Grants from the Sites Fund for new sites purchased have been made as follows:

Rothesay Bay £100; Ohai £50; Stanmore Bay £50; Hiku-rangi £25; Birkenhead £75; Wainuiomata £100; Glen Innes £100; Campbell's Bay £100.

(b) From the Church Extension Fund:

Tyler Crescent (Auckland) £400; Western Heights (Rotorua) £250; Upper Hutt (donation, special) £10; Mayfield (Blenheim) £500; Wairakei Road (Christchurch) £900.

The cost of sections is so high to-day that it is urgently necessary to make as high as possible all grants made to assist new causes.

The Church Council, in consultation with Standing Committees of Synods, the Home Mission Department and this Committee agreed on the following urgent priorities in respect to Church expansion:

Auckland:	Birkenhead	Greenhithe
	Henderson	Massey
	Auckland South	Ridge Road (Tyler Cres.)
	Papatoetoe	Three sections
South Auckland:	Tokoroa	Church Hall
	Mangakino	Church Hall

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:	Napier Hastings	Onekawa Mayfair
Wellington:	Porirua East Prosser Block	
North Canterbury:	Riccarton St Albans	Halswell Wairakei Rd. and Wai- mairi Rd. area.
Otago-Southland:	Mosgiel Waverley	Reid Block
Parsonages:	Takapuna, East Coast Bays Marion Avenue—Auckland South Howick—Auckland East Glen Innes—Auckland East Taupo Palmerston, St Pauls (2nd)	

Other developing areas which will need urgent assistance will be reported later through the Districts.

At present there are some 21 projects that call for as much assistance as possible in respect to a Grant and/or a Loan.

SALES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by January 31st, 1961, the sanction lapses.

Auckland District:

Warkworth (Rear section); Mt. Maunganui (2 rds.), £1000.

South Auckland:

Matiere (Church); Tauranga (Church building).

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Takaro (P.N.) (21.91 per.), £500; Napier (Parsonage), £2500.

Wellington:

Dept. Christian Ed. (Parsonage), £4500; Waikanae (Church and land); Te Horo (land—Church shifted); Kuripuni (Church).

Nelson:

Karoro (Greymouth), 21.8 per., £500; Hokitika (Parsonage), £400.

North Canterbury:

Central Mission (Beach house), £400; Cashmere (Parsonage), £3500.

South Canterbury:

Mayfield (Parsonage), £1200.

Otago-Southland:

Dundas Street (Parsonage), £2500; Lawrence (Parsonage), £600.

LEASES

The following have been approved:

Papakura (Shops); Wesley (Wellington)—Shops; Wesley College Trust (10 Dwellings); Mt. Wesley (Dargaville)—Farm.

LAND PURCHASES

Purchases of land have been approved as under:

Northland District:

Hikurangi (2 rds.), £100; Helensville (25 per.), £700.

Auckland:

Surfdale (Gift); Henderson (1 rd. 24.8 per.), £950; Central Mission (10 ac.), Hamilton, £5230; Mauku (Gift).

South Auckland:

Taupo (1 rd.), £450.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Takaro (32 per.), £700.

Nelson:

Richmond (1 rd. 32 per.), £1050.

North Canterbury:

Wainoni (Ch'ch) (2 rds. 36.9 per.), £1750.

Otago-Southland:

Broad Bay (30 per.), £400; Ohai (25 per.), £250.

BUILDINGS

Purchases (P), Erections (E), and Additions and Alterations (A).

Purchases and plans have been approved as under. (In some instances estimated costs only are available.)

Northland District:

Ruawai (E) Church Hall, £5000; Whangarei Church (A), £2000; Kaero (Farm Trust) Dwelling (E), £2180; Manganui (A) Church.

Auckland:

Glen Eden (P) Dwelling, £1500; Papakura (E) Shop; Northcote (E) B.C. Rooms, £1500; Northcote (P) Dwelling, £1875; Papakura (A) Shop; Manurewa (E) Hall, £4000; Manurewa (E) Parsonage, £4800; Walmsley Road (A), £1800; Waitangi Road (A), £1400; Camp Trust (E) Kitchen, £1800; Pukekohe (E) Church, £13,000; Mauku (A) H.M. Dept. Deaconess Cottage (P), £1635.

South Auckland:

Thames (P) House and Land, £2060; Paeroa (E) Cloakrooms, £350; Tauranga (E) Church, £19,000; Mt. Maunganui (P) Parsonage, £4575 (inc.); Leamington (E) Hall, £2500.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Waitara (E) Cloakrooms, £200; Rahotu Camp (E) Ablution Block, £600; Kaponga (E) B.C. Room, £520.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Hastings (E) Parsonage, £5000; Trinity (P.N.) (P) Dwelling, £1600; Napier (P) Parsonage, £5200 (inc.).

Wellington:

Wesley (P) Hostel, £9700; Ngaio (P) Dwelling, £3350; Porirua (P) Hall, £200; Epuni (E) Classrooms, £1800; Lyall Bay Church (A), £1200; Wellington South Church (A), £4000; Kuripuni (P) Dwelling and 1 acre.

Nelson:

Blenheim S.S. (A); Lower Moutere (E) Church, £5000 (plan only); Hokitika (P) Parsonage, £2100.

North Canterbury:

Somerfield Street (E) Church, £12,000; Cashmere (P) Parsonage, £5050; Leigh Camp (E) Bunkhouses and Ablution Block (V); Kaiapoi (P) Dwelling, £800; Rugby Street (E) Cloakrooms; Richmond (Ch'ch) (A) Parsonage, £1900; Wigram (A), £3000; Springston (E) Parsonage, £4250; Wairakei Road (E) Church Hall, £5500; Woolston (A) Hall; Aldred (E) Hall, £3800; Addington (A) Kitchen; Central Mission (P) House, £2750.

South Canterbury:

Baring Square (E) Hall, £24,000; Oamaru South (A), £700; Oamaru North (A), £800; Camp Trust Hall, etc., £4700.

Otago-Southland:

Caversham (A) Church, £300; Dundas Street (P) Parsonage, £3000; Cromwell (A) Parsonage; Ohai (E) Parsonage, £4725; Bluff (E) Church, £7500.

MARRIAGE OF STUDENTS AND PROBATIONERS

A report on this matter was submitted by the Board of Studies to the Church Council and the Conference of last year. The Conference decided that the report and recommendations arising therefrom should be sent down to Synods and Conference of this year.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee considers that it is necessary for it to point out certain facts in regard to the whole matter. The Committee already has had to consider the question of accommodation of men who commence Probation as married men. There are two aspects of the matter which have had to be examined and which demand further study:

- (a) The position of the Probationer himself who has to find accommodation for himself and his wife and family and is often forced to live under very difficult and unworthy conditions.
- (b) The position of a circuit which feels that in spite of Conference regulations it is under obligation to provide worthy accommodation and for which it has not been able to make adequate financial preparation.

The present regulations state that Probationers may be given permission to marry under the following conditions:

- (a) They must give satisfactory information concerning their financial position.
- (b) They must undertake not to make any claim for a stipend greater than that paid to a single probationer, or for the provision of a Parsonage or dwelling house, or for any allowance in respect to children born while on probation.

The recommendations arising from the above-mentioned report suggest certain amendments in respect to Stipend and accommodation but not in regard to Children's allowance. (See separate report respecting the two categories (A) and (B).

In the next six years it must be anticipated that probably 45 to 50 Parsonages at least will be required to provide for the men who will be ordained during that time, allowing on the other hand for the men who will retire. (Note—it is possible to give approximate figures only when trying to forecast a position such as this. The above statement, however, may be taken as fairly correct).

There are at present some 24 Parsonages occupied by either a Probationer or a Home Missionary. Within a very short time they should all be occupied by ordained ministers. There are also some 24 circuits listed as "one wanted" which could be reasonably expected to provide a Parsonage within the next six years. Circuits, however, must be given time to prepare and also adequate notice that in due course they will be expected definitely to make extra provision in this way, both in respect to increased stipend and in regard to a parsonage and furniture. (At present, our regulations state that after a circuit has had a Probationer for four years it is required to provide a Parsonage). This rule has had very little recognition for some years past chiefly because the extra ordained men have not been available. In some cases Circuits have asked to

be relieved for a given period owing to financial stringency. As mentioned above the availability of men will be a different matter in the future.

As the number of ordained ministers steadily increases the number of parsonages available for probationers will correspondingly decrease to vanishing point.

In theory it may be thought to be a comparatively easy matter for a Probationer who marries to obtain adequate accommodation suitably placed in relation to his sphere of work. In practice it proves in most cases to be very difficult and imposes a heavy burden upon both the probationer and the circuit.

The practical issues arising from the foregoing facts cannot be ignored and Circuits and Synods are urged to consider them very carefully. A steady increase of the number of Probationers who are married when they commence Circuit work must inevitably make demands on our Circuits for which at present they are not prepared.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

Report on Robert Gibson Trust

Conference in 1957 empowered the President in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to take steps necessary to obtain a variation of the trusts of the Will of Robert Gibson deceased and passed resolutions (see 1957 Minutes, page 107) as to the future administration of the Trust.

A draft Statement of Facts and a Scheme for the variation of the Trusts has been prepared and submitted to the Advisory Committee and to the Public Trustee.

Representatives of the Public Trustee, the Advisory Committee and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee have met and considered the draft Scheme.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee with the approval of the Advisory Committee now submits its Recommendations.

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the following be referred to the Law Revision Committee: That the Law Book, page 26, par. 154, section (f), which requires the Superintendent Minister to audit the Trust Account, be altered to read "in conjunction with the Circuit Steward annually audit the Trust Accounts, personally or by deputy."

3. That in planning future appeals for Church Extension, the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee submit a report to the Church Council on the following:

(1) "That Conference authorise that the total moneys received in any one year from Advance Methodism Appeals be used to assist not more than three circuits and/or causes in rapidly developing areas. The money so allocated shall be in the form of a grant and shall not be interest-bearing or repayable."

(2) "That Conference be requested to give more urgent attention to the requirements of Church extension in large new housing

areas, e.g., by the provision of funds or other assets held by Church Trusts or Departments, by increasing Connexional Appeal levies, and by asking District Property Committees to give closer oversight of local Trust building activities in the light of the Connexion's overall priorities."

4. Gibson Estate Trust:

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference hereby approves of the following draft Scheme for variation of the Trust, namely, that the accumulated funds held by the Public Trustee and annual income arising therefrom and from the land and other assets now held by the Estate of Robert Gibson under the bequest to the Methodist Church be applied as follows:
 - (a) That out of the said accumulated funds—a sum of not less than £10,000 shall be set aside as a reserve fund to be held by the Trust Board to be available for the management, improvement and development of the said lands and for all purposes for which a reserve could be used by Trustees under Section 15 s.s. 2 of the Trustee Act, 1956.
 - (b) That the balance of the accumulated funds and the income from time to time arising from the lands and funds be applied, subject to the power of the Board to set aside out of income such amounts as the Board may in its discretion consider necessary to maintain the reserve fund referred to in paragraph (a) in and towards—
 - (i) The erection of the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall at Manaia. A sum of £10,000 or such other sum as shall be approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund shall be set aside for this purpose. There shall be such annual grant as shall be necessary adequately to maintain the same.
 - (ii) The provision of one or more bursaries enabling boys to attend Wesley College Paerata. In a special case the Trust Board may provide for a bursary to be held at such other educational institution as may be approved. In order to continue their education where desirable the Trust Board shall have power to grant bursaries to enable such boys to undertake University and post-graduate courses. The number available and conditions attached to such bursaries shall be determined by the Conference on the recommendation of the Trust Board. In the granting of such bursaries, special consideration shall be given to orphan boys and to boys who desire to follow an agricultural course, whose parents had been Methodists or Presbyterians.
 - (iii) An Annual Grant to the Methodist Children's Homes at Auckland and Masterton.
 - (iv) From the balance thereof grants shall be made to such forms of youth work under the auspices of the Methodist Church including the acquisition of land therefore and the erection of buildings thereon as shall be determined by the said Conference on the recommendation of the said Trust Board preference being given for such work in the Taranaki-Wanganui Synodal District.
3. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be hereby empowered to approve on behalf of the Conference of the

final Scheme prior to its submission by the Public Trustee to the Attorney-General for his approval and the application by the Public Trustee for the approval thereof of the Supreme Court.

4. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee in consultation with the Advisory Committee shall be hereby empowered to approve on behalf of the Conference of the constitution of the proposed Trust Board.

5. That the President be empowered on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to authorise the incorporation of the Trust Board under the Charitable Trusts Act, 1957 and upon such incorporation to request the Public Trustee to transfer all assets held by him subject to the Trusts of the Will of Robert Gibson deceased to the Trust Board.

6. That the following be appointed members of the Advisory Committee, the Chairman for the time being of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, Messrs O. T. Parry, L. M. Moss, K. F. Andrews, A. Pettigrew, M. S. Hughson, S. W. Bailey, and A. E. Williams.

5. District Advisory Committees:

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

NORTHLAND:

Messrs A. H. M. Farrell and W. J. Court.

AUCKLAND:

Revs. R. F. Clement and L. R. M. Gilmore; Mr F. M. Souster.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Revs W. R. Francis and C. B. Oldfield; Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young and H. Longbottom.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

The District Property Secretary, Ministers of New Plymouth Circuit, and Messrs L. M. Moss and M. S. Hughson.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Rev Dr R. Dudley, Mr A. H. Fisher, and the District Property Secretary.

WELLINGTON:

Rev C. O. Hailwood, Messrs S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey.

NELSON:

To be appointed by the Synod Standing Committee.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Nil.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

The District Property Secretary, Rev A. R. Witheford and Mr H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs A. J. Handyside and D. J. D. Hickman, Messrs E. B. McLeod, J. R. Wesney, A. G. Froggatt, and A. Horne.

6. That the Committee be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION XXXVIII.

C—Report of Custodian of Deeds

1959

For the year ended 30th June, the following records have been dealt with:

- Certificates of Title** have been received and acknowledged as under:
Auckland—Waiuku; Walmsley Road; Sunset Road (Takapuna); Panmure; Central Mission (2); Helensville.
South Auckland—Greerton; Te Uku.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Taihape; Stratford.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Roslyn (P.N.); Highbury Avenue (P.N.); West End (P.N.); St Paul's (P.N.) (3).
Wellington—Te Marua; Hataitai (2); Carterton.
Nelson—Mayfield (Blenheim); Motueka (Lease).
North Canterbury—Kaiapoi.
Otago-Southland—Gore; Invercargill Central; Ohai.
- New Trusts** have been registered as follows:
Northland District—Mt. Wesley (Farm).
Auckland—Manurewa Parsonage; Surfdale; Rothesay Bay Parsonage.
Wellington—Elsdon.
Nelson—Waimea Parsonage.
North Canterbury—Wairakei Road.
Otago-Southland—Kaikorai Valley; Ohai Parsonage; Otautau Parsonage.
- Trustees**.—Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as follows:

	Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Northland District	8	13	22
Auckland	31	61	105
South Auckland	21	52	37
Taranaki-Wanganui	10	25	25
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	17	31	40
Wellington	22	35	41
Nelson	7	19	21
North Canterbury	20	41	63
South Canterbury	7	16	16
Otago-Southland	23	31	65
	166	324	435

Christchurch, 30/6/59.

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXIX.—What is the condition of the various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

1.—THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1959.

The annual financial report herewith shows a satisfactory increase in rentals and in interest on investments.

The only increase in Expenditure is for repairs and maintenance. We anticipate increasing annual costs under this heading as the buildings age, in order to maintain sound standards of maintenance and value. It is also necessary for the Board to conserve substantial funds in view of extensive buildings replacement within the next few years.

The increasing investments as shown are all in Government or local body funds, plus the advance to Trinity College (for the new Chapel), which has been reduced by £1000 during the year. The annual grant to Trinity College has been maintained at £1500 and the annual provision of £1500 made to the Building Renewal Fund which now stands at £15,000.

The members of the Board for the ensuing year 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, G. C. Riddell, and W. F. Winstone.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

XXXIX (2) PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1959.

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1959.

The Trust property, seventeen shops in Upper Queen Street, Auckland, has been maintained in good repair, and the tenancies of these has been satisfactory, one change only having taken place during the year.

The report last year mentioned the compensation that was due to be paid to the Salvation Army on the expiration of the original fifty-year lease. The Trustees are happy to report that the whole of that indebtedness has been paid during the year.

It is now their intention to repay the mortgage on the property, £4500, as soon as possible, and thus be free to establish and consolidate a Capital Fund that could materially assist in the future development of the property.

The Salvation Army have found that they will not be able to enter into possession of their new property at the anticipated time, and asked that they might be given an extension of their lease for one year until 30th June, 1961. The Trustees agreed to grant this extension, which will give more time for consideration of future development.

New members have been added to the Trust, which will strengthen it in its active work.

A grant of £200 was made to Trinity Theological College.

The Trustees recognise the value and importance of the property committed to their care, and will make every effort to utilise it to the fullest possible advantage, and for the good of the Church.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

PERCY DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

XXXIX (3).—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The Board has met four times during the year. Grants amounting to £252 have been made. Such grants are available for needy Methodists of good standing, on a Dominion-wide basis, and all applications receive sympathetic and confidential consideration.

The death of the Rev E. D. Patchett closed a long record of able service as a Board member and official. In accepting the resignations of the Rev Dr H. Ranston as Chairman and the Rev F. Copeland as Secretary, the Board records its appreciation of many years of outstanding service, the former having been a member of the Board from its inception. These resignations were caused by failing health, but the Board rejoices that both brethren are still available as members.

Mr L. W. Peak has been appointed Chairman and the Rev E. E. Sage as Secretary.

The Board is as follows: Mr L. W. Peak (Chairman), Revs Dr H. Ranston, A. H. Scrivin, W. Walker, F. Copeland, G. I. Laurenson, E. W. Hames, M.A., E. E. Sage (Secretary); Messrs J. S. Caughey, E. A. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, F. Penn, G. S. Gapper.

L. W. PEAK, Chairman.

E. E. SAGE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

ANNUAL REPORT.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report of the Board for the year ended 30th June, 1959.

Masterton Methodist Children's Home:

We continue to supply the main financial requirements of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home, although the actual management of the Home is carried out by a local Masterton Committee. It is the expressed wish of the Conference that the full control of the Home should be assumed by the Masterton Committee, and although our earlier attempts to devolve a take-over scheme mutually acceptable to both the Committee and to the Board, were not successful, we are pleased to report that some progress has now been made. A sub-committee of representatives of the Home Committee, Rangiatea and the Board has recommended a scheme which the Board has now adopted for a trial period of two years. Whilst the scheme does not go so far as the Conference recommendation, it is hoped that it will lead, after the trial period, to the Masterton Committee accepting the full responsibility. Details of the scheme are set out under the heading "Finance" below.

Following its usual practice, the Masterton Committee has reported direct to the Conference, and the Board endorses the

Committee's recommendations. We express pleasure that, it has been possible to provide a fine new recreation room at a total cost of £3024, of which £1365 has been met by Government subsidy.

We express our deep appreciation of the devoted service of the Home Committee and staff, and refer in particular to the resignation of Miss C. Fell who joined the staff in 1944. Her many years of faithful service are gratefully acknowledged, and have been suitably recognised by the Board.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' College Trust:

It gives the Board great pleasure that the Hostel has at last been completed, and we trust that the service which it provides will be of lasting benefit to our Maori people. The Board has approved a grant of £1000 towards the cost of furnishing and equipping the Hostel, and this amount will be paid during the current year.

It is recommended that Messrs A. Eaton Hurley, G. C. Burton, and A. D. Priestley be reappointed as the Board's representatives on the College Trust Board.

Finance:

In keeping with present trends, the yield from investment of Masterton Home funds showed an improvement of just over £100, and as a heavy anticipated expenditure for painting and decorating has not yet come to charge, the net cost to the Board of maintaining the Home was only £43. The usual grant of £600 has been made to Rangiatea, leaving a balance of income of £1,082. In view of the anticipated charge to come for Masterton renovations, the amount has been carried forward in "Revenue Appropriation" Account instead of being added to Capital Account, and at its Annual Meeting the Board allocated £250 to Masterton Home for painting and the balance equally between Masterton and Rangiatea.

The scheme of distribution of the Board's income recommended by the sub-committee and now adopted by the Board is as follows:

- (1) This scheme is for a trial period of two years commencing 1st July, 1959, and is without any commitment thereafter.
- (2) Rates and insurance on the Home property are to become the responsibility of the Masterton Committee.
- (3) Net income of the Board shall be divided equally between the Masterton Committee and the Rangiatea Board.
- (4) In the meantime, the Masterton property and the investments of Masterton Home capital shall remain vested in the Board.

The 1958 Conference requested the Board to examine the funds with a view to clarifying the respective assets of the Maori and the Orphanage interests.

In this connection we have to report that the sum of £19,726 shown in our accounts as "Masterton Capital Account" represents the accumulation of legacies specifically bequeathed for the purposes of the Home. These legacies are invested in New Zealand Government stock and are held by the Board for the exclusive purposes of the Home. All other assets are held, in terms of our incorporating Act, for the general purposes of the Trust as therein defined, and it is not competent for them to be specifically apportioned. It is, however, competent for the Board to allocate the income from its investments for the support of any institution

qualified under our Act to receive such support, and it is in terms of this power that the Board has decided that, for the next two years, its income be equally divided between the Masterton Home and the Rangiatea Hostel.

Chairman:

The Board unanimously recommends to the Conference that the Rev Robert Thornley be re-appointed Chairman.

On behalf of the Board.

ROBT. THORNLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Messrs A. Eaton, Hurley, G. C. Burton, and A. D. Priestly be re-appointed as its representatives on the College Trust Board.

3. That the Rev R. Thornley be re-appointed Chairman of the Board.

XXXIX (5).—THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

XXXIX (6).—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

XXXIX (7).—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

During the year a farm workers' cottage has been erected in place of the original residence destroyed by fire last year. It cost £2588 7s 6d for which insurance money amounting to £2500 was available. The difference of £88 7s 6d plus £19 0s 6d which were the legal expenses incurred in connection with the raising of the State Advances Loan on the farm residence built four years ago accounts for the difference of £107 8s in the value of the Farm Property stated in the balance sheet. The sum of £250 from the Depreciation Reserve Fund has been invested in a Local Body Loan and in view of the additional dwelling the amount of depreciation has been increased to £100 per annum. The annual grant to the Home Mission Department has been transferred to Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel Trust. This will increase the grant to this Trust to £200 per annum. The Trustees are very satisfied with the way in which the tenant is farming and caring for the property.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

XXXIX (8).—GIBSON ESTATE TRUST.

RESOLUTIONS

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

(See also under Church Property, Question XXXVIII.)

XXXIX (9).—YOUTH OPPORTUNITY (WESLEY) TRUST BOARD, AUCKLAND

In 1957 the Board was authorised to sell the property at Te Atatu comprising hostel buildings, hobbies' room, two bungalows, and nineteen acres of land. Investigations were made of the feasibility of offering the property for group housing purposes and surveys were carried out for division into sections, roading and drainage. It was found that regulations regarding sewage disposal were difficult and while negotiations were in progress the Justice Department expressed an interest in the property. Valuations were taken and an offer of £21,800 was acceptable to both parties. Later, however, the Government declined the offer and negotiations were broken off.

The Board decided to continue with the group housing scheme. The two bungalows were immediately placed on the market. This action drew the attention of building contractors and three offers for the purchase of the whole or part of the property were received by the Board. The offer of a large construction firm for £22,000 has been accepted and approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Board.

We wish to place on record our appreciation to the Rev A. Everil Orr and Mr R. T. Garlick, who assisted the Board in its efforts to dispose of the property. The property carries a Government subsidy of approximately £9000, which has been personally guaranteed by three members of the Board. So long as the subsidy is retained the guarantee should be transferred to the Board of Trustees or such other Board as the Conference approves.

The sale has been negotiated so recently that the Board is not in a position to give full details or report its decision on the disposal of the residual assets. A further interim report may be submitted to Conference.

O. M. OLDS, Chairman.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

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

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board

INTERIM REPORT TO SYNODS, 1959

The usual full report will be presented to Conference in due course dealing with matters arising from the financial operations for the year ending 31st May.

Employers' Liability Cover:

Various aspects of this matter were reported on fully last year. It is sufficient to report herein that this branch of the work has grown considerably and is operating very successfully. In addition to cover on all ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses and various paid workers, many voluntary workers are covered—the aggregate number of whom must be not hundreds but thousands. In view of that fact it is gratifying that the few claims that have been received have been of a minor nature. We regret to report, however, that one devoted member of one of our Churches was

involved in an accident which had fatal results. Full compensation according to scale will be paid.

Motor-car Insurance:

Our Transport Trust Board is reporting fully on this matter to Synods and Conference. Because of the number of accidents and cost of claims, premium rates have been lifted considerably. The no-claim bonus is steeply graduated from the first year (10%) to the fifth year (50%) when there is no claim involved. Herein we point out that this class of insurance is full of difficulties. As has been stated before, our Fund does not retain car insurances effected for circuits or ministers. In this case we act only as agents for our reinsuring company, the Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd. The questions of premium rates—no-claim bonus, etc., have had a lot of consideration during the year. It needs to be pointed out that our insuring company has reported that in some instances the full and correct information is not given by insurers concerning car ownership and driving experience. This adversely affects the premium rate charged. Care exercised here would assist in avoiding dissatisfaction and misunderstanding.

Fire Claims:

Fuller reference will be made to this matter in the report to Conference. We report herein that this year the Board has had to meet the heaviest losses in the history of the Fund, namely £7549 3s 11d, made up as follows: Whiteley Memorial Church, £6836 2s 2d; Bluff Church, £713 1s 9d (our share in each case).

It is necessary to point out that Whiteley Church is exactly opposite the Fire Brigade Station and the fire occurred in broad daylight. The destruction was so extensive that it was regarded for insurances purposes as a total loss and the full amount of insurance held, £19,700, was paid to the Trustees. This happening underlines the totally unpredictable element in respect to fire hazard.

While these claims have inflicted a heavy loss on the Fund the Board is gratified that by the amount of indemnity paid, the Trustees have been assisted in the task that faces them and the congregations in respect to their rebuilding programme.

For the Board,

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND BOARD, ANNUAL REPORT, 1959.

The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st May, 1959, are presented with this report. These reveal the following position.

Income:

Earned income amounted to the sum of £6598 3s 2d comprising the following:

Premiums and Commission	£3939 15 7
Interest from Mortgages, Debentures and Deposits ..	£2660 7 7

Administration costs amounted to £1140 6s 11d, enabling the sum of £5457 16s 3d to be transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account. Adding to this amount the sum of £280 3s 7d brought forward from last year after provision for reserves and grants, the total herein was £5737 19s 10d.

The sum of £5000 has been transferred to Fire Loss Reserve and £200 to Investment Contingency Reserve. Grant recommended amounts to £430. Such provision leaves a balance of £107 19s 10d to be carried forward.

Fire Losses:

The amount paid out in payment of Claims this year is the highest in the history of the Fund. The amount is £7565 1s, made up as follows:

Whitely Church, New Plymouth £6836 2s 2d; Bluff Church £713 1s 9d, (with adjusted claim Auckland Central Mission £15 17s 1d). Both Whitely Church and Bluff Church were regarded as total losses and the full amount of insurance was paid out to the Trustees, Whitely £19,700, Bluff £1700, the difference being the responsibility of our re-insuring company.

In previous reports to Conference the Board emphasised three things among others (a) That it has been gratified in the past to be able to make regular grants to Church organisations. (b) That adequate reserves must be built up to provide for possible losses which can be incurred at any time on a large scale (c) That the making of grants is secondary to the provision of such reserves.

The events of the current year underline the soundness of the policy of the Board in drawing the attention of the Conference to these things.

In view of the heavy claims met, it has been necessary to cut grants this year to a minimum, making provision only for the usual amount credited to the Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund.

On the other hand it is pointed out that the purpose of the Fund is to indemnify Trustees in the event of loss, and the Board is gratified that it has been able to assist the Churches concerned in their important task of rebuilding.

Fire Loss Reserve:

After meeting its proportion of claims and making additional provision of £5000 this year the Reserve now stands at £20,164 10s 4d, a reduction of £2565 1s.

Investment Reserve:

After provision of £200 this Reserve now stands at £3196 2s 10d.

Accumulated Fund:

This Fund remains at £33,500.

New Insurance:

New and additional insurance written up during the year amounted to £622,805 covering 248 items of Church property.

Synod Report:

In its interim report to Synods, the following matters were dealt with: Employers Liability Cover. Motor Car Insurance.

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 grant be approved: Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, £430.

3. That the Board for 1960 be as named on page 5 herein.

QUESTION XLII.—What is the Resolution of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The reports presented to Conference covering the work of the various departments referred to under the heading of authorised appropriations give, as usual, an indication of the scope of the work handled through the office.

Appropriations:

The following appropriations for the ensuing year have been approved for the Boards concerned.

Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £900; Fire Insurance Fund, £900; Church Building and Loan Fund, £600; Methodist Times, £500; General Purposes Trust Fund, £425; Contingent Fund, £350.

Policy:

The Committee notes that a recommendation is being forwarded to Conference by a District Synod to the effect that serious consideration should be given by the Conference to the appointment of a layman as the next Connexional Secretary.

The Committee points out that such a proposal involves a radical change of policy. The Conference of 1890 created the position of Connexional Secretary and from that time the office has been filled by a succession of five ministers. The question has been raised before as to whether this position should be filled by a minister or by a layman; but the Conference has adhered to its policy of appointing a minister. In the judgment of this Committee this is the right and sound policy.

If the Conference desires that the matter be the subject of a report the Committee will be pleased to submit a full statement to Synods and Conference.

For the Committee,

R. A. MARSH,
Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That 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	..	..	..	£500
General Purposes Trust Fund	..	..	..	£425
Contingent Fund	..	..	..	£350

3. That in the light of the Church entering into Connexional Stewardship and Budget Schemes of Finance, the whole matter of financial statistics be investigated by the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee with a view to presenting a more realistic position.

4. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION XLII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

Trinity Methodist Theological College

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1959.

A—COUNCIL REPORT

The College has been to the forefront in the life of the Church this year by virtue of the publicity issued for the College Appeal, and also through the energetic visitation of both North and South Island circuits by members of the College Staff.

The results of the College Appeal will not be known for some time, since many circuits on budget will be making allocations at their Quarterly Meetings. Nevertheless, there are signs of a good response from most quarters. The money raised this year will go primarily towards the paying off of the College Chapel, and the renovation of the existing buildings.

It has been a matter of gratification to the Council that the College Staff is now at full strength, so that they are able to deal adequately with the full curriculum. The first half of the year, nevertheless, has been a most strenuous one for the Staff, as their circuit visitations have occupied most of their week-ends and vacations. The Council is deeply appreciative of this extra work which they have willingly assumed with excellent results.

Apart from the much needed renovations to the Hostel, College affairs have been sound at heart, and a fine spirit has prevailed on every level.

The School for Christian Workers is due to come into operation next year, and preparations are being made accordingly. The Curriculum is in the hands of the Board of Studies, while full information is being circulated to all circuits and Home Mission Stations. From the number of enquiries received by members of the Staff, it would seem that there will be considerable support for the school forthcoming. In view of this, it is necessary to remind the Church that if the School really establishes itself, Conference will need to give consideration to the appointment of a fourth member to the Teaching Staff in the not far distant future.

Appointment of New Principal:

Enquiries re New Principal: (Mins. Conf. 1958, p. 125, Res. 8)—

A sub-committee of the College Council has pursued the course of action directed by last Conference, especially with reference to investigations overseas. Letters have gone to Church leaders in Britain, Canada, U.S.A., and Australia. Replies from U.S.A. and Australia suggest that it is unlikely that there will be any suitable applicant available in either of these countries. All replies have stressed the extreme scarcity of ministers suitable for appointment in Theological Training Institutions, and most have also drawn attention to the great disparity in stipend rate between what is paid in their countries and what we are able to offer here.

Two names have been suggested as possibilities, one from Britain and one from Canada and the College Council will pursue its enquiries concerning both these men. In general, however, it is found that scholars and teachers of the calibre required are securely installed in appropriate positions in their own countries,

and are unlikely to move except to other Theological Colleges of comparable importance or to Universities, many of which are also seeking for staff for their Faculties of Divinity.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Secretary.

B—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The College is enjoying a very satisfactory session. Our large class of Freshmen brought the roll of Divinity Students to 31, 26 of whom are in residence. The Hostel of course is full and the outlook of the men is co-operative and helpful in every way. The Senior Student, Mr Frank Hanson, and the Senior Hostel Student, Mr Howard Keyte, have proved reliable and attentive to their duties. A special feature of College life to-day is the link with the Pitt Street Church, its Bible Class and congregational life, and its Open Air. In many ways we are indebted to the central church and its minister, and we hope that the College is able to contribute something in return. The preaching services of the students and their occasional vacation supplies are in general very well received.

With a full teaching staff we have been able to develop our work somewhat during the year. The Principal has taken the Systematic Theology (Person and Work of Christ, Modern Cults) with one hour lecture, two hours seminar, junior and senior; also Church History (to Reformation) and Christian Ethics, and the Junior N. T. Greek. In addition he teaches Hebrew at the Auckland University. Dr Williams takes Pastoral Theology I and II together with the Sermon Criticism class, the N.T. Introduction and the Intermediate N.T. Greek. Dr Lewis teaches the Senior Greek class, the Old Testament Introduction and O.T. Teaching, the N.T. Teaching (Senior and Junior groups) and the Senior Exegesis class, and he has relieved the Principal of the English Literature. Principal Nicholas of the Congregational College takes an Exegesis class, and also a Special Class in Atonement Theology.

We intend from 1960 onward to approach our work at a different level, with the emphasis less on lectures and more on independent but guided preparation by the student. To this end we have increased the Library budget. The establishment of the Counselling Centre at the Mission (see M.S.S.A. Report) which is linked with both the Mission and the College, will increase the responsibilities of the Tutor in Pastoral Theology; but the association is one we consider very healthy and natural and good for both parties.

School for Christian Workers:

It is too early to be sure, but from the number of enquiries received it appears that there will be no lack of Students for the proposed School. We in the College are anxious to do what we can to meet the situation. It is intended to provide a core of Biblical and Theological subjects, with extra teaching on these lines for intending Candidates, and other options for lay workers. Candidates will be expected to face a full-time course. Others may choose to make the School a part-time venture, combined with a money-making job in the afternoons. Details will be left to some extent to settle themselves as we go. The School is a venture of faith, and we are prepared to adapt it somewhat to the situation as it reveals itself. Of the need there can be no question. The permanent shape

of the Institution created to meet the need will emerge when we have a few years of experience behind us. If the School establishes itself as a permanent part of our College, it will certainly demand additional Staff, and, probably, a separate building for women. In the meantime we can make do, with the assistance of qualified visiting Tutors. Details as to curriculum, conditions, etc., together with Application Forms, will be sent to Ministers in October.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

C. PROBATIONERS' COURSE OF STUDY:

(See QUESTION XXIV, Page 36)

D.—TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959.

In this the year of our Special College Appeal it is pleasing to be able to report a satisfactory position as far as our current accounts are concerned. We finished the year with a small credit balance of £15 6s 5d in the statement of receipts and payments for 1959.

Receipts:

We are most grateful for the support we have received so consistently from the Trust Boards Contingent funds and the Central Finance Committee. The regular income we received has allowed us to plan our finances ahead with confidence.

Hostel Fees:

We are up on our budget figure by £419 and we received an additional amount of £115 4s 0d for the rent of the hostel during the vacation.

Friends of Trinity College:

Our loyal group of supporters contributed an amount of £104 and we paid the whole of this money into the Chapel Account. We thank Mr Keith Lawry for his work in this respect.

Expenditure:

House and Service Account.—Our special thanks go to Dr Lewis and Matron for very careful administration. A considerable saving is shown in this account. Budget, £4,800, Actual £4,499.

Also the students, under the guidance of Dr Williams, have continued their efforts in maintenance and repairs, saving the College a considerable outlay in this work. The House and Service expenditure must increase in the coming year. We have had a recent increase in staff and there is a possibility of a general wage increase.

We have not been able to carry out the full amount of repairs and maintenance which has been delayed owing to concentration by our staff on the appeal. Budget £500, Actual £275.

This also applies to furnishing. Budget £500, Actual £351.

There will be a lot of work in this respect in the coming year in association with the new work which will be financed by the Special Appeal.

There are a number of items of expenditure which were above budget: University Fees up by £71. Telephones up by £41. Interest up by £152.

A new item of expense was library maintenance £50. It has been decided by the College Council that the library which is such a valuable asset of the College valued at £4000 necessitates a regular

allowance of £100 per year to assure proper attention to maintenance and this has been included in this year's budget.

Let us now turn to other accounts:

New Organ Fund:

This fund now stands at £3,019 11s 4d. Please note that a sum of £1000 included in this figure is still to come from the sale of the old organ. The new organ for the Chapel is ordered and it is hoped that work will be put in hand immediately.

New Chapel and Building Account:

The year ended 30th June, 1959, has a credit balance of £715 19s 2d.

We have met all the outstanding amounts on the Chapel and reduced the loan money on the Chapel by repayment of £1000 during the past year.

As the money comes in for the Building Appeal our first task will be to re-pay the loan money on the Chapel, then to carry out the essential work on the College and ultimately to enlarge the hostel.

Balance Sheet:

Finally we turn to the Balance Sheet and we should take pride in the very valuable assets that our Church has built up in Trinity College for the training of our future Ministers and in the Hostel for Methodist students. The land, buildings, etc., appear on our balance sheet at a conservative figure.

We can assure all who are contributing to our present appeal that the money will be used to the best of our ability to add to the College so that its efficiency is increased and the greatest benefit will accrue to the Church.

My thanks go to the Principal and his staff for their efficient help in all financial matters.

WILFRED F. WINSTONE,
Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That Conference expresses appreciation of the visits to the Connexion and presentation of the College Appeal by the College Staff. It believes that the place of the College in the regard of our people has been enhanced by these visits.
4. That Conference urges the College Council to continue its investigations overseas, through advertisements in responsible overseas Church journals and other ways, for a Principal, and also to explore (a) the possibility of securing the services of a tutor in Theology from overseas, or (b) the possibility of a New Zealand minister being sent overseas to be trained for this position.
5. That the following be referred to the Board of Studies: "While supporting the principle of the extension of the tutorial system in theological training, Conference expresses concern lest the anticipated changes, taken in conjunction with the commencement of the School for Christian Workers, result in the lowering of academic standards because of inadequate staffing to meet the increased burden of these two developments."

6. That Conference records its appreciation of the continued valuable service being rendered to the Church by the College, the Principal and staff. It is gratified to learn that the Chapel is now free of debt, and that the School for Christian Workers will be opening next year.

7. That the accounts of the Library, Prize and Associated Funds be adopted and the Treasurers, Mr F. E. Sutherland and Rev E. W. Hames, be reappointed.

8. That the Members of the Council be as printed on page 9 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 1959

With gratitude the Board reports another year's progress mainly notable for the excellent academic results in Government examinations achieved by pupils of the College.

The financial result for the year disclosed an excess of expenditure over income of £527 which was arrived at after providing the sum of £3673 as Deferred Maintenance being the assessed notional repairs contained in the additions and alterations to the Dining Room, Ablution Block and Boiler installation at the College and the crediting of the income produced from the recent Waikowhai Subdivision £944 direct to Capital Account. At the balance date of 31st December, 1958, the accumulated funds of the Board stood at £196,011.

The benefits of the programme of Capital works carried out over recent years at the College has been reflected in the improved general tone of the College and the scholastic achievements obtained. With the completion of the new Farm Manager's residence now in course of construction the Board will have a well appointed unit at Paerata and will be in a position to pause in its development programme and harbour its resources to provide for the next step of increasing the roll to 250 boarders for which purpose a general appeal has been authorised to be made to the Connexion at a time yet to be decided.

Educational costs of salaries and wages and provisioning continue to increase and to offset this, the Board decided to increase the fee to Boarders to £220 per annum as from the commencement of the present year. For the year under review the College operated with a deficit of £5985, which had to be made good by income from other sources of the Board.

The contribution made by the Maurice Harding Park was again substantial and the great benefit to the Board of this bequest is once again recognised.

Although the production for Town Milk Supply was at a record level the Farm result was disappointing due to heavy losses of dairy stock just before the close of the year coupled with the placing of the wool clip for sale at a stage when prices were at their lowest. Satisfactory replacements of stock have been obtained and the management and production for the current year continue to be at a high level with the prospect of an improved financial result.

After ensuring that adequate provision for the possible require-

ments of the Church had been made the Board obtained the sanction of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to the scheme for the conversion of some fixed term leases to Glasgow type leases for the Grafton Road property from which scheme the Board will benefit immediately by substantial capital receipts and in the future by increased ground rentals.

The Board looks to the future with confidence and feels that at Paerata is an educational College of which the Connexion may well be proud and that as the only College of this kind within the Connexion Wesley College warrants the wholehearted interest and support of the entire Church membership throughout the Dominion.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

B. REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Roll:

The Roll in 1959 has dropped from the record level reached in 1958. The reason is mainly economic, and is felt mostly in the Intermediate Department. At the end of 1958, there were 31 on the Roll; at the beginning of 1959, there were 13. The enrolments into the Secondary Department have been about normal.

The Roll at the beginning of 1959 was 150. Of these, 23 are Maoris, 9 are Islanders.

Staff:

There have been complete staffs in all Departments, ably led by Mr J. L. Browning, Farm Manager; Miss A. M. Greene, Senior Matron; Mr and Mrs Dynes, Domestic Managers; Mr M. B. Knott, Grounds Overseer. Mr E. A. Crane, M.A. is First Assistant.

Examinations:

In School Certificate, 1958 there were 21 passes out of 33 candidates; in University Entrance, 9 out of 12 candidates. Four students qualified for Higher School Certificate.

Sports and Clubs:

Four Cricket XI's; six Rugby Football XV's; swimming, athletics, table tennis teams, have all competed in District Secondary School Competitions.

The Scout Troop continues to function, and, under the leadership of Mr A. Vivian a Boys' Brigade has been organised this year. The Young Farmers' Club is fulfilling a very important purpose as it has done for many years.

There is now a Staff Social Club meeting each week. This is well attended, and provides a valuable opportunity for staffs and householders to know each other.

Concerts and Services:

The Choir and Dramatic Club have taken part in Choral Services and Concerts in and around Auckland, as they have done in previous years.

This year, we have gone further afield, taking 50 boys on tour through Te Kuiti, Stratford, Wanganui, Palmerston North; at each of these places presenting a Concert, and on the Sunday taking part in a Choral Service. This has proved to be of considerable value to the boys educationally, and at the same time has brought the College personally before the Church in many places,

The College has been visited during the year by: The Auckland Men's Fellowship for their Annual Service; the congregation of the Franklin area for a Rally to hear Dr Wood of Australia; the Women's Missionary Union for their Easter Service and Garden Party; the Women's Guild Fellowship for their Covenant Service; the Old Boys' Association for their Annual Service and Reunion.

The visit of the President of Conference on June 1st was greatly appreciated.

Conclusion:

At a time when the Christian Church through its various branches is meeting to-day's challenge by the establishing and extending of Church schools, we are glad to report that at Paerata we are continuing to plan for an increased roll and a college large enough to warrant expansion in courses offered, big enough to provide the benefits of the Church boarding school to many more young people than we are able to take at present.

To the Church and the many who are interested, we report a very good year, and ask for the continued interest and prayers of all.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses its sincere appreciation of the fine service rendered to the College by the Principal, Teachers and Staff.
3. That the membership of the Board be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION XLIII.

(2) Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel

(Spotswood, New Plymouth)

(A.) Matron's Report, 1959:

It would be an omission on my part if reference was not made to the dedication and opening ceremony of our new Hostel. The years spent in waiting and planning have not been wasted. There are improving facilities in this area all the time, transport being the chief of them, and also the establishing of the Spotswood Co-educational College adjacent to the Hostel property should be an advantage.

Before the arrival of the first boarders the Hostel was dedicated (in its unfinished condition) by Revs R. Patchett, H. Darvill, and W. Tahere. About 40 Maori and European people attended this dedication.

On Saturday, March 14th, the official opening took place. This was a unique and historical occasion in our Methodist Church life. The balance sheet of the Hui spoke itself of the splendid contribution made by the Maori people of all denominations. The catering for over 600 people at the "Hangi" dinner indicated the drive and organisation of our Maori friends. The Board itself is aware that without their assistance it would have been a very inadequate affair. Several good things came out of the "hui." The Maori population has accepted the gift of the Methodist Church of

Rangiatea as something that is Maori and worthy of the name of Rangiatea. Because of the fulfilment of our ancient promise made to the Maori people nearly 50 years ago, our "mana" stands high among them to-day. As a Church we can lift up our heads again in Taranaki and take pride in what we have built.

All this excitement, the completed building, the Opening, a dedicated Staff working long hours and a school adjusting to a large influx of Maori girls and where are we to-day? Roll school girls 33; working girls 3; staff, 2 Europeans, 3 Maori staff members and a Maori school teacher giving part-time supervision.

Educational:

The New Plymouth Girls' High School has performed no mean task in absorbing into it a large group of Form 3 pupils. These girls coming from country schools were very lost at first in a large school, and also at the Hostel. They were adjusting at a terrific rate in an endeavour to meet their new environments. It is fortunate for Rangiatea that in our initial year this large group were able to commence their schooling in a well established school. The liaison between school and hostel has been excellent and so much more has been achieved because of this. The established school has helped a great deal to establish a tone in our own hostel. Twenty-seven of the boarders attend High School, while six attend another good school, namely Devon Intermediate.

Christian Education:

The girls attend Whiteley Bible Class and morning service. Fortnightly service in Maori is conducted by Rev W. Tahere at the Hostel. Dr Billy Graham Crusade made its impact on the lives of our girls.

Health:

Dr A. D. Warren, local Medical Officer of Health, has planned a very comprehensive health scheme for us. Incoming pupils are checked and weighed by public health nurses; the mobile X-ray unit is made available for periodical checks; assistance and advice is given whenever required. We appreciate this service because we have no nurse on our staff. Routine health checks are cared for by the Hostel doctor.

Recreation:

Swimming: The Spotswood Primary School, which adjoins our property, very kindly made available to us the use of their swimming baths throughout the summer. Table tennis has been popular in the Hostel recreation room. During the winter months three teams worked on Maori (Waiata) for the Ngatai shield. Good results were obtained by the prefects who trained the teams. We have been indebted to friends who have shown films and slides and helped with our recreational activities.

Opening day, the most popular of the month, gives the girls the opportunity of going into European and Maori homes. The highlight of last term was the outing arranged by the Inglewood Methodists for the 33 girls. It was a grand day and has resulted in return visits by individual girls.

Staffing:

Deaconess-in-charge: Sister Evelyn B. Marriott. Misses R. James, P. Komene (part-time); M. Hull (cook); L. Johnny (laundry); N. Nuku (domestic). We are still looking for a competent cook.

This new Hostel is a great joy to work in; it is a privilege to be able to establish it for the Church. There have been difficulties which would be experienced in any new school but these are gradually being overcome.

E. B. MARRIOTT,
Deaconess-in-charge.

(B.)—SECRETARY'S REPORT:

On 15th March, 1940, the first Maori Girls' Hostel was established at the old historic Mission House property, South Road, New Plymouth.

On 14th March, 1959, the splendid new Hostel, situated at Main South Road, Spotswood, New Plymouth, was officially opened by the Hon. Walter Nash, Prime Minister and Minister of Maori Affairs together with the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev. G. Peterson, the Chairman of the Board Mr A. Eaton Hurley, the Rev E. Te Tuhi, O.B.E., Rev G. I. Laurenson and other members of the Board and before an assembly of between six and seven hundred people, of whom many were members of the Maori race.

Although the contractors were considerably behind schedule with their work, yet it was arranged that part of the building be made available for occupation in January by boarders so as to commence schooling at the start of the first school term.

This was accomplished without much inconvenience to either the builders or the staff and boarders and actually turned out to be of distinct value to the Board in that the Matron-in-charge was able to watch the progress of the building and to test out the modern equipment while the different sub-contractors were available to give assistance and advice.

The position now is that the contract is completed and that the customary period of maintenance will expire about the end of this month. It would appear that the contract price will be exceeded by about £1300 as the result of claims for adjustments and extras. This would increase the contract price to £56,451. Furnishing and special laundry and cooking equipment has cost approximately £5500. The value of the 24 acres of land with improvements is taken into the accounts at £2956.

A tremendous amount of work and responsibility has devolved upon Sister Evelyn Marriott as Matron-in-charge of the new hostel, not only in the process of settling down in the larger building, educating everybody in the use of strange surroundings and the use of modern equipment, but also in the responsible task of selecting furnishings, and in the numerous conferences with Architect and builders. Obviously, members of the Board, domiciled as they are in all parts of the North Island, could not be on hand to make urgent decisions and these became the responsibility of the Interim Committee comprising Taranaki members of the Board and the House Committee of the old Hostel. The women members of this Committee, in particular, have rendered yeoman service, especially in connection with the furnishing of the Hostel and the Board is very much indebted to them for the good work they have done.

The men of the Committee have been called in to decide building problems and matters connected with the laying-out of the grounds.

It is hoped to arrange a full meeting of the Board at an early

date when financial statements relating to the establishment of the new Hostel and future running will be presented.

With regard to the former Hostel property, investigations are now being made with a view to converting it into a Hostel for Maori boys. At the moment there is nothing definite to report in this regard except to state that the District Officer of the Maori Affairs department has conferred with the local committee on the site and is now conferring with his head office with regard to the matter.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Conference express its pleasure at the realisation of the long cherished dream at the opening of the Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, and congratulates the Board and all concerned for their work.

3. That the Conference acknowledge with deep gratitude the wise and capable leadership of the Deaconess-in-charge, Sister Evelyn Marriott.

4. That Conference convey the appreciation of the Church to Mr A. Eaton Hurley for his services in connection with the establishment of the Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel at Spotswood, New Plymouth, he having been chairman of the Board continuously since the first meeting on 7th September, 1944.

5. That Conference expresses its appreciation to Mr Frank Penn, who has represented the Home and Maori Missions Board continuously since the first meeting of the Board, and who has now expressed his wish to retire.

6. That the constitution of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust be amended by adding to paragraph 2 a new clause: (1) Four additional Taranaki members, one minister and three laymen to be nominated by the Board at its Annual Meeting.

7. That the Board be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

REPORT TO SYNODS, 1959

The general work of the Board and its financial operations are dealt with in the report submitted to Conference. Two matters are dealt with in this report to Synods.

I. Widow of a minister who dies in active work:

Following on action in respect to strengthening the capital of the Fund, lifting the annuity payments, introducing the option of commutation (part annuity in cash), the Board has given consideration to the position of the widow of a minister who may die while in the active work.

This question is related to several other matters which have engaged the attention of the Board in recent years, as a result of which action has been taken in successive years to make more effective the operation of the Fund.

Under present-day conditions any variations in the working of our Fund must be considered in relation to the Government Social Security legislation which is now such a major factor in our social system.

At present the widow of a minister who dies in active work is entitled to an annuity for life according to scale, which is £3 p.a. for each year of service rendered by the husband. (Subject to par. 47—page 139 of the Law Book, which states that in the event of re-marriage the annuity is reduced to two-fifths of the current scale.)

It has been recognised that the benefits under such a scale are small and supplementary payments have been made by the Board as has been found necessary.

The matter of some improvement within this category was submitted to our Actuary and a general scheme outlined in order to acquaint him with the general desire of the Board. His task was to find a way which would avoid anomalies as far as possible but have the effect of giving an improved benefit to the class of annuitant under consideration. His proposal is to **base the widow's pension on the service her husband would have given had he survived to age 65**. A specimen table with a scale for purposes of commutation was submitted to the Board. (For the purposes of commutation a scale is worked out actuarially giving the cash value of an annuity of £1 p.a. determined by such factors as age, years of service, etc.)

Put in its simplest terms the proposal is as follows, giving a hypothetical case as an example.

(a) A minister may die in the active work having completed, say, 20 years' service.

(b) On the present scale his widow would receive an annuity for life at the rate of £3 p.a. on a 20-year table—that is £60 p.a. with the option of commutation (subject to par. 47, page 139, Law Book) (plus furniture grant and Home Acquirement Fund payment).

(c) The proposal is that the benefit will be assessed at £3 p.a. (present scale), **not**, however, on the actual years of service rendered by the husband, but on the years of service **he would have given had he survived to age 65**. (Actuarially this gives the soundest basis on which to work.)

(d) So that in our hypothetical case the annuity would be assessed at £3 p.a. for (say) 40 years = £120 p.a. (Cases would vary slightly according to operating factors.)

(e) Exercising the option of commutation this would provide a cash payment of **£884** with a continuing annuity of £52 p.a. (subject to proposed amendment concerning re-marriage)—plus Furniture Grant and Home Acquirement payment. Note: See par. 56, Law Book, page 142, re commutation for a widow.

In submitting this proposal to Synods and Conference for approval the Board makes the following comments:

(a) The adoption of such a scheme will not involve varying the annuity scale.

(b) Because of the flexible nature of the Fund a widow could receive her benefits either in annuity only, or partly in the form of a commuted sum for cash plus a continuing annuity as in (e). The amount of commutation and therefore of the annuity could be varied to suit the requirements of the case, with particular reference to income that she would derive from other sources.

(c) Such increased benefit is possible for the following reasons:

1. Increased stability of the Fund, aided by increased contributions and subsidies.
2. The relatively small number of cases to which, in the future, it is anticipated this proposal will apply.
3. The basic element of the Fund, namely, its mutuality. That is, all ministers contribute to the common fund from which in turn they derive benefits, the source of which is not only their own personal contributions but those also of their fellow-ministers, circuit subsidies, and also the general capital of the Fund in which they are all shareholders.

(d) Our present regulations provide for a continuing annuity for life at a reduced rate in the case of a widow who re-marries. In view of the provision being made under these proposals it is considered that the benefits of the Fund should apply to the widowhood only of such an annuitant, and in the event of re-marriage the annuity should cease. This procedure is followed in the administration of other similar funds.

(e) The Board is studying one or two related aspects of the matter covered by existing regulations. For example, provision is made at present for a minimum term of service of five years before the benefits of the Fund apply. In the meantime no alteration is recommended in respect to this regulation, but the Board will report on same and other matters after further consideration. They will not affect the general operation of the scheme.

The Board submits the proposals to Synods and Conference seeking for approval of same in principle. Necessary amendments to existing regulations together with any new ones required will be drafted for submission to Synods and Conference of 1960.

II. Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund:

The Board has reported to Conference on this matter on several occasions. It has pointed out that while the amount of compulsory personal contribution at present is small (£4 p.a.) a minister may contribute voluntarily as much as he desires. It considered that for various reasons the ministers should themselves indicate their mind on this subject. This was done and last Conference instructed the Board to bring down a scheme to the Synods and Conference of this year making provision for increased personal contributions.

In the light of the varying recommendations received from what few Synods did take action last year the Board now recommends that the personal contribution of ministers be lifted from £4 p.a. to £10 p.a. (The question of subsidy does not enter in.)

If adopted, it will mean that the contributions to the two funds will be as follows:

(a) Ministers	1—Supernumerary Fund	£16 p.a.	<hr/>	£26
	2—Home Acquisition Fund	£10 p.a.		
(b) Church	1—Supernumerary Fund (Circuit			
	Subsidy)	£24 p.a.		
	2—Fire Insurance Fund (Subsidy)	£2 p.a.	<hr/>	£26

The Board considers that this will provide an equitable and satisfactory scheme under present day conditions.

For the Board,

R. G. PEARCE, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT — 1959

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30th June presented to Conference with this report reveal the following facts:

Income.

Income was received as under:—	£		
From ministers' subscriptions and Circuit levies	8,312	0	0
From commission and interest (mortgage, Government Stock, debenture and deposits) after allowing for interest paid to allied funds	5,086	19	9
From freehold property (Epworth Chambers)	4,521	11	5
A net total of £17,920 11 2.			

Expenditure.

Administration costs amounted to	735	14	2
Annuities (£11,450 8s 5d) and furniture grant (£165) made the fund disbursements	11,615	8	5
Provision for reserves (investment £200)—property depreciation (£500) and building maintenance (£400) totalled	1,100	0	0
A total of £13,451 2 7.			

The excess of income over expenditure added to the Accumulated Fund was therefore	4,469	8	7
Income shows an increase over last year of	417	7	2
Expenditure was higher by	1,223	1	7

This latter item is accounted for by the fact that annuities at the higher rate have operated for a full year compared with a half-year period only in 1958.

Accumulated Fund (Supernumerary)

Last year the amount herein was	141,513	12	1
To it has been added the balance from the Revenue Account (£4,469 8s 7d, less amount paid in Commuted Annuity, £1,437 15s)	3,031	13	7
Making the fund at date	144,545	5	8

Investments are as follows:—

(a) Mortgages	85,949	5	1
(b) Debentures and Government Stock	57,714	2	4
(c) Freehold property (Epworth Chambers) (after depreciation entered at £12,750)	42,255	14	1
Of the above (a) and (b), the sum of £52,995 17s 8d is held on account of Allied Funds.			

Current Assets in the form of bank deposits and accruals of various kinds total	12,891	10	6
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Interest Earnings.

From all investments a return of 5.9 per cent has been received on the actuarial formula.

Annuitants and Contributors.

The number of annuitants at date is 53.
Supernumeraries (56) and 48 widows (47).
The number of contributors is 213 (201).
Last year's figures are shown in brackets.

Allied Funds. These are as follows:—

(a) **Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund—**

Accounts total	26,181	8	6
payments made	781	10	1
Contributors, 212.			

(b) **Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.**

Accounts total	3,416	8	7
Payments made	706	17	10
Contributors, 16.			

(c) **Deaconess Retiring Fund.**

Accounts total	17,649	14	1
Payments made	37	5	6
Contributors, 40.			

Personal Subscriptions in arrears.

The position is satisfactory.

Report to Synods.

In its report to Synods, the following matters were dealt with as set out in the separate report:

(a) **Annuity for the widow of a minister who dies in the active work.**

The Board notes that all Synods approved of the scheme as outlined in the report. Assuming the approval of Conference, the Board decides that the scheme become operative as from the commencement of its current financial year, that is, 1st July, 1959.

(b) **Rate of personal contribution to the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund.**

Five Synods approved of the new scale as recommended by the Board. Three Synods desired that the contributions should remain as at present (£4 p.a.). One Synod asked for clarification of the position concerning the Subsidy. One Synod wanted the new rate to apply only to the ministers entering the work after 1959.

The answer to the query raised by the South Canterbury Synod is that the subsidy paid at present by the Fire Insurance Fund Board will continue—namely £2 p.a.

In view of the decision of the 1958 Conference that the personal contributions be increased, the Board considers that it has no option but to adhere to its original recommendation.

Full Commutation for a War Veteran.

The Board has received an enquiry as to whether a minister who is in receipt of a war veteran's pension could commute 100 per cent. The Conference of 1956 approved the principle of allowing such an annuitant to commute 100 per cent of his own annuity but limited the amount in respect to his widow in order to allow her to receive a continuing annuity of £52 p.a. This was done because it was evident from the facts that it would be in the interests of a widow who survived her husband for any number of years to maintain her financial relationship with the Fund. The Board considers that it would be wise to continue its present policy in this respect.

Insurance for Ministers.

Some twelve years ago the Board reported to Conference on this matter, expressing the view that it was most desirable that ministers entering the work should be encouraged to arrange for themselves some suitable form of insurance if they had not previously done so. This would supplement the provision made through the Supernumerary Fund on behalf of themselves and their dependants. At the time it was evidently considered that this was a matter that should be left to the judgment and initiative of the ministers themselves. It would appear that further consideration might well be given to this matter. The Board will report its findings and recommendations in due course.

Mr S. Beckingsale, Actuary to the Board.

It is with great regret that the Board records its sense of loss occasioned by the sudden passing of Mr S. Beckingsale just a few weeks after his retirement from the responsible position of Government actuary.

During his term of 20 years as Actuary to our Board, he served the Church with great fidelity. He took a personal interest in every aspect of the work of the Board and was most anxious to do all within his power to increase the usefulness of the fund in the interests of the annuitants.

For the Board,
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, Benevolent Fund, Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.
3. That Conference express its deep appreciation of the valued services given to the Church by the late Mr S. Beckingsale in his capacity as Actuary to the Supernumerary Fund Board.
4. **Widows' Annuity:**
 - (a) That Conference approve of the proposal outlined in the Report in respect to the method of assessing annuity payable to the widow of a minister who dies in the active work . . . the scheme to operate as from 1st July, 1959.
 - (b) That the Supernumerary Fund Board submit to Synods and Conference of 1960 the necessary amendments of or additions to the regulations required in this connection.
5. That the matter of Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund be referred back to the Board for further consideration and report.
6. That the Board be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XLV—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust Fund?

Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959.

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1959, are presented to Conference with this report.

The amount held on behalf of 104 trusts and deposit accounts is £116,239 1s 5d.

New trusts accepted during the year are as follows:

Mr and Mrs W. F. Walters and Family Farm Trust.

Estates of T. W. Featherstone, Josiah Udy, L. E. Mynott and B. O. Anderson.

North Island Rest home, and Paparoa Parsonage Trust.

From the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund, grants amounting to £377 10s per annum paid to ministers and home missionaries who had not received the minimum stipend from their circuits.

For the Board,

R. G. PEARCE, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION XLVI—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

Methodist Children's Fund

TREASURERS' REPORT, 1959

The very healthy upward trend in the amount of young life in Methodist parsonages, as reported in recent years, has been well maintained during the past year and a further record has been established in the numbers of allowances as paid out during 1959.

The annual allowance in respect of each child has been maintained at £10 and has resulted in a total distribution of £3,575. During the year one Minister's home suffered the loss by death of one of its child members and the authorised contribution of £7 10s was made towards funeral expenses.

The total outgoings of £3,592 13s have exceeded the amount of £3500 provided by Conference through connexional levies for this purpose.

The District allocation of allowances has been as under:

NORTHLAND	..	..	..	..	11½
AUCKLAND	..	..	..	..	74½
SOUTH AUCKLAND	..	..	..	..	45½
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	..	..	..	..	23½
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU	..	..	..	..	27½
WELLINGTON	..	..	..	..	41
NELSON	..	..	..	..	30½
NORTH CANTERBURY	..	..	..	..	50½
SOUTH CANTERBURY	..	..	..	..	26
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	..	..	..	..	27½

357½

The total of 357½ compares with 331½ for 1958, 252½ for 1949, and 173 for 1940. This pronounced upward trend is due to:

- (a) The increased number of ordained ministers in the active work.
- (b) The substantially higher proportion of such ministers who have children and so qualify for the benefits of the Fund.
- (c) As is the case throughout the whole community, families are larger.

Registrations to date clearly indicate that the upward trend continues and an even greater number of allowances will be payable during 1960. The Fund's limited resources are insufficient to cover the increase, and it is thus necessary to ask for a sum of £3700 for the coming year. Application is accordingly being made through the Central Finance Committee.

ROBERT THORNLEY,

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1960 be £3,700.
3. That the Treasurers, Rev R. Thornley and Mr T. M. Pacey, be thanked and be re-appointed.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th June, 1959, be received and adopted.
2. That commencing with the next Conference in 1960 railway fares for journeys in excess of 100 miles and chargeable to the Contingent Fund shall be allowed at first-class rates where applicable, instead of second-class fares as heretofore, and that the contribution to the Equalisation Fund be increased from £500 to £650, and that this matter be referred to the Law Revision Committee to make the necessary amendments in the Book of Laws, Regulation 510, para. (8).
3. That the Conveners of all Boards and Committees requiring grants from the Contingent Fund, shall submit the amount asked for to the Treasurers by 30th September of each year. The Treasurers shall present all such applications to the Conference Contingent Fund Committee for consideration and presenting of a complete list of all such grants to Conference to be voted on as a whole.
4. That the Budget including grants amounting to £3,870 be received and adopted.
5. That the levy for 1960 be £10,000.
6. That the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund for the ensuing year be the Rev L. Gordon Hanna and Mr A. H. Winstone.
7. That this Conference places on record its sincere regret at the retirement of the Rev William Walker from the position of Clerical Treasurer of the Contingent Fund; and expresses its appreciation and gratitude for the service rendered by him to the Church in that position for 21 years.
8. That the Consultative Committee be the Rev E. W. Hames, Dr D. O. Williams, Rev W. Walker, the Secretary of Conference and

the Connexional Secretary, Messrs J. H. Blackwell and G. S. Gapper, and the Treasurers.

9. 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 be re-appointed.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

Removal Expenses Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

During the year, 54 removals were carried out compared with 44 for 1957-58 and 57 in 1956-57.

The average cost per removal was £69, compared with £73 last year and £46 in 1956-57. This is the average cost before refunds received from circuits are taken into account. While this is a small reduction as compared with last year, the larger number of removals has resulted in the financial position of the Fund being in an unsatisfactory position.

The excess of cost of removals over levies received was £538 and the Capital Account of the fund has diminished to £238. It was necessary for the committee to borrow £700 from the General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.), to carry the Fund through until the levies had been received from Districts.

The following is a summary of the removals and costs for the past four years:

	Total Removals	Total Cost	Average Cost
1958-59	54	£3724	£69
1957-58	44	£3190	£73
1956-57	57	£2661	£46
1955-56	58	£3438	£59

The average cost of the inter-island removals was £129 for 19 moves as compared with an average of £112 for 18 moves last year. The total cost of the inter-island moves was £2456 and it is this large amount which causes the committee much concern. This high cost of inter-island moves has been mentioned in every report issued by this Committee, and we quote from the 1951 report.

"The average cost of an inter-island move is approximately £115 with costs still increasing. Hence we would once more request the Stationing Committee to avoid wherever possible long inter-island moves."

Once again the Committee reiterates this plea.

All inter-island removals were carried out by rail-air-rail as has been the custom for many years. In the opinion of the Committee, this is the most satisfactory way, especially as the time that the goods are to be in transit is frequently limited. The Railways did most of the North Island removals while the three South Island moves were completed by the N.Z. Express Co., Ltd.

The Committee recommend the levy for the ensuing year be £4000. While this is an increase of £1000 over the present levy it must be pointed out that only six months of the increase will be reflected in the next annual accounts. In asking for this increase the following facts must be borne in mind:

- (1) The amount of the fund's Capital Account is very low.

- (2) The loan from the General Purposes Trust Board must be repaid.
- (3) It is anticipated that there will be as many moves in 1959-60 as there were in 1958-59.
- (4) The number of ministers is increasing each year and the number of congregations is growing, necessitating more removals.
- (5) There is the likelihood of increased costs—wages and freights.
- (6) In 1951, the levy was £2500; the average cost per removal £36; Ministers 213; church membership, 26,418.
In 1958, the levy was £3000; the average cost per removal £69; Ministers 246; church membership 29,869.

For the Committee:

W. E. CLOTHIER.

B. H. RISELEY.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the maximum for removals be, inter-island £125, within the island £75.
3. That the levy for the ensuing year be £4,000.
4. That the Committee be requested to send out cyclostyled information to Circuit Stewards no later than 31st March, 1960, and thereafter periodically to keep them aware of the rules and regulations of the Removal Expenses Fund.
5. That the Treasurers, Rev B. H. Riseley and Mr W. E. Clothier, be thanked for their services.
6. That the Treasurers for 1960 be Rev H. L. Fiebig and Mr W. E. Clothier.
7. That Mr F. H. Sowdon, Honorary Auditor, be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.
8. That the Committee be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Foreign Missions?

Foreign Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS, 1959

This interim report for Synods and Conference will be followed by the usual fuller one, when the business from the Mission District Synods has been received by the Board.

Solomon Islands District:

Staff.—In February, the Rev G. G. Carter transferred to Roviana Circuit and took up office as Chairman of the District. After linguistics training at Melbourne, the Rev G. D. and Mrs Brough reached Teop Circuit in April.

So far there has been no firm application for the post of secondary woman teacher at Bilua. The Board has accepted resignations from three teaching sisters, namely, Sisters Norma Graves and Phyllis Rudolph, in view of approaching marriage, and Sister Nancy Ball. This confronts us with the need for three new primary

teaching sisters in 1960. We have appointed Miss Gladys Larkin, of Christchurch Central Mission, to fill the nursing vacancy that will arise from the leave of absence accorded Sister Audrey Highnam for 1960. As Sister Merle Carter intends to leave the field at the end of that year, the appointment of the new nursing sister is clearly justified. News has now come that Sister Rewa Williamson will not be returning to the field after furlough. This, therefore, means another nursing vacancy.

The building programme having diminished, we are continuing meantime with only one New Zealand carpenter, Mr Fleury.

Policy.—Last Conference approved an enquiry into the pattern of ministerial and lay service in the District, with particular reference to pastoral work, educational work, and plantations. A special Policy Committee has been appointed to collaborate in this enquiry with the new Chairman of the District. The same group is to further the preparation for the partial "self-support" scheme for the Solomon Islands District. Maturer thought on this scheme leads to the suggestion of "District Budget" as a happier name. Both matters will be before the Solomon Islands District Synod and the Board's Annual Meeting, and an interim report may be available for Conference.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands District:

In May, Miss Joyce Rosser, of Auckland Central Circuit, commenced her work at Mendi as Secretary to the Chairman of the District, the Rev Gordon Young. Her appointment fulfils the agreement made in 1953 that New Zealand would appoint four workers to the new mission. The Board has been satisfied that the secretarial appointment is the most urgent need at the moment. It is imperative that the Chairman be freed as far as possible from the clerical and bookkeeping work to be the leader of the work in the field. The Administration insists that any extension work must be led by men experienced in dealing with the Highlands people; to date we have only four male missionaries so regarded by the Administration. It is essential that they be available for field work.

Home Base:

Deputation.—The General Secretary has resumed personal deputation in Auckland, South Auckland, Wellington, and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts; Nelson and North Canterbury Districts are to be visited in the second half of 1959. Nelson, however, will be the only District completely traversed. The aim has been to make the most of every Sunday spent in Auckland from January to June. Out of Auckland the policy is to visit fewer circuits, but more places within them and for a longer period. Most circuits have been offered alternative visual programmes: the General Secretary's slides of the Solomons or the sound film "Nigerian Pattern."

Later in the year we expect that the Revs A. C. Watson and D. I. A. McDonald will also be available to share in deputation work.

When missionaries who have special interests come on furlough, the experiment is being made of recording their message to the Church. Where suitable, copies are secured of their coloured transparencies. So far, these and the accompanying tapes have been in steady demand by churches and local groups. Other tapes, without visual aids, record interviews with workers who have special topics to discuss, e.g., Sister Lucy Money on scripture translation.

Publications.—Both "The Open Door" and "The Lotu" have increased their circulation. Special approaches, with worthwhile results, have been made to local churches where the circulation has been low. Numbers of "The Open Door" have featured "Educating the Church about Missions," "Literacy and Education," and "Christian Standards." The September theme will be "Asia and New Zealand"; for December, "Vocation" has been chosen.

Under the business of the Department of Christian Education, two matters were referred to this Department by the Conference (see Minutes, 1958, p. 81, resolutions 10 (a) and (b)).

(a) As requested, we shall always seek to include articles on the fields of World Methodism and other communions, but reject any inference that in the past these themes have been inadequately provided for. In the last two years, apart from incidental references, there have been nineteen full "Open Door" pages given to Malaya, Japan, Ghana, Samoa, New Britain, and Fiji, as well as reports of the International Missionary Council meeting in Ghana, the South Pacific Conference at Rabaul, and the East Asian Christian Conference. In the Overseas Missions pages of the "Methodist Times" for a long period we alternated articles on the work of our own Church and material on "World Methodism at Work." More recently we have been less rigid in this policy, but there is frequent reference to areas beyond the Pacific.

(b) The Board is grateful for the efforts of the Department of Christian Education and others to foster the circulation of the "Open Door" among young Methodists. Local circuits can help by countering the view, so commonly held, that "The Open Door" is a magazine for women only. Nearly all our local agents are women, whose work is devoted and essential. We could do, however, with some male interest in local churches to further the circulation of the paper.

Finance:

In the calendar year 1958, circuit giving to Overseas Missions rose by £754 to £22,238. This is encouraging, but not as spectacular as the £2300 rise in 1957. We believe that both increases have been due in large measure to stewardship campaigns in local churches, and are grateful that, faced often with the pressure of local needs, circuits have been mindful of the growing claims of the work beyond our own shores. This recognises that the attitude of selfless giving that we seek to engender in our people must be carried over into its own stewardship of resources by the local church. To all who helped secure the increases we say "Thank you."

Most of our concern at present is with the future. Our view of the financial prospects of our New Zealand Church is one of cautious optimism. No indications are yet to hand either of Solomon Islands income or of field expenditure for the current year. The "Self-Support" proposals generally approved by last Conference, as well as buoyant copra prices in the Islands, encourage the hope that special efforts will be put forth there by the people. The Department is sharing in the current intensive programme of education boards towards the Connexional Budget. Conference having determined that the budget shall operate as from 1961, it is imperative that we prepare throughout New Zealand to meet our missionary and connexional financial needs on this new basis.

Retiring Funds.—After consultation with the Supernumerary

Fund Board, which administers the Retiring Funds for our workers, the Board is laying before our lay missionaries and sisters proposals to amend the Retiring Fund provisions. The main aims are: (1) To make more liberal provision for the long-term workers, and (2) to recognise the changed position of certain of our nurses and teachers who are now eligible to retain State superannuation benefits.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT

(Based on Annual Synod Minutes and Workers' Reports)

Solomon Islands District:

A significant feature of the District Synod was the reception of Moses Mosusu, a further candidate for the local Solomon Islands ministry. His candidature follows the pattern established in recent years of accepting men who have already proved themselves as catechists and also hold promise of effective ministerial service. There remains but one ordained Solomon Islander in the service of our Church, but during 1960 three men will serve on probation and two will continue studies at Banga under the Rev A. H. Hall.

Some thirty catechists, each in charge of a section of a circuit, supervise the work of a number of village pastors. Many of these pastors still teach school, but more of the catechists are free for their pastoral and preaching office. A number of these are senior men, some have had refresher courses with Mr Hall prior to taking up their special work. The Synod plans to grant catechist status to two young men who are completing their studies as private students at the Bible Training Institute, Auckland.

Separation is gradually being effected between the work of the pastor and that of the teacher. Both tasks are being recognised as full-time ones. With 6630 children in 241 schools, we are heavily committed to an educational work, complicated because we have to deal with two governments. Both, however, are increasingly active in education. Grants continue in respect of our New Zealand missionary teachers. In the Bougainville area, the grant system, and indeed our whole ability to function as an educational agency, is bound up with the progress of the teacher training programme at Kekesu, where Sister Thelma Duthie has had notable success. It is becoming a feature of the work that each station specialises in some aspect of school work. The Bougainville girls' school at Kihili has already justified itself, and added to its laurels by winning an external award for choir work this year. From the British Solomons, two girls and a boy have come from our schools for secondary education in New Zealand.

The staffing position now is different from that reported to the District Synods. Sister Nancy Ball hopes to remain, and is being transferred to take charge of teacher training work among girls at Roviana. Then, while the secondary teaching post in Bilau, for which our appeals have been circulated throughout the whole year, may yet be filled by a woman, there is a strong feeling in the District that a male appointment is called for.

Perhaps the most significant move in the medical field is the Synod decision to fill one of the nursing posts at the Helena Goldie Hospital with a native staff nurse. The work at the medical head-

quarters increases each year, and will grow more now that the Government is recognising the Hospital as a "teaching hospital." The new vessel, "Ozama Twomey," has allowed Dr Hoult to proceed far and wide through the Western Solomons, where his programme this year has featured preventive medicine. Over 15,000 poliomyelitis injections have been given, and efforts are in train against whooping cough and yaws. Dr Hoult has plans for training in New Zealand some of his Solomon Islands staff.

Youth work is now the keynote in the evangelistic programme. A further successful Easter Camp was held at Choiseul. Retired missionaries are co-operating to write Bible Class studies for the Islands Church. Further development has taken place at Honiara, where religious broadcasts have also commenced. Plans have been drawn for a concrete block church and efforts are being made on the field and in New Zealand to raise the necessary funds.

The emergence of this new building project and some others is leading the District to appeal for yet another carpenter. Apart from Mr J. M. Miller (joiner), our only worker engaged on building construction is Mr Rodney Fleury, who is fully engaged at Banga with the erection of the Goldie College and Emmanuel Chapel (the Church of the "Lotu" Readers).

Word comes that the mission flagship "Malakuna" will need replacing in two years, with a resultant expenditure of perhaps £20,000.

This has been a year of many consultations with Governments. There is a half-yearly education advisory committee in the British Solomons, on which our mission is represented. In addition to Dr Hoult's participation in a medical advisory conference, Sister Lucy Money has been appointed to the Government's Nurses' and Midwives' Board. The Chairman, the Rev G. G. Carter, represented C.O.M.I.C.A. as official observer at the fourth South Pacific Conference (of Islands peoples) at Rabaul, and goes shortly to Port Moresby to represent our Mission at the biennial Administration-Missions Conference of the New Guinea Territory. Four Methodist Chairmen will be there, and the occasion will be a valuable opportunity for consultation on issues of common concern, like education and theological training.

The record financial return from the Islands Church is referred to in the Treasurer's Report.

Papua New Guinea Highlands District:

There has been a much greater degree of response on the part of the people. Mendi folk are regularly sharing in mission prayer meetings and even offering public prayer to God. There are distinct prospects of opening work in a further area nearby. The arrival of a seventh Solomon Islands worker means a strengthening of the links between our two fields.

Educationally, the school at Tari led by Mr John Hutton of Australia, with Solomon Islanders on the staff, is the first school in the Southern Highlands Administrative District to be fully registered by the Administration as a school.

The leprosy project at Tari has attracted sixty patients, some being sent by the Administration and by a sister mission. The District is recommending the use of the Mission to Lepers' special grant of £2000 in the purchase of agricultural machinery to develop the lease on which the leper station is located.

So far all the permanent building work has been in the Mendi Circuit. There our Mr Gordon Dey has been joined by Mr Peter Rodway, recently transferred by the Australian Board from the New Guinea District. All timber has to be locally pitsawn and then dressed, seasoned and prepared for the building work. Mr Dey takes charge mainly of the workshop and most of the actual construction work has now passed to Mr Rodway. High tributes have been paid to the five years of building work in the New Guinea Highlands so far given by Mr Dey.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.
S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1959

Unexpected surpluses in place of deficits confidently predicted have been the pattern in Foreign Mission Board finances for some years past. We greet the situation this year with "modified rapture"; modified because, as the Estimates for 1959-60 reveal, we do not expect the pattern to persist—not because we are inveterate pessimists but because of facts.

The improvement of fact over prediction, amounting to £9400, results from a decrease in expenditure of £1500 and an increase of £7900 in the income, compared with the Estimates.

The greatest increase of income is in Solomon Islands Government grants, which are £3300 greater than the 1958 figure, and £1000 above the estimate. Solomon Islands contributions have reached a new high level of £13,730. The maximum of £12,000 available as income shows an increase of £750 over the estimated figure. The balance of £1730 transferred to the Solomon Islands District Reserve has given that Fund a satisfactory start.

It should also be noted that the proceeds of sales of produce are more than double the amount estimated.

The increase in New Zealand circuit income is largely due to unusually large receipts in the first half of the financial year. There is no evidence at present that this presages an increased circuit income for the 1959 Appeal Year.

Savings in expenditure were made in all three accounts—New Zealand, Solomon Islands, and New Guinea Highlands. The New Guinea Highlands accounts for 1957-58 and 1958-59 were received in time for incorporation in the year's returns. Decreases in both income and expenditure had no significant effect on the total accounts.

Capital expenditure, including costs of the motor car and the Leper Relief Vessel, amounted to £17,600. This was financed to the extent of £12,600 from the proceeds of investments, which were reduced during the year by that amount. Receipts in the Building and Equipment Fund, from legacies, totalled £5300. The amounts available in this Fund for future capital expenditure at this time is over £6000.

Financing the Board's affairs has been difficult on occasions during the year. For the first time for many years the Board's current account was in debit and an overdraft limit of £3000 was arranged. This was drawn upon for a short period only. It appears that further recourse to temporary bank accommodation is not likely to be necessary.

G. S. GAPPER,
Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the General and Supplementary Reports be received and adopted.

2. That the Treasurer's Report, Statements 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 1959-60 be received and adopted.

4. **Financial Situation:** That, in adopting the budget allowing for a deficit of £6,130, the position be explained to the overseas Districts, with the request that all possible economies be effected; further, that the Church in New Zealand be also advised of the position and our people urged to respond to this challenge in order that the work on the fields be unhampered by lack of resources.

5. **Greetings:** That the Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to the workers overseas and the Solomon Islands Church.

6. That the Board seek for the Department a new name more in keeping with the changing pattern of the work.

7. **Overseas District Representatives:** That para. 504 (4), P. 107, be amended by deleting all words after the words "the Solomon Islands District" and substituting therefor the following, "and one representative, ministerial or lay, from each of the Solomon Islands District Synod and the Papua-New Guinea Highlands District Synod, each such representative to be nominated by the Synod of the District in which he serves and to attend when in New Zealand."

8. **Missionary Sisters and Deaconesses Serving in Overseas Missions Superannuation and Retiring Funds:** That Conference approve the proposals of the Foreign Mission Board agreed to by the overseas missions district synods, making provision, with suitable safeguards, for deaconesses and women workers eligible to be or to become contributors to the National Provident Fund to do so, as an alternative, in whole or in part, to their being normal members of the Deaconess Retiring Fund; detailed regulations to be prepared by the Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Super-numerary Fund Board and the Foreign Mission Board and to come into force after approval by the President at a time to be fixed by him.

9. **Rates of Contribution and Subsidy to the Deaconess Retiring Fund:**

(a) That Conference hereby determines that, commencing on 1st July, 1960, the annual contribution paid by each deaconess and each woman worker (except qualified medical women) pursuant to Law Book paragraph 513 (5) to the Deaconess Retiring Fund for the first ten years of her service shall be £25, and thereafter £30.

(b) Conference hereby determines that commencing on 1st July, 1960, the annual subsidy pursuant to Law Book paragraph 513 (9) paid by the Foreign Missionary Society to the Deaconess Retiring Fund for each deaconess and woman worker (except qualified medical women) employed by it shall be for the first ten years of her service £25, for the next ten years £30, and thereafter £50.

10. **Ordination of Probationers Appointed to Overseas Mission Stations:** That Conference note that the Foreign Mission Board has

approved in principle the proposed repeal of Law Book paragraph 111 and refer the matter to the Faith and Order Committee, with the request that they report to Synods and Conference, 1960.

11. **Staffing:** That the following new stations be established:
Vella Lavella Circuit—1 native minister, 1 missionary teacher.
Buin Circuit—1 native minister (Nagavisi), 1 deaconess.
Teop Circuit—1 missionary teacher.
12. **Representatives to C.O.M.I.C.A.:** The General Secretary (substitute, Rev R. Thornley); Mr S. N. Roberts.
13. **District Foreign Mission Conveners:**
Northland—Rev P. P. Rushton.
Auckland—Left to Synod Standing Committee.
South Auckland—Rev J. Churchill.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev J. H. Hall.
Wanganui Sub-District—Rev W. C. Jenkin.
Hawke's Bay—Mr J. S. Rowe.
Manawatu—Rev W. J. Henderson.
Wellington—Rev I. M. Raynor.
Nelson—Rev E. F. I. Hanson.
North Canterbury—Rev T. Shepherd.
South Canterbury—Rev L. F. Bycroft.
Otago-Southland—Rev L. Shapcott.
14. That the Board be as printed on page 6 herein.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union of N.Z.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING, AUGUST, 1959

At the close of our term of office, the Dominion Executive review this last year's work with great interest and find many reasons for which to give thanks to God. Through the many problems, we feel a greater understanding of the perplexities of the leaders of the smaller groups. The work and devotion of the smaller groups is truly wonderful and we are enriched to learn of these things. This last has been a busy year and there has been a quickening of interest in the work of the Union. There is definitely a keen desire amongst women of our Churches to know more of this Women's Work for Women and a greater sense of responsibility to less privileged folk. The efforts of the Executives of the Guild Fellowship and the M.W.M.U. to tackle to-day's problems have been most heartening and we pray that this will increase.

During the year our members have suffered bereavement and we assure them of our sincere sympathy. Mrs Hallam, one of our veteran members, sustained the loss of her husband; Mrs D. Brown, who had been Southland's Secretary, also passed away during the year, and more recently the death occurred of Mrs Binet, who had done such wonderful work amongst the women of the Solomon Islands. And there are others and we are saddened by the passing of these good folk, but we know that they have heard the Master's "Well done," and we give thanks for their lives of service.

Executive:

Twelve meetings were held and the devotions have been led by

members. The Executive joined with the Auckland Guild Fellowship at the Annual Communion Service at Pitt Street.

Membership:

The rolls show a decrease of thirty but this is attributed to the fact that many Gleaners have now become pledged givers to their Church, and if their contribution has been recorded, then our work has not suffered. The number stands at 6311 and although it is less, we are sure in actual fact that the Union is stronger.

Auxiliaries:

There are 223 Auxiliaries; Wellington reports one new group and South Canterbury and Auckland have new groups almost ready to join up.

President's Letters:

Two thousand six hundred letters have been distributed each month and many groups and individuals send appreciation for this.

Deputation:

Sisters Edith James, Mary Addison, Ada Lee and June Peters have undertaken successful deputation for the Union and the President, Mrs Carter, has visited many groups in both the North and South Islands.

Finance:

As will be seen by the balance sheet, our finance is up by £977, so we do indeed thank God for this increase.

As we pass on the reins of office to the ladies of Christchurch, we wish for them all the joys of service which we have enjoyed and pray that God will richly bless their service.

GLADYS CARTER, President.

GRACE BEAVIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That in endorsing the appreciation of the work of the Union expressed by the District Synods, the Conference places on record the outstanding leadership of the outgoing Dominion Executive at Auckland, and conveys greetings to the new Executive at Christchurch.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

HOME MISSION ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Staff:

Since last Conference several new men have been accepted for appointment. Mr Paul A. Garside went to Islington in the Springston Circuit, Mr L. M. Matkovich to Wellsford, Port Albert, Mr R. N. Simpson to Newfield in the Invercargill (St Peters) Circuit, and Mr C. D. Shave to Abbotsford in the Dunedin South Circuit. The Board has been compelled to hesitate about encouraging the application of further married men owing to the new group of trained men coming forward each year from College, making for a shortage of Parsonages in the immediate future.

The Parsonage Situation:

Our Church has now some sixty Students and Probationers in training. Within six years these trainees will all anticipate being ordained. In that period we would normally anticipate some six senior men in the active ministry to be superannuating. These are the small group of men who entered the ministry in the very lean years at the close of the First World War. It is thus obvious that some fifty additional ordained ministers will be available for appointment to parsonages within six years. Several Senior Home Missionaries and Supplies will be due for retirement within that period, but it is obvious that the Church will have to make a strong drive for new Parsonages.

Matter Referred by Conference:

Church Sites Funds. Minutes of Conference, 1958, p. 73, Res. 3 (a).

The Board during the year considered this matter and resolved to increase the Board's grant to the Sites Fund to £150 as an ordinary grant, and a similar sum as a Legacy Disbursement Grant. This is to increase the amount available for outright grants for new sections, and it is hoped to continue this allocation in future.

Special Loans Account:

This Account has continued its useful service in the assistance of new projects. At the end of the last financial year we showed the sum of £56,613 13s 10d in such advances. Owing to the calling in of several loans at call that had been on deposit with the Board, and the necessary expenditure on several urgent projects in our own work, we have had to slow up the advancement of new loans this year. As we have now a waiting list of some £40,000 of promised loans, it is evident that we will not be able to consider any further applications for special loans for some time to come.

Church Extension Appeal, 1960:

The above paragraph, together with a similar report from the Church Building and Loan Fund committee pinpoints the extreme urgency of the making of thorough preparations for the Church Extension Appeal to be carried through in the next Connexional year, one third of the money so raised to be for grants for new causes, and two thirds as new capital for the Church Building and Loan Fund. Our growing Church with its great pressure on available resources must rise to the challenge of these new opportunities.

Rev. and Mrs T. G. Brooke Memorial Gift:

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the appointment in 1909 of the late Rev. T. G. Brooke as the first General Secretary of our Department, Mrs Gladys Treadgold brought her personal gift to the above Fund to the sum of £500. We express our very special thanks to her for her splendid action in thus commemorating the service of her honoured parents.

Mr P. Rushton's Gift:

As part of a large gift to our Methodist connexion, our Board received this year the sum of £750 from Mr P. Rushton of Morrinsville. We desire to record our gratitude for this sum which has been a particularly timely gift when there is such heavy pressure on our Loan's account.

Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust:

Building at Parnell. The net rentals from this property continue to be of great assistance to the Department in meeting special needs in Circuits and Trusts throughout the Church. At present very serious consideration of future policy has become necessary because of the proposed taking of a valuable part of the frontage for street widening and a serious limitation on the type of future building that may be erected on the site if present zoning and Town Planning proposals are carried out. The position is being very carefully watched.

Wesley Circulating Library:

This theological circulating Library which has been in abeyance for several years is at present being completely reorganised. The present cost of Theological Books will make this Library a very helpful unit in the service of our church. Membership will be open to all who are interested, but will be of special interest to our full time workers.

Connexional Committee on Church Finance and Stewardship:

The Board is in consultation with the above committee on proposals for co-operation in the development of its work. The result of these discussions will be reported to Conference. In the meantime we urge full and careful preparation for the inauguration of the overall connexional Budget in 1961.

Amalgamation of Accounts and Properties of the Department:

At present two Boards of identical membership act as Trustees under the Model Deed for the properties and Funds of the "Mission Property Trustees" and as Trustees of the Investment Funds Board of the Department. This involves two sets of minutes, and of accounts as well as different procedures in the handling of property matters. To facilitate the amalgamation of these two Boards we present a recommendation for an alteration to the constitution of the Investment Funds Board, as recommended by President's Legal Adviser.

Waipukurau:

Our Church witness in this growing town in Central Hawke's Bay is seriously hampered by the very inadequate buildings which have been in use since services were commenced there a number of years ago. It is a place where our Church should be more worthily represented. While recognising that proposals are being considered for some district as well as local action in the matter we feel that it is a position of sufficient importance to warrant special consideration. We submit a recommendation on this matter.

Work of Assistant Superintendent:

We are glad to report that Rev. J. A. Penman, B.A., commenced his work with the Department this year and that his services and visits are being very well received throughout the Connexion. A very full programme of deputation work has been carried out in addition to the general administrative work, by the officers of the Department.

The Last Appeal Year:

For the first time in our history the money contributed from our Circuits in the 1958 Appeal reached the £21,000 mark. Owing to several authorised grants not having been expended because of shortage of suitable staff for both Maori and European work, we finished that period with a credit balance. As stated earlier in this

report, indications are that greatly increased claims will be made on our Funds as our trained staff come forward for appointment.

We again commend our work to the loyal and generous support of our people and Circuits.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, Gen. Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That Circuits anticipating the appointment of extra ministers in the near future make all necessary plans for the provision of a Parsonage as an urgent matter of policy.

3. That Conference draw the attention of our people to the special opportunity of service to the Church by the making of gifts and legacies, or loans, free of interest or at low rates of interest, to the Capital Funds of the Home Mission Department.

4. That owing to the serious pressure on the Funds available for Church Extension, and the great opportunities confronting the Church to-day, Conference calls upon the whole church to make adequate plans for a successful appeal for Church Extension on the third Sunday of June, 1960—or in the Budget allocations for the Connexional year.

5. (a). That Conference, pursuant to Clause 1 (g) of the constitution of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board, hereby varies the said constitution by adding the following clause:—

1. (k). Any sale, lease, purchase or taking on lease of any property whatsoever by the Board shall be further subject to the prior consent of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

(b). That the Methodist Mission Property Trustees be directed to transfer all real and personal property held by them or belonging to them to the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board such property to be held by the said Board upon the same trusts as the securities and funds formerly belonging to the said Trustees and the investments now representing the same are at present held by the Board and with the same powers vested in the Board in respect thereof as are now held by it as to such securities, funds and investments and that Conference hereby consents to the said transfer.

(c). That the said Investment Board be directed to accept the said real and personal property to be held by it upon the trusts set out in the previous resolution.

6. Because of the exceptional circumstances associated with our work at Waipukurau, Conference accepts the recommendation of the Home Mission Department, and requests it to take urgent steps to re-establish our work there. In support of this request, Conference adds the name of Waipukurau, as a special case, to the list of objectives for assistance from the Church Extension Appeal in 1960.

7. 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.
8. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1960 be received and adopted.
9. That the Treasurers for 1960 be the Rev J. A. Penman, B.A., and Mr B. O. Stokes.
10. That the District Home Mission Conveners be:
- Northland—The Rev D. H. Burt.
 - Auckland—The Rev G. T. Gilbert.
 - South Auckland—The Rev C. L. Duder.
 - Taranaki-Wanganui—The Rev E. L. Le Couteur; sub-district, the Rev W. C. Jenkin.
 - Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—The Rev W. J. Henderson.
 - Wellington—The Rev C. G. Brown.
 - Nelson—The Rev A. Grundy.
 - Christchurch—Left to Synod S.C.
 - South Canterbury—The Rev T. L. Bennett.
 - Otago-Southland—Mr A. H. Harman.
11. That the Board be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION II.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission Report

MAORI MISSION REPORT, 1959

Amidst many perplexing problems this year there have been many encouraging features and signs of deepened concern for spiritual matters throughout our work.

Obituary:

One sad feature was the death very early in the year of our greatly honoured veteran Maori Home Missionary, Rev Heemi Rihimona, of Waikato Circuit. Mr Rihimona was in the inner circles of the King Movement and spoke on behalf of the Maori King in welcoming all distinguished visitors to Ngaruawahia Pa for many years past. Fuller reference to him will be made in the obituary tribute.

Resignation:

The Board accepted during the year the resignation of Mr Te Urunga Wetere.

Our Methodist Maori Hui, Queen's Birthday Week-end:

The highlight of our Mission Programme was the holding of our Methodist Maori Hui at Ngaruawahia Pa, over the Queen's Birthday week-end. This incorporated our usual Triennial Maori Workers' Conference, which was due to be held this year. A full programme of addresses and discussions was carried through on vital subjects and they meant a great education to all who were able to attend. The undoubted success of this gathering has convinced the organising Committee that it should be repeated next year. Following that, it is anticipated

that on alternate years these Dominion-wide gatherings will be interspersed with District gatherings in each major area of our work.

Rangiatea Hostel Opening, New Plymouth:

The opening of the new Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel at Spotswood, New Plymouth, by the Prime Minister, on March 14th, was a great occasion for our Church. The Maori people of Taranaki made the occasion a memorable one by their handling of the welcome and hospitality arrangements. The President of the Conference represented the whole church in conducting the Dedication Service. We are glad to see the culmination of the many years of planning and working for this event.

Maori Section, N.C.C.:

This year it was the turn of our Church to act as Hosts for the Annual Meeting of the Maori Section of the N.C.C.. We are very grateful to the elders of the Whatawhata Pa for making the facilities of the Pa available for the gathering, and to our Waikato workers for their excellent hospitality arrangements. It was a very well worthwhile gathering.

Rev and Mrs C. E. Roke:

Following on the excellent work of Mr and Mrs Bailey at Te Rahui (W), our Maori Girls' Hostel in Hamilton, we are very glad to report that Mr and Mr Roke have made an excellent start as Master and Matron. Mr Roke's work in the Waikato Maori Circuit under the guidance of Rev A. J. Seamer is also being received with a great welcome by the people. We are glad that last Conference approved of this appointment.

Return of Rev Lane Tauroa:

We are glad to report the safe return to New Zealand of Rev Lane Tauroa, B.A., from his enriching experience at Union Theological Seminary, New York. He has been much missed in his absence and we are glad to have him settling back into his Circuit.

Our Deaconess Staff:

Marriage is claiming four more of our trained and experienced Maori Mission Sisters. Sister Mavis Dickie is to be married to Rev L. M. Tauroa in July, Sister Francis Smith is resigning in September, and Sisters June Peters and Winnifred Bennett at the end of the year.

These four workers will be greatly missed from the Deaconess staff. We are most grateful for their distinguished service. Following upon the resignation of Sister Joyce Foster to be married at the end of last year, these departures have made great inroads into our staff and we will need many strong recruits to fill the gaps. We have been very grateful for the supply assistance this year of Miss C. Fell and Miss Graewyn Hammond in Auckland, and Mrs Bell and Misses Marama Walters and Rose Kiddle in Hamilton, who have combined Deaconess Supply service with assistance in our Hostels.

The Maori Ministry:

For many years our Maori Ministers were ordained and received into a special status with a limited relationship to the Funds of the Church and to the Conference. Rev E. Te Tuhi and Rev R. Rogers were later "received into Full Connexion." The three younger Maori Ministers received the normal Ministerial Training and passed the usual tests, and have full equality of status and privilege and responsibilities with their Pakeha brethren. We still have the provision in our Law for the ordination of men in the

special Maori status, known as the native ministry. It is possible that situations may yet arise when certain men while not having received the training necessary for the full ministry, might fulfil a useful function if ordained under the existing older provisions of our law. The Board has resolved to ask the special committee on the Maori work to consider this question and to report to a later meeting of the Board as to the desirability or otherwise of continuing this provision in our Law.

The All Blacks:

Our people have been deeply disturbed by the recent decision on this question. We are sincerely grateful to our President for openly identifying himself with the statement of the Church Leaders of the Dominion and thus making clear our Methodist position.

We deeply regret the decision of the New Zealand Rugby Union to omit Maori members from the New Zealand representative team to tour South Africa. They had a difficult decision to make. However the issue as we see it is that South Africa, by making Apartheid a matter of Government policy, has offended the conscience of the civilised world.

On the other hand New Zealand has held a place of leadership in race relationships which has been widely recognised especially among coloured peoples in the East. For New Zealand to accept "on the grounds of good manners," the avowed policy of apartheid in South Africa, so that a Rugby tour might continue fails to take account of the deep wounds made in the hearts of our people in this country, pakeha and Maori, who are mutually seeking a Christian unity of responsibility and privilege. It also fails to recognise the sensitive disturbed minds of the great communities of coloured peoples seeking for a place of real recognition in the family of God. We can only express our deep regret that such a difficult decision has been made with so little evident awareness of the depth of the issues involved.

Christian Fraternal Visit to Indonesia:

The Secretary of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand has again opened the possibility of a fraternal visit of Church people to Indonesia. In this, it is pointed out that if a party is to travel, representative of our New Zealand Churches, some Maori Christians must be included. It is the conviction of the Board that a Methodist Maori should be included among our representatives, if necessary at the expense of the Church, and as nominations will be needed at an early date, the Board is taking steps to see that a suitable person is elected.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary of the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference approve the proposal that a Methodist Maori Hui be held next year at which a decision will be made regarding hui being held in alternate years.
3. That Conference heartily endorse the inclusion of Maori representatives in the proposed visit to Indonesia, and approves the sending of a Methodist representative, if necessary at the expense of the Church, and that the Board be responsible for arranging finance.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference Respecting City Missions?

N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

I—M.S.S.A.

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The National Executive met at "Winstone Lodge," Auckland, on May 6th and 7th when the President of the Conference, Rev. G. R. Peterson, presided.

Reports were received from the City Missions, Orphanages and Maori Department. Two hundred and thirty-three elderly people are cared for in our Homes and Hospitals; 150 children in our 3 Orphanages and 329 young people in our Hostels including Winstone Lodge, Trinity College, Seamer House, Kurahuna, Auckland; Rangiatea, New Plymouth; Te Rahui (W), Te Rahui (T) at Hamilton; Rehua, Christchurch; Epworth and Church House, Wellington; Wesley Hall and Flats, Dunedin.

Hard-core Refugees:

The Convener reported that communications had been received from the Immigration Department and that the Auckland Central Mission had taken the responsibility for Miss Panafidina, who had already arrived.

The President tabled a letter for the Inter-Church Council regarding future hard-core refugees. It was resolved "That the M.S.S.A. would be responsible on behalf of the Church for its share of such refugees coming to New Zealand. It was felt that certain enquiries regarding Social Security and other relevant matters should be investigated. The actual number of refugees to be housed should be a matter of negotiation with the Inter-Church Council." Resolved. "This Annual Meeting of the M.S.S.A. supports the President of the Conference in committing our Methodist Church to fulfil its responsibility for compassionate immigration, arranged by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs."

Survey of Overall Needs:

That a survey be made within each M.S.S.A. area of the overall needs in the way of Social Service residential units, with the following points to be considered.

1. Present Methodist institutions and their stage of development.
2. Other public or Church sponsored institutions at present operating or immediately planned.
3. Priorities for future establishment.
4. The policy of the size of the units to be established.
5. The method of arranging appeals to ensure the continued support of institutions which are as yet only partially developed.
6. That each area report to the 1960 Annual Meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. who shall present a Dominion report to the Church Conference.

Overseas Settlement of British Women, 43 Parliament Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1:

Miss Ellen Cumber the General Secretary of the Society

addressed the meeting. Miss Cumber stated that she represented a Society which was interested in settling skilled and professional women in British Countries. It was a voluntary organisation subsidised by the U.K. Government. They were settling large numbers of folk in Canada who were trained in child care, and teachers in various Schools and Colleges. Miss Cumber answered a number of pertinent questions. She was uncertain about the number of cooks and domestic staff available. Workers could come under the Immigration schemes or by fares paid by sponsors with various arrangements for repayment. At New Zealand House there was a Department of Health where nurses may be available. Miss Cumber also said that the Society would be willing to investigate any case on our behalf. In the large majority of cases those who had settled were satisfactory to their employers. Organisations being served by the Society could make a donation if they so desired.

Constitution:

It is hoped that a copy of the Constitution, which has been drafted by the Law Revision Committee and had been approved by Conference, would be placed before the Synods and Conference.

Deaconess Association:

It was unanimously decided to send a special letter of appreciation to the Deaconess Association expressing our grateful thanks for the consecrated and efficient services of our New Zealand Deaconesses. Eight replacements were needed this year and concern was expressed that not more candidates were offering.

Policy in Relation to the Central Mission Work and Staffing:

It was resolved "That a Committee consisting of the four Superintendents of the Central Missions, the Rev G. I. Laurenson and Mr A. Dingwall, confer on the question of the needs of Central Missions in relation to their complete work and witness in respective centres allowing for individual differences. Other problems to be discussed were staffing, administration, areas of responsibility, and the examination of Social Service administration within the larger areas and any other relative matters and report to the next Annual Meeting."

Staff Insurance Plan:

1. It was resolved to "Request the Deaconess Board to compare and examine the present scheme of Retiring Allowance with a view to seeing that the maximum benefit would be available."
2. "That in view of the satisfactory operation of the contributory endowment superannuation scheme of the Home and Foreign Mission Board with the A.M.P. Society it is the mind of the Meeting that it is desirable that such a scheme be established for all staff employed in Institutions of the Church and requests that the Connexional Secretary examine the matter and take the necessary steps to institute such a scheme at the earliest possible moment."

Publicity:

- (a) It was decided to advertise in the Law Journal.
- (b) That 26,000 copies of a Brochure costing approximately £200 covering the work of the Dominion should be produced and distributed.

J. R. McKenzie Trust:

The Convener reported that he had interviewed the Secretary in Wellington. It was best for each organisation to make its own application and to send the completed forms to Wellington which were then sent back to the local Rotary Club for recommendation.

Spiritual Healing:

A two-page letter was received from the Convener of the Spiritual Healing Committee regarding full time Hospital Chaplains. It was resolved to ask the Synod Standing Committee to deliberate on the proposals and to report back to the M.S.S.A. Questions regarding stipends, connexional charges, travelling and parsonages were to be included in the Questionnaire.

Matters Referred by Conference:

- (a) **Children's Homes Christmas Appeal**—Conference Minutes, Page 152, No. 2. This was referred to the Children's Homes Boards for a report to the next annual meeting.
- (b) **Invitation to the Superintendents of City Missions, Page 152, Paragraph 6.** That the invitation of the Superintendent of Central Missions after the initial appointment of 6 years, may be extended for a subsequent term or terms each of 3 years.
- (c) **Page 152, Resolution 4**—This Annual Meeting of the M.S.S.A. welcomes the inclusion of Social Service work of the Central Missions in Circuit Budgets—to ensure that the representative function fulfilled by Central Missions is recognised in every Circuit by a basic gift, on the clear understanding that this does not eliminate the traditional right of Central Missions to appeal to individual members and others in the Circuits for larger gifts for capital and maintenance work of the Social Service Institutions.

Convener:

That during the term of the Presidential year of Rev A. Everil Orr, Rev. W. Falkingham should act as Convener.

Relationship with Architects:

Recommendation that on account of the procedure of engaging Architects creating complications for Trustees that the principles and procedure involved in employing Architects should be set out in the new Book on Architecture which was now being produced by the Connexional Office.

A. EVERIL ORR, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. **Gifts to Charity:** Conference requests the M.S.S.A. to negotiate with the Social Service Associations of sister churches with a view to the submission of a case to the Government for the remission of income tax on gifts to approved charities.

3. **Invitation to the Superintendents of City Missions:** That the invitation of the Superintendent of Central Missions, after the initial appointment of six years, may be extended for a subsequent term or terms, each of three years.

4. **Nelson Hospitals:** That the establishment by the Christchurch Central Mission Board of Management of a geriatric hospital in the Nelson district be referred to the M.S.S.A.

5. Conference agrees to the inclusion of Social Service work of the Central Missions in Circuit Budgets—to ensure that the representative function fulfilled by Central Missions is recognised in every Circuit by a basic gift, on the clear understanding that this does not eliminate the traditional right of Central Missions to appeal to individual members and others in the Circuits for larger gifts for capital and maintenance work of the Social Service Institutions.

II.—Central Missions

A—AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

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Evangelism of the whole man for the whole life continues to be the main emphasis in our work.

New Building Scheme: The matter of a small amount of land in order to square our frontage to the Civic Centre has now been settled with the City Council for the sum of £9000. This means that the Mission will have approximately 80-90ft frontage across the Civic Square. The Architects have produced sketches including a Church and accessories, halls for youth and elderly people, a counselling centre, a creche and provision for the various social service works of the Mission. An office block of nine storeys is proposed in order to provide an income to maintain and extend the Social service work in the area.

At present negotiations are being conducted in regard to a sufficient loan in order that building may proceed within a reasonable time. An economic survey of the whole project is proceeding after which space has to be sold when the working drawings can be completed and the tenders called. The matter of parking has been a major problem, but this has now been amicably settled with the authorities and the Mission should be able to provide parking for 20 cars.

The passing of the late Sir William Jordan and the late Mr Alfred E. Cashmore has been a severe loss to the Board.

HOMES AND HOSPITALS:

(a) **Astley House:** Continues its valued work among 56 ladies in life's eventide. A long waiting list is evidence of the regard in which this service is held by the public.

(b) **Tyler House:** The new hospital wing together with provision for larger dining space and a Nurses' Home was commenced at the end of May and the Hospital should be ready for the official opening in the middle of November, 1959. The contract price, together with the furnishings and acquisition of the Nurses' Home is approximately £40,000.

(c) **Leigh Haven:** We have now received approval of the cottage scheme and working drawings are completed and waiting the final ratification by the Health Department. Tenders will be called immediately on receipt of approval and building will proceed. The scheme is estimated to cost £62,000 plus professional fees. Provision will be made for married couples, single folk, flats with 2 single bedrooms are also being provided for 2 elderly people who desire to be together in life's eventide.

(d) **Wesley Convalescent Hospital:** The Hospital is always taxed to capacity. An exploratory plan for the whole site of 2 acres

has been produced and after the Mt. Albert projects are completed the Trustees are anxious to proceed with building in order to provide for any hospital cases in our Homes, so that an overall coverage is assured. Larger provision will also be made for the work which is now being carried on.

(e) South Auckland Project: Recently the purchase of 10½ acres from Mr J. Herbert on the Hamilton-Cambridge Road was completed at a cost of £5297 12s 6d. Word has just been received from the Health Department that a subsidy is available on 6 acres at the current market value of the land assessed by the Valuation Department whose price was £370 per acre. The price of £500 per acre which we paid was reckoned to be reasonable. Our subsidy is £1165 and we have assured the Department that we will commence within 5 years from the date of purchase. Negotiations between the Central Mission Trustees and the South Auckland Standing Committee are proceeding in order that a committee may be formed in Hamilton and a policy for the future set out.

(f) Campbell's Bay Health Camp and Waiheke Holiday House: The work of the Camp is handicapped at the moment on account of the lack of water. Negotiations are proceeding with the appropriate authorities so that we may have the city water supply laid on at the earliest possible moment. This will enable us to make greater use of the property. The policy of providing units for families where they may have the benefit of the seaside at a reasonable price is being pursued. Larger provision for youth groups, Bible class and other camps numbering 200 will be made available in co-operation with interested Church bodies.

The new cottage at Waiheke has now been completed and there is room for 2 families to participate in holidays all the year round.

(g) Winstone Lodge: For students and business girls provides a warm atmosphere in which the Christian content is foremost.

New Counselling Centre: The Conference Minutes of 1955, page 133 sets out the basis governing the Centre. It will be part of the Central Mission Social Services, but the actual work of the Centre will be conducted by Dr Williams and his colleagues. The College Council and the Central Mission Trustees are conferring in this matter.

Finance: Gifts and Legacies, £5000 (organ—new Chapel), Mr and Mrs A. E. Hayman; £5000 (homes and hospitals), Miss King; £12,210—Ashby Memorial Appeal—for Old People's Homes; late Mrs K. G. Service, £386 5s 4d; Margaret Hicks Memorial, £36 17s 6d; James Coe Estate, £1000; Lionel P. Hardy, £100; Miss C. G. Goldsworthy, £50; Miss S. M. Cooke, £50; Mary E. Chayter, £826 11s 10d; Mrs E. Beauchamp, £1000.

Staffing and General: The Mission is well served by its Board of faithful Trustees, its officers and consecrated staff. We record our real thanks to all who have contributed and our generous thanks to Almighty God for another year of service.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.
F. M. SOUSTER,
WALTER WOOD, Circuit Stewards.
R. T. GARLICK, Hon. Secretary.
E. A. ASTLEY, Hon. Treasurer.

B—DUNEDIN CENTRAL CHURCH AND MISSION

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The following is the sixty-ninth Report of Methodist Mission activities in Dunedin and the 6th Annual Report of the Central Methodist Church and Mission.

I. GENERAL.

The General Superintendent and Staff.

The sudden illness of the General Superintendent, the Rev Dr R. Dudley, M.A., at the beginning of March of this year necessitated a revision of the Church programme on both the circuit and social service sides. We were fortunate in obtaining the services of the Rev C. H. Olds, B.A., of Cambridge, who served the C.M.C.M. outstandingly, as did the Rev E. Heppelthwaite, circuit officials, and the executive staff, during the emergency. Though the General Superintendent has resumed full work his absence prevented the Community Welfare Appeal planned for the beginning of the year, and in general has had some effect upon social service activities.

The C.M.C.M., in view of all the circumstances, regards the present as opportune to remind the Connexion of paragraph 2 of its Annual Report, 1956 (Minutes of Conference, p. 157), wherein attention was drawn to its Conference staffing position. Since then two more institutions, Wesley Residential Hall for men students and Annesley Flats for women students, have been opened. And yet the present Church staffing of two ordained ministers without any deaconess is less than that which prevailed prior to 1952. It is obvious that the existing position is an impossible and perilous one.

II. CIRCUIT LIFE.

(1) The Central Witness:

During the year the C.M.C.M. officials undertook a serious study on the question of the means to be adopted for the communication of the Gospel in our day, and it was generally agreed that a radical change in existing methods was imperative. In addition a lay pastorate, instructed in doctrine and visitation technique is envisaged.

(2) Waverley:

The extension work undertaken in the newly developed area of Waverley has been amply justified. It is hoped to make a commencement with the building of the new Church Hall before the end of this year. A small grant from the Connexion, generous help from the Circuit and a well-wisher, are acknowledged. The estimated cost is £4500.

III. SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

(1) New Building, Octagon Site:

It cannot be over-emphasised that the crucial need facing the C.M.C.M. is the provision of a suitable building on the Octagon site to serve as a worthy Centre of Methodism with modern facilities for Church activities, Community Welfare Services and Administration, and where annual Synods and Conferences can be conveniently held. Existing buildings are old and unsuitable for present-day needs, and the new building must be regarded as a major priority.

In spite of economic difficulties the C.M.C.M. officials feel constrained to move forward toward a major building programme.

(2) Institutions:

It is gratifying to note that the various institutions are in good

heart with the staffing position better than for many years. The need for greater financial support of the work by circuits and generous friends is commended. Among the more pressing obligations that should be considered are extensions to Wesley Residential Hall, a forward policy for Annesley Flats, the Home for the Aged in Timaru, and an increasing demand of late for economic assistance.

(3) Timaru:

The establishment of a Home by the Anglican-Methodist Old People's Home (Timaru) Trust Board is still under consideration. Revised plans are now in the hands of the Department of Health. A possible cause of delay could be the decision to await the implementation of the undertaking of the present Government to grant a subsidy on approved projects of up to 100 per cent of the total building cost instead of the present 75 per cent figure. As the cost of the new building is estimated (without furnishings) at approximately £60,000 a reasonable delay could be justified.

(4) Finance:

The finances of the C.M.C.M. are in a sound position. However, there has been a fall in the Social Service income due to the inability of the superintendent through illness to prosecute, as hoped for at the beginning of the year, the Community Welfare Appeal. It is expected soon to complete arrangements for a financial canvass and if possible to implement plans for the projected Welfare Appeal.

Conclusion:

We express gratitude to God for His tender care over all He has raised up, and thanks to all ministers, officials, staff members and friends for services generously given.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, General Superintendent.

S. LAWN, Circuit Steward.

C—WESLEY CHURCH (WELLINGTON CENTRAL) SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

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1. "Wesleyhaven" Methodist Eventide Homes Settlement:

Throughout the year the Settlement has continued to fulfill a real need; there have been staff changes and much sickness among the residents but our present staff position is very satisfactory.

Various factors have caused delay in the development of our plans. After much consultation with our Architects and with other interested groups and negotiations with the Health Department agreement has been reached that our extension should be along the line of Home Type Residential Accommodation. There will be a sick bay for short term sickness cases among the residents. The plans now adopted by the Trust comprise the following:

1. A central Administration Block with Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge, Matron's Flat and Sick Bay.
2. The main Accommodation Wing with 40 bed sitting rooms.
3. The conversion of the present kitchen block into Staff quarters for 5 persons.
4. A further Residential Block for 8 persons.

The Deckston Trust continue to develop their plans and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Associated Churches of Christ of New

Zealand have promised their partnership in the extension of "Wesleyhaven" and are raising a substantial sum towards the cost of their part of the scheme.

2. Finance:

Friends both by personal contributions and through legacies are giving us worthwhile financial support which encourages the Trust in its work for the Aged.

3. "Epworth House":

This Hostel for Young Women was opened by the Prime Minister on the 8th February, 1959, and has accommodation for 14 or 15 Young Women and the Matron.

The total cost has been approximately £11,000, so far we have received financial assistance as follows:

	£
Church Hostel Appeal	2800
N.Z. Government Subsidy	4125
A total of	6925

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

T. M. STEPHENS, Secretary.

D—CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION

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EVENTIDE HOMES—

(1) Wesley House, Picton.

Owing to illness, we suffered the loss of the valuable services of Miss C. F. Hight, who served Wesley House as Matron since its inception. Miss E. Atkinson was appointed upon Miss Hight's retirement, and maintains a high standard of efficiency. Plans have been prepared for the addition of nine single rooms, and these are now being considered by the Picton Committee and the Mission Board.

(2) Wesley Lodge.

Miss E. Borrows as Matron continues to serve the needs of thirty aged folk and the standards of service have been well maintained.

Wesley Hospital for the Aged

Since the establishment of the Hospital two years ago 163 patients have been ministered to. This type of service is the most urgent need in the field of geriatrics, and on that account the Board of Management has approved in principle the extension of the work and has considered certain possibilities, upon which the Government were approached and tentative approval granted.

The Board is mindful that it has a responsibility to develop Social Service work wherever there is need in the Social Service area. To this end discussions have been inaugurated with the Nelson Synod Standing Committee and the matter further advanced from a visit from the Vice-President of Conference and the Superintendent.

Rehua Maori Apprentices' Hostel

It has been a most encouraging year in which we have witnessed seventeen of the boys making decisions for Christ at the Amberley Easter Camp and the Billy Graham Crusade. The regu-

lar attendance at church of these boys and their companions is evidence that they are truly on the Christian Way of life.

The second stage in the development of the Hostel as reported to last Conference has now been completed free of debt at a cost of approximately £3000. Thirty-six boys are now accommodated. However, there is continual pressure from the North Island Maori Welfare Officers for accommodation for more Maori trade trainees, and the Board has further contracted for the building of a new wing to provide twelve more beds and showers, etc., at a cost of approximately £3000.

Rehua Recreation Hall

The need for provision for special and physical activity for the boys in Rehua has long been felt. Contact has been made with prominent Maoris and Maori Land Trusts, and promises of considerable finances and other support have been obtained. The Hostel Committee with the Board of Management's approval consider that support is sufficiently advanced to proceed with the work which to a large degree will be performed by the boys themselves, twenty-five of whom are carpentry apprentices. The Recreation Hall will take the form of a traditional Maori Meeting House. It will not only keep the boys in touch with the artistry achievements of their race, but will serve as an admirable centre for Christian work among the Maoris of the South Island. There are seven hundred North Island Maoris alone in Christchurch.

Goodwill Store

Owing to the imminent demolition of the property originally occupied, we have now taken a lease on a house situated near the Mission Office. It is a much more central site and provides more space and better conditions. Volume of incoming and outgoing goods is maintained. We are indebted to the ten ladies who voluntarily staff this enterprise.

Darby and Joan Club

The roll numbers now exceed one hundred, and we are embarrassed for lack of space. It is imperative that urgent consideration be given to the development of adequate buildings on the Cambridge Terrace site. The Board of Management has set up a Committee to consider and recommend priorities of various Social Service projects under consideration, and the development of the Cambridge Terrace site is one of these. If we had better central facilities we would vastly increase the three times weekly Hot Meal Service given now to needy persons.

Prison Chaplaincy

When the Superintendent was for a short time acting as National Council of Churches Chaplain, arrangements were made for the land line to the Paparua Prison for the purpose of transmitting the Billy Graham meetings. Personal visitation resulted in thirty-one men publicly confessing their faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord. We maintain our ministry to Methodists in prison.

Hospital Chaplaincy

The Board continues to be responsible for Chaplaincy work at Christchurch and Burwood Hospitals. The Rev H. G. Brown serves in this capacity in the Christchurch Public Hospital and the Rev E. Baker in Burwood Hospital. Valuable work continues to be done. With the opening of the Cashmere Hospital the time has

arrived for serious thought to be given to the appointment of a full time chaplain. It is imperative that earnest consideration be given by the District to the financial aspects involved if we are to maintain a Chaplaincy Ministry comparable to sister churches.

Deaconess Work

Sister Doreen Bulford is carrying a heavy responsibility administering the Hot Meals Service, Youth Work, and the Girls' Life Brigade, etc., and all the multifarious duties devolving on a City Mission Deaconess.

W. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports of Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin Central Missions and Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services' Trust be received and adopted.

2. **The Methodist Counselling Centre:** The Counselling Centre at the Methodist Central Mission, Auckland, shall be controlled by a Board of Management which shall comprise:

(a) The following Standing Members:

The Principal of Trinity Theological College.

The Tutor in Pastoral Theology at Trinity College.

Two members nominated by the Trinity College Council.

The Superintendent of the Methodist Central Mission, Auckland.

One member nominated by the Board of Management of the Mission.

Two of the Trustees of the Methodist Central Mission, Auckland.

(b) Up to four co-opted members appointed by the Standing Members, such persons not necessarily being members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Board of Studies of Trinity Theological College shall be responsible for the selection of all key personnel and shall approve any training programme provided at the Centre.

3. That Conference congratulates the Superintendent and Trustees of the Central Methodist Church and Mission that the development of its work now permits preliminary steps to be taken to launch a building scheme for their Community Welfare Building on the Octagon site, Dunedin.

4. That Conference record its appreciation to the Superintendents of Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington Social Service work.

Boards of Management:

That the Boards of Management for Central Missions be as follows:

(A) AUCKLAND:

Superintendent Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of the District, Revs E. W. Hames, L. R. Gilmore, Dr D. O. Williams, Dr H. Ranston, A. J. Seamer, Wesley Parker, and the Ministers of the Takapuna, Mount Albert, and Remuera Churches; Mesdames M. Spurge, I. Sweetapple, J. Tyler, E. Mills, and Miss E. Booth, Messrs A. E. Hayman, J. Trenwith, L. J. Mor, F. Penn, E. A. Astley, R. T. Garlick, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caghey, W. Woodward, A. H. Winstone, R. Simpson, N. Mee, F. E. Sutherland, C. W. Firth, N. A. West, and

Keith Clark, together with the Circuit Officials and Trustees of the Mission properties.

III—Children's Homes

A.—AUCKLAND

The number of children in the Home during the year has been an average of 40. Two of the boys are at Wesley College and several of the senior girls and boys have been boarded out in private homes.

There have been great staffing difficulties for some time. The Board has now secured the services of Mr and Mrs J. Riley, well-known and highly respected Methodist workers in our Gisborne Church, as Superintendent and Matron. They will be taking up their duties in July.

The Connexional Office has already passed plans for a house to be built on the property where the Superintendent, the Matron and their family will live.

The Home and the Board are proud that one of the ex-boys from the home is coming forward as a candidate for the ministry this year, and another studying medicine in Dunedin. Altogether, reports concerning the welfare of ex-pupils are encouraging.

The Ladies' Committee has done stalwart service during the year, relieving with work in the Home during staff difficulties. And, as usual, splendid work has been done by the sewing groups. Appreciation is expressed also to all those who have assisted with supervision of the grounds and the buildings.

B.—MASTERTON

We now have thirty-one children under our care and this is really full capacity. There were seven children admitted during the year and also seven departures. Eight are now attending Wairapa College and three are pre-school age.

The resignation of Miss C. Fell who has been a faithful member of the staff for eleven years was received with regret.

The exterior of the main building is at present being painted while necessary renovations have also been attended to.

Our big news is that the long-awaited Recreation Room has been completed, the opening and dedication ceremony taking place on Saturday, June 20. The Room is already proving of great benefit to the children. The contract price was £2830 and we are thankful for Government assistance of the £1 for £1 subsidy.

The following notifications of bequests have been received: Estate W. H. Bennett, £100; Alice McEwen, £10; Mrs D. L. Craig, approx. £2500; Joseph Bilton, £100; Bernard Anderson, £1000; Rev T. W. Featherston, £200.

The Committee thank all who have in any way assisted with the work especially in the provision of Holiday Homes for the children, gifts of clothing, produce, financial support and donations; to our Honorary Physicians, Doctors N. H. and O. F. Prior, and to the Master and Matron and staff for the love and care bestowed on the children. We express our thankfulness to God for what has been achieved in the interests of the children and seek His help and guidance during the coming year.

The following committee is nominated for the ensuing year: Mr A. D. Grigg, chairman; Revs J. B. Dawson, John Grundy; Dr N. H.

Prior, Dr O. F. Prior; Mesdames W. H. Aburn, D. Crichton, A. D. Griggs, J. F. Cody, Messrs F. E. Wells, D. Crichton, C. E. Archer, W. L. Churchill, A. K. Hodder, A. Kay, J. F. Cody (treasurer), W. H. Saunders (secretary).

Staff:

C.—SOUTH ISLAND

It is pleasing to report that the Staff position during the year has been steady, with few changes. Mr and Mrs W. Robertson, who are now in their second year as Master and Matron are finding work congenial but exacting. Sister Rona continues to exercise a fine influence in the Home as Assistant Matron. There are 10 on the permanent staff and 3 part time helpers.

Children:

At present there are 63 children in the Home, the highest number we have had for some years, and two others are boarded out. Two boys are continuing with University Studies. One Maori boy has been sent to Wesley College and one to a farm in the Waikato. In the main, the health of the children has been good.

Finance:

Our financial year now ends on March 31st instead of May 30th. This will facilitate the work in the office, without creating any difficulty in the circuits. Promptness in remitting amounts is an excellent thing.

Board:

The following are nominated:

The Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, St Albans, Christchurch East, Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace, Woolston, Addington, Papanui, and Riccarton circuit, Revs. A. O. Harris, W. G. Slade, W. T. Blight, C. R. Taylor, Messrs H. J. T. Harrington, H. de R. Flesher, A. A. Harrow, F. A. Sheat, P. B. Birkett, R. Barnett, C. L. Palmer, L. Beardsley, Mesdames M. A. R. Pratt, H. L. Newton, R. A. Marsh, A. Black, B. N. Hodder, and Miss D. Horrill.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses high appreciation of the work of Sister Ivy Jones, J.P., in the Deaconess Order and in the service of the Auckland ("Wesleydale") Children's Home, on the occasion of her retirement from active work.

3. That Conference appoint a special Commission to consider:

- (a) The whole basis and functioning of the Church's Orphanage work, with special reference to trends in New Zealand and overseas in the matter of accommodation, control and discipline of the children, and their integration into the life of church and community.
- (b) To investigate whether Children's Homes would be more efficiently administered as units of Social Service work under the direction of Central Missions.
- (c) That the following be the members of the Commission: Revs W. F. Ford, E. S. Hoddinott, Cyril Burton, Miss Lorna Hodder; Correspondence Members, a representative of the M.S.S.A., a member from each of the Orphanage Boards, Dr D. O. Williams, Rev W. E. A. Carr, Rev W. F. Ford (Convener).

4. That the Boards of Management be as printed on page 7 herewith.

QUESTION LIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) The Order of Deaconesses? (b) The Training of Deaconesses?

Methodist Deaconess Board

REPORT FOR 1959

Deaconess House:

Deaconess House has had a satisfactory year, and in December the four students in training will have completed their course and be available for appointment. In the case of Miss Gladys Thomas the Board recommends to Conference that her three years of full time service prior to entering the House, be accepted in lieu of her year of Probation, and that she be Dedicated at this Conference.

All four students have been diligent in all aspects of their training and should prove to be worthy members of the Order.

It is expected that two trainees will be entering the House in 1960, subject to their Entrance Examinations being satisfactory. We are greatly encouraged by the candidature of Sister Pamela Beaumont of the Buin Circuit. A suitable resolution appears at the end of the report.

The Board is concerned that more candidates are not offering for this field of service. The new Brochure was distributed to Bible Class Camps and Winter Schools through the Department of Christian Education, and to many Circuits in the Connexion. The standard of training is being raised from time to time, and we look to the Superintendent Ministers to enlist the interest of likely candidates.

The Hostel section of the House has been full and meets a great need for accommodation in the city. We are indebted to Mrs G. E. Gauntlett for her outstanding service to the Church as Lady Superintendent. We are granting her leave of absence during 1960 to enable her to visit England.

The various committees of the Board have been active in maintaining the condition of the House. The Property Committee under Mr A. A. Harrow has continued its policy of interior decoration, while the outside presents an attractive appearance to the passer-by.

We express our thanks to the Ladies Guilds and other groups for their continued interest in the maintenance of the House. The gifts assist us to maintain a reasonable standard of accommodation.

Lectures:

The Lecturers who assist us with their valued services are as follows: New Testament, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.; Old Testament, the Rev. C. P. Lucas, L.Th.; Church History, Rev. P. M. Guthardt, M.A.; Theology, the Rev. H. G. Brown; Pastoral Psychology, the Rev. C. D. Clark, B.A., Homiletics, the Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.

The Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A., has given a series of lectures on the History of the Maori Mission, Mr Wera Couch on Maori Etiquette, and the Rev. G. I. Laursenson on the work of the Home and Maori Mission Department. The trainees have also attended W.E.A. Lectures on Maori Language. Care is exercised in arranging extra Lectures at the end of each year on subjects that will

prove helpful to a Deaconess in her work, including Church Polity Social Security Regulations, Home Nursing, and car maintenance.

The Students were able to share in a School of Pastoral Theology conducted by Dr Seward Hiltner.

Library:

The Board has endeavoured to build up the House Library to a reasonable standard, and has set about providing a special section on the Maori and early New Zealand. We have been assisted to this end by two special donations, one of £20 from the Home Mission Department and £50 from the Maori General Purposes Trust Board.

Field Work:

Our Deaconesses render signal service to many parts of our Church Life. In City Missions and Children's Homes, Circuits and Overseas Mission Fields, they serve in a variety of capacities. Preaching, sick visiting, Bible in Schools work and in the pastoral care of people, secretarial work, and in the fostering of fellowship among the people. In all these fields Deaconesses are taking a leading part.

Sister Mildred West:

We pay tribute to the distinguished service to the Church rendered by Sister Mildred West. She served for 23 years in the Ashburton Circuit and upon her retirement, continued for a further 12 years with real devotion to the people. Her passing leaves a memory rich in affection and esteem in the South Canterbury District.

Resolution of Conference (1958 Minutes, page 161, No. 7):

The Board was not at all certain as to the purpose of this recommendation that it report on the desirability of establishing an Order within the Deaconess Order wherein a Pulpit and Pastoral Ministry may be exerted by women after suitable special training.

In its report to the Conference of 1956 the Board set out its convictions concerning the nature and function of the Deaconess Order, and the nature of the training to be given. Reference was made there in to three ways in which specialised training could be provided when and where necessary. That report was adopted by Conference which indicated that the statements therein carried the endorsement of the Conference.

The Conference has also accepted the principle that women may find a place within the ranks of the Ministry and has put that principle into action.

Thus we have two Orders within which women may now exercise a "pulpit and pastoral ministry."

(a) within the Order known as the Ministry open to women as well as men.

(b) within the Deaconess Order open to women only. In this latter Order, the emphasis is put upon the pastorate in its varied aspects, as stated in the 1956 report. Provision, however, is made for preaching and many Deaconesses do become fully accredited Local Preachers and conduct services regularly. Homiletics is now an important part of the curriculum.

In the light of these facts the Board cannot see that any good results can accrue from establishing yet another "Order" to enable women "to exercise a pulpit and pastoral ministry." If they cannot

find a fruitful field of service within the Orders already existing and open to them, it seems obvious that nothing will be achieved by attempting to create yet another similar field of full-time service.

Further, to do so would be to cause confusion of thought and action. The Board emphasises the fact that within the life of the Church there are sufficient spheres of service for women who feel called to special full-time work and therefore it has no recommendation to make.

Thanks:

The Board records its deep appreciation of the devoted service of the Rev. J. C. A. Williams, who has been Secretary for the last six years, and of the Rev. C. D. Clark, who for four years was Convener of the Board of Studies. Mr Williams's work has been characterised by a real concern for the work of the Order, and Mr Clark has been responsible in large measure for the preparation of the new curriculum and the re-organisation of the Library.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Supplementary Reports, 1959

The Function and Status of the Deaconess Order:

The Deaconess Board of Studies was concerned at the continued shortage of candidates for entrance into Deaconess House. There was evidence that some ministers were critical of the training given in Deaconess House and were disinclined to encourage suitable young women to apply for entrance into the Deaconess Order as a sphere of full time Christian service. A memorandum was sent to the District Ministerial Committees, 1959, outlining matters concerning the training of Deaconess students which may have been overlooked, and asking that the whole question be discussed in the Ministerial Committees. In some districts the discussion extended to the representative sessions of Synod.

In the light of Synod recommendations the Deaconess Board has given further consideration to the matter and feels that there is need for a careful evaluation of the function and status of the Deaconess Order in the life of the Church. The following matters require further consideration:

- (a) The relationship between the Deaconess Order and the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments.
- (b) The vocation and sphere of service of a Deaconess.
- (c) The Pastoral Care of the Deaconess in the Field. The Deaconesses in British Methodism are under the pastoral care of the Warden of the Deaconess Training Institution when they are sent out on to the field. The more formal relationship between a Deaconess and a Board does not meet this need for adequate pastoral oversight.
- (d) The Status of Deaconess House as a Training Centre. The Board believes that the time has come to give serious consideration to the appointment of a Warden for Deaconess House. He would be academically qualified to give, say, three of the basic lectures each week and to be responsible for the oversight of the Deaconess Trainees and the Deaconesses on the field.

The Board does not favour the setting up of a special Commission but seeks the authority of Conference to consult with some

senior Deaconess, the Home and Foreign Mission Department on the above question and report to Synods and Conference, 1960.

Opportunities for Retired Women to Serve in the Church:

The Board is concerned at the serious shortage of Deaconesses and is aware of other spheres of service open to women of maturity in Circuits and in the wider life of the Church. At the same time there are women who have retired from the professional duties and are able to give several years of service in some other capacity. The Church would benefit from the contribution they could make in full time or part time employment and it would help to ease the present difficult situation.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. (a) That the Deaconess Board consult with senior Deaconesses, the Home and Foreign Mission Departments, the M.S.S.A., and Trinity College Board of Studies, on the matters outlined in the supplementary report.

(b) That the Board of Studies of Deaconess House and of Trinity College be asked to confer regarding the possible integration of their work at Auckland in association with the School for Christian Workers.

(c) That reports be made to Synods and Conference of 1960.

3. That the Church appeal to women who have retired or are contemplating retirement from their particular professions to consider giving part-time or full-time service to the Church.

4. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to Mrs Gauntlett, the Staff of Deaconess House, and the Lecturers for their services.

5. That we extend our best wishes to Mrs Gauntlett on her journey overseas.

6. That the Board of Christian Education be asked to give publicity in Christian Education Handbook to the need for Deaconesses.

7. That the following be referred to the Deaconess Board for consideration: Having considered the statement from the Deaconess Board concerning the dearth of candidates for the Deaconess Order with its suggestion that the Order is not being sufficiently commended because of misconceptions concerning the standard of academic training, this Conference is convinced that other factors are more important. Conference asks the Deaconess Board to recommend to Conference ways and means whereby the office of the Deaconess can be raised in status by such means as:

(a) Bringing the procedure for the reception of candidates into line with that of candidates for the Ministry, viz., Quarterly Meeting, District Ministerial Committee, and Examination Committee of Conference.

(b) The Examination Committee to give closer supervision to the training of Deaconesses.

(c) That the appointments be made by the Stationing Committee. See Minutes of Conference, P. 161, par. 6.

(d) That all Deaconesses be members as of right of the District Ministerial Committee or at least of the March meeting of the Committee.

8. That Conference record its appreciation of the devoted services of the Rev J. C. A. Williams, who has been Secretary of the Deaconess Board for the last six years, and of the Rev C. D. Clark, B.A., who for four years has given able leadership as Convener of the Board of Studies.

9. That the Board be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A—Methodist Times Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Circulation:

This continues to remain steady. This is gratifying in that this year the subscription rate has been increased. The adverse effect of this necessary action has been almost negligible. Although the number of deletions has been a little higher than usual the number of new subscribers is also greater.

It may be of value to record a detail of administration. During the current year something under one in ten of our readers were involved in a change of address. With the names of those concerned as new subscribers or deletions, the total number of names handled was approximately 1000.

To assist in the matter of circulation, it has been decided to make a special offer to Quarterly Meetings. If a Quarterly Meeting is prepared to enrol an equivalent of 100% of the Church homes recorded on its membership roll the paper will be sent to each home at the reduced rate of 12s 6d. This will commence on 1st May, 1960. Full particulars will be sent to each Quarterly Meeting later this year.

Finance:

We record again a working loss. This year it is the sum of £307 12s 2d. Although our income from subscriptions and advertising has increased, expenditure also shows an inevitable upward trend. For this reason, it has been necessary to raise the subscription from 12s 6d to 15s per annum. It should be noted that our subscription rate is still very much lower than that of any other Church journal of a comparable size and quality. Typical rates are 22s 6d. Actually, our people are very well treated in this respect.

Editorial:

Our best thanks are again conveyed to our Editor, the Rev W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., for another year of fine service. He has been ably assisted by the Rev H. S. Kings.

The Committee is examining the question of future action in connection with editorial policy. Careful thought has to be given to the nature of the next appointment to this important position. The possibility of having a fully-trained journalist, with Christian convictions and intimate knowledge of our Church life, and working for us on a part-time basis, is being studied. The advantages, on the other hand, of having the services of an experienced minister with his own specialised training and knowledge must also be kept in mind. The results of the investigation will be reported as soon as practicable.

General:

In recording its appreciation of the services of circuit agents,

attention is drawn to the fact that ministers can assist the agents considerably by commending the Church paper from the pulpit, and also by asking members to co-operate with the agent in the task of collecting subscriptions.

For the Committee, E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

Supplementary Report, 1959

Since reporting to Synods the Committee has taken further action concerning the position of Editor of the Methodist Times. Our present Editor, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., has stated that he must definitely relinquish the position as from April 1961. The Committee felt with regret that it had to accept the intimations and later will make appropriate reference to his outstanding work.

In terms of a resolution of Conference enquiries were made throughout New Zealand as to the possibility of finding an experienced journalist who might be able to act as Editor of our paper on a part-time basis. A reply was received from one district only. Subsequently the Committee approached a well-known Layman in Christchurch, Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip. Ed. and secured his consent to be nominated for the position.

Mr Beaumont retired early this year after 40 years service in the teaching profession in which he was very highly thought of. The last 10 years were spent in specialised work at the Canterbury Museum lecturing to students and taking special classes involving many thousands of school children.

For some fifteen years he has done outstanding work as a Broadcaster in connection with Children's religious broadcasts. He is in constant demand as a lecturer by cultural groups of every kind.

He is a well-known and highly respected layman of our Church in North Canterbury and has occupied every office open to laymen in our Circuit life and work. He has done outstanding work in the Sunday School Union and has made a remarkable contribution to our youth work.

He has published several books of religious plays, contributes regular articles to daily newspapers and at present is engaged in the preparation of a book on educational theory and practice.

The Committee is most gratified that at a time when it has been necessary to look for a future Editor the services of such a qualified and devoted layman will be available to the Church. The Board of Publications has signified its hearty approval of the nomination, and the Committee sends forward his name with the utmost confidence.

For the Committee,

ERNEST H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip.Ed., be designated as Editor of the "Methodist Times," his appointment being for a term of three years commencing May 1st, 1961.
3. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 7 herein.

B—Board of Publications

REPORT FOR 1959.

Despite the kind encouragement given by the last Conference to the Board "to pursue expeditiously its policy of a full-time Director of Publications," it must be confessed that we seem to be no nearer that goal than we were a year ago. Meanwhile, the work of the Board has necessarily been of a restricted nature, since all its work is done by very busy people on a voluntary basis. It remains our hope that Connexional Budgeting may, at some time in the future, enable the Board to carry out its long-cherished plan for the appointment of a full-time Director, who would also be Editor of "The Methodist Times."

Membership Preparation Manual:

One of our major tasks this year has been the re-printing of a limited edition of C. T. Symons's "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours." At the suggestion of the Department of Christian Education we did not proceed with supplementary leaflet material, but decided to press on with the preparation of a new Manual of Doctrine. We are now happy to report that the Rev E. W. Hames, M.A., Principal of Trinity College, has this Manual well under way and it should be possible to publish it during 1960.

Reports for Study:

Extracts from last year's "Church Union" report and from "the Statement of Peace and War" were printed and sent down to Circuits for study during the year. We hope in the present year to publish further significant extracts from Conference reports and resolutions for the benefit of our people throughout New Zealand.

Thanks:

The Board places on record its gratitude for the outstanding service rendered over several years by Mr Bryan R. Burton. His knowledge of lay-out and his skill as an artist have been freely placed at the disposal of the Church, and his removal from Auckland will leave a gap difficult to fill.

We also express thanks for the continued service of Mr K. H. Lawry, our cashier, Mr J. C. Wigglesworth, our accountant, and Mr R. H. Hames, our auditor. Considerations of space limit our ability to thank many others for valued services rendered.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1959.

With the Editorship of "The Methodist Times" due to be reconsidered in 1961, the Board has discussed the matter fully and feels that the time is opportune once more to call attention to the Editor-Manager Policy approved by the Conference some years ago. (See Minutes, 1947, pp. 158ff, and Law Book, Part VIII, Section 17, par. 518 (8 and 9). The essential part of this policy provides ultimately for the appointment of a full-time Director of Publications who would also be Editor of "The Methodist Times."

We believe that the time is ripe for steps to be taken which will lead progressively to the full implementation of this policy. The experience of sister churches tends to confirm that best results are likely to be obtained in a religious periodical when the Editor is a professional journalist.

It is our mind that the first step should be the appointment of a suitable professional journalist (probably with a small panel of ministers to assist him) as Editor on a part-time basis, to take over when the present appointment terminates. The specialised knowledge of such an Editor would enable him to make substantial improvements to the paper in the matter of layout and general presentation of material, which we envisage would result in an increase of circulation.

This step would enable us to bridge the gap until the issue has been decided concerning Church Union, and also would provide time for the improved paper to commend itself to our people, with a resultant consolidation of finances. As soon as the position becomes clear, and financial arrangements permit, we propose that the Editor of "The Methodist Times" should also take over the post of Director of Publications on a full-time basis.

We seek permission from this Conference to make a full investigation of the above proposals, in co-operation with the "Methodist Times" Committee, with a view to bringing down concrete recommendations to the Synods and Conference of 1960.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted, and that the Supplementary Report be received.

2. That a grant of £40 be made from the Contingent Fund.

3. That Conference place on record its sincere appreciation of the valued service given by the Rev W. E. Allon Carr as Chairman of the Board for several years—a task which he undertook with enthusiasm and effectiveness.

4. That Conference express appreciation of the Rev L. Gordon Hanna as Press Relations Officer.

5. That the Rev F. S. Rigg be appointed Dominion Press Relations Officer for a term of three years.

6. That the Board of Publications be asked to investigate the possibility of publishing annually the statements (e.g., International Affairs) and findings of Conference on matters of general interest in pamphlet form for sale to our people. N.B.—The British Conference issues such a publication.

7. That the following be referred to the Board of Publications: That in view of the Church's intention to appoint an Editor-Manager for the "Methodist Times" in the near future, Conference consider the advisability of combining our Church papers in one Connexional paper that will commend itself by its format, style and material to all age groups (e.g., the American magazine, "Together").

8. That the Conference request a representative of the Board of Publications and Methodist Times Committee, together with the Dominion and District and Press Relations Officer, to investigate and report on more satisfactory means of handling press releases and presenting news when an issue is at the height of its relevancy.

9. That the Board be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Navy.—The position in so far as our Church is concerned remains unchanged.

Army.—With the termination of C.M.T. intakes we have not been called upon to provide chaplains for duty in the training camps. The New Zealand Division continues active on a voluntary basis and annual camps still require the attendance of chaplains. The Rev R. F. Clement, M.A., has been appointed S.C.F., New Zealand Division, in succession to the Rt Rev Hulme Moir and will retain his posting for three years. We extend our congratulations to Mr Clement, being confident that he is well equipped for this task.

Air Force.—The Rev C. F. Peart continues in his appointment in the Air Force and his work is, in every way, satisfactory.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and E. C. D. Watson be reappointed Treasurers.
3. That the Rev V. R. Jamieson be re-appointed Senior Chaplain.
4. That District Advisory Committees be:
Northern—
Central—Revs H. I. Shaw, P. D. Ramsay, L. Greenslade, V. R. Jamieson, Messrs T. M. Pacey, H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston, E. C. D. Watson.
5. That the Rev R. F. Clements be congratulated on his appointment as Senior Chaplain to the Services.
6. That Conference ask the Armed Services' Chaplaincy Committee to investigate the question of the Church affiliation of adults and children being gathered into services and Sunday Schools on Stations of the Armed Forces.
7. That the Rev R. J. Hamlin be designated for appointment as a Chaplain in 1960.
8. That the procedure in designating Chaplains be referred to the Armed Services' Chaplaincy Committee for consideration and report.
9. That the following be designated for Chaplaincy service: Rev J. C. F. Mabon, G. L. Bennett, L. M. Tauroa.

QUESTION LVII.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Records, Libraries, and Museums?

A.—CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

No report.

B.—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

No report.

C—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

REPORT FOR 1959.

Two matters of outstanding interest deserve mention as highlights of our year's programme:

(1) The securing by the Rev W. A. Chambers of the Journal of the Rev J. F. H. Wohlers, who laboured for 40 years on Ruapuke Island in Foveaux Strait. The Journal is in the German language and Mr Chambers has been successful in securing a Carnegie grant to enable translation work to be carried out.

(2) The unveiling on May 23, 1959, of a Memorial to W. T. Miller, an early European Catechist who was in charge of a Mission Station at Whakatatumutumu, near Te Kuiti. Great credit must be given to Mr Gabriel Elliott for his painstaking research in this regard.

Proceedings for 1959:

The following proceedings will appear towards the end of the present year:

Vol. 16, No. 5: "Sowing the Seed in Pioneer New Zealand," by Mr G. Elliott.

Vol. 17, Nos. 1-3: "The Life of James Buller," by Miss Margaret Blight, M.A. (deferred temporarily).

Vol. 17, No. 4: "The Manukau Story," by Rev C. T. J. Luxton,

Annual Meeting:

The Lecturer at the Annual Meeting will be the Rev C. T. J. Luxton. He will speak on "Methodist Pioneering Round the Manukau Harbour."

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the grant be £10.

QUESTION LVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

I. (A) Church Union Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1959

The Executive of the Church Union Committee has met three times during the year and the full committee met on 21st May, 1959, when 22 were present.

Draft Basis of Union:

The Committee has worked in close co-operation with the Joint Standing Committee in the preparation of a draft basis of union. (See Conf. Mins. 1958 p. 182, Res. 2). Careful consideration has been given to the reports of the following Sub-Committees of the Joint Standing Committee: Doctrine, Membership, The Ministry, The Sacraments, Worship, Polity and Organisation. Minor amendments were suggested and general approval given to each of the reports. The reports on Doctrine, Membership, the Sacraments, and Worship were then forwarded to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and comment. A small Sub-Committee in Hamilton, under the convenership of the Rev. W. R. Francis, was asked to give more detailed consideration to the report on The Ministry.

These reports, together with suggested amendments, were then forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee for final drafting.

Commission on Baptism:

The Methodist representatives appointed to the Commission on Baptism (See Conf. Mins. 1958 p. 182 Res. 3) were the Rev Principal E. W. Hames, and the Revs. Dr J. J. Lewis and J. Silvester.

Conference of the Joint Standing Committee:

The report of the Commission on Baptism together with the reports of the other sub-committees provided the basic material for a Conference of the Joint Standing Committee held in Wellington from 19-21st August at which the Draft Basis of Union was brought a stage nearer completion. Matters arising from this conference will be included in the report of the Joint Standing Committee.

Sub-Committee on Legal Procedures:

The Rev. H. L. Fiebig and Mr H. de R. Flesher were appointed the Methodist representatives on the sub-committee being established to enquire into legal procedures in regard to Church Union.

Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union:

The Annual Report of this Committee together with relevant recommendations, will be presented direct to Conference.

Letter from the Archbishop of New Zealand:

The Committee was informed by the Joint Standing Committee of a letter received from the Archbishop of New Zealand, the most Rev. R. H. Owen. At the General Synod of the Church of England held in November 1958, the report of the Commission appointed to examine matters relating to the corporate union of the Churches had been received and that 8 Anglican representatives had been appointed to engage in exploratory conversations with the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union. Arrangements are being made for such a meeting.

Reciprocal Membership:

The Committee has requested the Joint Standing Committee to re-define "reciprocal membership" and inform all ministers of the four negotiating Churches, and to arrange for a statement for the benefit of church members to be prepared and published in the Church Papers.

Proposed Conference of Union Church Representatives:

At the request of the Committee, the Joint Standing Committee has communicated with Union Churches as to the advisability of holding a Conference of representatives of Union Churches with members of the Joint Standing Committee.

The Place and Function of Lay Preachers in Union Churches:

The Committee has asked the Joint Standing Committee to investigate the place and function of Lay Preachers in existing Union Churches.

Publication on "The Nature of the Unity we Seek":

The Committee is grateful to the Board of Publications for publishing the section of the Joint Standing Committee's 1958 Report entitled "The Nature of the Unity we Seek." We commend this material to local church groups for study.

Thanks to Acting-Convenor:

The Committee desires to record its thanks to the Rev. A. J. Johnston for his services as Acting-Convenor during the Convenor's absence overseas.

G. R. H. PETERSON, President of the Conference.

A. K. PETCH, Convenor.

B.—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION, 1959

The Committee has met regularly, and set itself faithfully to carry forward the work entrusted to it from the Courts of the four negotiating churches. The Assemblies and Conferences of the end of 1958 and early 1959 each asked the Joint Standing Committee to proceed with the preparation of a Basis, and the taking of a vote, in terms of the recommendations of the Committee's report of last year.

The Preparation of a Basis of Union:

A beginning was made in the preparation of the Basis, by the dividing of the Joint Standing Committee into sub-committees, dealing respectively with: Membership, Doctrine, Worship, the Sacraments, the Ministry, Polity and Organisation.

Latterly the sub-committee on Polity and Organisation was located in Dunedin. A special Commission on Baptism, comprised of special nominees of the four Churches was set up also, and has reported. This Commission and the Joint Standing Committee's sub-committees have all spent much time in detailed discussions and progress reports from each have been received. These will now be submitted to each Church Union Committee.

The Joint Standing Committee has found, during its detailed consideration of the basis-preparation, that there are still some very important points on which a great deal more discussion must take place, especially around the question of the Nature and Authority of the Church. The Joint Standing Committee accordingly feel that it will be advisable to give wider and more sustained consideration to these issues, over a longer period of consultation.

Consequently, the Committee is not in a position to submit to Assemblies and Conferences a Basis, at this stage. A Conference of the Joint Standing Committee and representatives of the four Church Union Committees is to be held following the meeting of the Joint Standing Committee with the Commission from the Church of the Province of New Zealand in February, 1960. We hope then to be in a better position to proceed to the completion of a Draft Basis of Union.

Reply from the Church of the Province of New Zealand:

Early in the year a reply was received from the Anglican Church to the letter sent out in 1954, from which the Church of Christ decided to enter negotiations.

The Anglican reply was from the last General Synod, 1958. It stated that the Church had set up a Commission under the Chairmanship of Bishop Lesser, of Waiapu, to meet the Joint Standing Committee and open exploratory conversations on the subject. The Convener of the Joint Standing Committee has met the Chairman of the Commission. It has not been found possible for representatives of the Anglican Church to meet with the Committee before February, 1960. We welcome this initial communication.

Union Parishes:

Wainuiomata (Methodist Minister).—The parish has now been established six years, and its report lists all the activities of a settled parish. A marked factor in its life is the spectacular increase in the number of people under pastoral care, viz., in 1958, 720, and this year, 1,270. Sixty baptisms were solemnised during the year. This is an indication of the rapid development taking place in the area, and it has raised during the year the question of the future of the parish

and responsibility for development in the Valley. Representations have been made to the Joint Regional Committee as to future policy in this regard. A line of action has been recommended to all the Courts concerned.

Taita (Methodist Minister).—The report shows a parish developing its own inner life. Women elders have been elected this year. Appreciation was expressed of the new pastoral appointment, and the annual report gives every evidence of enthusiasm and virility.

Marchwiell (Methodist Minister).—There was a change of pastorate during the year. The Session reports much activity, and much success in the working out of the unusual constitution of a Union Parish. "Local preachers" have been unanimously approved, for instance. Finances continue to improve.

Corstorphine (Presbyterian Minister).—This parish, set within the boundaries of the St David's Presbyterian Parish, reports a year of striking advance. This advance is recorded in membership and in finance, and in the vitality of parish life generally. This is notably so in the union part of the parish.

Raglan (Congregational Minister).—This parish, in a predominantly rural area, is our first union parish, and has for long enjoyed its united life. Reports indicate a well-settled ministry, and a parish with its own indigenous life.

Future Working of the Joint Standing Committee:

During the year the Convener, the Rev Stewart Anderson, was called to an Invercargill parish. This fact, together with the difficulty the Committee is meeting with one day meetings, has brought the Committee to the decision to hold next year three main meetings of perhaps two or three days. Business in the interim will be attended to by a strong Executive in Wellington under the chairmanship of the Rev Graham McKenzie, comprising the Secretary of the Committee and the Conveners of the four Church Union Committees or their proxies.

Proportionate Representation on the Joint Standing Committee:

Consideration has been given to the basis of representation as at present, viz., 8-8-5-5. It is felt that this should still stand, as it is not a question of maintaining a correct proportionate balance, so much as ensuring that in all discussions on most important matters there is an adequate representation of each point of view.

As indicated the Committee has had a very busy year indeed. At this meeting considerable difficulty in finding time to give adequate consideration of all its important business; but will in the coming year adjust its programme with a view to giving proper attention to the great volume of work that the preparation of a basis entails.

For the Committee,

R. STEWART ANDERSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted, except for paragraph "Conference of the Joint Standing Committee," amended to read: "The report of the Commission on Baptism, together with the reports of the other sub-committees, will provide the basic material for a conference of the Joint Standing Committee, to be held in Wellington, at which the draft basis of union will be brought a stage nearer completion. Matters arising from this conference will be included in the Report of the Joint Standing Committee."

2. That the following be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and report: That Conference be asked to give guidance as to the steps to be taken in receiving into membership of the Methodist Church, of communicant members of any denominations not at present covered by the provisions regarding reciprocal membership.

3. (a) That the Law Revision Committee be requested to implement the Resolutions of Conference, 1954, p. 165, resolution 6.

(a) That the Law Revision Committee consider representation of union parishes at Conference during a non-Methodist ministry.

4. That in order to facilitate the immediate development required in the Wainuiomata Union Parish, a trust fund be set up under the terms of the Methodist Model Deed and that contributions be paid into this fund from the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Church of Christ Churches.

That this first extension in the Valley be vested in the name of the Methodist Church, and that the two subsequent extensions foreseen in the distant future be vested in the Presbyterian Church.

That contributions to this extension fund be made on the basis of the last census figures for the Valley. This would mean, on a loan of, say, £2500, that

Presbyterians contribute	£1,725
Methodists contribute	£700
Church of Christ contribute	£45
Congregational contribute	£25

5. That the representatives on the Joint Standing Committee for 1960 be: Revs E. S. Hoddinott, G. H. Goodman, B. M. Chrystall, W. F. Ford, R. G. Bell, and Messrs R. H. Ellis and A. R. Dellow.

6. That the Board for 1960 be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION LVIII.

2—Central Finance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

General Appeal, 1958:

The amounts received from eight of the ten Districts have been quite satisfactory. The South Auckland and North Canterbury Districts considerably exceeded their allocations.

The Otago-Southland District for the third year in succession failed to meet its allocation. The total amount short of the allocation over the last three years is over £110, an average of over £36 10s per year.

The Committee is particularly concerned at the failure of the Auckland District to meet its allocations. Only once in the last six years has this District met its obligation. On the 30th June, 1959, there was £479 5s 5d outstanding in respect of the District's allocations of the appeals in 1957 and 1958. This figure does not include deficiencies in years prior to 1957.

The Committee desires to point out that for the nine objects included in the General Appeal members are asked to subscribe only 2s per year per member or less than one half-penny per week.

Budget for 1960 Appeal:

The Committee submits the following Budget. The amounts allocated in the 1959 appeal are also shown.

	1959 Allocation. £	1960 Allocation. £
Trinity College	1,100	1,200
National Council of Churches ..	375	375
Council for Christian Education ..	250	275
Armed Forces Chaplaincy	100	100
New Zealand Alliance	200	200
National Society on Alcoholism ..	25	25
Local Preachers' Association ..	50	60
Spiritual Advance Committee ..	160	160
University Chaplains—		
Auckland	30	—
Wellington	100	100
Canterbury	75	100
Otago	42	—
	<u>£2,507</u>	<u>£2,595</u>

The Committee suggests that for the 1960 appeal the basis again be 2s per member.

Hospital Chaplains:

The amounts required by the various Districts are as follows:—

	1959 £	1960 £
Auckland	380	396
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	65	65
Wellington	50	50
North Canterbury	100	200
Otago-Southland	60	35
	<u>£655</u>	<u>£746</u>

The Committee approves of the above amounts being raised.

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the basis of the appeal for 1960 be 2s per member plus the amount required in any District for Hospital Chaplaincy.
3. That the District Finance Committees be as follows:
 NORTHLAND: Revs A. W. E. Silvester, A. T. Kent, and G. R. Thompson, and Messrs G. H. Lendrum 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, District Secretary, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters, and P. Rushton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: District Chairman, Financial Secretary, Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. Greenwood, K. F. Andrews, and J. P. Harding.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: District Chairman, Revs L. Horwood, R. Dudley, J. M. Blight, R. G. Bell, Messrs A. H. Fisher, J. R. Grigg, P. Mercer, and A. Downer.

WELLINGTON: District Chairman, one to be appointed, Messrs T. M. Pacey, J. H. McFadden, and D. Taylor (Convener).

NELSON: District Chairman, Rev Ian D. Grant, Messrs A. Thomas, E. S. Wratt, and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: To be appointed by Synod Standing Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: District Chariman, 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.

QUESTION LVIII. 3—STIPEND COMMITTEE

The Conference Laymen's Committee on Stipends reported having considered facts and figures brought before it by the Standing Committee concerning (a) the recent pronouncement of the Arbitration Court on wage increase; (b) general wages increases and increases over the last few years; (c) the current rates of wages now ruling in all types of employment throughout New Zealand as disclosed by the 1959 Economic Survey; (d) the stipends paid in sister churches.

The Committee recommended that the minimum stipends for ordained ministers be raised to £745 per annum, and those of other workers by a similar percentage increase.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That as from October 1st, 1959, the stipends of ordained ministers be raised by the sum of £50 per annum, and that further increases take place as follows: £20 on the 1st February, 1961, and £20 on the 1st February, 1962, to make the total stipend £745.

2. That a similar percentage increase be made in the stipends of Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, and all full-time agents.

3. That the matter of the stipends of the overseas staff of the Foreign Mission Department be referred to the Department for consideration in the light of the increase now recommended.

4. That the Committee be as printed on page 8 herein.

SCALE OF STIPENDS

Designation	Current Rate (from 1-2-59) £	New Rates		
		From 1-10-59 £	From 1-2-61 £	From 1-2-62 £
Ministers—				
Ordained	655	705	725	745
Married Probationer*	566	610	628	646
Single Probationer*	492	530	546	562

Home Missionaries—

Senior Home Missionary (married)	592	638	657	676
Married Home Missionary	566	610	628	646
Married Probationer	529	570	587	604
Single Home Missionary ..	456	491	505	519
Single Probationer	425	458	471	484

Deaconesses—

Probationer	396	426	440	453
When dedicated, and for three years thereafter	425	458	471	484
For next three years ..	455	490	504	518
After six years	493	531	547	563

*Note: By decision of this Conference all probationers, whether married or single, are to be paid the appropriate rate for a married probationer, on and after 1st February, 1960.

QUESTION LVIII.

4—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

During the past year little difficulty has been experienced by Ministers, Home Missionaries and others, in obtaining motor vehicles suitable for their work. The main difficulty has been the need for facing up to the increased cost of such motor vehicles.

Travelling Allowances:

The Church has, during recent years, adopted the Public Service scale of Mileage allowances as the basis for reimbursing Ministers and others for the use of their cars for Circuit purposes. Early in the present calendar year a new scale of allowances was issued for the Public Service, such new scale having taken care of the increased cost of running and also the increased cost of car replacement. The new Scale was published in the "Methodist Times" of the 24th March last with the approval of the President and it was then strongly recommended by the Board that the new Scale be used by the Church, retrospective to the 1st December last. The new Scale, as set out hereunder, is now submitted to Synods and Conferences for adoption:

	Small Car (Under 1000 c.c. Cylinder Capacity) d.	Medium Car (1000-2000 c.c. Cylinder Capacity) d.	Large Car (Over 2000 c.c. Cylinder Capacity) d.
Miles per Annum			
0-1000	9.00	10.25	11.75
1001-2000	8.00	9.25	10.50
2001-3000	7.50	8.50	9.75
3001-4000	7.00	8.25	9.25
4001-5000	6.50	7.75	8.75
5001-6000	6.25	7.25	8.25
6001-7000	6.00	7.00	8.00
7001-8000	5.75	7.00	7.75
8001 and over	5.75	6.75	7.75

When more than two passengers are carried the above rates are increased by 1d per mile.

There is some evidence that a few circuits are treating their Ministers very badly in the matter of travelling allowances. This is a source of keen embarrassment and difficulty to the Ministers concerned, both financially and in personal relationships with circuit officials. It is again urged that, where applicable, all circuits loyally adopt the conference approved scale.

The last Conference, by resolution, requested the Transport Board to examine and report on a suggested system of travelling allowance based on a flat rate to cover standing charges with a suitably reduced mileage allowance to cover actual running costs. This has been investigated and it is considered that, while such a basis has some advantages, it is felt that the present Public Service Scale better meets the position of the Church. Varying annual mileages in different circuits, the fact that cars are also used for private purposes, and the increased financial burden which it would impose on some circuits, particularly those where the mileage is small, all lead to the Board to recommend that there be no change in the basis of allowance. It is considered that the present Public Service Scale over a period of years is fair and equitable to all concerned.

The Conference also directed the Board to circulate to Ministers and Circuit Stewards a copy of previous Conference Resolutions relating to transport matters. This has been done in time for consideration at the June Quarterly Meetings.

Motor-car Insurance:

The last Conference also requested the Board to investigate the question of insurance on Minister's cars. In the past it has been the Board's policy to recommend wherever possible that such insurance be placed through the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund of the Church and, in this way, to assist the whole Connexion through the increased grants which that Fund would be able to make from its surpluses. There have been complaints that the rates charged are higher than those obtainable elsewhere and this has been investigated. A comparison is complicated by the varying conditions of different Insurance Offices, particularly as to "No Claim Bonuses," which have a very important bearing on premiums charged. These inquiries, however, show that, if the contribution which the Fire Insurance Fund is making to the Church generally is ignored, it is a fact that substantial savings in premium rates can be effected, and the Board is willing to make information available to those who so desire. The matter will be discussed further with the Connexional Office before next Conference.

Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Motor-cars:—

The Board's operations in this connection have tended to increase during the past year both as to the number of applications for assistance and the amounts required by way of loan. The Hire Purchase restrictions imposed by Government regulation, as earlier reported on, continue to operate and for the most part financial assistance is now being provided on the basis of loans being supported by two guarantors in each case, instead of the former practice of taking security over the motor vehicles concerned. Once again, the Board records its appreciation of the action of a number of Laymen who are acting as guarantors.

During the past year twelve new loans were granted to a total value of £4187 2s 9d—three were fully repaid during the year and there was as at the 30th June, 1959, thirty-one loans current to a

total value of £8622 15s 4d. Except in two instances all obligations are being reasonably well met and none is causing concern.

Annual Accounts:

The accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1959, showed an excess of income over expenditure to an amount of £110 12s, thus bringing the Accumulated Fund up to £685 15s 7d. The Interest rate charged on loans has continued at 4½ per cent and once again the Board's position has been greatly assisted by the action of various Church Departments and Trusts and the Bank of New Zealand, who have all made it possible to maintain this comparatively low rate of Interest. During the year the Foreign Missions Department found it necessary to withdraw its deposit of £3000, but other Church Departments and Trusts have continued to give assistance by depositing temporarily their unused funds with the Board as under:

Department of Christian Education	£750
Wellington Charitable and Educational Trust . .	£1000
Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust	£1000

To all of those bodies the Board records its sincere appreciation of this very practical way of assisting this section of the Church's work.

E. S. HODINOTT, Chairman.

D. TAYLER, Treasurer.

T. M. PACEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That travelling allowances as set out on the increased scale be adopted and loyally adhered to by the Circuits.
3. That the Board for 1959 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION LVIII (5).—CLOSER RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE

No Report.

QUESTION LVIII.

6—Church Finance and Stewardship Committee

REPORT FOR 1959

The principal work of the Committee this year has been preparation for the introduction of the Connexional Budget from 1st February, 1961, although requests for advice on local stewardship schemes have continued to be met.

Education on Connexional Budget:

In March a letter was sent to Synod Standing Committees drawing attention to Resolution 9 of last Conference dealing with the education of Circuits in regard to the Connexional Budget. The Budget presented to Conference 1958 was not revised, as Conference requested, as it was thought that the figures set out therein would be quite satisfactory for educational purposes and, in any case, too much delay would be involved in obtaining slightly revised information from Departments and Funds. It was made clear to Standing Committees that the Budget presented in 1958 had been accepted by

Conference as being a fair indication of connexional financial requirements for 1960-61, but that the actual Budget for 1961-62 would have to be fixed by Conference 1959.

In April, following a suggestion from the Auckland Ministerial Synod, Synod Standing Committees were asked to consider the holding of whole-day District Conferences, to be attended by Ministers and Laymen from all Circuits, to discuss the Connexional Budget and stewardship activities generally throughout the District. Successful Conferences were held in Auckland and Dunedin in April and June respectively, and others are planned for Taranaki-Wanganui, North Canterbury, and Northland. The three first mentioned were, or are to be, attended by the Convener of this Committee, while two District representatives from Auckland are to go to the Northland gathering.

The Auckland Conference drew attention to the fact that, under the Connexional Budget scheme, departmental **targets** will become **assessments** and that there will, in consequence, be a strong obligation upon Circuits to meet them. This needs to be made clear to Circuits when representatives of Standing Committees meet them to explain their likely obligations under the 1961-62 Connexional Budget.

Another matter which needs to be made clear is that funds at present derived by the Home and Foreign Mission Departments through the M.W.M.U. have so far been excluded from the Connexional Budget. This means that the Missions Department will be dependent on the M.W.M.U. grants, as hitherto, for part of the cost of Sisters' salaries, and for the annual Special Objective. In other words, there will be no diminution in the call upon local auxiliaries to support these two Departments, as a consequence of the introduction of the Connexional Budget, even although some auxiliaries are now receiving their funds from local Circuit budgets.

It would not be out of place here to draw attention to Conference decision of 1957: that Women's Missionary Auxiliaries should be allowed to decide for themselves whether they wish to come into local budget schemes.

Increased Requirements of Departments and Funds:

Some Districts have expressed concern that connexional assessments on Circuits for 1961-62 under the Budget Scheme seem likely to be 41% above contributions for 1957. The view appears to be held in some quarters that this increase is a direct consequence of the decision to introduce the Connexional Budget. It needs to be made clear that such is not the case. A growing Church in a rapidly developing country, where costs continue to rise, would require extra money for connexional purposes, Budget Scheme or no Budget Scheme. The only real change is that each Circuit will now have to meet an assessment related to giving potential, instead of being asked to meet a target largely based on past giving.

It is true that an overall increase of 41% in four years will necessitate a very real effort for some Circuits, but it is hoped that all our people will respond to the challenge when they realise that nearly 85% of the additional amount required is for Foreign Missions, Church extension within New Zealand, and the running of Trinity College. If some reduction of the total Budget has eventually to be made, it seems to this Committee that the item "Connexional Extension Appeal" (or Advance Methodism) set at

£31,000 on the basis of £1 per member, might best be cut down. It could be gradually raised year by year, once the Budget Scheme has become established. Receipts under this heading for the period 20-6-55 to 31-5-57 were, £40,018.

Budget for 1961-62:

In accordance with the decision of last Conference, this Committee will obtain from Departments and Funds the material necessary to prepare the Budget. The detailed statement will be presented to a representative committee, which it is understood will meet on the Tuesday prior to the opening of Conference. This Committee will submit recommendations for the approval of the full Conference.

In framing its recommendations the Committee will take due note of the views of Synods and Departments and Funds; but it should be remembered that Conference has already expressed itself in favour of the Budget Scheme, apart from detailed amounts for this particular year or any other year.

Guidance to Circuits on Stewardship Schemes:

Effect was given to resolutions 10 and 11 of last Conference by sending a letter to each Synod Standing Committee in March last. Reports received indicate that in six Districts at least, definite steps have been taken to assist Circuits not yet operating a pledged-giving scheme. For example, the one-day conference in Auckland, already referred to, not only gave some very valuable guidance to Circuits in general, but also made arrangements for those which had not adopted a Budget system to be visited. Similar action was decided upon by the Dunedin Conference.

This Committee has also answered quite a number of inquiries. From these and discussions at the district conferences it is clear that all churches which have held Stewardship Campaigns are convinced that the new order is better than the old, while Circuits which were reluctant to depart from the old order are now becoming aware of the need for a change.

We are pleased to report that there appears to be an increasing awareness of the advantages of skilled leadership in directing campaigns. Indeed, there have been several cases of Circuits, which ran their own campaigns originally, employing outside professional help when undertaking a review canvass. On the other hand, numbers of Circuits which had the benefit of expert advice originally, have learnt sufficient to feel confident about running their own review campaigns.

Director of Stewardship:

As requested by last Conference, the Committee has given further consideration to this matter. Inquiries are at present being made as to the possibility of obtaining a suitable layman to act as Director, while the Home Mission Department has also submitted a proposal which may be helpful. It is hoped to be able to place a definite proposal before Conference.

Remittance of Funds from Circuits to Departments:

The Committee reiterates what it stated last year, namely, that it is firmly of the opinion that all amounts due under the Connexional Budget scheme should be remitted by Circuits to a central point or points for distribution, rather than sent direct to the departments concerned. Initially the amounts would probably best

be sent to the District Financial Secretaries for transmission to departments, although experience might eventually suggest some other method. A recommendation relating to the matter appears below.

Treatment of Specific Donations Under a Circuit Budget Scheme:

By Resolution 14 on page 195 of the Minutes of Conference, 1958, the Committee was asked to look into and report on this matter.

In the Committee's opinion it is not possible to give a direction which will cover all cases of specific donations. In most instances the matter ought to be resolved within the Circuit by the exercise of a little forbearance and common sense.

It should be emphasised that the acceptance of a budgetary or stewardship plan in any circuit implies that all departments or sections of a circuit should be included. If this is done, and the budget includes all estimated expenditure for each section, then it likewise should include estimated revenue as well. Further, if expenditure includes "contingencies," then estimated revenue might include donations of which there was any probability that such could accrue. Taking this a step further, if estimated expenditure for a trust include all foreseeable items and also provision for "contingencies," then it is equitable that all known revenue such as rents or donations in the nature of rent should be a set off against the **gross** expenditure, and only the **net** expenditure carried into the general circuit budget.

This would seem to postulate that a donation made to a trust during any year, if **general** in its dedication, should equitably reduce the budgeted expenditure to be provided from the Central Fund. In appropriate cases the consent of the donor should be sought to a proposed allocation. Further, it is felt that there could be variations of this opinion. If, for instance, a member who is pledged in a stewardship scheme does make a donation during the year for any specific purpose as, say, "trust," then this should be treated as additional Trust Revenue, and no variation made in the amount provided from the Central Fund in terms of the budget.

So, too, if a donation be made for some specific Trust matter such as "organ fund," or to provide "some church furniture" or the like not provided for in the year's expenditure, then this, too, should not lessen the amount to be provided for Trust in the Budget. Where, however, the donation is simply for "Trust funds," it is thought that every effort should be made to treat this as part of the Budget Revenue, even though it go direct to the Trust Account.

If the above be accepted, then it appears to answer the question raised in the Conference resolution. If the donor were giving regularly under the Budget Scheme, an amount given for "Trust funds" should be treated as an extra. If not, then the amount should go to the Trust, but should also reduce the amount provided under the Budget for that purpose.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1959

This report deals first with two matters mentioned in the main report and then with two issues raised by District Meetings.

Full Time Stewardship Workers:

The possibility of securing the services of a suitable layman as

Director of Stewardship is being tested by advertisement in the "Methodist Times." The result of this will have to be reported direct to Conference, but, based on earlier enquiries, the committee is not sanguine about the outcome.

As mentioned in the main report, the Committee has also been considering a proposal made by the Home Missions Department. In brief, this is that the Department should engage a Stewardship Field Officer to conduct original and review stewardship canvasses and stewardship school, a charge being made to Circuits for his services and paid to the Department. The appointee would be available for special visitation to points of need at the request of this Committee and Circuits or Districts would be able to apply to the Committee for his help. Direction of his work would be arranged between the Department and the Committee.

The proposal also envisages that the District Financial Secretary should be responsible for Connexional Budget finance at the District level, under the general oversight of the Synod Standing Committee. The other duties suggested in last year's report for a Director of Stewardship would remain with the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee.

If it is not possible to arrange the appointment of a Director of Stewardship, this Committee considers that the Home Mission Department's proposal should be approved by Conference. It is understood that a suitable layman is likely to be available for immediate appointment at a total remuneration of approximately £850 per annum. Housing would not have to be provided for him.

Remittance of Funds from Circuits to Departments:

In the main report the Committee set out proposals for the remittance of amounts due by Circuits under the Connexional Budget. A District Stewardship Conference held at Christchurch in August resolved that "the payment of circuit assessments be made into a central fund or clearing house, through the District Financial Secretary, and **distribution** of funds be on a Connexional level." The committee supports the Christchurch proposal which is in line with its own thinking on this matter, although it is appreciated that it may not be possible to introduce such a procedure at the commencement of the Connexional Budget Scheme (see comments in main report, particularly recommendation 2).

Financial Years of Departments:

The Christchurch District Stewardship Conference, previously referred to, also resolved that "the Financial Year of all Church Departments be from 1st July." The Committee sees merit in this suggestion and recommends it for favourable consideration by Conference.

Connexional Budget and Members of Maori Mission:

The recommendation of the North Canterbury Synod was referred to the Home Mission Department for comment, but no reply has yet come to hand. The matter will be pursued, if necessary, during the coming year.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted, except paragraph on "Financial Years of Departments."

2. That approval be given in principle to the proposal that amounts payable to Departments and Funds under the Connexional Budget Scheme be remitted by circuits to District Financial Secretaries rather than direct to the Departments and Funds, and that the Committee be requested to work out with these agencies, for submission to Synods and Conference, 1960, a detailed scheme to operate from 1st February, 1961.

3. Full-time Stewardship Worker:

- (a) That a full-time lay worker be immediately appointed as Executive Officer of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, to carry out the duties set out on page 192 of the minutes of Conference, 1958, plus the duty of carrying out some canvasses and that the appointment be made by the President on the recommendation of the C.F. and S. Committee at a suitable salary and expenses.
- (b) That the cost of the appointment for the first year be met by a grant of £500 from the Contingent Fund and loans from appropriate Departments and Funds of the Church.
- (c) That the services of the Executive Officer be made available to Circuits to conduct stewardship canvasses on a scale based on the "user pay" principle, but also having regard to ability to pay.
- (d) That Conference ask the Church's Finance and Stewardship Committee to recommend to Circuits names of additional men to conduct stewardship campaigns, particularly those Circuits having follow-up canvasses.

4. Connexional Budget, 1961-62:

- (i) That the Connexional Budget for the year ending 31st January, 1962, be as follows:

Department or Fund	Amount	Receipts, 1958 or 1958-59
	£	£
Home Mission	28,850	21,361
Foreign Mission	29,500	23,270
Christian Education	5,400	4,114
Orphanages and Children's Homes	6,100	4,457
City Missions	3,050	—
General Connexional Appeal	2,000	2,960 (1)
Church Extension (Trinity College)	30,000	22,000
Contingent	7,700	8,306 (1)
Trinity College (Operating Expenses)	4,700	—
Supernumerary	5,250 (2)	4,992
Removal Expenses	4,000 (3)	3,052
Children's Fund	3,750	3,500
Contingencies	1,000	—
Expenses of Executive Officer	1,500	—
Totals	£132,800	£98,012

Notes:

- (1) Includes amounts paid over to Trinity College.
- (2) Contributions from Circuits or Home Mission Stations to Home Mission and Deaconess Retiring Funds (estimated at £405) not included.

(3) Contributions from Circuits or Home Mission Stations to Home Mission Removal Expenses Fund not included.

(ii) That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee be empowered to make the District allocations under the Connexional Budget in accordance with the method as set out in paras. 476 and 478, page 90, of the Book of Laws, and any dispute between a District and the Committee to be referred to the President of Conference for decision.

(iii) That, with the approval of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, Synod Standing Committees be empowered to add an amount to the District Budget for district administration expenses, any amount for special purposes, e.g., camp sites, to be added only with the approval of Conference, on the recommendation of the C.F. and S. Committee.

(iv) That the following be referred back to the C.F. and S. Committee for further consideration and report to Synods and Conference, 1960: "That the Supernumerary, Contingent, Removal Expenses and Children's Funds be a first charge on the funds received under the Connexional Budget and that the balance be divided pro rata between the rest of the Departments and Funds included in the Budget."

5. That a standardised budgeting procedure for Connexional and Circuit income and expenditure be drafted by the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee for submission to Conference, 1960.

6. That a grant of £75 be made to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.

7. That the matter of the representation of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee at Conference be referred to the Church Council for consideration and report.

8. That Conference record sincere appreciation of the services of the Convener, Mr E. H. Heggie, and his Committee.

9. That the following be referred to the Ecumenical Committee for consideration: "That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee be asked to make a grant through the Connexional Budget from the amount set aside annually for overseas travel, so that the women's organisations of the Methodist Church may be assisted in sending a representative, if they so desire, to the Conference of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

10. That the Committee be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION LVIII.

7—Welfare of the Ministry Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The Committee has met seven times during the year, including an all-day retreat in June, as well as several sub-committee meetings.

Schools of Theology and Evangelism:

A suggested programme was submitted to the March Synods and most Synods replied making further suggestions. It was recommended that there should be three schools as was the case

two years ago. The time is to be three full days and evenings. There are to be two lectures in the mornings, one on the Epistle to the Romans, or another Epistle, and one on Systematic Theology. In the afternoon, Social, Missionary and Ecumenical Questions are to be considered and, in the evening, the Methodist emphasis on Worship, the Holy Communion and Preaching.

We are glad that Principal Greeves will be available for the Systematic Theology Lectures. The other Lectures are to be taken by the Ministers in their own Districts as far as possible. Principal Greeves will be in New Zealand from June 8th to July 10th. The dates of the Schools are being arranged in consultation with the Spiritual Advance Committee.

Functions of the Ministry:

The Committee was asked to consider "The essential characteristics of the ministry and the essential functions that must be preserved."

We submit, therefore, that the following Ministerial functions must be preserved.

1. Preaching of the Word and the Conduct of Worship.
2. Administration of the Sacraments.
3. Pastoral Care.

Before the Committee could determine these essential functions, it was deemed necessary to examine the functions of the Church in the Community, as they related on the one hand to the Minister and on the other to the layman. The following were listed as

The Characteristic Practices of the Ministry:

1. Ministry of the Word

- (a) Preaching: Evangelistic, Expository, and Prophetic.
- (b) Reading and Study, Devotions, Composition of Sermons and Addresses.

2. Worship

- (a) Sunday Services.
- (b) Sacraments.
- (c) Weddings and Funerals.
- (d) Week-day Services and Prayer Meetings.
- (e) Radio Devotional Services.

3. Pastoral

- (a) Pastoral Visitation.
- (b) Supervision of Visitation Evangelism.
- (c) Sick Visiting in homes and hospitals.
- (d) Visiting Prisons and other institutions.
- (e) Fellowship Groups, Social Gatherings and Retreats.
- (f) Preparing couples for marriage.
- (g) Counselling on personal problems.

4. Educational

- (a) Leadership Training.
- (b) Young People's Work.
- (c) Membership Training Classes.
- (d) Religious Instruction in Schools.

5. Administrative

- (a) Correspondence of all sorts.
- (b) Planning the work of the Church.

- (c) Consultations with Church Officials.
- (d) Church business meetings.
- (e) Denominational and Interdenominational work.
- (f) Preparing Bulletins and other literature.
- (g) Maintenance of Church records.
- (h) Property administration.

6. Civic and Community

- (a) Representing the Church at Civic and Public Functions and on Social Welfare Organisations.
- (b) As a citizen participating in Citizens' Associations, Political Parties, Sports Bodies, etc.

General Statement

It is the view of the Committee that the Ministers of the Church are seeking, amid difficult circumstances, to fulfil the essential functions of the Church. The pressures of life to-day, especially in city and suburban circuits, are such that the minister has not sufficient time to give adequate attention to these functions. This is exemplified by the results of a limited survey made by one of the members of the committee. This survey revealed that 16.5 hours per week were spent in conducting services, attending meetings, giving religious instruction in schools, etc., and 18.9 hours were involved in preparation and travelling for same. Thus 35.4 hours per week are spent in meetings, etc., with no time allowed for personal counselling, visitation and family demands. This survey did not take into account the work of country ministers. It was noticeable that for the period involved in March, no minister recorded any time given to Community Functions.

In view of this, the Committee looked next at what steps could be taken to see that the minister would have more time in which to fulfil his essential functions, give more time to community interests as a citizen and to his home as a husband and father. The committee feels that there should be more collaboration between the minister and his officials to see what functions can be undertaken by lay people.

Matters of Concern

(a) **Pulpit preparation.** It may not be recognised that the preparation for a sermon requires a great amount of background reading and study as well as the actual composition of the sermons and addresses. This preparation, on an average, will involve at least eight hours for each sermon if it is to be in any way adequate.

On the pastoral side it is evident that in seeking to meet the over-all demands of his ministry, his pastoral work is becoming increasingly selective. As a result, many ministers feel frustrated to-day in trying to fulfil their ideal of the pastoral office.

Suggested Action

An examination of the characteristic practices of the ministry, as listed above, makes it clear that there are many activities which can be shared with lay people. From the above, the following practical suggestions emerge:

1. Preparation Needs

In order that ministers obtain reasonable time with minimum interruption, we suggest:

- (a) That each minister discuss his programme of activities with his circuit stewards.

(b) Consideration should be given to the provision of administrative assistance, either on a paid or voluntary basis according to the local circumstances. It is considered that many telephone calls could well be handled by such assistants.

(c) Personal counselling may be facilitated and interruptions reduced, if ministers are available in their studies at certain specified times during the week and this is made widely known.

2. Pastoral Care

It is in the pastoral field that there are unique opportunities for lay people to participate, e.g., as lay pastors and/or in schemes of Visitation Evangelism and in leadership of House-Church groups. For this work, special training will be required. Only through co-operation between ministers and laymen can the pastoral needs be adequately met. A programme of education to re-orientate the thinking of our people in regard to the new pastoral situation should be undertaken in circuits.

3. Administrative Activities

Ministers would be greatly helped in their work if officials were taken more into their confidence. Consultation will reveal some duties that can be delegated to lay people, e.g., chairing some business meetings of the Church, fund-raising, and some secretarial duties.

4. Connexional Committee Work

It may be advantageous to restrict the size of Connexional and District Committees to lighten the over-all load. The burden on certain connexional officers is far too heavy when they are also circuit ministers, to enable justice to be done to their circuit work.

The lay members of the committee requested that circuits be asked to ensure that their ministers get a regular weekly day off. Ministers need a recreational period, as do other members of the community, in order to give of their best to the Church.

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

H. V. UTTING, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That there shall be three Schools of Theology and Evangelism in 1960 as outlined in the Report, and that Principal Greeves be the principal lecturer at each school.
3. That the Committee continue its study and consider the other questions on the order of reference. (See Conference Minutes, 1956, page 59.)
4. That the name of the Committee be the "Church and Ministry Committee."
5. That a grant of £5 be made from the Contingent Fund to the Committee.
6. That the Committee be as printed on page 9 herein.

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, G. R. H. Peterson, 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, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, the Legal Adviser, Revs E. W. Hames, L. R. M. Gilmore, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson; Messrs W. E. Donnelly, R. T. Garlick, F. M. Souster, B. O. Stokes, J. C. Tietjens. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?

NORTHLAND:

All Circuit Ministers (including Revs Rua Rakana and E. Te Tuhi), Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliff, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court, R. M. Salmon, J. Keightley, W. Wotherspoon, G. Ferguson, J. T. Williams, Tawai Kawiti, A. H. M. Farrell, plus two more lay representatives from the Whangaroa-Bay of Islands Circuit and the Associate Lay District Financial Secretary.

AUCKLAND:

Revs A. Everil Orr (President of Conference), E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, S. G. Andrews, L. G. Hanna, R. F. Clement, G. R. Harris, W. S. Dawson, A. R. Penn, R. H. Allen, E. C. Leadley, O. M. Olds, L. T. Norwell, D. G. Sherson, J. H. Osborne, F. J. Handy, J. Silvester, R. Rogers, G. T. Gilbert, A. Jolly, Messrs C. K. Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames, A. G. Harris, A. Davies, G. W. Matheson, G. C. Riddell, N. A. Wilson, H. L. Clark, T. H. Todd, E. B. Mudford, C. R. Howell, J. C. Tietjens, P. Salmon, O. A. H. Allison, W. E. Donnelly, F. M. Souster, T. McCarthy, and T. G. R. Stevens.

FRANKLIN SUB-DISTRICT:

The ministers of Papatoetoe, Papakura, Pukekohe, Waiuku and Bombay—Tuakau Circuits, Rev E. M. Marshall, Messrs A. M. McKerras, J. W. Watson, L. S. Hall, A. M. Winstone, W. H. Brownlee, E. L. Curnow, C. Buttmore, D. Oldfield, C. Darby and H. E. Leadley.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Superintendent ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Cambridge, Otorohanga, Te Kuiti, Te Awamutu, Morrinsville, Thames, Waihi, Tauranga, Hauraki Plains, Putaruru-Tokoroa, Whakatane, Rotorua, Te Aroha, and King Country Maori Circuits, and the Rev C. J. Werren; Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, T. G. M. Spooner, R. Horn, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, J. B. Beeche, D. H. Payne, R. E. Williams, J. Davys, V. Leech and a Layman from the King Country Maori Circuit. Convener: Rev C. H. Bell.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Chairman of District, Ministers of Circuits, Messrs K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, W. H. King, J. Reeve, J. P. Harding, W. Greenwood, A. L. Fox, P. C. Hill, S. W. Bailey, R. R. Deane. Convener: Rev B. J. Hilder.

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT:

Revs B. M. Chrystall, W. C. Jenkin, G. L. Bennett, J. A. Daglish, K. C. Griffith, Messrs W. S. Thrush, A. K. Catran, N. S. Dixon, H. Queree, R. S. Doughty, S. G. Laurenson. Convener: Rev G. L. Bennett.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

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 and A. Olsson, Sister Dorothy Pointon. Convener to be appointed.

HAWKE'S BAY AREA COMMITTEE:

The Minister and Circuit Stewards of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Ministers of Gisborne, Wairoa, and Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuits and one lay representative from each of the five Circuits. Chairman: Rev L. C. Horwood. Convener: To be appointed.

WELLINGTON:

All Ordained Ministers, 1 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, A. H. Swaney, S. B. Wratt, F. H. Southgate, C. G. Parker, and J. S. White. Convener: Rev L. J. Gibson.

WEST COAST SUB-DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEE:

Ministers of Greymouth, Westport, Hokitika, and Reefton Circuits; Messrs K. L. King, L. McDonald, T. Watson, and J. Leadley. Convener: Rev W. S. Gilbert.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Revs H. G. Brown, A. K. Petch, C. E. Dickens, T. H. Carr, J. D. Grocott, W. A. Chambers, W. E. Falkingham, F. H. Woodfield, H. K. Brown, A. P. Dorrian, G. V. Thomas, Messrs J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, N. Hillary, D. A. White, P. B. Burkitt, J. E. Horrell, P. A. LeBrun, G. Thorpe, E. Ridgen, A. C. Brown.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Ministers of the South Canterbury District, Messrs P. G. Woodnorth, M. A. Bull, L. Mitchell, M. E. Hayman, R. N. Clucas, T. Wakelin, R. Neutze, W. Simmons, R. H. Cone, F. G. Stuart, and one layman from Marchwiell Union Parish.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs R. E. Patchett, D. B. Gordon, L. Shapcott, Warren Green, A. J. Handyside, J. W. Reddihough, W. K. Abbott, E. Hepplethwaite, A. J. Johnston, W. J. Morrison, Mrs E. R. Patton, Miss G. Hope Kane, Messrs J. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. Chirnside, A. H. Harman, E. B. McLeod, J. B. Lyth, A. J. Ganderton, S. S. Holden, and A. E. Tardif.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COMMITTEE:

Ministers and Probationers of Southland, Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs H. C. MacKenzie, L. H. Allott, E. A. Humphries, W. G. Coventry, and R. McCullough.

QUESTION LXI.—1 (a) What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?

Law Revision Committee

REPORT TO SYNOD AND CONFERENCE, 1959

Two matters were referred to the Committee to report to Synods and Conference in 1959.

1. The President as District Chairman:

(1958 Minutes, Page 73, Resolution 2.)

The Committee has been directed to consider a proposal whereby a Deputy Chairman should be appointed who would not only assist the President in his usual duties as a District Chairman but also act in his place on the Stationing Committee and other Committees of Conference. It is also proposed that the President should have a casting vote only on the Stationing Committee.

A. Deputy Chairman

To-day it is usual for a Deputy Chairman to be appointed where necessary. This is done even though the District Chairman is not the President. There is an implied power for the Chairman to appoint a Deputy Chairman and when so doing a District Chairman would naturally state what duties he desires his Deputy to perform. (Law Book para. 161-162.)

The Committee has no hesitation in recommending that the present practice of the President appointing a Deputy Chairman to assist him in his normal duties as a District Chairman should be continued. It should apply to all Chairmen.

To put the matter in order the Committee suggests that there should be an additional paragraph:

159a. "Each Chairman may appoint a Minister in Full Connexion to act as Deputy Chairman of his District. Such Minister shall perform the duties assigned to him by the Chairman."

If this is adopted a minor amendment to para. 161 will be necessary. The words "a deputy" should be deleted and there should be substituted therefor the following: "the Deputy Chairman or a Minister in Full Connexion."

B. President and Stationing Committee

In the judgment of the Committee it is most undesirable to limit the President's voting powers on the Stationing Committee. Decisions of the Stationing Committee are by vote. The denial of a vote to the President must diminish the value of the contribution which should be made by the leader of the Church not only to his own district but also the whole Connexion. Only on very rare occasions has a casting vote had to be exercised on the Stationing Committee. Casting votes invariably are used to maintain the status quo.

In theory the giving of a seat on the Stationing Committee to the President's Deputy Chairman should relieve the President of responsibility for his district. The Committee questions whether it would really do so and whether it is desirable.

No matter how carefully the President may brief his Deputy or the District Ministerial Representative concerning the position within their District, ultimately it will be the President himself from his own special knowledge who will lead the discussion and direct the Committee to a proper decision.

If the President were a District Chairman prior to his assuming office he would know his district requirements better than any one else.

If a President were not a District Chairman prior to assuming office then the Chairman of the District in which the President is stationed would be a member of the Stationing Committee. Further in such a case the President would not and in fact could not appoint a Deputy until he actually assumes the Chairmanship of the District.

With regard to the other Committees of Conference a President does not necessarily have to attend all of them. Arrangements can and are made for others to act in his place. He can request an ex-President or Vice-President or any other person to act on his behalf if he so desires.

To sum up the Committee is in favour of the appointment of a Deputy Chairman to assist a President in carrying out his duties as a District Chairman and also suggests that the law be made explicit in regard to the practice in this respect that has developed over the past few years. The Committee considers that there should not be any change in regard to the President's relationship to the Stationing Committee and other committees of the Conference.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

2. Representation of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries in Conference:

The Committee has been directed to report on the following resolution:

"That Conference believes the time has arrived for liberalising the basis of representation to Conferences in respect of Home Missionaries and Deaconesses." (1958 Minutes, Page 205, Resolution 8.)

The Committee has given much serious consideration to this matter. The present position in regard to Deaconesses and Home Missionaries is as follows:

re Deaconesses

- (a) Law Book, page 69, para. 358 (c) and page 124, para 506 (39). Deaconesses in active work and on the retired list can elect two Deaconesses who are in the active work.
- (b) A Deaconess in active work or who is retired can be elected as a lay representative from a Circuit or Department. (Presidential Ruling, 1956 Minutes, page 199).

re Home Missionaries

- (a) Law Book, page 69, para. 358 (b) and page 89, para. 465. Home Missionaries elect two of their number as their representatives to Conference. Para. 366 provides that no Home Missionary is eligible for election as a lay representative of either circuit or a department.

Our Conference in accordance with a procedure universal in Methodism, consists of an equal number of Ministers (both active and retired) and Lay representatives. (Law Book, para. 356, page 69). Home Missionaries and Deaconesses can be included only as lay representatives.

The roll of Conference is prepared by the secretary. He balances the number of Ministers who have notified that they will attend

with an equal number of laymen. It is very seldom that extra laymen need be appointed in accordance with para. 358 (g).

In compiling the roll priority is given to the representation of the Home Missionaries and the Deaconesses Order over other groups of lay representatives such as representatives from Departments, Institutions, Connexional Boards and Committees. (See para. 358.)

There were in 1958, 28 Deaconesses and 8 Home Missionaries in the active work (i.e., a total of 36 who would be affected by the proposal.)

Provided the priority now given under the existing law is still continued there are only two ways in which a more liberal representation could be granted. Firstly, by granting a seat to every Home Missionary and to every member of the Deaconess Order and secondly by increasing the number of representatives of the Home Missionaries and of the Deaconess Order.

If all Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in the active work were granted seats, 36 laymen would be disfranchised. If retired Home Missionaries and Deaconesses (and it is reasonable to assume that Conference would not wish they be excluded) are included a further 23 would have to be given seats. To give effect to such a proposal consideration would have to be given to decreasing the number of lay representatives from Circuits.

It is submitted that at present Conference would not desire to disfranchise lay representatives not only from departments, etc., but also from circuits and so deprive itself of the services of influential and experienced laymen.

With regard to increasing the number of representatives of the Home Missionaries and the Deaconess Order it is pointed out that according to the 1958 figures there are 20 Home Missionaries in the active work or retired and 39 members of the Deaconess Order. In view of these figures it is not unreasonable to suggest that the number of representatives of the Deaconess Order be increased to 4.

Another fact which must not be overlooked is the present size of Conference. The number of ministers is steadily increasing. In 1954 there were 228 Ministers who could attend and in 1958 the number was 250. In the next six years or so an increase of approximately 40 ministers can be expected. Correspondingly the number of lay representatives will increase. It is becoming more and more apparent that serious consideration will have to be given to reducing the size of Conference. This will mean that the privileges at present enjoyed by both Ministers and laymen under the present system of direct and full representation will of necessity be considerably curtailed.

Conference has not directed any disfranchisement of any lay member nor has it directed any variation in the present basis of Ministerial and lay representation.

Under the Church's present procedure in compiling the roll of Conference it is impossible to increase the numerical representation of any group of lay representatives without disfranchising other lay representatives.

The Committee has already pointed out that a Deaconess can be elected as a lay representative of a Circuit or department but this is not possible in the case of a Home Missionary. The Com-

mittee considers that the law should be amended so that Home Missionaries also can be so elected.

In the opinion of the Committee there is only one way by which additional representatives of the Deaconess Order can be appointed to Conference without affecting other lay representatives. This is by giving the Deaconess Order the right to appoint say two additional representatives under the provisions of para. 358f. To avoid the disfranchisement of any lay representative it will be necessary for them to be placed as number (16) under para. 359.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

CONFERENCE REPORT FOR 1959.

The Committee submits its report and recommendations on the various matters referred to it by Conference.

1. DANCING ON CHURCH PROPERTY. RESOLUTION 5, 1958 MINUTES, PAGE 56.

Resolutions of Conference concerning dancing on Church properties were referred to this Committee to be examined in relation to the existing laws of the Church. (1958 Minutes, page 56 Resolution 5).

The resolutions were as follows:

1. 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." (1958 Minutes, page 56, Resolution 3).
2. 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. (1958 Minutes, page 56, Resolution 4 (b)).

There is a further resolution requiring the Department of Christian Education to give guidance on matters relating to dances but this does not affect the law of the Church.

All properties of the Church are vested in and managed by Trustees according to the Trusts expressed in "The Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887" and "Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887" and amendments thereof. It is the duty of the Trustees to see that not only the provisions of the Model Deed and the Property Trust Acts are kept but also the laws and regulations as set out in the Law Book are observed.

The Committee knows of no declared "social standards of the Church" except the provisions on Section II of the Law Book, page 3, paragraphs 15 to 25, under the heading General rules for the Guidance of members and the General Rules as drawn up by the Revs John and Charles Wesley. (Appendix I, page 164).

In the provision of entertainments and amusements by the Methodist Church or on Methodist premises under whatever auspices, the governing consideration is and must be the spiritual purposes for which the Church was called into being. The premises and organisation of the Church are required primarily for the needs of public worship, the provision of spiritual fellowship and the varied forms of evangelistic and educational service. The need for recreation should be recognised but it must be determined by reference to the spiritual significance of life. Many Churches are now centres of social life and this carries with it responsibility for

providing opportunities of recreation, cultural training, social fellowship and entertainment. All this part of the work of the Churches should be governed by the spiritual purposes for which the Church primarily exists.

The substance of the above paragraph has been adapted from the statement of the British Conference on Entertainments on Trust Premises (Guiding Principles).

This Committee submits that it is the duty of the Trustees in whom all Church properties are vested to see that nothing is done on Church premises which will be detrimental to the spiritual purpose for which the Church primarily exists. It is their duty to exclude every kind of entertainment or amusement likely to bring reproach upon the Church.

The rights and duties of Trustees were fully recognised in section 18 prior to the present amendment where provision was made for the obtaining of permission of the Trustees to include dancing at a function on Church premises.

Conference has declared that dancing may be allowed without special permission but that it must be under the control of the Church and must conform to certain standards. It is the Trustees who are responsible to the Church for what transpires on Church premises. The Committee considers that some explicit provision should be included in the Law Book relating to the use of Church premises, for entertainments and other diversions. Such provision should be included in Section XIII, page 57, relating to Trusts and Trustees.

To give effect to this the Committee suggest certain amendments.

2.—LOCAL PREACHERS AND EXAMINATIONS

(Resolution 3, 1958 Minutes, page 64)

The Committee has had correspondence with the Local Preachers' Association in regard to a clarification of the amendment passed at last Conference.

The suggested amendment which has been approved by the Association is set out in the recommendation.

3.—SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT MISSION SECRETARIES

(Resolution 12, 1958 Minutes, page 146)

SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEES, CONNEXIONAL BUDGET AND DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEES.

(Resolution 8, 1958 Minutes, page 194)

As the Church Council is recommending to Conference that Synods consider the matter of the personnel of Synod Standing Committees and report back thereon to the council, the Committee decided that it should take no action in the meantime.

4.—CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Constitution as set out hereunder has been approved by the Association.

METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

1. The Methodist Social Service Association of New Zealand shall be the Methodist Church of New Zealand as organised for the promotion of social service work in New Zealand. It shall be under

the control of the Conference and shall be directed by a General Committee appointed annually by the Conference.

2. The objects of the Association shall be:

- (a) To initiate, develop and co-ordinate the social service work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (b) To provide adequate publicity for the social services of the Church with a view to stimulating interest and ensuring practical support.
- (c) To receive and administer funds and assets given for the general social work of the Church.

3. The General Committee shall consist of:

The President of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Vice-President of the Conference, two representatives (one Ministerial and one lay) each from the Home Mission Department, the Auckland and Christchurch City Missions, the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Service Trust Board (Incorporated), the Central Methodist Church and Mission Dunedin, one representative from the Board of Management of each Children's Home, one representative from each such other Social Service organisation as may from time to time be duly approved by the Conference and one layman not engaged in Social Service work from each area, nominated by the District Standing Committee.

4. The President of the Conference shall be Chairman of the General Committee but if he is not present the members present shall elect a Chairman. There shall be an Official Representative and a Convener appointed annually by the Conference.

5. There shall be an Executive comprising the President of the Conference, the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department or his substitute, and the Superintendents of the City Missions in Auckland and Christchurch, the chairman of the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, the General Superintendent of the Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin. The Convener and Official Representative if not a Superintendent of a City Mission shall be ex-officio a member of the executive.

6. The Executive shall meet when necessary and shall deal with matters of urgency.

7. For the purpose of organising its social work the Conference may from time to time divide New Zealand into areas, one or more Synodal Districts may be joined into one area.

8. In each area there shall be appointed by the Conference an Area Committee which shall generally initiate, develop and co-ordinate social service work in the area. Each area committee shall submit an annual report to the general Committee.

9. Each Area Committee shall consist of the District Chairman stationed in the Area, one representative from each Synod Standing Committee in the area, one representative from each Children's Home in the area, four representatives from each City Mission or Social Service Trust in the area, one representative from any other social service organisation in the District which has been duly approved by the Conference and in areas in which the Home Mission Department is actively engaged in Social Service work, a representative from that Department.

10. Each Area Committee shall elect its own officers.

11. Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide an area and may on the nomination of the area committee appoint sub-committee which shall within the sub-area carry out such duties as are allocated to it by the area committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

12. There shall be established a General Social Service Fund which shall be operated through the General Purposes Trust Board or otherwise as directed by the Conference. Any moneys given or bequeathed to the said Fund shall be distributed by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Committee.

13. No new or major extension of Social Service activity involving major capital expenditure or requiring continued support shall be commenced without the prior approval of the Area Committee, the Executive and the Conference.

14. In cases of urgency between Conferences the approval of the Conference may be given by the President of the Conference on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee provided the approval of the Area Committee and the Executive be first obtained.

15. An Annual Report and Financial Statement shall be submitted by the General Committee to Synods and to the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. Dancing on Church Property:

(1) That paragraph 18, Law Book, page 3, as amended by 1958 conference (see 1958 Minutes, page 56, Resolution 3) be repealed and the following substituted:

18. Dancing on Methodist premises is permitted when arranged by Church societies and groups.

(2) That an additional paragraph be included in Part I of Section XIII, Law Book, page 57.

302. (a) The Trustees shall see that no trust premises are used for any purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purpose, entertainments or amusements, which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church.

3. Local Preachers' Examinations:

That paragraph 254 (a), page 45, as amended by Conference, 1958, be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

254. (a) Every Local Preacher on Probation before being accredited shall take the written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners, conduct a trial service and be orally examined in the Preachers' Meeting by the Superintendent or other duly appointed person provided always that in the case of a Local Preacher on Probation who is at least 40 years of age and has given at least 10 years of continuous preaching service he may be excused the written examination.

4. Constitution M.S.S.A.:

That the foregoing Constitution be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

5. That the following be referred to the Law Revision Committee for consideration and report to next Conference: That a suitable question be added to the Quarterly Meeting agenda seeking annually the audited financial statements of all groups and organisations within the Circuit.

6. That the following and the whole question of personnel business and structure of the Leaders' Meeting be referred to the Church Council:

- (a) That the agenda for Leaders' Meetings (Law Book, p. 48, Section 269) be revised and made relevant to the business of a leaders' meeting under present-day conditions, with special reference to such developments as the lay pastorate, visitation evangelism, and Christian stewardship, and also matters referred by Conference and which more specifically refer to the Church at the local level.
- (b) That Conference be asked to consider the advisability of changing the name "Leaders' Meeting" to that of "Local Church Council," and the name "Quarterly Meeting" to "Circuit Council."

7. Standing Orders of Conference:

That the Law Revision Committee recast the Standing Orders of Conference to make explicit:

- (1) The time allowed for the mover of a motion arising from a presented report, as distinct from the mover.
- (2) The time allowed for the Convener of a Conference Committee of Details to present reports.
- (3) The rules governing motions for the extension of time.

8. President as District Chairman:

- (1) That the following additional paragraph be inserted in page 29 of the Law Book:

159. (a) Each Chairman may appoint a Minister in Full Connexion to act as Deputy-Chairman of his District. Such Minister shall perform the duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

- (2) That paragraph 161, Law Book, page 28, be amended by deleting the words "a deputy" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: "the Deputy-Chairman or a Minister in Full Connexion."

9. Representation of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries in Conference:

- (1) That para. 359 of the Law Book be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:
(16) The Deaconess Order (additional 2 members).
- (2) That para. 366 be amended by deleting the words "and no Home Missionary."
- (3) That the principle of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries in the active work being granted a seat in Conference as ministerial rather than lay representatives be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and report.

10. Election of District Secretaries, etc.:

That consideration of the election of the Synod Secretary and Ministerial Representative to the Stationing Committee being by

nomination, and that the Law Book, page 27, para. 156, be amended accordingly (and similarly the regulation relating to District Representative) be referred to the Law Revision Committee.

QUESTION LXI.—(b) Who is appointed the President's Legal Adviser?

Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.

QUESTION LXII.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

Among the topics that have been the concern of the committee are the following:

1. Visit of Billy Graham Evangelistic Team:

Throughout the country many churches co-operated in all that was involved in the Crusade. Methodist leaders were active in preparation and in planning and in the actual conduct of the Crusade programme. It seems clear that the Crusade brought a renewal of Church life and experience to many people, and summoned our churches to a new sense of urgency in the task of evangelism.

2. Ardmore Life and Work Conference:

The Conference was held at Ardmore Teachers' College, May 12-19, and attended by 123 delegates, observers and consultants. About 20 Methodists attended and shared in the work of the various sections. A report has been published and it is our hope that the findings of the conference will be studied seriously throughout our Methodist Church. The particular sections—Education, International Affairs, Technical Assistance in Radio and Television—are the specific concern of the appropriate connexional committees.

3. East Asia Christian Conference:

In May, 1959, the E.A.C.C. was officially constituted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. After full consultation with the member Churches, the N.C.C. reported that the proposed Constitution was acceptable to them and appointed the Rev A. K. Petch and the Rev Manga Cameron as the two representatives of New Zealand. The Rev Manga Cameron was appointed as the New Zealand representative on the Continuation Committee of the E.A.C.C.

The E.A.C.C. is a most significant development of the Ecumenical movement to serve the needs of this important region of the world.

4. Inter-Church Aid:

(a) Christmas Appeal. The 1958-59 Appeal realised a total of £21,731. Grants were made to a wide variety of projects. The report indicates that 105 Methodist circuits shared in the appeal. It is still rather disturbing to note that there are a large number of congregations which do not participate at all.

(b) Contributions have also been made from N.C.C. Inter-Church Aid funds to Emergency Appeals which have come from the World Council of Churches. The amount totals £2000.

5. Visit to Indonesia:

The N.C.C. is planning a visit from New Zealand Churches to the Christians of Indonesia to take place in April, 1960. The maxi-

imum number suggested is 10 and it is hoped that at least 3 will be Maoris. We recognise the importance and value of this proposed visit.

6. Theological Students' Conference:

The Fifth Biennial Theological Students' Conference was held during May in Tyndale House, Christchurch. The Committee, under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Goddard, prepared a most excellent programme based on the study of the work of the parish minister. Thirty-four students attended. Attention is being given to ways in which greater numbers can be encouraged to attend.

7. Prison Chaplaincies:

The reports on the work of prison chaplains continue to be most encouraging. Full-time chaplains are to be appointed in the Paparua Prison and Invercargill Borstal. The Rev L. C. Clements has given outstanding leadership as Senior Chaplain in the Justice Department.

8. Youth Committee of the N.C.C.:

During the past year there has been some consolidation of the work of fifteen Regional Youth Committees whose varied activities have reflected the ingenuity and enthusiasm of local groups. Hundreds of young people are thus given the opportunity to engage in ecumenical contact that will build bridges of understanding for the years ahead.

This year has seen the appointment of Mr Colin Coates, a graduate of the Otago University School of Physical Education, as Secretary-Organiser of the Recreational Leadership Training Committee and it is hoped that Churches will take advantage of his leadership in arranging courses of instruction in training to suit the needs of individual groups.

The revised study course of the Council for Christian Education has now been adopted to replace the N.C.C. Diploma Course and is fully commended to all prospective teachers and leaders.

Ten young people from six denominational groups were good ambassadors for New Zealand at the 3rd Australian Conference of Christian Youth held at Canberra last January.

The 3rd Ecumenical Youth Conference is to be held from 27th December, 1960, to 4th January, 1961, at Lower Hutt, when it is expected that upwards of 1500 young people between 17-30 years of age will come together for study, discussion and fellowship. Australia and other Asian countries will be represented and the theme chosen is "The People of God and the Salvation of the World." Overseas speakers are being invited and we believe that this Conference will make a very great impact on the life of the Church and the country as a whole.

9. Report of Women's Committee of N.C.C., 1959:

The Women's Committee of the N.C.C. and the local branch women's committees have continued steadily in their work during the year.

The local branch committees throughout the country have held successful Ecumenical Schools and Fellowship Days at which a true ecumenical spirit and a joy in meeting together in fellowship have been experienced.

The Women's Committee has prepared and published literature for use amongst groups in the form of studies and prayer leaflets. This year's study book is entitled 'I Believe' and consists of nine

studies based on the Apostles Creed. Five short elementary ecumenical studies on separate sheets have been prepared for groups where there is little knowledge of these subjects—The N.C.C. in New Zealand; Young People in the W.C.C.; The Position of Women in the Church; Inter-Church Aid; Some Leaders in the W.C.C. These papers should prove of use to both church and non-church groups. A limited number of Prayer Leaflets were printed for use in small ecumenical neighbourhood groups and their present form is in the nature of a trial.

Reports of the observance of the World Day of Prayer for 1959, the organisation of which is this committee's responsibility, showed an increase in attendances and generally a more widespread interest.

10. Maori Section N.C.C.:

The Methodist Church acted as host to the Annual General Meeting of the Section this year, and the meeting was held at Whatawhata, Waikato. The Rev E. Te Tuhi is Chairman for a second year. Appropriately the N.C.C. was represented on that occasion by the Rev A. K. Petch.

During the visit of Mr Notohamidjojo to our country a Maori Section function was arranged at Rotorua, where leaders of the three Churches met and welcomed the visitor. Included in the programme was a broadcast service in which representatives of the three Churches took part, the address being given by Mr Noto.

In the course of the year the Section has studied the Doctrines of the Church and the Ministry as held by the constituent Churches, and has also prepared a brochure designed to assist Maori families in meeting the advances of the agents of various Sects. It has also prepared a statement dealing with some points at which young Maori people are feeling the tension between the old world and the new; it is entitled, "New Ways for New Days."

Visits are still being made to the Invercargill Borstal, and the Whanaungatanga Hostel, with six new bedrooms added, continues to render very good service to Maori youth.

The Section rejoices in the appointment to the Continuing Committee of E.A.C.C. of the Rev M. Cameron of the Anglican Church. Mr Cameron is a member of the Executive of the Maori Section.

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) £145 to the World Council through the N.C.C.
 - (d) £5 to the Ecumenical Committee.
3. That the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal be commended to the Churches over the signature of the President.
4. 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—Rev P. M. Guthart, M.A., Mrs J. R. Maddren, Mrs A. K. Petch.

- (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.

5. That Conference commend to all our people the Report of the Ardmore Life and Work Conference published by the N.C.C.

It is suggested that the relevant sections be the basis of study by groups in our congregation and by the appropriate connexional committees.

6. That Conference request Ministers and Quarterly Meetings to take steps to inform our people of the existence and significance of the E.A.C.C. and that arrangements be made for information to appear in the printed Conference booklet as proposed under resolution of Publications Board.

7. That Conference ask the Trinity College Council to investigate the possibility of providing through the National Council of Churches a one-year Theological Scholarship open to Divinity Students of South-east Asia.

8. That the Ecumenical Committee be instructed to present to Conference a method of procedure to guide the Church in nominating Methodist representatives to the National Council of Churches.

9. (a) That Conference place on record its deep sense of gratitude for the outstanding service of the Rev L. C. Clements as first Senior Chaplain to the Justice Department. In this important ecumenical post Mr Clements has served with distinguished ability and has won the confidence and appreciation of all member Churches of the N.C.C.

(b) That Conference express its congratulations to the Rev L. C. Clements on his new appointment as Adviser in Marriage Guidance to the Government.

10. That Conference congratulates the Rev E. S. Hoddinott on his appointment as Senior Prisons Chaplain to the Justice Department, and that the Church assure him of its prayers and support.

11. That the following be referred to the Ecumenical Committee for consideration: That an emergency fund be established similar to that administered by the Christian Citizenship Department of the British Conference, contributions to be made from an offering taken at the Conference Communion Service and to be invited from Circuits through other funds.

12. That the Committee for 1960 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION LXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1—Faith and Order Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1959

The Committee has met regularly at monthly intervals, and in addition has held one special meeting. It has not been possible to deal with all matters referred to the committee. Attention has been given mainly to the Statement on Membership and the Place of Children in the Church, and the revision of the Book of Offices.

COMMON DECLARATION OF FAITH: The Revised Draft of the Common Declaration of Faith was received from the Joint

Standing Committee on Church Union. This Draft was carefully studied and returned to the J.S. Committee with a number of suggested amendments.

REVISION OF BOOK OF OFFICES: A draft Order for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was submitted to the March Ministerial Committees. Suggestions from these committees have been considered, and the following Order is now submitted to the Synods:

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS

*All parents bringing their children to be baptised are to be instructed that in this Sacrament the baptised enter into the membership of the Church; that they thereby devote them to God, and are pledged to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to commit them to the pastoral oversight of the Church; and that the Sacrament of Baptism is administered on their promise so to do.

*Both parents are to be present if possible.

*Before the administration of this Sacrament, the Minister shall ascertain whether or not the infant has previously been baptised in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Baptisms normally are to be conducted in the presence of the congregation at the time of a Service of Public Worship.

*Baptisms at other times, whenever possible, should be conducted in the Church.

*The congregation should be represented at all such baptisms.

*The Minister shall say to the Congregation:

Let us Pray.

Almighty God, who hast ordained the Sacrament of Holy Baptism to be the rite of entry into Thy Church and a means of grace to all Thy people; mercifully grant that we, obeying Thy commandments and trusting in Thy gracious promises, may now receive the help and blessing of Thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall the Minister say to the Congregation:

Dearly Beloved, since it has pleased God . . . we receive the Lord Himself (British Order, p. 97, without amendment).

Acts ii, 39. You know well that the promise of His redeeming

II Cor., v. 15. grace is "to you and your children and to all that

Matt. xxviii, 19. are afar off"; that "he died for all"; that our Lord

Mark x, 14. Himself gave commandment to His Church to

"make disciples of all the nations, baptising them

into the Name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

and that He commanded the children to be brought unto Him,

saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid

them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God." (British Order,

p. 98, slightly amended). You recall how, by His outward gesture

and deed . . . partaker of His heavenly Kingdom (British

Order, p. 98, without amendment).

*Here the parents shall stand; and the Minister shall say to the

parents:

You have been duly instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament of Holy Baptism: and you are come here to acknowledge that this, your child, belongs to God; to present **him** for reception into the Church, which is the Family of God; to dedicate **him** to God in

this Sacrament; to receive **him** again as from the hands of God, and to commit yourselves to the Christian nurture of your child in the home; and to entrust your child to the training and pastoral oversight of the Church, to the end that **he** may come to the knowledge of Christ **his** Saviour and enter into the full fellowship of them that believe.

I ask you therefore:

(Questions and responses as in British Order, pp. 98 bot. and 99.)

*Here the Congregation shall stand and the Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved, who are of the household of faith . . . (British Order, pp. 99 bot. and 100 top, with response).

*Afterward the Minister shall say:

Let us Pray.

Grant, O Lord to these Thy servants grace to perform the things which they have promised before Thee; and sanctify with Thy Spirit this child now to be baptised according to Thy Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Here the Minister, taking the child into his arms, shall say to the parents or guardians:

Name this child.

*And, naming the child, he shall sprinkle **him** with water, or pour water upon **him**, or dip **him** in water, saying:

N., I baptise thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Then shall the Congregation say with the Minister:

We receive **this child** into the congregation of Christ's flock, that **he** may be instructed and trained in the doctrines, privileges, and duties of the Christian religion, and trust that **he** may be Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto **his** life's end.

*Then the following Benediction shall be said or sung:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee; and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.

*Then the Minister shall offer the following petitions or extemporary prayer, the Congregation, still standing, responding by saying Amen.

Let us Pray.

Let us pray for this child:

O Merciful God, grant that this child may abide in the grace of Thy covenant, and that the Holy Spirit may live in **him**, enduing **him** with power and strength to have victory, and to triumph over the world, the flesh and the devil. Amen.

Regard, we beseech Thee, the supplications of this congregation; and grant that this child, now numbered with the Household of Faith, may in due time be confirmed into the full privileges and responsibilities of membership in Thy Church; and may **he** ever remain so, until at last **he** shall attain to the eternal Kingdom which Thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the parents and home of this child:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son did share at Nazareth the life of an earthly home, bless, we beseech

Thee, the home of this child; grant to **his** parents grace to set before **him** the example of a godly life; and to all who have the care of **him** give wisdom and understanding that **he** may grow up in Thy constant fear and love; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the Household of Faith:

Grant, O Lord, that this congregation may be so endowed with heavenly wisdom, that it may nurture the children received by Holy Baptism into Thy Name, and by loving care and godly counsel guide their feet into the way of peace. Amen.

Let us pray for ourselves:

Sanctify to us all, O Lord, the ministration of this holy Sacrament. Forgive us wherein we have come short of the grace of our Baptism, by wandering from Thy ways; and bring us back with a perfect repentance. Quicken us anew by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk in charity, humility, and godliness, as those who have been baptised by the same Spirit into one body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end; grant that what we have here performed in this our office and ministry may be confirmed by Thee in heaven above; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

*The officiating Minister shall see that all the necessary particulars are inserted in the Register of Baptisms, and shall hand a Certificate of Baptism to the parents or guardians.

NEW METHODIST HYMN BOOK: Arising out of correspondence received it was decided to write the Director of Publications of the Australasian Conference pointing out the interest of the New Zealand Church in any proposed new Hymn Book, and informing him of our work on the revision of the Book of Offices. This action was taken through the Connexional Secretary, who advises that he has also written the Epworth Press seeking definite information.

ANNUAL TICKET OF MEMBERSHIP: At the request of the Secretary of the Conference the wording for a new card was drafted, and forwarded to the Board of Publications for designing and publication.

Action in connection with a Certificate of Reception into Membership was deferred pending Conference decision on the adoption of Confirmation or otherwise.

THEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING CHURCH ARCHITECTURE: A statement was completed and forwarded to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee with the suggestion that they produce one publication incorporating the two statements now produced. This course has been agreed to.

EMBLEM FOR N.Z. METHODISM: Reports from the 1958 Synods were re-examined. It was decided to print the two designs below and to recommend to Conference that whichever meets with greater approval by the Synods be adopted.



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THE RELATIONSHIP OF ORDINATION AND FULL CONNEXION: A memorandum on this question was prepared by the Rev G. I. Laurenson and considered by the committee. This was forwarded to the Law Revision Committee. It has been found necessary to report a conflict of opinion to the Board of Examiners and to seek guidance for future action.

MEMBERSHIP AND THE PLACE OF CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH: The committee has given the major portion of its time and attention during the year to this matter. One special meeting was held in this connection. A number of amendments and additions to the statement are suggested, and the committee recommends that it be adopted in the following form:

1. Infant Baptism as Reception and Incorporation into the Church:

"Baptism being a sacrament, the baptised child is, in a real sense, incorporated into the Church."

If the Methodist Church of New Zealand "claims and cherishes her place in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ," she must share in the Church's doctrine and practice of the sacraments. Further, if the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is dominical, it must be seen to possess the highest authority and significance. It is "of divine appointment and perpetual obligation." It is the rite of initiation into the Church. The biblical basis of this was circumcision, the rite of initiation into the people of God under the Old Covenant. From this there is a clear line of development leading up to baptism as practised by the Apostolic Church. The fundamental idea of baptism in the primitive Christian Church was baptism into the New Covenant.

There is a continuity between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. The Old Testament is the record of the calling of the People of God. The Christian Church is this same People of God re-constituted by Jesus Christ and living under the New Covenant which He established. The Church is the New Israel, the redeemed community.

It follows that if Infant Baptism as practised by the Methodist Church of New Zealand is to have the authentic character of the dominical sacrament of Holy Baptism it must be regarded as the rite of reception into the Church. We do not claim that in this rite the child is regenerated, but that he is solemnly admitted to

the company where regeneration becomes a living possibility because the Gospel is preached, the Sacraments are administered, and he becomes the object of special pastoral care and teaching.

The membership that is conferred in Infant Baptism is "initial participation" in the full grace of membership in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; and the child has a recognised place in the visible people of God, that place having been sealed in the divinely appointed way.

The justification of the Church's action is not pragmatic. The test of the child's right to be so received is not ability to confess faith or show good works. The sacrament has its chief significance in the fact that, in the name of Christ and in view of the Universal Atonement, the Church takes to herself a new member.

This concept of reception into membership in no way precludes the need for growth and development in Christian faith and living. As growth and development take place there will be fuller participation in the life of the Church, with added privileges and responsibilities, and at appropriate times decisions and steps.

2. Confirmation as Responsible Acceptance of the Membership Conferred at Baptism:

"The existing Methodist rite of 'Recognition of New Members' should be conceived as a form of 'confirmation' with certain qualifications necessary to safeguard the Methodist emphasis."

If the baptised child has a recognised and sealed place within the People of God there is no question of "reception" into membership or of the "Recognition of New Members." Any such service will be a "confirmation" and fulfilment of existing membership.

Confirmation does not add to the organic relationship created by Baptism, but recognises and seals 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 responsible membership which is recognised and sealed at Confirmation.
- (iii) Membership in the institutional and legally constituted Church granted at Confirmation or later.

If this approach is adopted, certain specific emphases and safeguards are necessary to ensure that the characteristic features of Methodist Church membership are preserved:

(a) The primacy of personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord should be preserved. Confirmation should follow conversion and be conditional upon it.

(b) The test of fitness for Confirmation should be ability to testify to personal experience of the grace of God. Confession of faith should be distinctly personal in character.

(c) Any idea of automatic progression should be rejected. It is the hope and prayer of the Church that every child baptised in infancy will grow in grace and enter into full communion, but it should not be taken for granted that every baptised child will reach the stage of Confirmation.

The relationship to the Church of an adult who has been baptised in infancy, but who has not subsequently been confirmed, remains virtually that of an infant. There can be no question of any right to claim the privileges of membership.

3. Membership as Sacramental Fellowship:

As per Minutes of Conference, 1957, p. 203, without amendment.

4. The Pastoral Responsibility Involved in Infant Baptism:

As per Minutes of Conference, 1957, pp. 203 and 204, without amendment.

BAPTISM OF THE CHILDREN OF PARENTS NOT IN A SATISFACTORY SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

The basis of baptism is the grace of God manifested in the universal atonement wrought by the work of Christ. In view of this every child is entitled, by right of birth, to baptism and reception into the Household of Faith. "All children, by virtue of the universal atonement of Christ, are members of the Kingdom of God, and are entitled to be received into the visible Church of Christ by Baptism." (Book of Laws, p. 8, para. 57. See also Minutes of Conference, 1939, p. 165, and 1946, p. 187.)

The ideal is that parents, in full responsibility and understanding, should bring their children as candidates for baptism: (1) Dedicating them to God. (2) Committing themselves as parents to the Christian nurture of their children. (3) Pledging themselves to co-operate with the Church in its programme of Christian education. (4) Trusting finally in the grace of God.

In Infant Baptism there are as participants God, the child, the parents, and the Church. The basic objective and reliable participant is God. The Church, though failing to attain her ideal as the Family of God and needing to keep her pastoral practice and educational programme constantly under review, is reasonably stable, reliable and effective. The child may, in the course of its development, fail to appreciate the significance of its baptism and be unresponsive to the work of the Holy Spirit. In many cases the parents are, clearly, unsatisfactory at the time of baptism and unreliable in the fulfilment of the obligations attached to it.

How does this unreliability of parents affect the position? Should a palpably unsatisfactory relationship of parents to the Church (and presumably to God) be seen as a reason for refusal to baptise?

At this point we need a comprehensive view of the situation. When a child is brought as a candidate for baptism by one or both parents, or by any other interested person or persons, the Church has a pastoral responsibility to offer instruction in the nature and meaning of the sacrament. If this pastoral responsibility is observed the onus then rests upon the parents to decide whether the child shall be presented for baptism or not. If the parents decide to present their child for baptism, the Church should not refuse. The Church may not be satisfied as to the relationship of the parents to the Church, their understanding and their motives, but she can determine no standard by means of which these can be tested. The Church, having fulfilled her pastoral duty of instruction, must act upon the decision of the parents.

An unsatisfactory relationship of parents to the Church is not, in itself, sufficient ground for refusal to baptise a child. Where

such an unsatisfactory relationship exists the total situation is not as satisfactory as might be desired, but it is not entirely unsatisfactory. There are other participants in the baptism of a child besides the parents, namely, God and the Church. Although understanding and bona fide motives on the part of parents are highly desirable, baptism should not be made to depend wholly upon the qualifications of the parents.

Provided that the child is brought by some person or persons interested in its spiritual welfare; that the pastoral duty of the Church is fulfilled at that time; and that those presenting the child then express a desire to proceed, baptism should be administered. Such baptism is not indiscriminate, for it is kept in a proper relationship with the Church. There can be no baptism apart from a body of believers representing the Church and receiving the child in Christ's Name. Finally, the mystery of the grace of God should not be forgotten. Unsatisfactory human factors do not necessarily thwart the grace of God, and the most satisfactory circumstances do not guarantee its operation. When the Church baptises any child she looks to the grace of God both as the ground of her action and the determining factor in its result.

Matters Outstanding:

The committee has not found it possible to deal with the following:

Order of Deacons (1958 Minutes, p. 56, rec. 6).

Handbook of Doctrine and Polity.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. SILVESTER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Committee be granted leave to continue its work on:
Handbook of Doctrine and Polity.
Revision of Book of Offices.
The Theological Implications of Pastoral Counselling.
3. That Conference give general approval to the Order of Service for the Baptism of Infants but the Exhortation be referred to the Schools of Theology and Evangelism for consideration and report to the Faith and Order Committee, Synods and Conference.
4. Methodist Emblem. That in view of the fact that no adequate design has so far been produced the matter be left in abeyance until a suitable design is forthcoming.
5. That the statement on membership and the Place of Children in the Church be adopted with the substitution of the following for 2 (a): "The primacy of personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord should be preserved. . ."
6. That the Statement on Baptism of Children of Parents in an Unsatisfactory Spiritual Relationship to the Church be adopted.
7. That the Statement on Baptism of the Children of Parents not in a Satisfactory Relationship to the Church be printed and forwarded to Quarterly Meetings for study.
8. That a grant of £5 be made to the Faith and Order Committee from the Contingent Fund.
9. That because of the importance of the office of the Vice-President of the Conference and the fact that Vice-President represents

the Connexion on many occasions, Conference requests that a suitable gown be supplied for this office to be worn on all official occasions, and that this matter be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and report.

10. That the Faith and Order Committee be given permission to prepare an Order of Service for Confirmation.

11. That the Committee be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION LXIII.

2—Radio Committee

REPORT FOR 1959

Ardmore Life and Work Conference:

Four Methodist representatives were members of the Section which discussed Radio and Television—Revs. W. H. Greenslade and R. Thornley, Messrs M. Rickard and Leo Foster. The following were the recommendations on sound broadcasting:

"Believing that our radio ministries can be to the churches one of the most far-reaching opportunities to proclaim the Gospel in this land, in this generation, we recommend:

- 1 (a) That the clergy and congregations who are given the great privilege of broadcasting, should be concerned to communicate directly, plainly and understandingly with the host of people who could be persuaded to join us if we go to meet them where they are.
- (b) That the broadcasting time allocated to the churches in the evening should be specially planned for use in accordance with the foregoing principle.
- (c) That the ministry to church people who are prevented from attending (by illness, age, infirmity, distance and such like), could best be exercised in the morning broadcasts and in devotional services.
- 2 (a) That the constituent churches of the N.C.C. be asked to take steps through the Church Courts to implement the policies recommended with regard to morning and evening broadcasting.
- (b) That the constituent member churches be asked to address themselves to the desirability of the appointment of denominational broadcasting supervisors.
- 3 That the Executive of the N.C.C. explore the possibility of arranging an annual training school for radio broadcasters giving special attention to the content of the message, the technique of broadcasting, the preparation of congregations and the musical content of the services.
- 4 That the C.R.A.C. give consideration to readjustments in the radio system for evening services with a view to arranging broadcasts on a National link."

Television:

In regard to Television, we feel that the church is adequately represented and served by the N.C.C. Commission on Television. The Ardmore Conference recommended that there be additional representation from the Churches.

Radio School for Ministers (Ref. 1958 Minutes, Page 215, Res. 5).

The Radio School was held in Wellington on July 7 and 8 under the direction of Mr Malcolm Rickard. About 35 attended from centres throughout the Dominion. The main topics on the programme were:

"The Radio Ministry" and "Religious Broadcasts as Radio Programmes" by Peter Cape (two sessions)—Officer attending to religious broadcasts in the New Zealand Broadcasting Service;

"The Possibilities of Religious Drama" and "The Church and its Appeal to Children through Radio," by Allona Priestley (two sessions);

"Microphones and Their Characteristics" by C. A. Brown of N.Z.B.S. Technical Section;

"Direct and Concise Expression in Broadcasting" by J. H. Hall, Assistant Director of Broadcasting;

"The Voice and the Microphone" by William Austin of N.Z.B.S. (Production Section);

"Experimental Tape Recordings of types of Church Services" by Malcolm Rickard. (This evening session was held in the Hataitai Church with the Choir assisting).

The School was most successful. The speakers were experts in their fields. The emphasis of the school was practical and designed to improve the quality of the religious broadcasting being conducted throughout our Methodist Church. A discussion session on "The Methodist Church's approach to Broadcasting" was held. In this Session the recommendations of the Ardmore Conference were discussed. Here is a summary of the opinions of this representative group of Methodist broadcasters:

It was felt that there could be value in the appointment of an Inter-church Supervisor of Religious Broadcasting.

For two reasons, the School did not support the suggestion of a Methodist Broadcasting Supervisor—

- (a) It was felt that such a Supervisor would have no real power, and
- (b) Because of the limited resources in finance and manpower of the Methodist Church, such an appointment was not warranted.

The School considered that the Radio Committee, which has expert personnel in its membership, should undertake the functions of Supervisor giving guidance in the following ways—

- (1) The whole Church must be educated to recognise that the primary purpose of radio is to serve the Mission of the Church.
- (2) In the main broadcasting centres, men should be appointed to establish liaison with the Central Radio Committee.
- (3) Tape recordings could be used to assist men carrying a heavy load of broadcasting work.
- (4) Tape recordings could also be used in regional areas to instruct men in radio technique and to improve standards.

The School considered that while we would gladly support an N.C.C. Training School for Radio Broadcasters, there was a real need for a Methodist Radio School to consider specifically the content of the message.

The School was particularly impressed with the great possibilities of drama in religious broadcasts. It was felt that here was a medium of unique power to present the Gospel to our generation. The School would encourage Ministers and Churches to use this medium.

The Central Radio Committee is prepared to give assistance in this field.

Children's Sunday Service:

On behalf of the Committee, the Rev W. F. Ford, Director of the Department of Christian Education, is making arrangements for this and reports progress.

The routine work of the Committee has been continued and we appreciate the guidance and assistance of the C.R.A.C.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received, and adopted with the exception of the section commencing "For two reasons" and concluding "improve standards."

2. That the section commencing "For two reasons" be referred back to the Radio Committee for further consideration and report to Synods and Conference.

3. That the Contingent Fund make a grant of £20 to the Radio Committee.

4. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Director of N.Z.B.S. for the generous co-operation of the Service in the Radio School for Ministers

5. That Conference direct District Radio Committees to establish liaison with the Central Radio Committee by the appointment of suitable persons.

6. That Conference approve the principle of the setting aside of a limited number of Methodist Sunday Broadcasts for special experimental programmes, directed to reach the non-churchgoer, and that District Methodist Radio Committees set up by the Synod Standing Committee be authorised to prepare such programmes for broadcasting during 1960.

7. That Conference request the Radio Committee to explore ways whereby there could be appointed a Supervisor of Methodist Broadcasting, who shall represent the point of view of the Methodist Church and shall, through the Central Committee, direct and co-ordinate the radio work of those chosen to broadcast.

8. That the Convener of the Central Methodist Radio Committee be nominated as an additional member of the N.C.C. T.V. Commission.

9. That the Maori section of the N.C.C. be asked to consider the desirability of making part of the Maori broadcasts in English.

10. That the Committee be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION LXIII.

3—Report of Laymen's Conference Committee

1. The District Conferences of Laymen continued this year with three sub-district conferences at Ruawai, Masterton and Invercargill.

With the holding of these three, every circuit in the Dominion has had the opportunity of being represented at a layman's conference.

2. There has been a considerable number of circuit conferences or study groups on the work of the Church for to-day and the particular task of the laity. Two major movements are apparent among the laity in many of our churches:

- (a) training for visitation work
- and (b) a revitalising of the Leaders' Meetings.

3. Training Kits for lay visitation evangelism were made for the Committee by Dr D. O. Williams and Rev. B. M. Chrystall for use by circuits or church groups. These kits have been used by 39 churches during the winter and are still available. Each kit contains tape recordings of tutorial lectures on visitation evangelism; three recorded case-studies with printed copies of each; a twenty-page chart; a suggested plan for using the kit. Users of the kit have reported very favourably, made suggestions for improvement and requested a "follow-up" kit in addition to this first one. This training procedure is successful and should be developed. Requests have been made for a kit on Financial Stewardship.

4. Leaders' Meetings are becoming more active, with the greater awareness by members of how they may show concern for the people in their neighbourhood, and how the Leaders' Meeting is the proper vehicle for that concern. Many strong sub-committees are now in action on Church programmes, working in full co-operation with the minister; but with considerable freedom to act conferred by the Leaders' Meeting. Activity on House-Church groups, training, hospitality, evangelism and lay pastoral work is proceeding effectively in many churches.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee continue its work, in co-operation with the Spiritual Advance Committee and the Department of Christian Education; and that the name of the Vice-President of Conference be added to the Committee.

QUESTION LXIII.

4—Report of Special Committee on the Position of a Woman Minister Who Marries

Conference in 1956 decided to appoint a Committee to consider "the whole question of a Church policy in regard to Women Ministers who marry" and authorised the North Canterbury Synod Standing Committee to nominate the personnel. The Revs W. T. Blight, Dr W. G. Slade, H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott and Mr H. de R. Flesher were appointed.

The Committee has sought information overseas and has received reports from Ministers who have visited Canada and the United States. Very little really useful information has been received.

The Church in the act of ordination sets apart the Minister for the special functions of the Ministry. In so doing the Church anticipates a continued full-time service. Ordination is for life. From the very nature of the work of the Ministry it follows that it should be the sole occupation of the Minister.

The Conference each year stations every Minister in the active work and thereby determines the locality in which he shall live. There is no guarantee how long a Minister will remain in an appointment. Every Minister is entitled to a suitable residence adequately furnished. Every Minister must become a member of the Supernumerary Fund and of the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund. All Ministers whether women or men are entitled to the same rights and privileges. All are subject to the direction of Conference.

In the judgment of the Committee the marriage of a woman Minister would create a difficult situation as far as her full-time service and her relationship to the Church are concerned for the Church is entitled to and will require full-time service from a woman Minister as from a man. A marriage could make difficult if not impossible such full-time service.

The problem will be greater should there be any children. It would appear inevitable that there then would be a conflict of responsibility as between her duty to her home and children on the one hand and to the Church on the other.

Not only the position of the Minister, her husband and her family but also that of the Church and the Church members must be considered. The Church could not rightly demand full-time service from a woman Minister who marries in view of the fact that a wife's position in her home is not parallel to that of a husband.

The possibility of a woman Minister marrying a Minister must not be overlooked. This would raise many difficulties in Stationing.

The practical issues of the relationship of a woman Minister to the Supernumerary Fund, to the Home Acquisition Fund and to the Children's Fund require detailed examination by the Board and Committee administering such funds. The Committee is of the opinion that such Board and Committee should be instructed to report thereon.

Further difficulties could arise in connection with the husband's employment.

The Committee is aware that there might be avenues of service within the Church where these difficulties might not be so acute but they would still exist.

In view of the foregoing the Committee is of the opinion that normally a woman Minister who marries should be left without an appointment.

It is suggested that there should be a separate section in the Law Book setting out the provisions relating to the marriage of a woman Minister.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following provisions be inserted in the Law Book:

WOMEN MINISTERS AND MARRIAGE

123. (a) (1) A Woman Minister intending to marry shall notify the Chairman of the District of her intention. At the end of the current Connexional year, unless otherwise determined by Conference, she shall be left without an appointment.

- (2) Where Conference is satisfied (inter alia) that marriage will not interfere with the appointment of a Woman Minister it may on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee continue her in the active work provided always that in the Committee and in the Conference at least two-thirds of those present vote for her continuance in the active work. Each such case shall be reviewed annually.
- (3) A Woman Minister who marries and who has not been continued in the active work shall be given the status of a minister without pastoral charge.

3. That the Supernumerary Fund Board consider the issues involved in the relationship of a Woman Minister who marries to the Supernumerary Fund and the Home Acquisition Fund and report thereon to next Conference.

4. That the Treasurers of the Children's Fund consider the issues involved in the relationship of a Woman Minister who marries to the Children's Fund and report thereon to next Conference.

QUESTION LXIV.—

- (a) **When Shall the District Synods be Held?**

During the week ending 27th August, 1960.

- (b) **When and Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?**

On Wednesday, 2nd November, 1960, at Central Church, Invercargill (with the proviso that arrangements be checked by the Church Council).

MISCELLANEOUS

1. That Conference Committees, when sending down reports for study within the Circuits, prepare them suitably for that purpose.

2. That the suggestion that stationing be attended to by a Committee during the year be referred to the Church Council for further consideration.

3. That in the light of the Church entering into Connexional Stewardship and Budget Schemes of Finance, the whole matter of financial statistics be investigated by the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee with a view to presenting a more realistic position.

A. EVERIL ORR, President of Conference.

MAGNUS S. HUGHSON, Vice-President of Conference.

ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary of Conference.

Wellington,
12th November, 1959.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1959

DANCING ON CHURCH PROPERTY

Page 3, Section 18 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

18. Dancing on Methodist premises is permitted when arranged by Church Societies and groups.

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN

Page 27. Add the following:

159a. Each Chairman may appoint a Minister in Full Connexion to act as Deputy Chairman of his District. Such Minister shall perform the duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

Page 28. Section 161 is hereby amended by deleting the words "a deputy" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "the Deputy Chairman or a Minister in Full Connexion."

PREACHERS' MEETING AND LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Page 45. Section 254 is amended by repealing sub-section (a) and substituting therefor the following:

(a) Every Local Preacher on Probation, before being accredited, shall take the written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners, conduct a trial service and be orally examined in the Preachers' Meeting by the Superintendent or other duly appointed person provided always that in the case of a Local Preacher on Probation who is at least 40 years of age and has given at least 10 years' continuous preaching service, he may be excused the written examination.

TRUSTS AND TRUSTEES

Page 57. Add the following:

302a. The Trustees shall see that no trust premises are used for any purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purposes, entertainments or amusements which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE

Page 70. Section 359: Add the following:

(16) The Deaconess Order (additional two members).

Page 71. Section 366 is hereby amended by deleting the words "and no Home Missionary."

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Page 107. Section 504 (4) is hereby amended by deleting all the words after "Solomon Islands District" and substituting therefor the following:

"And one representative, ministerial or lay, from each of the Solomon Islands District Synod and the Papua New Guinea Highlands District Synod, each such representative to be nominated by the Synod of the District in which he serves and to attend when in New Zealand.

CONTINGENT FUND

Page 129. Section 510 (8) (e) is amended by adding after the words "second class railway fares" the words "for journeys up to and including 100 miles, first class railway fares for journeys in excess of 100 miles."

WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP DISTRICT GUILD FELLOWSHIP

Page 156. Section 517 (7) is hereby amended by deleting the words "one other person" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "two other persons."

METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Page 159. Add the following:

20. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Section 520a (1). The Methodist Social Service Association of New Zealand shall be the Methodist Church of New Zealand as organised for the promotion of social service work in New Zealand. It shall be under the control of the Conference and shall be directed by a General Committee appointed annually by the Conference.

2. The objects of the Association shall be:

- (a) To initiate, develop, and co-ordinate the social service work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (b) To provide adequate publicity for the social services of the Church with a view to stimulating interest and ensuring practical support.
- (c) To receive and administer funds and assets given for the general social work of the Church.

3. The General Committee shall consist of:

The President of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Vice-President of the Conference, two representatives (one Ministerial and one lay) each from the Home Mission Department, the Auckland and Christchurch City Missions, the Wesley Church (Wellington Central), Social Service Trust Board (Incorporated), the Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin, one representative from the Board of Management of each Children's Home, one representative from each such other Social Service organisation as may from time to time be duly approved by the Conference and one layman not engaged in Social Service work from each area, nominated by the District Standing Committee.

4. The President of the Conference shall be Chairman of the General Committee, but if he is not present the members present shall elect a Chairman. There shall be an Official Representative and a Convener appointed annually by the Conference.

5. There shall be an Executive comprising the President of the Conference, the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department or his substitute, and the Superintendents of the City Missions in Auckland and Christchurch, the Chairman of the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, the General Superintendent of the Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin. The Convener and Official Representative if not a Superintendent of a City Mission shall be ex officio a member of the executive.

6. The Executive shall meet when necessary and shall deal with matters of urgency.

7. For the purpose of organising its social work the Conference may from time to time divide New Zealand into areas, one or more Synodal Districts may be joined into one area.

8. In each area there shall be appointed by the Conference an Area Committee which shall generally initiate, develop and co-ordinate social service work in the area. Each area committee shall submit an annual report to the General Committee.

9. Each Area Committee shall consist of the District Chairman stationed in the Area, one representative from each Synod Standing Committee in the area, one representative from each Children's Home in the area, four representatives from each City Mission or Social Service Trust in the area, one representative from any other social service organisation in the District which has been duly approved by the Conference and, in areas in which the Home Mission Department is actively engaged in Social Service work, a representative from that Department.

10. Each Area Committee shall elect its own officers.

11. Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide an area and may on the nomination of the area committee appoint sub-committees which shall within the sub-area carry out such duties as are allocated to it by the area committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

12. There shall be established a General Social Service Fund which shall be operated through the General Purposes Trust Board or otherwise as directed by the Conference. Any moneys given or bequeathed to the said Fund shall be distributed by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Committee.

13. No new or major extension of Social Service activity involving major capital expenditure or requiring continued support shall be commenced without the prior approval of the Area Committee, the Executive and the Conference.

14. In cases of urgency between Conferences the approval of the Conference may be given by the President of the Conference on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee provided the approval of the Area Committee and the Executive be first obtained.

15. An Annual Report and Financial Statement shall be submitted by the General Committee to Synods and to the Conference.

METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Page 200. Section 5 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

5. The Executive shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not less than 5 or more than 10 other members all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 6 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

6. The executive shall come into office on the 1st day of February following the Annual Meeting at which it is elected and shall continue in office until its successor takes office.

SUPPLEMENT TO LAW BOOK

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS SINCE 1st OCTOBER, 1951.

PREAMBLE TO LAW BOOK

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.

(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)

Dancing on Church Property

Page 3, Section 18 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

18. Dancing on Methodist premises is permitted when arranged by Church Societies and groups. (1959 Minutes, P. 205)

YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Pages 7 and 8, Sections 47, 48 and 49 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:—

47. **Baptismal Roll.** A record of all baptisms shall be kept by the Minister and a certificate shall be given by him to the parents

or guardians of each child. The certificate shall set forth: (a) That the child is received into the congregation of Christ's flock, and (b) the responsibilities undertaken by the parents or guardians to bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

48. Young People's Rolls. Rolls shall be kept for each department in the Church's educational work as under:—

- (a) Nursery—From birth to four years.
- (b) Beginner Primary—From five to seven years inclusive.
- (c) Junior—From eight to ten years inclusive.
- (d) Intermediate—From eleven to twelve years inclusive.
- (e) Bible Classes—
 - (1) From thirteen to eighteen years inclusive.
 - (2) Nineteen years and over.

49. Family Pastoral Roll. A Family Pastoral Roll which is to be in card form shall be kept by the Minister. (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)

Chairman of Districts and Deputy Chairmen.

Page 27. Add the following:

159a. Each Chairman may appoint a Minister in Full Connexion

to act as Deputy Chairman of his District. Such Minister shall perform the duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

Page 28. Section 161 is hereby amended by deleting the words "a deputy" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "the Deputy Chairman or a Minister in Full Connexion."

(1959 Minutes, page 206)

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) Every Local Preacher on Probation, before being accredited, shall take the written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners, conduct a trial service and be orally examined in the Preachers' Meeting by the Superintendent or other duly appointed person provided always that in the case of a Local Preacher on Probation who is at least 40 years of age and has given at least 10 years' continuous preaching service, he may be excused the written examination.

(1959 Minutes, page 205)

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 further amended by adding the following

(9) (o) Provisions of adequate transport for Ministers and/or Home Missionaries (June meeting).

(192 Minutes, page 167)

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)

Trusts and Trustees

Page 57. Add the following:

302a. The Trustees shall see that no trust premises are used for any purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purposes, entertainments or amusements which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church.

(1959 Minutes, page 205)

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.)

Page 70. Section 359: Add the following:

(16) The Deaconess Order (additional two members).

Page 71. Section 366 is hereby amended by deleting the words
"and no Home Missionary."

(1959 Minutes, page 206)

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 shall be appointed at each Conference.
(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.)

The Foreign Missionary Society

Page 107, Section 504 (4) is hereby amended by deleting all the words after "Solomon Islands District" and substituting therefor the following:

"And one representative, ministerial or lay, from each of the Solomon Islands District Synod and the Papua New Guinea Highlands District Synod, each such representative to be nominated by the Synod of the District in which he serves and to attend when in New Zealand.

(1959 Minutes, page 148)

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).

Home Mission Department

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 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."

(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)

Contingent Fund

Page 129. Section 510 (8) (e) is amended by adding after the words "second class railway fares" the words "for journeys up to and including 100 miles, first class railway fares for journeys in excess of 100 miles."

(1959 Minutes, page 140)

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 Acquisition Fund

Page 144, Sub-section 9 of Section 512 is amended by adding after the words "35 years' service" the words "or 5 years prior to reaching the retiring age of 65 years." (1953 Minutes, page 117).

Church Building and Loan Fund

Page 152. "Special Loans Fund." (1953 Minutes page 95).

Women's Guild Fellowship

District Guild Fellowship

Page 156. Section 517 (7) is hereby amended by deleting the words "one other person" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "two other persons."

(1959 Minutes, page 72)

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.)

Methodist Social Service Association

Page 159. Add the following:

20. Methodist Social Service Association

Section 520a (1). The Methodist Social Service Association of New Zealand shall be the Methodist Church of New Zealand as organised for the promotion of social service work in New Zealand. It shall be under the control of the Conference and shall be directed by a General Committee appointed annually by the Conference.

2. The objects of the Association shall be:

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

(b) To provide adequate publicity for the social services of the Church with a view to stimulating interest and ensuring practical support.

(c) To receive and administer funds and assets given for the general social work of the Church.

3. The General Committee shall consist of:

The President of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Vice-President of the Conference, two representatives (one Ministerial and one lay) each from the Home Mission Department, the Auckland and Christchurch City Missions, the Wesley Church (Wellington Central), Social Service Trust Board (Incorporated), the Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin, one representative from the Board of Management of each Children's Home, one representative from each such other Social Service organisation as may from time to time be duly approved by the Conference and one

layman not engaged in Social Service work from each area, nominated by the District Standing Committee.

4. The President of the Conference shall be Chairman of the General Committee, but if he is not present the members present shall elect a Chairman. There shall be an Official Representative and a Convener appointed annually by the Conference.

5. There shall be an Executive comprising the President of the Conference, the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department or his substitute, and the Superintendents of the City Missions in Auckland and Christchurch, the Chairman of the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, the General Superintendent of the Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin. The Convener and Official Representative is not a Superintendent of a City Mission shall be ex officio a member of the executive.

6. The Executive shall meet when necessary and shall deal with matters of urgency.

7. For the purpose of organising its social work the Conference may from time to time divide New Zealand into areas, one or more Synodal Districts may be joined into one area.

8. In each area there shall be appointed by the Conference an Area Committee which shall generally initiate, develop and co-ordinate social service work in the area. Each area committee shall submit an annual report to the General Committee.

9. Each Area Committee shall consist of the District Chairman stationed in the Area, one representative from each Synod Standing Committee in the area, one representative from each Children's Home in the area, four representatives from each City Mission or Social Service Trust in the area, one representative from any other social service organisation in the District which has been duly approved by the Conference and, in areas in which the Home Mission Department is actively engaged in Social Service work, a representative from that Department.

10. Each Area Committee shall elect its own officers.

11. Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide an area and may on the nomination of the area committee appoint sub-committees which shall within the sub-area carry out such duties as are allocated to it by the area committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

12. There shall be established a General Social Service Fund which shall be operated through the General Purposes Trust Board or otherwise as directed by the Conference. Any moneys given or bequeathed to the said Fund shall be distributed by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Committee.

13. No new or major extension of Social Service activity involving major capital expenditure or requiring continued support shall be commenced without the prior approval of the Area Committee, the Executive and the Conference.

14. In cases of urgency between Conferences the approval of the Conference may be given by the President of the Conference on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee provided the approval of the Area Committee and the Executive be first obtained.

15. An Annual Report and Financial Statement shall be submitted by the General Committee to Synods and to the Conference.

(1959 Minutes, page 205)

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.)

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.)

Methodist Local Preachers' Association

Page 200. Section 5 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor.

5. The Executive shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and not less than 5 or more than 10 other members all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 6 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

6. The executive shall come into office on the 1st day of February following the Annual Meeting at which it is elected and shall continue in office until its successor takes office.

(1959 Minutes, page 69)

PASTORAL LETTER

FROM THE 1959 CONFERENCE TO THE CHURCH

The Conference of 1959 held in Taranaki Street Church, Wellington, sends greetings to all members and adherents. The Conference was under pressure on account of the amount of business, but there was a willingness to apply ourselves to the large agenda. Many expressions indicated that much of the detailed business ought to be dealt with in committees and at district level, thus saving time for an increase in inspirational gatherings.

The increase in membership to 30,656, with 43,670 families, including 132,345 people, together with additional buildings for worship and Christian training, the new parsonages; the ordination of the first woman minister; the commencement of the School for Christian Workers to equip lay workers, and to prepare candidates for the ministry; the growing number of residents in our Old People's Homes, Hospitals, and Hostels; the changing pattern and development in adult education; as well as the approval of the Connexional Budget to commence in February, 1961, with a Director of Stewardship to be appointed—these all indicate that the Church is breaking new ground and is prepared to match new occasions with new duties.

We commend to every Circuit the Evangelistic Programme as outlined by the Spiritual Advance Committee, together with its various publications. Also the fine statement by the Spiritual Healing Committee. The Church is alive to the difficulties raised by world population, racial discrimination, and the new situation presented by the advent of atomic power and the space age. We trust that our people will take a prayerful and intelligent interest in all these affairs as well as making an effective witness regarding social evils in our midst.

Apart from the need for deeper consecration and the gift of the Holy Spirit, our greatest need is for consecrated manpower. While the ordination of 14 ministers was a record (including 4 Home Missionaries), only 4 candidates were received. There was only one Deaconess for dedication and two commence training. While some prospective candidates may be entering the School for Christian Workers, it is imperative to have adequate manpower to meet the pressing needs of our Dominion Church. The Church requires men with one increasing purpose—to meet the challenging situation which now confronts us. We are at the crossroads of destiny in an expanding population which demands men of vision and sanctified audacity to match the hour. We are sorry that so many appointments have to be left vacant, but even the President has gone without supply in order to help the situation.

Twenty-five years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, said that the great new fact of our time was the growing union of the churches. Those words were accurate when they were spoken, but to-day the new fact in Christian experience is the powerful drive to develop a universal ministry. Someone has called it "the abolition of the laity." We notice it in our Conference, through the Laymen's Movement, which we trust will receive further inspiration this year. In early Christianity there was a total rejection of any follower of Jesus who did not witness or minister; and there are indications within our Church that we are trying to recapture the mood of the first century Christianity. Local Preachers, Men's Fellowships, and Women's Groups have a

unique opportunity in this direction. The great potential is our latent manpower.

Need of Deeper Commitment.—There are 132,345 people over whom we have particular care and charge and only 2504 people have registered as atheists or rationalists in the 1956 census. At first glance this makes good reading, but it focuses attention on the trivial connection many people have with the Church. The emphasis upon stewardship of life, possessions and time should lead to a deeper commitment of more people within the Church rather than to the Church. The fact that so many people call themselves Methodists makes them more vulnerable to a deeper appeal, and it is our duty to reach them. In early Christianity men were converted from paganism to Christianity, but to-day the emphasis is from nominal Christianity to a committed Christianity. This new evangelism is not something which makes us merely busy about the Church, but involves us in deeper spiritual qualities of life.

In man-to-man addresses, shot through with concern and challenge, the ex-President, Mr Alan Dingwall, and the Rev. C. B. Oldfield helped us toward this end. The four devotional addresses to the Conference by Rev. C. E. Roke, Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Revs. S. J. Spindler, and Dr. G. Parker also assisted us towards a deeper commitment.

Educational.—Encouraging reports were received from Wesley College, Trinity College, Rangiatea Hostel, and other institutions established for specific training. The Trinity College Appeal had reached £22,000 at Conference, but it is hoped that other moneys will be forthcoming. A Commission has been set up to look into our Orphanage work and our educational policy. The Rev. W. F. Ford's address to the Conference revealed a large field to be explored, particularly along the line of adult education.

During 1960 the M.W.M.U. and the Guild Fellowship will review the women's work of the Church with a view to greater effectiveness. The M.S.S.A. is asked to give a lead regarding the staffing of City Missions.

An Educational Programme regarding Stewardship is to be initiated this year. Mr H. Beaumont is to assume the editorship of the Methodist Times in 1961. The Church Union Joint Standing Committee, which has been working on various aspects of a basis of union, feels the need for further consideration, and in February, 1960, it will meet the Commission of the Church of England.

The appointment of the Rev. E. S. Hoddinott as Senior Chaplain to the Justice Department and the transfer of the Rev. L. C. Clements to Marriage Guidance work is a contribution of our Church to the community. The Conference notes with pleasure the coming visit of Dr Greeves, Cato Lecturer, for our Schools of Theology this year; also the progress made by the Auckland Central Mission new building scheme; the Christchurch Central Mission's establishment of a Maori Meeting House; and the number of new parsonages being erected.

The Missionary activity of the Church through the Overseas and Home Departments demands additional qualified workers and increased giving. Conference realises its responsibility to the Maori people and is anxious to do all it can to promote their spiritual and cultural welfare. Any constructive suggestions from our Maori brethren will be welcomed; and anything that can be done to foster the spirit of Christ will be maintained and extended

in the spirit of the early missionaries. We commend to Almighty God the devoted and sacrificial service of all our Missionaries and Deaconesses among the Maoris, the Solomon Islanders, and the New Guinea Highlanders and of other Methodists serving overseas.

Budget System.—One of the big decisions of Conference was the approval of a Connexional Budget System to commence in 1961. Many of the Conference members who have been hesitant over its adoption now realise that somehow or other we must face squarely to this method of maintaining and extending our Church activities. No one is forced to pledge, but the pledge does make Church money more vital and real. The amounts agreed upon in the Budget are the minimum amounts required by the various departments in order to maintain our agents in the field, to keep our doors open, and to do the minimum amount of extension work. The Conference appeals to our members to be patient in implementing the scheme; to be courageous in its application; and to rely upon God to bring it to fulfilment throughout the Connexion. Gifts given during the lifetime of a person are free of gift duty and death duty, and to those who have been blessed materially we draw attention to such provision under the Religious and Charitable Act.

For over 30,000 members the Dominion Church has a large programme which cannot be faced without deeper commitment and fervent and increasing prayer. If we are to continue as a Church making effective witness we must realise that Methodism still has a message for the nations; and without neglecting our Christian duty to other Communions, endeavour day by day to make advancement in the cause of Methodism in general and of our own individual lives in particular.

May the year 1960 bring increased spiritual blessing to us all.

“ Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.”

For and on behalf of the Conference,

A. EVERIL ORR, President.

MAGNUS S. HUGHSON, Vice-President.

ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary.

APPENDIX

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Davson	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. Shackelbroid	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	Frank Penn, N.D.H.(NZ)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Auckland†	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington§	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick, M.V.O.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence F. Buxton	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Saowden	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
Wellington	1959	A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.	Magnus S. Hughson	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.
(Fellow of Trinity College)
(Sup.)</p> <p>1903—Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.
(Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cotton, 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> " 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> " 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.
(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.
(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.
(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.
 " 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 C.</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.
(Mt. Union, U.S.A.)</p> <p> " Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D.</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 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.
 (Melb.), Ph. D., (London)
 " 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.
 " Dorrian, 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.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*Continued*

- 1950—Clark, Colin D., B.A.
 " Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.
 " Ramsay, Phillip D.
 " Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,
 B.D.
 " Woodfield, Frank H.
 " Woodfield, Owen T.
- 1951—Besant, H. David, B.A.
 " Burrough, Amos W.
 " Carter, George G., M.A.
 Dip.Ed.
 " Clucas, Ivan J.
 " Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
 " Raynor, Charles H.
 " Ruck, Idris J.
 " Stead, Peter A., B.A.
 " Toothill, Harry W.
 " Olds, O. McLennan
- 1952—Edmonds, David W.
 " George, R. Leslie
 " Gibson, Loyal J.
 " Hall, John R.
 " Handyside, Allan J.
 " Penman, John A., B.A.
 " Reid, Ian W.
 " Shaw, Harry I.
 " Spindler, Sydney J.
 " Thompson, John H.
 " Trebilco, George R.
- 1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.
 " Le Couteur, E. Raymond
 " Craig, Hughan M.
 " McKay, Archibald W.
 " Newman, Alan
 " Osborne, John H.
 " Stubbs, David G.
- 1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.
 " Boyd, Edward P.
 " Dickie, Arthur W.
 " Eastwood, Eric R.
 " Grundy, John, M.A.
 " Heppelthwaite, Ernest
 " Newton, Alan H. V.
 " Rakena, Ruawai D.
 " Rushton, Percy P.
 " Tahere, Te Awha W.
 " Trebilco, David L.
 " Watson, Alexander C.
- 1955—Abbott, William K.
 " Bennett, Trevor L.
 " Cable, Wilfred J.
 " Peart, Cuthbert R.
 " Rigg, Frank S.
 " Tauroa, Lane M., B.A.
 " Thornicroft, Neville
 " Wood, Ronald H.
- 1956—Andrews, Robert S.
 " Bennett, George L.
 " Grant, Ian D.
 " Kitchingman, Owen
 " Nicholls, Trevor L.
 " Scammell, Bruce
 " Ziesler, John A., M.A., B.D.,
 (Lond.)
- 1957—Bell, G. Basil W.
 " Brough, Gordon D., B.A.
 " Cropp, James F.
 " Downer, Maurice H.
 " Fowler, Irwin J.
 " Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A.
 " Kitchingman, Henry W.
 " Mabon, John C.F.
 " Reddihough, John W., F.R.G.S.
 " Russell, Kenneth H.
 " Scarr, Geoffrey E.
 " Taylor, Phillip F.
 " Walker, Bryan A., M.A.
- 1958—Climo, Frederick J.
 " Gilbert, Wilfred S.
 " Glen, Frank G.
 " Hamlin, R. John
 " Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A.
- 1959—Barker, Peter S.
 " Bowen, Lewis A.
 " Campbell, Michael J.
 " Dine, Mervyn L.
 " Gibson, Roger M.
 " Goudge, Stanley, R. B.A.
 " Greening, G. Kingsley
 " Griffith, Keith C.,
 " Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Ms.
 " Jones, Dorothea M., B.A.
 " Kitchingman, David L., B.A.
 " Morrison, William
 " Salter, Lawrence E.
 " Widdup, Robert W.
- 1960—Braزندale, Graham.
 " Grundy, Albert W., M.A.
 " Christian, Owen L.
 " Conway, James H.
 " Gust, Warwick
 " Hanson, E. Francis I.
 " Henderson, W. John
 " Hornblow, Maxwell A.
 " Horrill, C. Seton
 " McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc.
 " Major, Lewis H.
 " Mullan, David S.
 " Peterson, Frederick D.
 " Reid, Andrew G.
 " Roke, Charles E.

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NATIVE MINISTERS

1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)

1944—Piani, Timothy

1944—Taufa, John

1944—Palavi, Daniel

1953—Vula, Aisake

1955—Bitibule, John Veo

1956—Maka, Ahofitu

1957—Pataaku, Samson

1957—Zio, Joeli

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 | Th.C.—Theological College |
| Dept. | |

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	.. 3	Abbott, William K., 81 Johnson Street, Milton ..	.. 139
1944	.. 5	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 ..	.. 21
1956	.. 2	Andrews, Robert S., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton ..	.. 110
1943	.. 9	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 ..	.. F.M.
1947	.. S	Attwood, A. Francis, High Street, Katikati (1959) ..	.. 34
1924	.. S	Bailey, John H., Hill St., Warkworth, Northland 1956) ..	.. 30
1949	.. 4	Baker, Edward, 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch, E.3 ..	.. 109
1953	.. 1	Baker, Frederick J. K., 48 Marchant Street, Putaruru ..	.. 43
1959	.. 2	Barker, Peter S., Stanley Street, Eketahuna ..	.. 94
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948) ..	.. 31
1941	.. 6	Bell, Charles H., B.A., Tainui Street, Matamata ..	.. 41
1957	.. 4	Bell, G. Basil W., 56 Foyle Street, Bluff ..	.. 146
1944	.. 4	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., 100 West Street, Feilding ..	.. 77
1956	.. 2	Bennett, George L., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui ..	.. 62
1955	.. 2	Bennett, Trevor L., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton ..	.. 128
1949	.. 5	Benny, T. Ralph, 5 William Street, Gore ..	.. 141
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur A., 29, 13th Ave., Tauranga (1950) ..	.. 44
1951	.. 3	Besant, H. David, B.A., 36 Kings Road, Panmure, Auckland, E.2 ..	.. 15
1954	.. 4	Billingham, Noel D., Te Puke ..	.. 44
1907	.. S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Rd., Stoke, Nelson (1947) ..	.. 98
1923	.. S	Blakemore, Albert, 4 Thornton Road, Milford, Auckland, N.2 (1946) ..	.. 20
1900	.. S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1944) ..	.. 19
1904	.. S	Blamires, Ernest O., 15 Blomfield Spa, Takapuna, Auckland (1946) ..	.. 29
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 98 13th Ave., Tauranga (1930) ..	.. 44
1930	.. 1	Blight, J. Montgomery, Ashhurst ..	.. 76
1917	.. S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 5032, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1957) ..	.. 107
1959	.. 2	Bowen, Lewis A., 29 Rimu St., Helensville, Auckland ..	.. 29
1955	.. 3	Boyd, Edward P., 58a Scotland Street, Roxburgh ..	.. 147

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1960 ..	1	Brazendale, Graham, Hikurangi, Northland ..	5
1922 ..	S	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Mount View Rd, Melville, Hamilton ..	38
1957 ..	2	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., Methodist Mission, Keesu, Teop, Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea ..	[10]
1943 ..	3	Brown, Clifford G., Wainuimata, Wellington ..	90a
1916 ..	S	Brown, George E., 611 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Blockhouse Bay, Auckland (1956) ..	17
1941 ..	2	Brown, Harold K., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, N.1 ..	114
1924 ..	1	Brown, Hubert G., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch C.1 ..	109
1910 ..	S	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951) ..	81
1914 ..	S	Burnet, Oswald, 6 Horseshoe Lake Rd., Shirley, Christchurch, N.E.2 (1954) ..	109
1951 ..	3	Burrough, Amos W., 10 Freyberg St., Wairoa, Hawke's Bay ..	70
1949 ..	4	Burt, Douglas H., Box 12 Ruawai, Northland ..	8
1949 ..	S	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Lupin Rd., Otaki ..	96
1944 ..	4	Bycroft, Leslie F., 142 North Street, Timaru ..	123
1955 ..	5	Cable, Wilfred J., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill ..	143
1947 ..	2	Campbell, Michael J., 63 Tukapa St., Westtown, New Plymouth ..	53
1931 ..	6	Carr, Thomas H., C.F., 336 Selwyn St., Addington Christchurch, S.W.1 ..	112
1931 ..	1	Carr, W. E. Allon, 42 Malfroy St., Rotorua ..	43
1951 ..	10	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., Methodist Mission, P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands ..	[6]
1917 ..	S	Chambers, Ernest B., 52 Woodlands Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland (1956) ..	18
1944 ..	8	Chambers, Wesley, A., M.A., 46 Radley St., Christchurch, S.E.1 ..	110
1960 ..	1	Christian, Owen L., Ngaruahoe St., Inglewood, Taranaki ..	66
1933 ..	2	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., 33 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui ..	60
1937 ..	1	Churchill, John, 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu ..	47
1950 ..	1	Clark, Colin D., 19 Regent Street, Hawera ..	57
1942 ..	4	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., C.F., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3 ..	11
1947 ..	5	Clements, Leslie C., 5 Rodrigo Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington ..	82
1958 ..	1	Climo, Frederick J., Paparoa ..	9
1951 ..	1	Clucas, Ivan J., 67 Searman Street, Waimate ..	124
1939 ..	1	Cochrane, Herbert A., 15 Verran Place, Byrnedw, Christchurch ..	114
1915 ..	S	Cooke, Percy I., 528 Te Atatu Rd., Te Atatu, Auckland (1952) ..	18
1960 ..	1	Conway, James H., Neville Street, Warkworth, Northland ..	29
1905 ..	S	Copeland, Fred., 40 Abbotleigh Ave., Te Atatu Auckland (1947) ..	18
1949 ..	12	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., Methodist Mission, Skotolan, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea ..	[11]
1918 ..	S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sci., South Tce., Picton (1955) ..	102
1909 ..	S	Cotton, Harry, Springston, R.D. Canterbury (1949) ..	116
1953 ..	2	Craig, Hugh M., Kohukohu, Hokianga ..	131
1943 ..	3	Cramond, George W., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru ..	129
1957 ..	1	Cropp, James F., Greendale, No. 1 R.D. Christchurch ..	120
1933 ..	2	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Cuba Street, Marton ..	65
1941 ..	16	Darvill, Harold A., 107 Waihi Road, Hawera ..	H.M.
1940 ..	4	Dawson, John B., B.A., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton ..	93
1943 ..	7	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., C.F., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland N.2. ..	20
1932 ..	2	Day, Reginald, 62 Albert Street, Pahiatua ..	73

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1917	.. S	Dennis, John, 28 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.. 20
1929	.. 3	Dickens, Charles E., 82 Murray Place, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I	.. 114
1954	.. 5	Dickie, Arthur W., 83 King Street, Whakatane	.. 45
1959	.. 2	Dine, Mervyn L., 4 Heath St., Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga	45
1947	.. 5	Divers, W. Lloyd, 12 Wesley Street, Pukekohe	.. 26
1940	.. 4	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2453, Auckland	13
1944	.. 1	Dorrian, A. Peter, 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch	.. 109
1957	.. 2	Downer, Maurice H., C/- 45 High Street, Blenheim	.. 102
1930	.. S	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 203 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead	.. 21
1935	.. 3	Duder, Clifford L., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	.. 31
1931	.. 1	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 151 Kennedy Rd., Napier	.. 67
1954	.. 3	Eastwood, Eric R., 22 Donegal St., Cromwell	.. 148
1952	.. 1	Edmonds, David W., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch C.1	108
1948	.. 4	Eisner, Wilf, G., B.A., 31 Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	87
1911	.. S	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum St., Paeroa (1948)	.. 33
1943	.. 10	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch, C.1	.. 108
1924	.. 15	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch C.1 C.S.	
1919	.. S	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	.. 107
1948	.. 4	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 16 Duncan St., Tawa, Wellington C.E.D.	
1916	.. S	Fordyce, Robert E., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (1956)	53
1957	.. 4	Fowler, Irwin J., Apiti	.. 79
1911	.. S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside, Christchurch N.E.1 (1941)	.. 109
1937	.. 7	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton, C.F.	.. 38
1949	.. S	Garner, William M., Whangaroa, North Auckland (1957)	2
1919	.. S	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland, (1947)	.. 20
1952	.. 4	George, R. Leslie, 18 West Rd., Northland, Wellington W.2	83
1952	.. 1	Gibson, Loyal J., 105 Queen St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 99
1959	.. 2	Gibson, Roger M., Russell, Bay of Islands	.. 2
1952	.. 4	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., C.F., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2	.. 13
1958	.. 3	Gilbert, Wilfred S., Mace Street, Reefton	.. 103
1940	.. 7	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 15
1958	.. 3	Glen, Frank G., Methodist Parsonage, Ohai, Southland	.. 145
1934	.. 4	Goodman, George H., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.. 75
1950	.. 1	Gordon, Bruce, M.A., 56 Royal Tee., Dunedin, C.2.	.. 130
1959	.. 2	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 78 Church St., Mosgiel	.. 138
1956	.. 2	Grant Ian D., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson	.. 98
1945	.. 2	Green Warren, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.2	136
1959	.. 1	Greening, G. Kingsley, Queen Street, Waiuku	.. 28
1940	.. 4	Greenslade, Lawrence, 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington E.2.	.. 85
1931	.. 4	Greenslade, William W. H., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	53
1939	.. 4	Grice, Reginald, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	.. 37
1959	.. 2	Griffith, Keith C., Taihape	.. 63
1928	.. 5	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton Christchurch, W. I	.. 113
1943	.. 2	Grounds, Edmund, The Manse, 24 Tyne St., Timaru	.. 123a
1960	.. 1	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 131 Livingstone St., Hokitika	.. 103
1954	.. 2	Grundy, John, M.A., 274 High Street, Carterton	.. 92

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1957	.. 3	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., 519 Barrington Street, Christchurch	.. 113
1960	.. 1	Gust, Warwick, Waitoa, Waikato	.. 36
1928	.. 3	Hailwood, Charlie O., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	.. 88
1947	.. 4	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Methodist Mission, P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1926	.. 5	Hall, James H., 9 Paynter's Ave., New Plymouth	.. 53
1952	.. 5	Hall, John R., Geraldine	.. 126
1923	.. 22	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	Th. C.
1958	.. 3	Hamlin, R. John, Bombay, Auckland	.. 27
1928	.. 5	Handy, Francis J., 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7	.. 23
1952	.. 4	Handyside, Allan J., 890 George St., Dunedin, N.1	.. 131
1935	.. 6	Hanna, L. Gordon, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3	.. 15
1960	.. 1	Hanson, E. Francis I., 40a Henley Street, Westport	.. 104
1916	.. S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1947)	.. 15
1938	.. 7	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 45 High St., Blenheim	102
1910	.. S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1 (1951)	.. 107
1926	.. 2	Harris, G. Raymond, 19 Schofield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland	.. 11
1900	.. S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940)	.. 124
1939	.. 3	Hayman, Leslie A.D., B.Agric.Sc., "Friendship House," (20a) Bueckburg, West Germany	.. 82
1960	.. 1	Henderson, W. John, Methodist Parsonage, Rongotea	.. 78
1954	.. 3	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 3 Delta St., Dunedin, N.W.1	.. 130
1932	.. 4	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 5 Chapman St., Invercargill	.. 143
1948	.. 3	Hilder, Basil J., 18 Tennyson St., Opunake	.. 59
1912	.. S	Hinton, George B., 12 Roslyn St., St. Albans, Christchurch N.1 (1949)	.. 114
1938	.. 1	Hoddinot, Ernest S., C/- Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie P.O. Wellington	.. 82
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	.. 68
1936	.. 2	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 304 Stanmore Rd., Christchurch, N.E.1	.. 109
1960	.. 1	Hornblow, Maxwell A., Main Road, Greytown	.. 91
1960	.. 1	Horrell, C. Seton, C/- 119 Burnett St., Ashburton	.. 127
1929	.. 6	Horwood, Leonard C., 801 E. Queen St., Hastings	.. 68
1959	.. 2	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Ms. C/- 31 Huani St., Porirua, Wellington	.. 87
1900	.. S	Hunt, George P., 215 Great South Rd., Manurewa, Auckland (1940)	.. 13
1942	.. 3	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Riemenschneider St., Manaia	.. 58
1922	.. S	Jack, J. Francis, 15 Northboro Rd., Takapuna, Auckland N.2 (1956)	.. 20
1932	.. 1	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 30 Church St., Te Aroha	.. 35
1919	.. S	Jefferson, Alfred E., 49 Gray Ave., Papatoetoe (1954)	.. 24
1932	.. 2	Jenkin, William C., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	.. 61
1934	.. 1	Johnston, Andrew J., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin	135
1943	.. 2	Jolly, Albert, 83 Kolmar St., Papatoetoe	.. 24
1940	.. 7	Jones, Allan O., 98 North Street, Timaru	.. 122
1959	.. 2	Jones, Dorothea M., B.A., C/o Epuni Methodist Church, Brees Street, Lower Hutt	.. 88
1899	.. S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green St., Lower Hutt (1940)	.. 88

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1949	.. 7	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission, Mendi, via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea	[12]
1916	.. S	Kendon, Charles H., 99 Avondale Road, Greenmeadows, Napier (1954)	67
1929	.. 5	Kent, Arthur T., C.F., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	6
1924	.. S	Kings, Harry., 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956)	95
1959	.. 2	Kitchingman, David L., B.A., 73 Churchill Rise, Broad Bay, Dunedin	134
1957	.. 3	Kitchingman, Henry W., Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	2
1956	.. 1	Kitchingman, Owen, B.A., Wesley Tce., Te Kuiti	49
1927	.. 1	Larsen, Norman P., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington	84
1927	.. 22	Laurenson, George I., Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1938	.. 2	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 226 Thames St., Morrinsville	36
1930	.. 1	Leadley, E. Clarence, 5 Paice Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland	13
1900	.. S	Leadley, Frank E., 7 Fowler Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1940)	17
1953	.. 5	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, King Edward St., Eltham	56
1958	.. 3	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt	88a
1939	.. 3	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 162 King St., Rangiora	119
1935	.. 1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Meyers Rd. Manurewa, Auckland	25
1957	.. 3	Mabon, John, C.F., Middleton St., Johnsonville, Wellington	86
1960	.. 1	Major, Lewis H., 110 High Street, Masterton	93
1948	.. 13	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	26
1934	.. 1	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., C.F., 18 Chapel St., Papanui Christchurch	115
1909	.. S	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	102
1946	.. 8	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands	[8]
1930	.. 3	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	98
1953	.. 4	McKay, Archibald, W., Tauranga Rd., Waihi	34
1960	.. 1	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., Parsonage, Otautau, Southland	145
1946	.. 1	Moore, Harry, 170 West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	18
1931	.. 1	Moore, William E., Ford St., Opotiki	46
1959	.. 2	Morrison, William, Ohura	51
1942	.. 1	Morrison, William J., M.A., 80 Wesley Street, Dunedin	133
1960	.. 1	Mullan, David S., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	32
1918	.. S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood, Christchurch, E.1 (1953)	109
1953	.. 1	Newman, Allan, 12 Marsden Rd., Greymouth	105
1954	.. 1	Newton, Alan H. V., 179 Regan St., Stratford	55
1956	.. 4	Nicholls, Trevor L., Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu	97
1949	.. 2	Nuttall A. Roger, B.A., 1060 Heapy Tce., Claudelands, Hamilton	39
1937	.. 3	Norwell, Leslie T., 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	22
1915	.. S	Odell, Henry J., 9 Ravi St., Khandallah, Wellington, N.5 (1953)	82
1939	.. 9	Oldfield, Charles B., 66 Firth Street, Hamilton East	39
1910	.. S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 21 Alpha Street, Cambridge (1951)	37
1915	.. S	Olds, E. Thomas, 28 Bannerman Rd., Auckland W.2 (1957)	11
1949	.. 5	Olds, J. Stanley, 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	144
1946	.. 2	Olds, Norman W., 19 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland	20
1951	.. 2	Olds, O. McLennan, 2 Westend Rd., Herne Bay, Auckland W.1	14

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1933	.. 28	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., C.F., Box 5104, Auckland C.1	.. 12
1953	.. 1	Osborne, John H., Silverdale, Northland	.. 29
1947	.. 4	Parker, Francis H., 11 Redwood St., Upper Hutt	.. 9
1917	.. S	Parker, Frederick J., 6 Irene Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 15
		(1952)	.. 15
1931	.. 2	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	.. 95
1918	.. S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Rd., Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3 (1950)	.. 16
1929	.. 9	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3	.. 13
1930	.. 8	Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D., C.F., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	.. 11
1933	.. 1	Patchett, Ralph E., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh Dunedin	.. 134
1931	.. 5	Payne, Herbert W., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	.. 25
1955	.. 3	Peart, Cuthbert F., C.F., R.N.Z.A.F., Woodbourne	.. 102
1952	.. 2	Penman, John A., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Rd, Auckland, S.W.2	H.M.
1927	.. 5	Penn, Athol R., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.. 17
1938	.. 9	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Chester Street W., Christchurch, C.1	.. 107
1960	.. 1	Peterson, Frederick D., No. 3 R.D., Wellsford	.. 10
1925	.. 1	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 235 Karori Rd., Karori, Wellington	.. 83
1943	.. S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch, S.E.3 (1948)	.. 110
1954	.. 7	Rakena, Ruawai D., Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1949	.. 7	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 30 Matai Street, Hamilton	.. 38
1950	.. 3	Ramsay, Philip D., 100 Waiwhetu Rd., Lower Hutt	.. 88
1901	.. S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 43 Maungawhau Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3(1941)	.. 16
1951	.. 1	Raynor, Charles H., 23 Aynsley Tce., Opawa, Christchurch	.. 110
1927	.. 4	Raynor, Ivo M., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington N.4	.. 86
1957	.. 4	Reddihough, John W., 24 Passmore Cres., Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.W.1	.. 132
1960	.. 1	Reid, Andrew G., Okato, Taranaki	.. 59
1952	.. 1	Reid, Ian W., Overseas	.. 42
1911	.. S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston, Canterbury (1948)	.. 117
1955	.. 3	Rigg, Frank S., 81 Yule Street, Wellington, E.3	.. 85
1947	.. 1	Riseley, Benjamin H., 75 Taranaki St., Wellington	.. 82
1942	.. 6	Rogers, Ranginohora, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.1	[2]
1960	.. 1	Roke, Charles E., P.O. Box 400 Hamilton	[3]
1911	.. S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington E.5 (1949)	.. 85
1951	.. 3	Ruck, Idris J., 39 Strathayon St., Miramar, Wellington E.4	.. 85
1954	.. 3	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland	.. 4
1957	.. 1	Russell, Kenneth H., 37 Mouatt Street, Waitara	.. 54
1906	.. S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier (1943)	.. 67
1916	.. S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1955)	.. 17
1959	.. 2	Salter, Lawrence E., 30 Kelso Street, Tokoroa	.. 42
1956	.. 2	Scammell, Bruce, Taitua, St., Taumaranui	.. 50
1957	.. 1	Scarr, Geoffrey E., 47 Milson Line, Palmerston North	.. 74
1950	.. 4	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland S.E. 2	.. 16
1912	.. S	Scriven, Arthur H., "Roviana" 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1952)	.. 15

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1903	.. S	Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	.. 12
1945	.. 5	Shapcott, Leonard, 95 Fitzroy St., Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 133
1952	.. 4	Shaw, Harry I., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	.. 90
1946	.. 3	Shepherd, Trevor, Park Ave., Oxford	.. 121
1944	.. 7	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 32 Edmonton Rd., Henderson, Auckland	.. 18
1927	.. 2	Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.) 12 DeMerle St., Kaikohe Northland	.. 2
1938	.. 2	Silvester, John M.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.1	.. 19
1918	.. S	Skuse, Thomas, No. 2 R.D., Kumeu, Auckland (1956)	.. 18
1915	.. S	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 198 Clyde Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1957)	.. 107
1923	.. S	Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace Ext., Durie Hill Wanganui (1949)	.. 60
1952	.. 5	Spindler, Sydney J., 230 High Street, Dannevirke	.. 71
1951	.. 2	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	74
1947	.. 4	Stewart, Edmond S., 45 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows Hawkes Bay	.. 67
1953	.. 1	Stubbs, David G., Robinson Street, Foxton	.. 81
1955	.. 4	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., North Esplanade Rd., Te Kuiti	.. [4]
1954	.. 7	Tahere, Te Awa W., 37 Breakwater Rd., New Plymouth	.. [5]
1924	.. S	Taylor, Cecil R., 23 Garreg Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1955)	.. 114
1957	.. 3	Taylor Phillip F., Methodist Mission, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea	.. [9]
1911	.. S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., Oturei Aratapu, Nth. Wairoa (1954)	H.M.
1941	.. 1	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A. 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch	.. 111
1946	.. 2	Thompson, George, R. E.D., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville	.. 7
1951	.. 2	Thompson John H. 12 Barr St., Balclutha	.. 140
1955	.. 4	Thornicroft, Neville, 82 Pah Street, Motueka	.. 100
1935	.. 4	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4	.. 82
1908	.. S	Tinsley, Robert B., 77 Fox Street, Hamilton (1949)	.. 38
1951	.. 4	Toothill, Harry W., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Northland	.. 1
1954	.. 3	Trebilco, David L., 84 Hackthorne Rd., Cashmere Christchurch, S.2	.. 107
1952	.. 1	Trebilco, George R., 43 Melanesia Rd., Kohimarama, Auckland	.. 16
1927	.. 1	Utting, Harry V., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 118
1926	.. S	Voyce, A. Harry, 29 Prospect Terrace, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 20
1956	.. 2	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., P.O. Box 742, Wellington	.. 88
1912	.. S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	.. 16
1945	.. 5	Watson, Alexander C., Methodist Mission, Bilua, P.O. Gizo British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1939	.. 2	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., C.F., Otorohanga	.. 48
1914	.. S	Werren, Samuel J., 17 Murray Street, Maeroa, Hamilton	.. 38
1938	.. 1	Whitfield, Harris, E.D., C.F., Lupin Street, Otaki	.. 96
1959	.. 2	Widdup, Robert W., 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland	17
1931	.. 14	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland C.3	.. Th.C.
1943	.. 1	Williams, J. C. Aldwin, 463 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne	.. 69
1942	.. 6	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Shirley Rd., Shirley, Christchurch, N.E.1	.. 109
1935	.. 4	Witthford, Arthur R. B.A., C.F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	.. 127

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1953	..	Woodnutt, Alfred G. 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	.. 53
1950	.. 2	Woodfield Frank H. Springston No. 4 R.D., Christchurch	116
1950	.. 2	Woodfield, Owen T., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.. 117
1955	.. 5	Wood, Ronald H., 10 Onslow Street, Huntly	.. 40
1941	.. 5	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 60a 13th Ave., Tauranga	.. 44
1955	.. 2	Zeisler, John A., M.A., B.D., 811 Pakowhai Rd., Hastings	68

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1941	.. 8	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Gibsons Rd., Tuakau (1954)	.. [2]
1944	.. 14	Taufa, John, Kieta, Territory of New Guinea	.. [9]
1944	.. 1	Piani, Timothy, Munda, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1950	.. 7	Vula, Aisake, Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1955	.. 1	Bitibule, John V., Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1957	.. 1	Pataaku, Samson, Buin, Territory of New Guinea	.. [9]
1957	.. 4	Zio, Joeli, Munda, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]

HOME MISSIONARIES

Entd.	Names and Addresses	Years
1908-1928 and 1946—	W. E. Sleep, (Retired) C/o Mrs. J. Chote, Tipapakuku R.D., Dannevirke	.. 13
1917—	A. L. Witheford, (Retired) 14 Claude St., Claudelands, Hamilton	26
1919—	J. W. Bayliss, (Retired) Awaroa Road, Henderson, Auckland	22
1922—	H. Ashworth, (Retired) 55 Waiwaita Tee., New Plymouth	.. 24
1922—	C. Robinson, (Retired) 108 McGrath Street, Napier	.. 9
1924—	R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah Street, Motueka	.. 9
1924—	W. H. Wilson, (Retired) 19 Rangitoto Tee., Takapuna, Auckland N.2	.. 22
1926—	W. Sussex, (Retired) Bayswater, Auckland, N.2	.. 22
1928—	R. Coombridge, (Retired) Kerikeri Central, North Auckland	.. 10
1939—	H. R. Wright, (Retired) 7 Tor St., Westown, New Plymouth	.. 1
1940—	W. J. Bryant, (Retired) James Street, Whakatane	.. 5
1941—	T. Steele, (Retired) Dick Street, Reefton	.. 3
1948—	H. Prowse, (Retired) 34 Harris Street, Marton	.. 2
1952—	F. L. Johnston, Westgate Street, Ngauruawhia	.. 2
1956—	F. E. Trim, (Senior H.M.) 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 5
1958—	D. I. Robertson (Retired), Onetangi P.O. Waiheke Island, Auckland	.. 2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1957—	Stephen Hargreaves, C/o 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 2
1958—	Selwyn A. Neal, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	.. 2
1959—	Goerge A. Lee, Gilligan Street, Palmerston, Otago	.. 3
1959—	Paul A. Garside, 20 Matangi Street, Islington	.. 2
1960—	Maxwell L. Bruce, Abbotsford, Dunedin	.. 1
1960—	Ronald E. Fields, Methodist Parsonage, Woodend, Canterbury	1

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Thomas Walker, Methodist Parsonage, Coromandel
Rev. W. M. Isitt, 259 Old Taupo Road, Rotorua
E. H. Downer, 95 Rifle Range Road, Taupo.
A. E. Tardif, 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers
Brian W. Sides (Non-resident Student of Trinity College)
137 Queen Street, Auckland.
J. E. Langley (Non-resident Student of Trinity College)
28 Paddington Street, Glen Innes, Auckland
K. J. Keall, Methodist Parsonage, Paeroa.

Arnold C. Hight (Non-resident Student of Trinity College)
28 Marion Ave, Mt. Roskill, Auckland.
Derek G. Laws (Non-resident Student of Trinity College)
Walmsley Road, Mangere, Auckland, S.E.5

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Addresss	Years
1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	33
1930—	Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired)	4
1932—	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	13
1954—	Huru Wipēri, 5 Aroha Ave., Morningside, Auckland, S.W.1	4
1936—	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato	15
1937—	Roi Moke, Atoea Harbour, via Kawhia	9
1938—	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	23
1938—	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Ave., Tamaki, Auckland	7
1940—	Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro R.D., Raglan	2
1942—	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	19
1944—	Rangi Katipa, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	17
1945—	Tame Ponui, Kopaki P.O., King Country	12
1946—	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	15
1946—	Tumu Te Huia, C/o 60 Churchill Avenue, Maeroa, Frankton Junction	14
1946—	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau, Waikato	15
1946—	Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	15
1947—	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	14
1948—	Nguru Winikerei, Marokopa, King Country	13
1950—	Maharaja Winiata, 25 Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland	11
1950—	Hotai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167 Kaikohe	10
1950—	Te Iwikau Waaka, R.D. No. 4, Rotorua	11
1951—	Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamutu	10
1952—	Matene Hori De Thierry, Rangiriri, Waikato	9
1952—	Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato	9
1952—	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Avenue, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	9
1952—	J. Hatoitoti Pihama, Higgins Rd., Frankton Junction	9
1952—	Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Road, Onerahi, Northland	9
1952—	Tutu Keepa, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia	9
1954—	Alexander Grahame Kahui, Thomas St., Ngaruawahia, Waikato	7
1954—	Te Akonga Pihama, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	7
1955—	Wera Couch, Rapaki, Lyttelton	6
1957—	Tipua Te Uira, Taharoa Private Bag, King Country	4
1957—	Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura, Aramiro R.D., Raglan	4
1958—	Himiona Waata, No. 3 R.D., Hikurangi	3
1958—	Marshall Rite, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	3
1930—	Kelly Pehi, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	1
1960—	Napi Waaka, 519a Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.I.	1

DEACONESSES

1921—	Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main Road, Papanui, Christchurch N.W.2
1921—	Sister Margaret Nicholls, P.O. Box 400 Hamilton
1928—	Sister Rita Snowden, "West Hills," Titirangi Road, Titirangi, Auckland.
1929—	Sister Airini Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
1935—	Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna," 110 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5
1936—	Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton
1939—	Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiata Maori Girls' Hostel, 455 South Rd. New Plymouth
1939—	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 50 Awahuri Road, 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, Choiseull, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 1948—Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch
 1948—Sister Grace Clement, 8 Airdale Street, Auckland
 1949—Sister Betty Yearbury, 21 Longfellow Street, Opunake
 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, C/o Box 5023, Auckland
 1957—Sister Beverley Taylor, C/o 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3
 1958—Sister Mary Sealey, P.O. Box 9, Otorohanga
 1960—Sister Gladys Thomas, Upper Hutt.
 1960—Probationer Pamela Beaumont, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 1960—Probationer Norma Yarr, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti
 1960—Probationer Joan Wedding, C/o Maori Mission Centre, Airdale St., Auckland
 1960—Probationer Anne Browne, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton

MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Ada Lee, Kihili, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Merle Carter, Kekesu, Teop, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Myra Fraser, Munda, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Nancy Ball, Munda, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Thelma Duthie, Kekesu, Teop, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister June Hilder, Shotolan, Buka, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Norma Graves, Skotolan, Buka, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Edith James, Tari, via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Joy Thompson, Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Audrey Grice, Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Mary Addison, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Audrey Highnam (leave of absence, Box 5023, Auckland, C.1
 Sister Lesly Bowen, Munda, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Phyllis Rudolph, Choiseul, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Beulah Reeves, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Audrey Roberts, Munda, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Kathleen Shaw, George Brown College, 5 Rogers Avenue, Haberfield, New South Wales.
 Miss Joyce K. Rosser, Mendi, via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea

RETIRED

(a) Deaconesses—

- 1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 10 Littlebourne Road, Dunedin
 1913—Mrs. W. J. Williams, C/o Mrs. A. J. Hill, Atkins, Enroa, Victoria
 1913—Sister May Barnett, Tai Tapu, No. 2 R.D., Christchurch
 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, 36 MacFarlane Street, Wellington
 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, 7 Braswell Street, Lower Hutt
 1919—Sister May Ralph, 248 Broadway, Palmerston North
 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
 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, 34b Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland.
 1945—Mrs. Roland Venis, 479 Gt. South Road, Auckland, S.E.6

(b) Missionary Sisters—

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, 56 Nottingham St., Westmere, Auckland
 1936—Mrs. H. Breed, R.D., No. 4, Cambridge
 1936—Sister Edna White, 479 Gt. South Road, Auckland, S.E.6
 1938—Sister Merle Farland, Box 11, Taichung, Taiwan, Formosa
 1932—Sister Effie Harkness, 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1

Methodist Church of New Zealand

In Memoriam

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death

The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, C.I., New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abbey, William H.E.	Melbourne	1883	1907	8th August, 1944	Fawcner, Melbourne
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, N.Z.	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	— June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christchurch
Ayrton, Moses	Yorkshire, England	1879	1924	3rd October, 1950	Wellington
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
Bellhouse, Harold E.	Leeds, Yorkshire, England	1869	1894	4th October, 1948	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
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
Collins, Alan F.	Kaipoi	1916	1942	2nd September, 1959	Dunedin
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.
Crumph, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch

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Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
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
Griffith, 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

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Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
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	Otaguhu
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
Lawrence, Frederick B., D.D.	London	1883	1912	16th July, 1959	Nelson
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

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Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1903	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1898	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George, Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	1956	Paeroa
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8th February, 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1890	19th August, 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John L.	Kent, England	1892	1933	12th July, 1950	Hutt
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th September, 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.	Auckland	1886	1911	26th August, 1959	Auckland
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

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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
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

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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	1882	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
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.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	—	1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
Woodward, C. William	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS ASSOCIATION

General Account for the Year ended June 30th, 1959

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest Govt. Stock	15	0	0	Balance forward	39	11	2
Interest General Purposes Trust Board ..	11	16	10	Bank Charges	1	0	0
Grant General Purposes Trust Board ..	50	0	0	Book Purchases	15	11	11
Balance	11	15	2	Certificates, etc.,	10	9	9
				Stencils, Foolscap	15	3	3
				Postage, Stationery	6	15	11
	£88	12	0		£88	12	0

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Account	388	4	10	National Bank of N.Z.			
Benevolent Fund Account	1150	0	0	Benevolent Fund A/c. ..	150	0	0
				Less Debit Balance General A/C. ..	11	15	2
					138	4	10
				INVESTMENTS			
				N.Z. Government Stock	500	0	0
				General Purposes Trust Board ..	900	0	0
	£1538	4	10		£1538	4	10

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G. E. HICKEN, B.COM., A.R.A.N.Z.

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries	1854	6	10	By Contributions	4114	1	6
" Office Salaries	645	12	11	" Bookroom Grant	1000	0	0
" Property Expenses:				" Interest		17	7
Christchurch	36	11	6	" Duplicating Services		92	4
Wellington	146	12	1	" Film Hire		7	0
				" Youth Conference		48	11
" Connexional Charges	183	4	7	" Excess Expenditure over Income	210	9	9
" Grants	146	4	0				
" Travelling Expenses	137	0	0				
" Christian Education Handbook ..	578	11	3				
" Home Sunday School and Bible	324	0	9				
Class	194	3	5				
" Depreciation	303	14	11				
" Printing and Stationery	521	10	8				
" Postages	120	13	0				
" General Expenses	396	10	9				
" Leadership Training Committee	67	11	8				
	£5473	4	9		£5473	4	9

D. M. HAY, Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors:				P.O.S.B. Furniture Account	275	4	10
H.M. Board Loan Secured by			154	4	3		
Mortgage over Wellington				" Motor Car Fund	407	19	10
Property			1486	17	6		
Special Reserves:				" Special Purposes	525	12	6
Special Appeal	1624	9	4	" New Ventures	597	18	2
Car Fund	407	19	10	" Special Appeal	861	19	4
Special Purposes	525	12	6				2668 14 8
Missions—Foreign	142	15	2	Sundry Debtors—			
—Home and Maori	103	11	10	Bookroom	127	5	8
New Ventures	597	18	2	Others	71	2	10
Parsonage Furniture	275	4	10				198 8 6
Kaikohe Appeal	1626	15	11	Wellington Property—Cost (less B.V.			
Work and Witness	10	0	0	profit on other sales) less			
			5324	7	7		
Accumulated Fund (1.7.58) ..	5350	14	0	depreciation			6000 0 0
Special Reserve (Parsonage	648	14	11	Department Alterations			17 18 6
Extension) Transferred	5999	8	11	Furniture—Cost less Depreciation			940 18 9
Less Excess Expenditure over				Equipment—Cost less Depreciation			734 0 0
Income	210	9	9	Films—Cost less Depreciation ..			91 13 9
			5788	19	2		
				Loan to H.M. Transport Trust			
				Board (Special Appeal Invest-			
				ment)			750 0 0
				Stock in Hand (Printing and			
				Stationery)			250 0 0
				Cash in Hand			8 19 8
				National Bank of New Zealand ..			1093 14 8
			£12,754	8	6		£12,754 8 6

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ending 31st May, 1959.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
EXPENDITURE							INCOME						
To Loans at 31.5.58	..	..	..	55,378	18	2	By Loans Repaid	..	..	..	8839	8	0
„ New Loans	..	..	..	20,550	0	0	„ Loans at 31.5.59	..	..	..	67,089	10	2
				£75,928	18	2					£75,928	18	2

Sites Fund Revenue Account

To Grants:				By Contributions:							
Rothsay Bay	..	..	100	0	0	„ Fire Insurance Fund	..	470	0	0	
Ohai	..	..	50	0	0	„ Home Mission Department	..	300	0	0	
Stanmore Bay	..	..	50	0	0						770 0 0
Hikurangi	..	..	25	0	0	„ Interest	..	..	..		37 8 7
Birkenhead	..	..	75	0	0						
Wainuiomata	..	..	100	0	0						
Glen Innes	..	..	100	0	0						
Campbells Bay	..	..	100	0	0						
				600	0	0					
Balance Forward	..	..		207	8	7					
				£807	8	7					£807 8 7

Administration Revenue Account

To Appropriation	..	..	600	0	0	By Working Expenses	..	..	..	401	1	1
„ Stationery and General Expenses	..	..	220	6	10	„ Trust Contributions	..	..	..	106	0	0
						„ Hymn Book Commission	..	..	..	151	3	11
						„ Interest on Deposits	..	..	..	146	9	1
						„ Deficit	..	..	..	15	12	9
			£820	6	10					£820	6	10

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th June, 1959

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank as at 30th June, 1958 ..					84	8	3	Duplicating & Typing		2	0	6
LEVIES RECEIVED—								Grants to Delegates' Expenses to Annual				
Home Missions Department ..	5	0	0					M.S.S.A. Conference	25	0	0	
Auckland Central Mission ..	5	0	0					Bank Charges & Cheque Book	1	0	0	
Auckland Methodist Orphanage ..	5	0	0									
Masterton Children's Home ..	5	0	0									
Wesley Church (Wellington Central)												
Social Services Trust ..	5	0	0									
Christchurch Central Mission ..	5	0	0									
South Island Orphanage ..	5	0	0									
Dunedin Central Mission ..	5	0	0									
					40	0	0	Cash at Bank of New South Wales as at 30/6/59		96	7	9
					£124	8	3			£124	8	3

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J. W. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.

HON. AUDITOR

20th August, 1959.

ROBERT THORNLEY

T. M. PACEY

HON.

TREASURERS

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1959.

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R. H. SHERRIS,
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditors.

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 21st May, 1959.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To General Expenses	184	3	7	By Rents	1271	9	0
„ Insurance	25	9	6	„ Interest	988	5	1
„ Legal Expenses	6	16	6				
„ Retiring Allowance	100	0	0				
„ Travelling Expenses	40	17	0				
„ Rates and Land Tax	176	10	4				
Balance carried down	1725	17	2				
	£2259	14	1		£2259	14	1
To Masterton Maintenance Account	43	10	3	By Balance brought down	1725	17	2
„ Rangiatea Maori Girls Hostel	600	0	0				
„ Revenue Appropriation Account	1082	6	11				
	£1725	17	2		£1725	17	2

Masterton Maintenance Account

To Cash Remittances	900	0	0	By Balance brought forward	—		
„ Cost of New Roof	—			„ Interest on Investments	643	10	0
				„ Interest from Estates	212	19	9
				„ Transfer from Legacies	—		
				„ Transfer to Revenue Account	43	10	3
	£900	0	0		£900	0	0

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Capital Account	70,210	15	1				Wellington Property
Plus Reserve Account							Masterton Property
Add Government Subsidy	1365	3	1				Foxton Property
				71,575	18	2	N.Z. Government Stock
Masterton Capital Account	19,445	1	7				N.Z. Government Stock—Newcombe Trust
Add Bequests	281	7	9				Loans on Mortgage
				19,726	9	4	Deposit Transport Trust Board
Newcombe Trust Prize Fund	51	5	0				Post Office Savings Bank
Plus Interest	13	10	0				National Savings Account
				64	15	0	Australia and New Zealand Bank
Income Appropriation Account				1082	6	11	Wellington City Council Debentures
Rent paid in Advances							Sundry Debtors
							Rent and Interest Accrued
							Upper Hutt Church Trustees
				£92,449	9	5	
							£92,449 9 5

I have examined the Books and Accounts and Vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 30th June, 1959, and I have received all the information and explanations I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the said books.

Wellington.

G. T. WITHERS, F.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	2889	8	6	By Appropriations	3800	0	0
" Office Rent	150	0	0	" Registration Fees	64	10	0
" Connexional Charges	143	0	0	" Board Room Rents	52	7	6
" Telephone and Bank Charges	67	6	8	" Duplicating	7	14	0
" Stationery and General Expenses	123	13	5				
" Office Equipment Reserve A/c.	125	0	0				
" Salaries Reserve A/c.	150	0	0				
House Property—17 Merivale Lane:							
Rates	40	18	6				
Insurance	6	9	0				
Repairs and C.	199	6	4				
Less Reserve	150	0	0				
	49	6	4				
Furnishings	6	16	1				
Interest	51	0	0				
	154	9	11				
Surplus	121	13	0				
	£3924	11	6		£3924	11	6

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	289	0	1	Bank of New Zealand	519	18	8
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund:				House Property—17 Merivale Lane	2621	12	5
House Mortgage	1700	0	0	Furniture	500	0	0
Provision and Reserves:				Office Equipment	470	14	2
Depreciation — Merivale Lane				Sundry Debtors	350	0	0
Property	688	5	7				
Salaries and Fluctuation Reserve	296	12	5				
Office Equipment Reserve	170	0	0				
	1154	18	0				
Capital Account:							
Balance as at 31.6.58	1196	14	2				
Plus excess income over expenditure	121	13	0				
	1318	7	2				
	£4462	5	3		£4462	5	3

I report that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended the 30th June, 1959. 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, 1959.

H. I. FIEBIG,
H. DE R. FLESHER, Treasurers
7th September, 1959.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,
A.C.I.S., Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Probert Trust				1500 0 0	Balance 1st July, 1958				77 17 5
Emsly Trust				48 17 8	House and Service				4499 8 5
General Purposes				1000 0 0	Special Accommodation Women Students				66 15 0
Contingent Fund				2080 0 0	Stipend and Allowances				2451 3 4
Home Mission Board				150 0 0	Tutor's Fees				60 0 0
Foreign Mission Board				75 0 0	Bursaries				228 0 0
Prince Albert College				200 0 0	Connexional Charges				241 11 0
Pitt Street Church				100 0 0	Rates				269 5 11
Hamilton Church				50 0 0	Insurance				161 14 1
Friends of Trinity				104 3 0	Repairs and Maintenance				257 10 1
Hostel Fees				4419 0 9	Furnishings				351 10 4
Garden Rents				10 1 0	Telephones				112 14 11
Rent of Hostel During Vacation				115 4 0	University Fees				221 14 6
					Rent Board Room				14 0 0
					Postage and Stationery				11 16 5
					Sundries				56 0 1
					Library Funds				50 0 0
					Bank Charges				6 10 6
					Theological Students Conference				15 0 0
					Mortgage Expenses				52 0 0
					Transfer to New Chapel Fund:				
					Friends of Trinity				104 3 0
					Interest				528 5 0
					Credit Balance 30.6.59				15 6 5
				£9852 6 5					£9852 6 5

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

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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, 1959, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of the Council as at that date.

Date: 3rd August, 1959.

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).
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				CURRENT ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			363 12 9	Balances at N.P. Savings Bank:			
Students Trust Funds			100 19 11	Rangiatea Accounts	273	19	6
Overdraft at Bank of N.S.W. ..			994 1 11	Students Trust Fund	100	19	11
			<u>1458 15 7</u>				
Accumulated Funds:				Sundry Debtors re Grant ..			374 19 5
Balance 1st July, 1958 ..	51,150	1	8				600 0 0
Plus Donations for Special Purposes ..	519	14	6	Investments:			
Plus Maori Affairs Department Subsidies (re building) ..	12,900	0	0	Levin Borough Debenture ..	100	0	0
			<u>64,569 16 2</u>	3% Govt. Stock 15.4.63 ..	200	0	0
Less Loss for Year	50	1	11	2 x £100 Hamilton Borough 4½% Deb. 1.7.60 ..	200	0	0
			<u>64,519 14 3</u>	5 x £100 Waikato County 3 7/8% Deb. due 1.9.69 ..	500	0	0
			<u>£65,978 9 10</u>				1000 0 0
				Fixed Assets:			
				Land and Improvements ..			2956 10 5
				Furniture and Equipment ..	5707	13	9
				Less Depreciation	285	13	9
							5422 0 0
				New Hostel (to date) ..	55,905	13	11
				Less Depreciation	280	13	11
							55,625 0 0
							<u>£65,978 9 10</u>

We have examined the books Accounts and vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1959, and certify that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of our knowledge and the information given to us, and as shown by the records of the Trust.

NEW PLYMOUTH,
10th September, 1959.

MORINE AND JAMES,
Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30.6.59.

PAYMENTS				RECEIPTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 30th June, 1958—P.O.S.B.	365	18	2	By Balance 30th June, 1958—Bank of N.Z. ..	156	18	5
" Levies	2051	13	4	" Removal Expenses	3723	11	9
" Refund of Rem. Expenses	288	1	2	" Postages, Tolls, Exchanges, etc.	10	1	3
" General Purposes Trust Board—Advance ..	700	0	0	" Balances—Bank of N.Z., 30th June, 1959 ..	499	3	1
" Interest—P.O.S.B.	7	13	4	" P.O.S.B.	23	11	6
	£4413	6	0		£4413	6	0

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30.6.59.

EXPENDITURE				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Removal Expenses less Refunds	3435	10	7	By Levies	2900	0	0
" Postages, Tolls, Exchanges, etc.	10	1	3	" Interest	7	13	4
	£2445	11	10	" Excess of Expenditure over Income	537	18	6
					£2445	11	10

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)	700	0	0	Sundry Debtors	415	1	6
Capital Account:				Bank of New Zealand	499	3	1
Balance 1st July, 1958	775	14	7	Post Office Savings Bank	23	11	6
Less Excess of Expenditure over							
Income	537	18	6				
	237	16	1				
	£937	16	1		£937	16	1

W. E. CLOTHIER,
B. H. RISELEY, Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

TREASURERS: SISTER IVY JONES AND MR P. DELLOW.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1959.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Capital—as at 1st July, 1958	109,831	17 6	Properties—		
Add Bequests—Estates of:			Epsom—Sections at Valuation ..	10,500	0 0
B. E. Brain .. 18 13 0			Wesley—Sections at Valuation ..	15,575	0 0
A. E. Durbin .. 503 15 5			Mt. Roskill—Land and Improve-		
E. Fleming .. 100 0 0			ments	8,891	6 6
J. H. Hannan .. 780 11 8			Improvements	457	1 3
A. C. Hook .. 103 8 5				<u>9,348</u>	<u>7 9</u>
C. A. Jarrett .. 149 6 0			Less Compensation Railway		
J. C. Mallach .. 33 5 6			Dept.	219	4 6
E. A. Pool .. 100 0 0					
E. Stevenson .. 15 0			Home	68,387	2 0
			Less Depreciation	<u>700</u>	<u>0 0</u>
	1,789	15 0			9,129 3 3
Building Fund Dona-	7	0 0	Shares—		
tions			E. Astley and Sons Ltd., 561		
Whangarei Light and			Ordinary Shares, 14/- at valua-		
Manufacturing Co.,			tion	631	2 6
Ltd. (In Liquida-	349	0 0	New Zealand Inscribed Stock		
tion), Final Distri-			(including Investment of		
bution			Endowment Legacies), New		
	111,977	12 6	Zealand Government Stock,		
Less Revenue Account	<u>436</u>	<u>17 7</u>	4900 at cost	4,729	7 6
			Auckland Metropolitan Drainage		
Endowment Legacies—			Board Stock—at cost	700	0 0
Eliza Gilmore Trust ..	1,000	0 0	Investments: F. E. Finlay Holiday		
M. Cauhey Preston ..	2,000	0 0	Fund—		
John Rendell	<u>200</u>	<u>0 0</u>	40 Milford Road	1,500	0 0
			Auckland City Council Deben-		
F.E. Finlay Holiday Fund—			tures, £700 at cost	700	0 0
Capital	3,175	1 3	Newmarket Borough Council		
Add Surplus for Year	<u>33</u>	<u>9 0</u>	Debentures, £500 at cost ..	500	0 0
			Auckland Savings Bank	<u>508</u>	<u>10 3</u>
					3,208 10 3
	3,208	10 3			

Ground rent received
in advance
Sundry Creditors ..

564 0 0
649 2 5

Furnishings and Plant 2,028 0 0
Add Additions 714 12 9

2,742 12 9
274 5 3

2,468 7 6

Less Depreciation
Motor Van 307 0 0
Less Depreciation 62 0 0

245 0 0
100 0 0

Stock on Hand
Payments in Advance to Sundry
Debtors

293 12 3

Bank of New Zealand—
Current Account

3,895 2 4

£119,162 7 7

£119,162 7 7

Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust
Board

510 0 0

AUDITOR'S REPORT: I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust as at 30th June, 1959, as shown by the books of the Trust.

4th August, 1959.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Public Accountant.

F. E. FINLAY HOLIDAY FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959.

RECEIPTS										PAYMENTS									
1959 June 30th										1959 June 30th									
£ s. d.										£ s. d.									
To Rent .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	143	0	0	By Camp Fees .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
" Interest—										" Fares .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	17	17	6
Auckland Savings Bank .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	7	0	" Provisions, etc. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	79	11	6
Local Body Debentures .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	0	0	" Milford Property Repairs and Expenses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	29	6	9
										" Milford Property Rates .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	34	2	3
										" Surplus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	33	9	0
<hr/> £204 7 0										<hr/> £204 7 0									

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Receipts and Payments for Year ended 30th June, 1959

		RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
290	To Wellington Board : Grant for—				By Balance Bank of New Zealand 1/7/58	65	14 6
	General Purposes	900	0	0	Salaries	2058	18 6
	Recreation Hall	1659	2	6	Household Provisions	1347	12 7
			2559	2 6	Drapery & Clothing	840	12 4
	Maintenance Fees		1205	1 3	Heating & Lighting	416	1 2
	Social Security Benefits		1037	6 7	Repairs & Maintenance	623	19 9
	Government Capitation		1015	12 3	Stationery & School Requisites	128	12 6
	Circuit Collections		1303	1 9	Farm Expenses	180	9 6
	Donations		65	19 0	Car Expenses	125	13 4
	Farm Proceeds		129	2 0	Optician's Fees	3	10 0
	School Stationery Grant		30	0 0	Children's Fares	54	14 1
	J. R. McKenzie Trust—Grant		200	0 0	Music Fees	21	1 0
	LEGACIES—Estate M. G. Sinclair	100	0	0	Postages & Telephones	41	15 7
	Estate Jas. Bolton	100	0	0	General Expenses	55	10 2
			200	0 0	Manager's Imprest	104	0 0
	Income from Estates		8	15 0	E/L Insurance	13	17 10
	Recreation Hall—				Advertising & Travelling re Staff Vacancies	10	10 0
	Government Subsidy		1365	3 1	Secretary's Expenses	25	0 0
	Sale of Motor Car		200	0 0	Children Boarded Out	13	15 6
	Recreational Purposes Fund—Interest		7	13 0	Medical Fees	10	0
	Withdrawals from P.O.S.B. for				Rotary Hoe	64	10 0
	Recreational Equipment		46	8 6	Recreational Equipment	46	8 6
	Police Charity Day Appeal		192	10 3	Recreation Hall Progress Payments	2854	15 7
					Deposits Recreational Fund	200	3 3
					Wellington Board—Legacies	200	0 0
					Balance Bank of New Zealand 30/6/59	67	19 6
		£9565	15	2		£9655	15 2

SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Revenue Account for 9 Months Ended 31st March, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Salaries and Wages .. .. .	..	3992	13 1	By Interest Received .. .. .	..	2	18 1
" House Supplies .. .. .	..	1257	4 9	" Donations and Collections .. .. .	..	1543	2 0
" Drapery, Clothing, etc. .. .. .	..	1181	12 1	" Combined Orphanage Appeal .. .. .	..	1479	0 0
" Lighting and Heating .. .. .	..	698	6 5	" McKenzie Trust .. .. .	..	250	0 0
" Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance .. .. .	..	719	15 11	" Maintenance Fees .. .. .	..	3711	17 0
" Stationery, Stamps and General Expenses .. .. .	..	541	12 4	" Miscellaneous Receipts .. .. .	..	11	5 9
" Insurances .. .. .	..	38	18 9	" Deficit .. .. .	..	3168	3 6
" Board and Residence Payments .. .. .	..	261	16 6				
" Grounds .. .. .	..	45	0 3				
" Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .	..	668	19 3				
" Travelling Expenses .. .. .	..	172	14 9				
" Rates .. .. .	..	113	15 3				
" Depreciation written off (This includes £35 16s on van) .. .. .	..	473	16 0				
		£10,166	6 4			£10,166	6 4

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1959.

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the period ended 31st March, 1959, 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.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TIMES

Revenue Account for Year ending 30th April, 1959

EXPENDITURE			£	s.	d.	INCOME			£	s.	d.
Printing & Publishing	..	..	2701	15	2	Subscriptions	..	..	3283	15	2
Addressograph Plates	..	..	32	0	6	Advertisements	..	..	570	10	2
Process Blocks	..	..	21	14	6	Contingent Fund Grant	..	..	178	5	6
Distribution Charges	..	..	704	9	3	Deficit	..	..	307	12	2
Exchange	..	..	4	7	3						
Agents' Commission	..	..	115	13	9						
Editors' Honoraria, Expenses & Contributors' Fees	..	..	178	5	6						
Office Expenses	..	..	131	17	1						
Authorised Appropriation	..	..	450	0	0						
			£4340	3	0				£4340	3	0

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1959

LIABILITIES			£	s.	d.	ASSETS			£	s.	d.
Advertisements (Unexpired Value)	..	..	227	5	0	Subscriptions in arrear	..	..	374	3	2
Subscriptions prepaid	..	..	159	5	10	SUNDRY DEBTORS—					
Agents' Commission provision	..	..	13	10	6	Contingent Fund	..	..	178	5	6
Suspense A/c.	..	..	20	12	7	Advertising Accounts in arrear	..	..	24	3	7
Sundry Creditors	..	..	340	9	7				202	9	1
Contingent Reserve A/c.	..	..	500	0	0	Accumulated deficit as at 30/4/59			691	10	11
Bank of New Zealand	..	..	314	11	10	Plus balance from Revenue A/c.					
						30/4/59	..	..	307	12	2
			£1575	15	4				999	3	1
									£1575	15	4

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th April, 1959.

H. L. FIEBIG,
ERNEST H. ANDREWS, TREASURERS

F. M. SOWDEN, B.COM., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
W. T. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., AUDITORS
7th May, 1959.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

Income and Expenditure Account for year Ended 31st July, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Stock of Booklets, Paper 1st August, 1958	241	5	3	By Sales of Booklets and Papers	727	17	11
„ Printing Booklets, etc:				„ Grants and Subsidies	80	0	0
Spiritual Suicide	24	15	6	„ Interest—Auckland Savings Bank	7	1	7
Private Worship	15	16	6				
Our Fathers Faith	170	5	4				
Why People Drink	10	0	0				
Advent	70	16	4				
Prayer Manuals	127	13	3				
Dr Wood Handbills	22	16	4				
Lenten Leaflets	113	10	0				
You and the Sects	6	10	0				
Distortions of the Faith	40	12	9				
	602	16	0				
Duplicating Paper and Envelopes	232	12	11				
				825	8	11	
				1076	14	2	
Less Stock of Booklets and Paper, 31st July, 1959 ..	391	4	10				
Cost of Sales:	£685	9	4				
„ Petty Cash, Postages, Bank Fees, etc.	50	8	7				
„ Travelling Allowance	5	0	0				
„ Rent of Storeroom	13	0	0				
Total Expenses:	753	17	11				
„ Excess Income over Expenditure for year	61	1	7				
	£814	19	6				
				£814	19	6	

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
					£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			40	12	9		
Accumulated Funds:							
Balance 1st August, 1958	1176	6	5		589	7	7
Plus Income for Year	61	1	7		243	17	0
			1237	8	0		
							833 4 7
							391 4 10
							31 5 10
							22 5 0
			£1278	0	9		£1278 0 9

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Lay Treasurer

Audited and found correct: R. H. Hames.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 30th June, 1959

EXPENDITURE			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & RENOVATION									Rents	..	..	..			6912	4	1
No. 1 Block	..	..	600	3	8				INTEREST	..	..				
No. 2 Block	..	..	154	10	8				Debentures	..	..	62	17	7			
No. 3 Block	..	..	196	19	3				N.Z. Government Stock	..	..	237	10	0			
Cottages, etc.	..	..	300	19	10				Savings Banks	..	..	20	16	11			
						1252	13	5	Mortgage	..	..	245	0	0			
Insurance Premiums	..	..				220	1	9							566	4	6
Rates	..	..				146	12	7									
SUNDRIES :																	
Audit Fee	..	..	12	12	0												
Land Tax	..	..	96	7	1												
Bank Charges	..	..	1	0	0												
Sundries & Legal Charges	..	..	53	8	4												
Secretary's Salary	..	..	150	0	0												
Commission on Rents, etc collected	..	..	206	16	11												
Valuation Fee—re Fair Rents	..	..	6	6	0												
Stationery	..	..	16	1	0												
						542	11	4									
SURPLUS for the Year	..	..				5316	9	6									
						£7478	8	7							£7478	8	7
Appropriated to Building Renewal Fund	..	..	1500	0	0				Balance—30th June 1958	..	..				2292	8	10
Paid to Theological College	..	..	1500	0	0				Surplus for the year	..	..				5316	9	6
Balance—30th June, 1959	..	..	4608	18	4												
						£7608	18	4							£7608	18	4

EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT.

P. F. PRESCOTT,

A. R. MARTIN,

AUDITORS. 14th July, 1959.

J. H. BLACKWELL, CHAIRMAN.

M. IZZARD, SECRETARY

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT .. .. .	.. .. .	50000	0	0
INCOME ACCOUNT—				
Balance as at 30th June, 1959 .. ..	.. ..	4608	18	4
BUILDING RENEWAL FUND .. .. .	.. .. .	15000	0	0
The sum of £1900 has also been borrowed from the Emsly Trust and advanced to the Trinity College.				
		£69608	18	4

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
FREEHOLD PROPERTIES—Great North Rd.							
Land .. .. .	.. .. .	17580	0	0			
Buildings .. .. .	.. .. .	33940	7	3			
					51520	7	3
BUILDING RENEWAL FUND INVESTMENTS—							
Debentures—							
Auckland City Council—5% .. .. .	.. .. .	3000	0	0			
Auckland Metro Drainage Bd.—5% .. ..	.. ..	1000	0	0			
Mortgage—Trinity College .. .. .	.. .. .	5000	0	0			
N. Z. Govt Stock.—4½% .. .. .	.. .. .	5000	0	0			
REGISTERED STOCK							
Auckland Transport Board							
(£1000)—4% .. .. .	.. .. .	966	17	6			
Post Office Savings Bank .. .. .	.. .. .	33	2	6			
					15000	0	0
DEBENTURES							
Auckland Metro. Drainage Board—5%					2000	0	0
Post Office Savings Bank					466	17	6
Bank of New Zealand—Current Account					596	13	7
Cash in Hand					25	0	0
					£69608	18	4

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1959 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, 1959, as shown by the books.

P. F. PRESCOTT.

A. R. MARTIN.

AUDITORS. 14th July, 1959.

J. H. BLACKWELL, CHAIRMAN.

M. IZZARD, SECRETARY

Government Valuation—31/3/1953: Unimproved Value £34375 0 0

Value of Improvements	..	53540	0	0
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CAPITAL VALUE £87915 0 0

Income and Expenditure Account for year Ended 30th June, 1959.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1959.

(* A new Government valuation is to be made in November, 1959).

Auckland: July 8th, 1959.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION
Revenue Account for Year ended 31st May, 1959

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To House Expenditure				Hostel Receipts	2944 13 11
House Supplies	1011	14	5	Rent .. ..	..	..	25 10 0
Power & Light	222	14	6	Grants, Home Mission ..	..	100 0 0	
Salaries & Wages	1507	14	8	Foreign Mission .. ..	..	25 0 0	
Telephone	19	10	0	Contingent Fund .. ..	..	125 0 0	
Repairs	487	16	5				250 0 0
Rates	118	15	4	Interest Earned .. ..	..	..	27 18 3
Advertising	6	0	0	Excess Expenditure over Income			437 10 5
Stamps, Stationery, Etc. ..	54	10	4				
Insurances	47	4	3				
Depreciation	100	0	0				
			3575 19 11				
Library			18 3 8				
Travelling			44 19 0				
New Deaconess Brochure ..			46 10 0				
			£3685 12 7				£3685 12 7

Furniture Renewals Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure	176	16	3	By Balance 31/5/58	248	6	4
Balance	276	5	0	Donations from Guilds	197	14	11
				Interest Apportioned	7	0	0
	£453	1	3		£453	1	3

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1959

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			90 15 0	Freehold Property	5000	0	0
Grants paid in advance			20 16 8	Furniture	754	0	0
Trainees' Allowances			13 6 8	Aga Cooker, Gas Stove	138	12	0
Trainees' Emergency Fund			5 5 0	Refrigerator	90	0	0
Furniture Renewals			276 5 0	Electric Cylinder	259	0	0
Property Renewals Fund			1421 11 6		6241	12	0
Maori Library Grants	70	0	0	Less Depreciation Reserve	2883	6	8
Less Books Purchased	15	12	9				
			54 7 3	Post Office			3358 5 4
Accumulated Funds	3458	7	1	General Purpose Trust			948 16 5
Less Excess Expenditure over				Bank N.Z.			33 14 0
Income	437	10	5	Cash			472 16 4
			3020 16 8	Sundry Debtors			20 0 0
				H.M. Grant in advance			37 18 4
				M.W.M.U. Grant in advance			25 0 0
							6 13 4
			£4903 3 9				£4903 3 9

A. K. PETCH, CHAIRMAN.

H. T. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., TREASURER

Audited and found correct.

F. M. SOWDEN, B.COM., A.R.A.N.Z.,
A.C.I.S. AUDITOR.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Revenue Account for Year ended 31st May, 1959.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Administration Expenses	900	0 0	By Premiums and Commission	3937	15 7
Stationery & General	240	6 11	Mortgage Interest	472	4 0
Balance Profit & Loss Appropriation Account	5457	16 3	Mortgage Interest accrued	163	1 9
				635	5 9
			Debenture Interest	1461	7 3
			Debenture Interest accrued	515	4 9
				1976	12 0
			Deposit Interest	48	9 10
	£598	3 2		£598	3 2

Profit and Loss Appropriation Account as at 31st May, 1959

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Fire Loss Reserve	5000	0 0	By Balance as at 31/5/58	280	3 7
Investment Contingency Reserve	200	0 0	(after payment of Grants £1700)		
Recommended Grants	430	0 0	Transfer from Revenue Account	5457	16 3
Balance Forward	107	19 10			
	£5737	19 10		£5737	19 10

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1959

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds .. ..	..				33500	0	0	Mortgage Investments .. ..	..	13096	19	0			
Fire Loss Reserve .. ..	..	22729	11	4				Mortgage Interest accrued ..	..	163	1	9			
Less Claims paid .. ..	..	7565	1	0									13260	0	9
Plus provision .. ..	..	5000	0	0				Debenture Investments .. ..	..	51123	12	6			
					20164	10	4	Debenture Interest accrued ..	..	515	4	9			
Investment Contingency Reserve	..	2996	2	10				P.O.S.B. .. ..	..				51638	17	3
Plus provision .. ..	..	200	0	0				Premiums due .. ..	..				1564	16	8
					3196	2	10	Govt. War damage due .. ..	..				1362	6	9
Profit & Loss Appropriation								Sundry Debtors .. ..	..				961	12	0
Account .. ..	..				107	19	10						14	0	0
Grants recommended .. ..	..				430	0	0								
Sundry Creditors .. ..	..				5243	4	1								
Suspense A/c. .. ..	..				16	16	9								
Levies prepaid .. ..	..				7	13	2								
Bank of New Zealand .. ..	..				4538	12	7								
Natural Calamities Fund ..	..	1554	2	6											
Plus Interest .. ..	..	54	7	10											
		1608	10	4											
Less Grants .. ..	..	11	16	6											
					1596	13	10								
					£68801	13	5						£68801	13	5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all the securities produced to us except those deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificate has been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st May, 1959.

H. L. FIEBIG,
E. R. CAYGILL, TREASURERS

F. M. SOWDEN, B. COM. A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.T.S.
H. T. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. AUDITORS
1st July, 1959.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD.**

Balance Sheet as at the 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand	5145	5	6				Secured Advances	8622	15	4
Add. Interest Accrued	41	14	3	5186	19	9				
Loans at Call:										
Foreign Mission Department ..	—									
Department of Christian Education ..	750	0	0							
Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust ..	1000	0	0							
Wesley Church Social Services Trust Board	1000	0	0	2750	0	0				
Accumulated Funds:										
Balance, 30th June, 1958 ..	575	3	7							
Add, Excess of Income over Expenditure	110	12	0							
Balance, 30th June, 1959 ..				685	15	7				
				£8622	15	4				

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

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, 1959, 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.

11th September, 1959.

J. B. STEEL, F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30.6.59.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Sundry Creditors General ..	1331	9	9				Sundry Debtors ..	7613	6	2	
Dept. of Christian Education ..	127	5	8				Less Sales in Advances ..	3528	4	2	
				1458	15	5					
Capital Account 30.6.58 ..	4215	14	4				Stock in Hand—Trade ..	2000	0	0	
Transferred to Dept. of Christian Education ..	1000	0	0				—Stationery ..	150	0	0	
	3215	14	4				Equipment—At Cost less Depreciation ..				
Add Profit for Year ..	2790	14	4								
				6006	8	8	National Bank of New Zealand ..		549	10	5
							Cash in Hand ..		673	9	1
									7	2	7
				£7465	4	1					
									£7465	4	1

TRADING ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock 1.7.58 ..	1750	0	0	By Sales ..	14,848	16	1
„ Purchases ..	9399	3	4	„ Sales in Advance ..	2577	6	3
„ Sales in Advance ..	2528	4	2	„ Stock 30.6.59 ..	2000	0	0
„ Gross Profit ..	4748	14	10				
	£19,426	2	4		£19,426	2	4

PROFIT AND LOSS

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To General Expenses ..	138	4	9	By Gross Profit ..	4748	14	10
„ Printing and Stationery ..	143	19	4				
„ Postages ..	244	19	3				
„ Depreciation ..	61	0	0				
„ Salaries ..	1369	17	2				
„ Net Profit ..	2790	14	4				
	£4748	14	10		£4748	14	10

D. M. HAY, Treasurer.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF N.Z.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1959.

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I have examined the cash books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union and I have inspected the audited accounts of "Kurahunu" Maori Girls' Hostel as submitted by the "Kurahunu" 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 "Kurahunu" 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 August 31st, 1959.

4th September, 1959, Auckland.

HELENA I. HENDRA, Auditor.

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THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1958

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—															
State Advances Corporation Suspensory Loan				200	0	0									
Bank of New Zealand: Ordinary Account				5,252	14	4									
New Subdivision Account				8,870	5	9									
Trade Accounts				5,767	10	11									
							20,090	11	0						
Scholarship Funds—															
Marianne Caughey				2,000	0	0									
Smith-Preston				1,000	0	0									
George Winstone															
Stephen James Ambury				1,000	0	0									
War Memorial Fund (Maori)				384	10	0									
				4,384	10	0									
Undistributed Income				62	9	0									
							4,446	19	0						
Funds—															
Chapel Organ				1,267	10	3									
Building				54	14	0									
Furnishing				3	0	0									
Blacklock Library															
Bequest				199	15	0									
							1,524	19	3						
Land, Buildings, and Improvements—															
Paerata				137,558	0	0									
Maurice Harding Park				11,185	0	0									
Waikowhai Park				18,863	18	5									
Grafton				19,407	19	6									
Hobson County				10	0	0									
													187,024	17	11
Plant and Equipment—															
Farm Machinery				770	0	0									
Motor Vehicles				1,456	0	0									
Furniture and Equipment				14,501	0	0									
													16,727	0	0
Stock on Hand—															
Livestock				2,413	4	0									
Produce and Sundries				2,281	0	4									
													4,694	4	4
Loan on Mortgage													222	14	9
Sundry Debtors				9,170	5	6									
Less Reserve for Bad Debts				150	0	0									
													9,020	5	6
Scholarship Funds Investments—															
N.Z. Government Stock (Maturity Value £3400)				3,384	10	0									
Frank M. Winstone (Merchants), Ltd. (1000 shares of £1 each fully paid)				1,000	0	0									
													4,384	10	0

Capital Account—

Balance at 1/1/1958	195,411	15	0
Net Rents New Sub-division			
Waikohu	944	3	3
Donations Received	155	5	0
Profit on realisation of Shares	39	11	8
	196,550	14	11
Less excess expenditure over Income	527	7	5
Loss on Sale of Property	12	4	3
	539	11	8
	196,011	3	3
	£222,073	12	6

£222,073 12 6

G. C. B. MINOGUE, F.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
General Secretary.

J. S. CAUGHEY,
Chairman.

AUDITORS' REPORT: We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December, 1958, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order and we have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on Hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

AUCKLAND,
31st January, 1959.

HUTCHINSON, ELLIFE, CAMERON AND CO.,
Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Working Expenses—				Sundry Income—			
Authorised Appropriation ..	480	0	0	Commission			286 10 1
Audit Fee	53	10	0	Interest Earned—			
Stationery & General Expenses ..	184	10	11	P.O. Savings Bank	142	4	10
Govt. & Earthquake Premium ..	17	13	3	Mortgages	3977	11	7
				Debentures & Govt. Stock ..	2620	18	10
				Arrears of Subscriptions ..	31	15	11
Interest—							6772 11 2
Interest paid on deposits ..			1972 1 6	Property Income			4521 11 5
Fund Disbursements—				Fund Contributions—			
Annuities	11,450	8	5	Circuit Levies			4992 0 0
Furniture Grants	165	0	0	Personal Subscriptions ..			3320 0 0
			11,615 8 5				
Appropriations—							
Investment Fluctuation Reserve ..	200	0	0				
Building Depreciation Reserve ..	500	0	0				
Building Maintenance Reserve ..	400	0	0				
			1100 0 0				
Balance transferred to Accumulated Funds			4469 8 7				
			£19,892 12 8				£19,892 12 8

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Current Liabilities—				Current Assets—			
Sundry Creditors	179	11	7	Cash in Bank	1920	5	5
Subscriptions paid in advance	808	10	0	P.O.S.B. No. 1 Account	3110	2	1
Rates Accrued	281	7	1	P.O.S.B. No. 2 Account	3072	0	1
				Ministers Subscriptions due	898	0	9
				Rents due	240	19	3
Deposits by Subsidiary Funds			52,995	Commissions due	68	10	11
Property Maintenance Reserve—				Circuit Levies due	1314	0	0
Balance at 1.7.1958	800	0	0	Annuities Prepaid	961	2	5
Plus Provision	400	0	0	Rents Accrued	43	4	8
				Mortgage Interest Accrued	676	2	0
	1200	0	0	Debenture Interest Accrued	587	1	11
Less Expended on Maintenance	1200	0	0				12,891 10 6
Accumulated Funds—				Investments—			
Balance at 1.7.1958	141,513	12	1	Debentures and Govt. Stock	61,190	0	0
Plus Transfer from Revenue Account	4469	8	7	Less Fluctuation Reserve	3475	17	8
	145,983	0	8		57,714	2	4
Less Annuities Commuted	1437	15	0	Mortgages	85,949	5	1
			144,545				143,663 7 5
				Fixed Assets—			
				Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers)	54,687	18	4
				Plus additions	317	15	9
					55,005	14	1
				Less Depreciation Reserve	12,750	0	0
							42,255 14 1
			£198,810 12 0				£198,810 12 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, 1959.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.
25.9.59.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance as at 30th June, 1958	106	16 0	By Donations	38	8 0
Appropriation	14	10 0	Interest	52	1 9
Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expences	2	12 6	Balance	33	8 9
	£123	18 6		£123	18 6

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital Account	1400	0 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	1366	11 3
			Revenue Account	33	8 9
	£1400	0 0		£1400	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, 1959.

H. L. FIEBIG.

G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.

25.9.59.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1/7/58—				By Cost of Conference—			
Bank Balance			2217 10 4	(a) Travelling to Christchurch:			
Balances held by Chairmen ..			563 7 10	Equalisation Fund ..	500	0	0
„ Current Levies — Districts—				Official Representatives ..	357	6	11
Northland	306	10	0				857 6 11
Auckland	1668	18	4	(b) Printing and General:			
South Auckland	1002	0	0	Agendas	272	2	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	668	0	0	Supplementary Agendas ..	73	15	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	750	10	0	Station Lists	27	17	3
Wellington	985	0	0	Financial Statements ..	25	0	0
Nelson	418	10	0	Balance Sheets Home			
North Canterbury	1418	10	0	Mission	34	3	6
South Canterbury	418	10	0	Minutes of Conference			
Otago-Southland	670	0	0	Christchurch	544	8	0
			8306 8 4	General Printing	24	17	10
„ Synod and other Collections—				Secretarial	61	10	0
Northland	6	18	7	Platform Staff	25	0	0
Auckland	17	8	0	Press Relations	5	0	0
South Auckland	14	17	4				1093 13 7
Taranaki-Wanganui	10	2	6	„ District Expenses—			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	53	1	0	Northland	143	3	7
Wellington	34	19	11	Auckland	140	16	11
Nelson	11	7	9	South Auckland	135	11	8
North Canterbury	13	12	6	Taranaki-Wanganui	100	17	11
South Canterbury	1	17	11	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	96	3	4
Otago-Southland	9	17	3	Wellington	148	14	5
			174 2 9	Nelson	73	12	5
„ Collections:				North Canterbury	29	17	0
Opening Service	74	11	4	South Canterbury	36	4	8
Ordination Service	59	9	8	Otago-Southland	177	17	8
Contribution to Conference							1082 19 7
Durham Street	25	0	0	„ Synod Expenses—			
Presidential Visits	32	12	11	Northland	58	17	3
			191 13 11	Auckland	11	7	6
„ Sales—				South Auckland	164	16	5
Agendas	39	16	0	Taranaki-Wanganui	81	15	8
Minutes	136	8	3	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	56	16	0
Communion Booklets	198	6	3	Wellington	61	2	7
Law Books	21	10	0	Nelson	62	10	9
Conference Supplies	13	14	3	North Canterbury	40	9	9
Master Rolls	163	2	6	South Canterbury	41	14	9
Pastoral Rolls	91	5	4	Otago-Southland	74	18	4
			674 2 7				654 9 8

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND—Continued

" Miscellaneous—					
Refund Life & Work Confce.	27	10	6		
Refund of Expenses President					
General	5	4	9		
Interest	33	0	0		
				65	15 3
Carried Forward				12,193	1 0

" Ministerial Supply—					
Wellington	18	8	4		
				18	8 4
" Connexional Payments—					
Presidents Travel Bal. 1958	38	15	7		
Presidents Personal allowance	65	0	0		
Presidents Travel	200	0	0		
Presidents Supply	46	0	9		
Presidents Gown and Photo.	24	3	0		
Vice-Presidents Travel	25	0	0		
Printing Communion Booklets	274	15	2		
Printing Membership Cards ..	78	9	3		
Printing Church Membership					
Booklets	141	9	9		
Printing Master Roll Account	276	6	6		
Printing Pastoral Roll Cards	101	9	0		
Printing Radio Conference ..	10	0	6		
Board of Examiners	40	0	0		
" Travel—					
R. Thornley O.S. Conference	10	0	6		
Church Union	106	12	5		
Church Council	104	5	0		
Council Christian Education	12	14	0		
Life and Work Conference ..	125	0	0		
Commission on Baptism	23	10	6		
Conference on Finance	17	5	9		
Misc. Connexional Payments	36	19	11		
Church Union Grant 1957/58	12	0	6		
				1769	18 1
" Grants—					
Trinity Theological College	2240	0	0		
Connexional Secretary	350	0	0		
Deaconess Institute	125	0	0		
Methodist Times	150	0	0		
Methodist Times Editors Exp.	28	5	6		
Overseas Travel Fund	500	0	0		
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0		
Public Questions Committee ..	25	0	0		
World Council of Churches	125	3	3		
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	0		
Radio Committee	13	0	6		
Faith and Order Committee	5	0	0		
Church Union Committee	12	0	0		
Sub Religious Film Society ..	4	0	0		
Spiritual Healing Committee	10	0	6		

Carried Forward	12,193 1 0	Finance and Budget Com.	50 0 0	
		Publications Committee ..	40 0 0	
		International Affairs Com.	30 0 0	
		University Expenses	23 3 6	
				3791 13 9
		.. Exchange and Bank Charges—		11 15 3
		.. Balances held by Chairmen—		
		Northland	31 8 11	
		South Auckland	33 15 4	
		Taranaki-Wanganui	2 17 6	
		Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	64 19 7	
		Wellington	6 18 2	
		Nelson	18 5 7	
		North Canterbury	51 17 0	
		South Canterbury	12 18 9	
		Otago-Southland	61 14 6	
				270 19 0
		, Balance Bank of New Zealand		2641 16 10
	<u>£12,193 1 0</u>			<u>£12,193 1 0</u>

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, 1959, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the Fund at that date.

Auckland, 28th September, 1959.

W. WALKER.

A. H. WINSTONE, Treasurers.

Signed:

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com. A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD

Revenue Account for the year ended 30th June, 1959.

316	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£	s. d.			£	s. d.
	Interest on Trust Accounts	..	..	2626 10 10	Interest on Deposits and Investments	..	..	3191 12 8
	Authorised Appropriation	..	..	425 0 0	Commission	..	..	87 12 11
	Stationery and General Expenses	..	..	147 10 6				
	Excess Income	..	..	80 4 3				
				£3279 5 7				£3279 5 7

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	f	s.	d.	f	s.	d.					
Bank Overdraft				1454	1	10	Deposits—				
Sundry Creditors				229	9	0	Supernumerary Fund	13,109	13	4	
Trusts — Personal, Church and Connexional				67,562	14	2	P.O.S.B. (No. 1 Account) ..	2668	7	11	
Connexional Appeals—							P.O.S.B. (No. 2 Account) ..	2679	19	2	18,458 0 5
Hostels	2053	12	8				Sundry Debtors and Accruals—				
Trinity College	1324	2	0				Personal Trusts	24	7	9	
Special Chaplaincy etc. ..	1585	8	10	4963	4	6	Winstone and Newbold Trusts ..	796	10	4	
T. W. Newbold Trust—							Interest Accrued on Deben., etc.	485	12	11	
Capital Account as at 30.6.58. ..	8769	0	2				Interest Accrued on Mort., etc.	59	14	5	1366 5 5
Transfer from Revenue Account	281	18	3	9150	18	5	Investments—				
Winstone Memorial Fund—							Debentures and Govt. Stock	64,295	0	0	
Permanent Capital at 30.6.58 ..	28,162	10	2				Less Investment Fluctuation Reserve	1048	16	2	
Plus Revenue	494	18	5								
				28,657	8	7	Mortgages	63,246	3	9	
Grants Capital at 30.6.58	4302	11	1				Loans to Trusts against Deposits	3010	0	0	
Plus Revenue less Grants	1602	4	8				Advance to Removal Exp. Fd.	700	0	0	78,341 8 2
				5904	16	9	Freehold Property—				
							Winstone Trust				21,145 16 8
General Purposes Trust Board—											
Capital Account	1308	14	2								
Plus Revenue	80	4	3								
				1388	18	5					
				£119,311	10	8					£119,311 10

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, 1959.

H. C. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.
25.9.59.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND

Contributors' Account for year ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances	706	17 10	By Balance as at 30.6.58	3480	5 2
Transfer to Supernumerary Fund ..	60	0 0	Contributions—		
Benefits Surrendered	9	1 8	Personal	235	0 0
Home Missions—Contributions Refunded	9	0 0	Circuit	173	5 0
Balance as at 30.6.59.	2416	8 7	Home Mission Board	175	10 0
			Interest	583	15 0
				137	7 11
	£4201	8 1		£4201	8 1

Revenue Account for year ended 30th June, 1959.

To Interest to Contributors Accounts	137	7 11	By Balance as at 30.6.58	81	9 9
Office Expenses—			Interest	121	5 9
Authorised Appropriation	105	0 0	Benefits Surrendered	9	1 8
Audit Fee, Stationery and General			Balance as at 30.6.59	38	15 2
Expenses	18	4 5			
	123	4 5			
	£260	12 4		£260	12 4

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	3416	8 7	Debentures and Government Stock	3110	0 0
Capital Account	584	15 0	Debenture Interest Accrued ..	19	2 4
			Deposit Acc.—Supernumerary Fund	833	6 1
			Revenue Account	38	15 2
	£4001	3 7		£4001	3 7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1959.

H. C. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.
25.9.59.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CHILDREN'S FUND
Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th September, 1959.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 30th September, 1958:				By Grants as per Warrants for 1959:			
Cash in Bank of N.S.W.,				Northland	115	0	0
Wellington.	215	7	0	Auckland	745	0	0
„ District Levies for year, 1959:				South Auckland	452	10	0
Northland	144	0	0	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	235	0	0
Auckland	696	0	0	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	275	0	0
South Auckland	420	0	0	Wellington	410	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	280	0	0	Nelson	302	10	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	315	0	0	North Canterbury	507	10	0
Wellington	420	0	0	South Canterbury	260	0	0
Nelson	175	0	0	Otago-Southland	272	10	0
North Canterbury	595	0	0				
South Canterbury	175	0	0	„ Grant towards Funeral Exp.			3575 0 0
Otago-Southland	280	0	0	„ Sundry Expenses:			7 10 0
Interest:				Printing	8	14	0
As allowed by Bank N.S.W.		15	5	Bank Charge and Cheque Book ..		15	0
				Exchange		14	0
							10 3 0
				„ Balance as at 30th September, 1959:			3592 13 0
				Cash at Bank of N.S.W.,			
				Wellington	85	19	5
				Due by Taranaki-Wanganui Dis.	37	10	0
							123 9 5
							£3716 2 5
	£3716	2	5				

Audited and found correct,
J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.,
 Hon. Auditor.
 30th September, 1959

ROBERT THORNLEY,
T. M. PACEY,
 Hon. Treasurers.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Statement as at 30th June, 1959.

INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
Balance received 1/3/59 from E. Roberts	..	..	26	14 10	G. H. Bennett and Co.	..	..	1	9 5
Affiliation Payments	..	..	6	9 6	Cheque Book	..	..	10	0
					Postages, Stamps	..	..	3	8 6
					Duplicating	..	..	2	6 0
					A. Dingwall (travelling)	..	..	9	11 0
					Balance 30/6/59 P.O.S.B.	..	..	15	19 5
			£33	4 4				£33	4 4

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Dominion Executive Methodist Men's Fellowship and have obtained all the information and explanations that I required. In my opinion the statement of receipts and payments to 30th June, 1959, is true and correct.

21st September, 1959.

H. O. BONIFACE, Regd. Accountant.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Contributions' Account for year ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.	INCOME			
To Retiring Allowances	..	..	..	..	37	5	Balance as at 30.6.58	..	..	15,414 11 6
Benefits Surrendered	..	..	..	..	60	10	Contributions—			
Balance as at 30.6.59	..	..	..	..	17,649	14 1	Personal	..	..	759 10 0
							Circuit	..	..	229 10 0
							Home Mission Board	..	..	229 10 0
							Foreign Mission Board	..	..	447 10 0
										1666 0 0
							Interest	..	..	666 18 1
										<u>£17,747 9 7</u>

Revenue Account

To Interest to Contributors Account	666 18 1	By Balance as at 30.6.58	..	..	..	1752 6 8
Office Expenses—		Interest	..	..	..	816 18 0
Appropriation	105 0 0	Benefits Surrendered	..	..	..	60 10 0
Audit Fee, Stationery and						
General Expenses	19 4 4					
Balance as at 30.6.59	1839 12 3					
	<u>£2630 14 8</u>					<u>£2630 14 8</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES				£	s.	d.	ASSETS			
Personal Accounts	..	..	..	..	17,649	14 1	Debentures and Government Stock	..	..	2375 0 0
Capital Account	..	..	..	..	2500	0 7	Debenture Interest Accrued	..	..	17 7 4
Revenue Account	..	..	..	..	1839	12 3	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	19,596 19 7
					<u>£21,989</u>	<u>6 11</u>				<u>£21,989 6 11</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1959.

H. C. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.
25.9.59.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
To Withdrawals	..	..	781	10 1	By Balance as at 30.6.58	..	..	23,996	19 5
Forfeitures	..	..	2	0 0	Personal Subscriptions	..	..	1576	16 1
Balance as at 30.6.59.	..	..	26,181	8 6	Fire Insurance Subsidy	..	..	430	0 0
					Interest to Contributors' Account	..	..	961	3 1
			£26,964	18 7				£26,964	18 7

Revenue Account

To Balance as at 30.6.58	..	..	177	11 8	By Forfeitures	..	..	2	0 0
Interest to Contributors	..	..	961	3 1	Interest on Deposits and Investments	..	..	888	18 2
Office Expenses—					Balance as at 30.6.59	..	..	468	4 1
Appropriation	..	..	195	10 0					
Postages, Stationery, etc.	..	..	24	17 6					
			£1359	2 3				£1359	2 3

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1959.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
Personal Accounts	..	..	26,181	8 6	Debentures	..	..	7595	0 0
					Debenture Interest Accrued	..	..	48	17 0
					Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	18,069	7 5
					Revenue Account	..	..	468	4 1
			£26,181	8 6				£26,181	8 6

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, 1959.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.
25.9.59.

CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CONNEXIONAL APPEAL FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th June, 1959.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward	1531	19	3	Distributions—			
Contributions—				Trinity College	1000	0	0
Northland District	112	16	7	National Council of Churches ..	375	0	0
Auckland District	596	4	3	Council for Christian Education ..	200	0	0
South Auckland District	347	5	9	New Zealand Alliance	200	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District ..	188	10	9	Armed Forces Chaplaincy Fund ..	100	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District ..	349	13	6	National Ed. Soc. on Alcoholism ..	25	0	0
Wellington District	363	10	4	Local Preachers Association	50	0	0
Nelson District	141	19	9				1950 0 0
North Canterbury District	514	15	4	Hospital Chaplains—			
South Canterbury District	126	3	0	Auckland	375	0	0
Otago-Southland District	219	6	9	Palmerston North	97	10	0
	2960	6	0	Wellington	60	0	0
				Christchurch	150	0	0
				Dunedin	36	10	0
							719 0 0
				University Chaplains—			
				Auckland	30	0	0
				Wellington	70	0	0
				Canterbury	75	0	0
				Otago	42	0	0
							217 0 0
				Office Expenses (Commission) ..		14	16 0
				Exchange and Postages		6	0 5
				Balance Forward		1585	8 10
	£4492	5	3			£4492	5 3

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August, 1959 (excluding properties on the mission field)

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£		£
Solomon Islands District:		Solomon Islands District:	
Circuit Balances	401	Cash in Hand and in Bank	12,190
Sundry Creditors	4,897	Sundry Debtors	1,616
Personal Balances	1,478	Stock	10,808
			24,614
Solomon Islands Church Building Funds	6,776	Boats	30,000
Loan	200	Solomon Islands District Account	27,663
Sundry Creditors	594		
Special Funds:		Investments:	
Medical	33,825	N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	76,572
Medical Orderly	560	Saving Bank and National	
Working Capital	24,495	Savings Accounts	5,127
Vanes Bequest	458	Commonwealth Savings Bank	287
Boat Insurance	18,472	Debentures	3,300
Fire Insurance	1,573	Shares and Stock	4,777
Sickness and Accident	836	Loans at Call	3,000
South Sea Islands Catechists' Retiring Fund	161		93,063
Solomon Islands Native Ministers' and Catechists'			
Retiring Fund	287	Medical Fund	33,825
Solomon Islands Rehabilitation Fund	8,522	Medical Orderly	560
New Guinea Highlands Appeal	9,555	Working Capital Account	24,495
New Guinea Highlands Agriculture	106	Vanes Bequest	458
Solomon Islands Jubilee Fund	8,572	Boat Insurance Fund	18,472
Vella Lavella Memorial Hall	466	Fire Insurance Fund	1,573
Nicholson Memorial	426	Sickness and Accident Fund	836
Lotu Church and Window	1,116	South Sea Island Catechists' Retiring Fund	161
Refrigerator Replacement	401	Solomon Islands Native Ministers and	
Don Alley Memorial	692	Catechists' Retiring Fund	287
Leper Fund	5,232	General Investments	12,396
Lepers' Trust Board Grant	2,823		93,063
Mission to Lepers Grant	2,010	Residence, General Secretary	1,292
Leprosy Relief Vessel	4,628	Projectors	169
M.W.M.U. Funds:		Debtors:	
Solomon Islands Girls' School Equipment	225	Solomon Islands Special	1,137
Vella Lavella and Roviana Hostels	62	Sundry	518
Chaiseul Dormitory	131		1,655
Teop Dormitory	51	Motor Car	852
Buka Dormitory	322		
	791	Stocks:	
		Maps	52
		"Isles of Solomon"	11
		Stationery, etc	137
			200

Building and Equipment Fund	5,931
New Guinea Highlands—Solomon Islands contributions ..	1,067
M.W.M.U. Translation	100
Boat Reserve Account	30,000
Solomon Islands District Reserve	1,396
Papua New Guinea Highlands: Sundry Creditors	227
Exchange Account	4,669
Accumulated Fund	3,677
	<u>£182,706</u>

Papua New Guinea Highlands District Account	1,448
Sundry Debtors	1
	<u>1,449</u>
Cash	1,749
	<u>£182,706</u>

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the books of the Society, as at 31st August, 1959. Islands assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

AUCKLAND,
21st October, 1959.

MACKY & FREAR, Public Accountants,
Auditors.

INCOME OF SPECIAL FUNDS for the Year Ended 31st August, 1959.

EXPENDITURE	
	£
Medical Income transferred to Solomon Islands Income	1,152
Transferred to Special Funds as per contra	14,097
	<u>£15,249</u>

INCOME	
	£
Medical Fund Income	1,152
Leper Fund	3,791
Leper Relief Vessel (Maintenance)	4,000
Rehabilitation Fund	353
Building and Equipment Fund	5,344
Refrigerator Replacement	81
New Guinea Highlands: Solomon Islands contribution	341
Sickness and Accident Fund	160
Don Alley Memorial Fund	17
Nicholson Memorial Fund	10
	<u>14,097</u>
	<u>£15,249</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, 1959

Treasurers: REV. J. A. PENMAN and MR. H. M. PATRICK

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Balances at 31st July, 1958		Debit Balances at 31 July, 1958:	
Legacies held for Disbursement	722	General Account	3,222
H.M. Removal Expenses Fund	154	H.M. Training Conference	42
Picture Department	316		3,264
	1,192		
LEGACIES received during year	1,573	LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:	
CIRCUIT INCOME:		Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	100
Northland	623	Waikouaiti-Palmerston Parsonage	100
Auckland	4,450	Hokitika Parsonage	150
South Auckland	3,144	Islington Parsonage	150
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,545	Ohai Parsonage	50
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	2,185	North Hokianga	100
Wellington	2,721	Greenhithe	50
Nelson	921	Northcote-Raleigh Road	50
North Canterbury	1,998	Waikanae Beach	25
South Canterbury	1,210	Bluff	50
Otago-Southland	2,564	Deaconess Institution—Library	20
	21,361	Church Sites Fund	150
		Seamer House Hostel	25
1958 Appeal	14,781	Te Rahui (T) Hostel	25
1959 Appeal	6,580	Te Rahui (W) Hostel	25
SUNDRY INCOME	101	Takeke Deaconess Cottage	25
DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS	126	Rev. G. and Mrs. Buttle Gift A/c.	34
CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES:		Thos. Buddle Memorial A/c.	10
Kai Iwi	50		1,139
Spring Creek	5	EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST GRANTS:	
	55	Hokianga	33
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD	1,062	Auckland East	40
CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS	20	North Waitemata	20
M.W.M.U.	3,575	Hauraki Plains	20
„ Smethurst Interest	65	Putaruru	50
	3,640	St. Kilda	50
Duplicating and Typewriting	40		213
Use of Duplicator	10	MAORI MISSION:	
H.M. Removal Expenses Fund—		(a) To the Maori Mission A/c.:	
Circuit Levies	20	Stipends	11,406
Picture Department—Grant	75	Travelling	1,924
H.M. Training Conference—Grant	75	Maori Ministers' Cars Accounts	396
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust—		Deaconess Car Accounts	1,100
Share of Income	518	Circuit Expenses	515
		Rent—Mission Hill	125
		Maori Section N.C.C.	36
		Contingencies	100
			15,602
		(b) European Missioner in Maori Work:	
		Stipends	645
		Travelling	235
			880
		Investment Funds Board—	
		Rents (7)	629
		Connexional Charges	165
			17,276
		CIRCUIT GRANTS:	
		Northland District:	
		North Hokianga	142
		Hokianga	84
		Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	185
		Hikurangi	25
		Port Albert	109
			545
		Auckland District:	
		North Waitemata	165
		Bombay-Tuakau	38
		Birkenhead	38
		Auckland East	120
		Henderson	37
		Auckland South	100
			498
Carried Forward	29,868	Carried Forward	22,935

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

RECEIPTS		£	PAYMENTS		£	£
Brought Forward		29,868	Brought Forward			22,935
			CIRCUIT GRANTS (Contd.)			
			South Auckland District:			
			Coromandel		8	
			Kawhia		11	
			Ngaruawahia		13	
			Taumarunui		97	
			Hauraki Plains		82	
			Te Kuiti		110	
			Putaruru		340	
			Opotiki		13	
			Whakatane		100	
			Rotorua		273	
			Huntly		110	
			Tauranga		15	
						1,172
			Taranaki-Wanganui District:			
			Marton		75	
			Inglewood		40	
			Raetihi-Ohakune		100	
			Taihape		80	
			Wanganui West		27	
			Waitara		60	
						382
			Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:			
			Apiti		45	
			Wairoa		100	
						145
			Wellington District:			
			Paraparaumu		115	
			Otaki		23	
			Eketahuna		17	
			Upper Hutt		35	
			Wainui-o-mata		150	
			Porirua		150	
						490
			Nelson District:			
			Westport		47	
			Reefton		75	
			Hokitika		50	
						172
			North Canterbury District:			
			Riccarton		25	
			Woolston-Lyttelton		150	
			Springton		50	
						225
			South Canterbury District:			
			Timaru South		35	
			Willowby		25	
						60
			Otago-Southland District:			
			Waikouaiti-Palmerston		83	
			Mosgiel		25	
			Cromwell-Alexandra		127	
			Bluff		13	
			St. Kilda		70	
			Milton		20	
			Roxburgh		90	
			Port Chalmers		100	
			Dunedin North		70	
			Corstorphine Union		60	
						658
			Miscellaneous Grants:			
			Seamer House		200	
			Trinity Theological College		150	
			Board of Publications		55	
			Spiritual Advance Committee		25	
			Methodist World Conference			
			Travel Fund		25	
			Social Service Association		5	
			Circulating Library (Wesley)		30	
			Picture Department		75	
			Home Missionaries' Study Conference		75	
			Colportage Society of Otago		5	
			Compassionate Grant		30	
			Church Sites Fund		150	
			Deaconess Institution		100	
			Deaconess Students		68	
			Ministerial Supply Expenses		74	
						1,067
Carried Forward		29,868	Carried Forward			27,306

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£	£	£
Brought Forward	29,868	Brought Forward	27,306
		RETIRING FUNDS:	
		Deaconess	338
		Home Missionaries	155
			493
		OFFICE & GENERAL EXPENSES:	
		Office Salaries	601
		Office Rent	186
		Expenses: Postages, Exch., etc.	157
		Light and Power	18
		Telephones and Tolls	93
		Printing and Stationery	231
		Audit Expenses	13
		Interest on Overdraft	56
			1,355
		SUNDRY PAYMENTS:	
		Annual Reports	303
		Deputation Expenses	259
		Share of "Lotu"	95
		Typewriter	42
		Printing "Laymen's Visitation" ..	30
		Show Cards	32
		Staff Superannuation	22
		Sundry Expenses	102
			885
		CONNEXIONAL CHARGES	224
		GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:	
		Stipend	670
		General Allowance	50
		Travelling	428
			1,148
		ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:	
		Stipend	645
		General Allowance	25
		Travelling	75
			745
		RENT TO INVESTMENT FUNDS	
		BOARD:	
		For Two Parsonages	300
		REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND	135
		PICTURE DEPARTMENT	305
		Balances at 31st July, 1959:	
		Legacies held for Disbursement ..	1,156
		Removal Expenses Fund	39
		Picture Department	86
		H.M. Training Conference A/c.	33
		Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust ..	
		A/c:	305
			1,619
Debit Balance at 31st July, 1959:			
General Account	4,647		
	£34,515		£34,515

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1959, 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 ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1959.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Stipends: H.M. Grants	11,410	Dr. Balance, 31st July, 1959	1,031
Travelling: H.M. Grants	1,924	Stipends	11,445
Circuit Expenses: Grants	515	Travelling	1,924
Mission Hill Parsonage: Grant for Rent	125	Circuit Expenses:	
Deaconess Cars: Grants	1,100	Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits	270
Car Transferred	460	Auckland and Taranaki Circuits:	
	1,560	Ministers' Additional Trav.	138
Maori Ministers' Cars:		Special Travelling	98
H.M. Travelling Grants	396	Parsonage Allowances	38
Circuit Expenses Travelling	138	Telephones and Tolls	92
Ministers' Payments	12	Sundry	43
Sale	760		679
Trade-in	300	Deaconess Cars: Purchase	760
	1,606	Repairs, Insurance, etc.	698
Loan Repayment	114		1,458
Waikato Circuit Car Loans (2)	239	Maori Ministers' Cars:	
Car Loan — Investment Funds Board	1,000	Purchases (2)	1,785
Maori Section N.C.C. Grant	36	Insurances, Registrations, etc.	58
Retiring Funds	205		1,843
Sales of Hymn Books	17	Loan	250
Contingencies	100	Waikato Circuit Car Loan	460
Balance, 31st July, 1959	1,147	Loan Repayment	85
		Retiring Funds	201
		South Island Travelling	5
		Workers' Conference	178
		Maori Section N.C.C.	36
		Gospels	4
		Leaflets	8
		Sunday School Material	6
		Maintenance — Ratana Pa	3
		Students	20
		Rent, Rates and Insurance — Mission Hill	174
		Contingencies	188
	£19,998		£19,998

MAORI MISSION ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1959.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	£		£	£
SUNDRY UNEXPENDED GRANTS:			ADVANCES:		
Stipends	369		(a) Maori Ministers for Cars	1,796	
Workers' Conference	42		(b) Waikato Circuit Cars	545	
Sunday School Materials	61				2,341
South Island Travelling	104		FIXED ASSETS:		
Students	273		Cars Account	6,521	
Youth Camps	179		Less Depreciation	1,041	
		1,028			5,480
Less Debits:			NOMINAL ASSETS:		
Contingencies	102		Auckland Maori Centre	43	
Removal Expenses	16		Ratana Pa Cottage	315	
N.C.C. Maori Section	4				358
Circuit Expenses	36				
		158			
SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:		870			
Hymn and Prayer Books		89			
Mission Hill Rent		25			
Maori Paper and Printing		133			
Maori History		48			
Maori Leaflets		19			
Kawakawa Maori Centre, Furniture		109			
Furniture Account		35			
		458			
SUNDRY CREDITORS:					
Investment Funds Board—					
Car Loan		1,000			
Deaconess Furniture		41			
Retiring Funds		3			
		1,044			
Bank Overdraft, Commercial Bank of Australia		1,147			
Cars Capital		4,660			
		£8,179			£8,179

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1959.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS	
	£	£		£
CREDITORS:			CASH, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:	
Loans at Call		27,301	On Account of Income	194
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund 31/7/58	447		Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	235
Added during year	115		T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	562
Kawakawa Maori Centre		562	On Account of Capital	827
		1,211		1,818
		29,074	INVESTMENTS:	
SUNDY FUNDS:			Memorial Gifts, Auckland Drainage Board Stock:	
George Buttle Centennial Gift Fund		300	George Buttle Centennial Gift	300
Thomas Buddle Memorial Library Fund		100	Thomas Buddle Library Fund	100
				400
E. D. and M. E. Jones Trust Fund		400	General:	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust		234	Mortgages	530
RESERVES:			Debentures and Stock	4,800
Working Expenses Maintenance		194	Government Inscribed Stock	14,745
Sinking Funds 31/7/58	5,791		Sundry Shares	1,752
Added during year	575		Post Office Savings Bank	31
		6,366		21,858
Investment Reserve		400	Special Loans	
Loan Repayment Suspense		1,840	Maori Boys' Hostel (Hamilton)	64,817
		8,800	E. D. and M. E. Jones Trust (Wekaweka)	1,840
				100
MAORI CENTRES AND HOSTELS:				66,757
Mortgages			PROPERTIES:	
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	5,200		Parsonages, etc.	17,928
Less Repaid during year	1,260		MAORI HOSTELS AND CENTRES:	
		3,940	Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	24,603
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	3,320		Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	11,953
Less Repaid during year	1,160		Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7,544
		2,160	Dargaville Maori Centre	2,058
Capital Receipts to Date:			Hawera Maori Centre	2,395
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	13,162		Kawakawa Maori Centre	501
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	8,553		Opunake Deaconess Centre	623
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7,544		Otorohanga Maori Centre	2,672
Dargaville Maori Centre	2,058		Te Kuiti Maori Centre	770
Hawera Maori Centre	2,222			53,119
Hokianga Deaconess Cottage	25			
Kawakawa Maori Centre	501			
Otorohanga Maori Centre	275			
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	682			
Northern Building Account	235			
		35,257		
		41,357		

CAPITAL:

Balance, 31/7/58	78,510		
Add Legacies, etc.	5,028		
Less Transfer for Disbursement	1,623		
	<u>3,405</u>		
		81,915	
		<u>£161,880</u>	
			<u>£161,880</u>

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1959.

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, 1959.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st July, 1959.

Treasurers: REV. J. A. PENMAN and MR. H. M. PATRICK

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
BALANCES, Bank of N.Z., 31st July, 1958:		INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:	
On Account of Income	208	Through Mornington	3
On Account of E. W. Blackwell Trust	651	Through Invercargill	9
On Account of T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	447	Direct	1,050
On Account of Capital	4,014		1,062
	5,320	LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT:	
CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:		To Home Mission Fund	1,573
Estate of late H. L. Duke	250	To Taupo Church Trust — from Gift	50
" M. G. Sinclair	100		1,623
" J. Letcher	1,552	CAPITAL INVESTED:	
" J. Walton	58	New Special Loans	14,686
" F. W. Highfield	732	Auckland City Council Stock	1,000
" M. H. Morley	152	Mortgage	100
" J. Belton	100	Post Office Savings Bank	1
" F. M. Gould	50	George Buttle Centennial Gift	34
" A. M. Worsley	40	Thomas Buddle Library Fund	10
" L. E. Mynott	25		15,831
" John Palmer	725	Properties:	
" Annie Stevens	25	Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	261
" A. J. Nelson	20	Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	108
" L. Hill	50	Hawera Maori Centre	223
" K. Shepherd	50	Kawakawa Maori Centre	30
Gift, Mr. P. Rushton	750	Hawera Maori Parsonage	9
Gift, Anonymous	250	1060 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton	4
Gift, Anonymous	100	28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland	63
	5,029	Taheke Deaconess Cottage	1,876
Less Proportion for Disbursement	1,623	Te Kuiti Mission House	98
	3,406	Waima Maori Parsonage	211
LEGACIES, PROPORTION OF DISBURSEMENT	1,623		2,883
REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS	6,483	REPAYMENT OF LOANS:	
REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGES	361	Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	1,260
NEW LOANS AT CALL	10,760	Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	1,160
INVESTMENTS MATURED:		Loans at Call	8,839
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	1,000		11,259
Nelson City Debentures	1,100	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS:	
	2,100	Net Expenditure	14
NEW CAPITAL:		E. D. AND M. E. JONES TRUST:	
Sinking Funds	575	Loan	100
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	84	EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST:	
Dargaville Maori Centre	1,383	Expended	1,671
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	107	INTEREST DISBURSED:	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	75	George Buttle Centennial Gift	15
Hawera Maori Centre	810	Thomas Buddle Library Fund	5
			20

Hokianga Deaconess Cottage	25	
Kawakawa Maori Centre	83	
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	682	
Northern Building Fund	8	
	<hr/>	3,632
T. G. BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND		116
E. D. AND M. E. JONES TRUST		100
NET INTEREST AND RENTS		1,062
GEORGE BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT:		
Home Mission Fund Grant	34	
Interest	15	
	<hr/>	49
THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND:		
Home Mission Fund Grant	10	
Interest	5	
	<hr/>	15
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST:		
Net Rents		1,254
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		£36,281

BALANCES, Bank of N.Z., 31st July, 1959:

On Account of Income	194
On Account of E. W. Blackwell Trust	235
On Account of T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	562
On Account of Capital	827
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	1,818

£36,281

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st July, 1959.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£		£
Repairs	98	Rent and Rates	1,863
Rates	260		
Insurance	188		<hr/>
Commission	93		£1,863
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	639		
Depreciation Reserve	350		
Net Income Carried Down	874		
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	£1,863		
Transferred to Capital	190	Net Income Brought Down	874
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve	300	Balance, 31st July, 1958	652
Transfer to Home Mission Fund	518		
Transfer to Investment Funds Board	518		
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	£1,526		<hr/>
			£1,526

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1959.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS	
	£	£	£	£
Capital:			Buildings	10,000
Balance at 31/7/58		11,329	Investments:	
Added during year:			National Savings Investments	2,237
From Income	190		Post Office Savings Bank	21
From Interest	58		Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority Stock	2,500
		248		4,758
		11,577		
Depreciation Reserve:				
Balance at 31/7/58		2,418		
Added during year:				
From Income	350			
From Interest	106			
		456		
		2,874		
Maintenance Reserve:				
From Income		300		
From Interest		7		
		307		
		£14,758		£14,758

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July, 1959.

Treasurers: REV. J. A. PENMAN and MR. H. M. PATRICK.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£	£	£
BALANCE, Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/58:			
Income Account	256	Rates and Insurance	110
Capital Account	743	Repairs and Sundries	393
	999		
RENTS:		CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	30	Mt. Wesley Parsonage	240
Opononi	47	Transfer to Investment Funds Board, Hokianga	
Te Poinga	7	Deaconess Cottage Capital	25
	84		
Interest, Kinross Street Sale	4		
Rent of Hoarding	5		
Fee for use of Land	4		
	13		
Repayments, Opononi	105	BALANCE, Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/59:	
Sales, Kinross Street	625	Capital Account	1,208
		Less Income Account Overdrawn	150
	£1,826		1,058
			£1,826

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1959.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£		£
ACCUMULATED FUND:		Properties and Loans, 31/7/58	5,161
At 31st July, 1959	5,363	Add Capital Expenditure, Mangawhare	240
Less Income Deficit for year	407		5,401
	4,956	Less Repayments, Opononi	105
Held for Special Purpose	10		5,296
Proceeds Capital, Kinross Street	1,388	Cash:	
		Capital	1,208
		Less Income Account Overdrawn	150
			1,058
	£6,354		£6,354

SEAMER HOUSE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July, 1959.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Boarding Fees	2,814	Dr. Balance, Bank of N.Z. 31/7/58	306
Home Mission Fund Grant	200	Salary of Matron	365
J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	500	Wages	413
Sundry Receipts	8	Provisions	1,086
		Light and Heat	279
		Cleaning and Laundry	28
		Repairs and Maintenance	79
		Painting	562
			641
		Rates (2 years) and Insurance	434
		Interest on Loans	208
		Sundry Expenses	59
		Sundry Equipment	9
		Telephone	47
		Deaconess Retiring Fund	9
		Staff and Boarders' Furnishing Fund	
		Payments	47
		Less Donations	21
			26
Dr. Balance, Bank of N.Z. 31/7/59	411	Canteen Account	8
Less Petty Cash in hand	15		
	396		
	£3,918		£3,918

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1959.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£		£
SUNDRY CREDITORS	1,613	CASH ON HAND	17
BILLS PAYABLE	421	CASH AT BANK	1,527
SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE	31		1,544
	2,065	CASH AT AUCKLAND SAVINGS BANK	638
HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT LOAN ACCOUNT	2,150	(Van Replacement Reserve)	
VAN REPLACEMENT RESERVE	1,403	SUNDRY DEBTORS	734
CAPITAL		Less Bad Debts Reserve	50
Balance 1/8/58	5,275		684
Plus Net Profit	708	STOCK ON HAND	6,367
	5,983	FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT	318
		Less Depreciation	32
			286
		RENOVATIONS	2,183
		Less Depreciation	164
			2,019
		SUPERANNUATION IN ADVANCE	63
			£11,601
	£11,601		

W. E. DONNELLY, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report:

I certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society for the year ended 31st July, 1959, 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.

10th September, 1959.

R. N. COOKE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,
Auditor.

METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Estimates, Income and Expenditure for 1960

INCOME

1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND MAORI CIRCUITS— (Average Income based on previous three years)

DISTRICTS:

NORTHLAND	728	0	0	
AUCKLAND	3568	0	0	
SOUTH AUCKLAND	2863	0	0	
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	1407	0	0	
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU ..	2071	0	0	
WELLINGTON	2573	0	0	
NELSON	1218	0	0	
NORTH CANTERBURY	2703	0	0	
SOUTH CANTERBURY	1093	0	0	
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	1704	0	0	
		19928	0	0

2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS (Net earnings from interest, etc.) 2000 0 0

3. M.W.M.U. SPECIAL FOR MAORI WORK:
SISTERS' SALARIES 3700 0 0
SMETHURST INTEREST 130 0 0
3830 0 0

4. EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST
For circuit Grants 305 0 0

5. MISCELLANEOUS 300 0 0

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES £26363 0 0

EXPENDITURE

NORTHLAND DISTRICT Maori Work

Minister—	
Stipend	705
Travelling	175
Supernumerary Minister—	
Honorarium	52
Travelling	100
Special Trav.	25
Home Missionary (Part-time)—	
Travelling	52
Hon. H.M.'s (Part-time)—	
Travelling	52
General Circuit Expenses	50
Deaconess—	
Stipend	490
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	426
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	400
Prov. for Car	110
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	60
Investment Funds Board—Rent for Parsonage—Waima	75
	<hr/> £2,992

European Work

North Hokianga (M.O.M.)	175
Final Special	25
Port Albert (If S.P.)	200
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands (2 M.O.M.s and 1 M.P.)	375
	<hr/> £775

AUCKLAND DISTRICT Maori Work

Minister—	
Stipend	705
Travelling	175
Supernumerary Minister—	
Travelling	75
(Parsonage in lieu of honorarium)	
Home Missionary Supply—	
Stipend	550
Travelling	100
General Circuit Expenses	50
Deaconess—	
Stipend	531
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Travelling	490
Deaconess—	
Stipend	426
Prov. for Car	110
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	60
Investment Funds Board—Rent for Parsonages—	
Tuakau	75
Auckland	150
	<hr/> £3,632

European Work

Auckland (Orakei)	100
Auckland South 1 M.H.M.P.	100
Onehunga M.O.M. and M.H.M.P.—	
Special	50
E.W.B.	50
Birkenhead M.O.M. and M.H.M.P.	150
Bombay-Tuakau M.O.M.	175
North Waitemata M.O.M. and M.P.	200
	<hr/> £825

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT Maori Work

Waikato Circuit:	
Minister (Hamilton)—	
Stipend	705
Travelling	175
Rent	150
Home Missionary—	
Stipend	610
Travelling	75
Prov. for Car	100
Home Missionary (Half-time share with King Country Circuit)—	
Stipend	305
Travelling	38
Prov. for Car	50
Rent	39
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	200
Travelling	60
Prov. for Car	110
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	104
Travelling	85
Home Missionary (Part-time)—	
Honorarium	100
Home Missionary (Honorary)—	
Travelling	110
General Circuit Expenses—Travelling etc.	190
Deaconess—	
Stipend	531
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	426
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess (two part-time)—	
Stipend	426
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	531
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess Supply (Half-time)—	
Stipend	213
Travelling	55
Hon. S.S. Teacher—	
Travelling	36
Investment Funds Board—Rent for Parsonage—	
Ngaruawahia	52
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	60
	<hr/> £6,617

King Country Circuit:

Minister—	
Stipend	705
Travelling	175
Home Missionary (Half-time share with Waikato Circuit)—	
Stipend	305
Travelling	38
Prov. for Car	50
Rent	39
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	25
Travelling	25
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	100
Travelling	50
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	25
Travelling	25

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended ended 31st August, 1959.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£		£
Solomon Islands Expenses:		Solomon Islands Contributions:	
Overseas Staff: Stipends and Allowances	15,801	Roviana Circuit	3,529
Local Staff: Stipends and Allowances	7,581	Vella Lavella Circuit	2,347
Superannuation, Retiring and Repatriation Funds	763	Choiseul Circuit	3,691
Native Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Funds	42	Buin Circuit	1,463
Lighting Account	522	Teop Circuit	1,409
Education	3,096	Buka Circuit	1,187
Circuit Travel	590	Goldie College	104
Furniture Replacements	216		
Buildings	1,475		13,730
Agriculture	227	Less Transfer to Solomon Islands	
Sickness and Accident Fund	71	District Reserve	1,730
Printing and Literature	35		
Stamps, Stationery and Cables	258	Government Grants:	
Land Rents	385	B.S.I.P.—	
Fire Insurance	585	Medical	1,938
Boat Insurance	404	Educational	2,000
Overseas Travel	4,470	Territory of New Guinea—	
Station Maintenance, District	77	Medical	2,395
District Travelling	4,649	Educational	2,394
Medical	4,908	Meteorological Supervision	100
Survey Fees	40		
Planters' Association Fees	5	Sales of Produce:	
Boat Clearances	7	Roviana Circuit	49
Interest to Trust Funds	19	Vella Lavella Circuit	492
Stock Written Off	203	Choiseul Circuit	261
		Teop Circuit	285
		Buka Circuit	182
		Goldie College	1,843
	46,429		
		Sundry Income:	
Less reduction to N.Z. currency	5,731	Donation	10
		Dental Fees	26
		Aviation Fuel Service	315
		Interest on Bank Accounts	84
		Boat Freights	168
	40,698	Less reduction to N.Z. currency	
			603
			24,542
			4,750
			19,792

Papua New Guinea Highlands Expenses:

Stipends and Allowances	1,727	
Superannuation and Retiring Funds	98	
Overseas Travelling	286	
Freight	278	
District General Expenditure (N.Z. share) ..	595	
		2,984

New Zealand Working Expenses:**General Administration:**

General Secretary's Stipend and Allowances	722	
General Secretary's House Expenses	125	
General Secretary's Travelling and Car Expenses	175	
Connexional Charges	122	
Office Salaries	592	
Treasurer's Expenses	23	
Office Rent	202	
Printing and Stationery	133	
Office Equipment	50	
General Office Expenses	179	
Audit Fee	26	
Legal Expenses	17	
Telephones	81	
Travelling, Annual Meeting	63	
Staff Superannuation	19	
		2,529

Publicity and Deputation:

Annual Reports	111	
Folders, handbills, film expenses etc.	194	
Travelling	34	
Subsidy, "Open Door" and "Lotu"	97	
		436

Miscellaneous:

Deaconess Institution	25	
Trinity College	75	
Interest on Loan	7	
"Methodist Times" grant	20	
Contribution, COMICA	27	
Sundry Expenses	60	
		214

Depreciation:

Projector	60	
Car (8 months)	60	
		120
Balance, carried to Accumulated Fund		3,624

£50,605

Papua New Guinea Highlands:

Government Grant, Medical	147	
Interest on Appeal Fund Account	267	
		414
Leper Income transferred		1,167
Medical Income transferred		1,152

New Zealand Contributions:

Circuits	23,127	
Native Teachers	143	
Adoption of Leper Patients	341	
		23,611
Methodist Women's Missionary Union		3,600
Interest		803
Sundry		66

£50,605

General Circuit Expenses	80
Kawhai Circuit—	
Travelling	60
Deaconess—	
Stipend	458
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	426
Prov. for Car	110
Connexional Charges (One Minister)	60
Investment Funds Board—Rent for	
Parsonages—	
Te Kuiti	150
Kawhia	75
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	£3,091

European Work

Coromandel (Present appointment)	15
Hauraki Plains M.O.M.	150
Kawerau Trav. and Student Supply	100
Putaruru M.O.M. and M.P.	250
E.W.B.	50
Opoitiki M.O.M.	85
Rotorua—For Taupo M.H.M.	475
Huntly M.O.M.	75
Te Kuiti M.O.M.—	
Travelling	70
Taumarunui M.O.M.	90
Ngaruawahia—	
Travelling	50
Kawhia—	
Special Travelling	45
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	£1,445

TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister (Missionary in Maori Work)—	
Stipend	705
Travelling	175
Minister—	
Stipend	705
Travelling	175
Rent N.P.	125
General Circuit Expenses	100
Connexional Charges (Two Ministers)	120
Deaconess—	
Stipend	531
Prov. for Car	110
Deaconess—	
Stipend	531
Prov. for Car	110
Investment Funds Board—Rent for	
Parsonage—	
Hawera	150
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	£3,537

European Work

Marton M.O.M.	40
Inglewood M.O.M.	60
E.W.B.	40
Taihape M.P.	50
Raetihi—Ohakune Student Supply ..	100
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	£290

HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Wairoa M.O.M.	50
Travelling	40
Apiti M.O.M.	120
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	£210

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Porirua	150
Paraparaumu M.O.M.	125
Upper Hutt 2nd Agent (Deaconess) ..	160
E.W.B.	40
	<hr/>
	£475

NELSON DISTRICT

Hokitika M.P.	25
E.W.B.	25
	<hr/>
	£50

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Springton M.H.M.P.	140
Woolston-Lyttelton 3 M.O.M.s	100
E.W.B.	50
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	£290

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Waikouaiti - Palmerston M.H.M.P. ..	100
Cromwell-Alexandra M.O.M.	30
E.W.B.	30
Travelling	50
Roxburgh M.O.M.	70
Travelling	30
Port Chalmers M.H.M.	75
Travelling	30
Dunedin North	75
Dunedin South 3rd Agent S.H.M.P. ..	120
Western Southland 2 M.P.s	100
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	£710

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

Maori Work

South Island Deaconess—	
Honorary	52
Expense Allice.	26
Subsidy Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	200
National Council of Churches Maori	
Section	48
Contingencies	100
Deaconess Car Depreciation	100
Workers' Conference	100
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	£626

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Spiritual Advance Committee	25
Board of Publications	55
Deaconess Institution	100
Trinity College Council	150
Church Sites Fund	150
Methodist Ecumenical Travel Fund ..	25
Methodist Social Service Association	10
Colporteur Society—Otago-Southland	12½
Picture Department—Plant	75
Home Missionaries' Study Conference	75
Wesley Circulating Library	25
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	£702½

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

Home Mission Deputation Expenses ..	400
Deputation—Visual Supplies	50
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	
Estimate	150
Deaconess Student Allowances	75
Workers' Compensation Insurance —	
Staff	40

Printing and Stationery	400
Methodist Times Advertising	12½
Ministerial Supplies	109
Share of Lotu Printing	100
Interest and Bank Charges	100
Contingencies and Sundries	500
Deaconess Retiring Fund Estimate ..	350

£2,277½

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	705
General Allowance	50
Travelling	175

£930

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	705
General Allowance	50
Travelling	175

£930

EUROPEAN MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

See under Taranaki Maori Circuit

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES

Two Ministers	250
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INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Rent two Parsonages	300
	£550

OFFICE EXPENSES

Bookkeeping	190
Secretarial—Wages, etc.	425
Office Rent	200
Lights, Postages, and Sundries ..	175
Telephones and Tolls	100

£1,090

GRAND TOTAL:—

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE £32,055

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1960

INCOME

Circuits and H.M. Station	19928
Properties and Investments	2000
M.W.M.U. Sisters' Salaries	3700
M.W.M.U. Smethurst Interest	130
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	305
Miscellaneous	300

EXPENDITURE

Maori Work—

Northland	2992
Auckland	3632
Waikato	6617
King Country	3091
Taranaki	3537
General	626
	20,495

European Work—

Northland	775
Auckland	825
South Auckland	1455
Taranaki-Wanganui	290
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	210
Wellington	475
Nelson	50
North Canterbury	290
Otago-Southland	710
	5080
Miscellaneous Grants	702½
Miscellaneous Expenditure	2277½
Superintendents	2410
Office Expenses, etc.	1090
	11,560
	£32,055

Estimated deficit on 1960 year's working	5692
	£32,055

NOTE:

The Debit Balance in the Home Mission Fund at 31st July, 1959, was £4,647.

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1959

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																YOUTH												PASTORAL CARE		STIPENDS, Etc.								State of Finances as at 30th June																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
									Members as at 30th June last year.	No. Recd. during year			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	Sunday School					Bible Classes							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	Circuit		Trust Account Totals																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
										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							No. on Cradle Roll	No. of 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.	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																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
NORTHLAND	36	48	21	11	13	1	..	48	1380	28	33	46	12	72	13	1390	10	1380	178	287	521	404	300	146	72	81	25	32	34	24	22	7	2207	6788	7450	18	0	69	18	0	2417	14	1	4	8	579	9	9	344	11	4	1386	19	2	1261	16	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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SOUTH AUCKLAND ..	54	68	35	29	32	6	..	62	3653	99	112	189	51	193	50	3759	106	..	19	3683	547	1046	1377	1091	773	335	252	256	117	146	85	70	55	34	5231	15854	19247	0	0	144	10	0	4229	0	5	5	27	4764	19	8	1230	5	9	6143	19	1	16163	7	2																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	40	20	22	17	17	4	..	59	2421	72	42	117	46	156	35	2415	..	6	..	2068	281	710	822	686	527	214	150	134	55	67	50	47	29	18	3408	11071	10184	11	2	1962	17	9	3	11	2603	3	9	241	12	5	6646	1	10	157	15	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	43	13	23	17	17	5	2	74	3060	87	100	158	49	155	20	3181	121	2694	288	754	1084	884	628	274	178	207	72	97	82	76	39	31	4403	13801	11508	6	11	12	0	0	2548	15	2	3	16	3562	0	5	6	12	4	2926	5	7	6687	7	4																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
WELLINGTON	47	21	37	26	31	..	2	71	3527	76	140	285	54	295	56	3623	96	3317	441	1159	1256	1103	878	358	233	294	135	149	134	91	61	49	5282	16530	17169	0	0	72	0	0	2935	0	0	5	19	4385	4	11	1025	8	0	13939	16	2	8280	5	2																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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NORTH CANTERBURY ..	61	15	47	31	40	1	5	84	4344	135	131	240	84	245	55	4466	122	..	57	4071	415	1022	1506	1465	1092	466	287	296	165	178	168	123	70	56	6463	18413	17396	11	10	125	16	8	2932	9	0	..	29	1647	19	6	275	6	5	9884	17	10	995	5	7																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
SOUTH CANTERBURY ..	23	11	13	10	9	29	1583	31	21	48	18	77	19	1569	..	14	..	1270	101	288	393	360	321	127	60	88	50	51	38	19	19	14	1716	5250	5733	13	2	20	0	0	1511	0	0	..	9	825	1	2	11	18	0	2344	17	9	2003	18	10																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND ..	50	15	27	25	21	2	..	58	2687	55	77	140	50	122	51	2736	49	..	19	2480	272	796	971	727	580	286	132	175	64	83	62	67	45	27	4165	11007	14066	0	9	54	0	0	2353	15	1	..	23	2603	9	2	854	18	11	3653	1	7	2214	17	8																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
TOTALS FOR 1959 ..	449	281	294	214	259	30	11	664	29869	840	1001	1716	484	1843	443	30656	787	20	106	28085	3263	7970	10747	9036	6777	2957	1766	2102	963	1058	845	700	450	320	43670	132345	132606	16	1	636	4	8	27030	9	8	24	187	31598	13	5	6713	8	9	57982	12	10	48627	9	5																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
TOTALS FOR 1958 ..	445	285	291	212	246	36	10	699	28985	828	992	1595	437	1681	413	29869	884	..	114	26536	3004	7570	10762	9779	6886	2978	1644	2054	937	1158	725	623	440	281	43676	123589	123033	18	1	740	3	0	23002	13	2	22	176	23853	11	3	5584	10	0	51480	10	0	31139	19	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
INCREASES	4	..	3	2	13	..	1	..	884	12	9	121	47	162	30	787	1549	259	400	122	48	26	..	120	77	10	39	..	8747	9572	18	0	4027	16	6	2	11	7745	2	2	1128	18	9	6502	2	10	17487	10	5																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
DECREASES	4	6	..	35	97	..	8	15	743	109	21	100	6	103	18	4

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1959.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

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	Communicants			No. of Baptisms
										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								
Mangonui	4	1	2	1	1	-	-	5	110	8	5	5	1	3	1	124	14	-	-	94	10	163	464
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands ..	5	12	1	3	4	-	-	4	185	1	4	2	2	5	5	180	-	5	-	230	37	410	1435
North Hokianga	3	6	2	1	1	-	-	1	68	1	1	2	-	7	-	65	-	3	-	60	8	100	300
Hokianga	3	3	3	1	1	-	-	4	64	3	10	1	-	2	-	76	12	-	-	115	5	151	505
Hikurangi	1	5	1	-	1	-	-	2	51	2	-	3	1	3	-	52	1	-	-	30	15	140	310
Whangarei	4	4	3	1	1	-	-	12	308	-	2	11	5	20	-	296	-	12	-	250	35	390	1121
Dargaville	3	6	4	1	1	-	-	10	231	5	10	17	2	10	1	250	19	-	-	275	37	226	762
Ruawai	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	4	104	3	-	3	1	8	-	101	-	3	-	100	7	137	514
Paparoa	4	5	1	1	1	-	-	2	104	5	-	5	1	4	6	103	-	1	-	76	4	160	587
Port Albert	7	4	4	1	1	1	-	4	152	-	1	-	-	10	-	143	-	9	-	150	20	200	800
TOTALS ..	36	48	21	11	13	1	-	48	1377	28	33	49	12	72	13	1390	13	33	-	1380	178	2077	6798

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central	..	5	-	5	6	10	-	1	9	574	13	36	34	11	63	23	560	-	14	-	480	50	699	1971
Central Mission	..	1	1	1	2	3	-	1	5	216	2	10	-	5	5	2	215	-	1	6	235	9	197	748
Auckland South	..	5	1	3	2	4	1	-	11	464	25	31	32	8	36	5	503	39	-	16	563	83	723	2011
Auckland West	..	2	-	3	2	1	-	-	2	115	-	7	7	2	16	2	109	-	6	-	103	22	300	780
Auckland East	..	10	-	5	6	10	1	-	19	943	29	35	86	18	55	20	1000	57	-	13	866	61	1157	2798
Avondale	..	4	3	4	2	7	-	-	12	429	14	26	17	12	36	3	435	6	-	-	400	36	572	1631
Henderson	..	4	7	4	2	4	2	-	9	271	4	36	27	1	10	10	317	46	-	6	334	59	798	2590
Devonport	..	3	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	162	4	4	2	3	30	1	138	-	24	-	120	14	200	600
Takapuna	..	5	-	3	2	8	2	-	16	451	19	17	8	4	10	11	470	19	-	-	450	63	645	1929
Birkenhead	..	4	2	3	1	1	1	-	6	328	7	3	18	7	5	1	343	15	-	24	330	28	590	1800
Onehunga	..	5	-	6	1	1	1	-	6	264	10	11	14	3	16	6	274	10	-	15	307	32	604	2416
Otahuhu	..	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	111	12	22	5	-	5	3	142	31	-	-	150	22	150	300
Papatoetoe	..	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	9	283	17	5	7	3	7	-	302	19	-	-	250	22	457	1600
Papakura	..	3	1	2	1	2	-	-	3	235	5	4	7	3	6	2	240	5	-	21	240	28	316	950
Pukekohe	..	5	3	2	1	2	-	-	7	235	9	-	18	4	20	2	236	1	-	-	225	23	245	630
Bombay-Tuakau	..	3	4	-	1	1	-	-	4	108	9	6	5	3	5	3	117	9	-	-	130	9	185	647
Waiuku	..	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	4	135	7	10	2	4	6	-	144	9	-	7	120	13	178	562
Mahurangi	..	2	8	1	1	2	-	-	3	108	11	1	5	1	5	5	114	6	-	10	110	16	145	410
North Waitemata	..	5	12	3	2	2	-	-	9	139	6	7	8	2	4	4	150	11	-	-	180	20	249	650
TOTALS	..	71	47	52	36	64	8	2	137	5571	203	271	302	94	340	103	5809	283	45	118	5593	610	8410	26023

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	136	7	3	5	5	3	-	143	7	-	-	250	18	210	560
Hauraki Plains ..	3	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	57	6	2	-	-	1	1	63	6	-	-	85	11	68	249
Paeroa ..	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	62	-	-	3	1	5	1	58	-	4	-	40	16	80	186
Waihi ..	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	2	90	-	4	2	1	-	-	95	5	-	6	75	13	147	514
Te Aroha ..	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	2	225	6	6	10	4	12	3	228	3	-	-	205	32	212	680
Morrinsville ..	3	4	3	2	1	-	-	6	278	6	7	8	5	21	1	272	-	6	-	250	54	413	1355
Cambridge ..	3	2	2	1	2	-	-	7	174	-	4	2	5	8	5	162	-	12	-	120	9	190	480
Hamilton ..	6	2	4	3	5	1	-	11	566	12	34	42	7	32	11	604	38	-	-	735	85	936	3288
Hamilton East ..	3	3	4	1	1	-	-	8	271	6	6	15	4	13	5	276	5	-	-	300	30	288	937
Huntly ..	1	6	-	1	1	-	-	1	83	-	-	3	-	-	-	86	3	-	-	80	17	193	500
Matamata ..	3	4	2	1	1	-	-	3	196	5	6	7	-	4	-	210	14	-	-	190	33	256	830
Putaruru-Tokoroa ..	1	3	1	2	2	-	-	2	100	-	1	8	-	7	-	102	2	-	-	89	24	246	675
Rotorua ..	3	2	1	1	1	2	-	7	195	13	11	10	2	14	2	211	16	-	-	184	29	241	720
Tauranga ..	4	5	1	3	5	-	-	13	368	-	1	34	6	22	5	370	2	-	-	370	45	540	1558
Whakatane ..	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	90	-	8	1	1	8	-	90	-	-	-	80	16	154	437
Opotiki ..	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	60	2	4	3	-	3	2	64	4	-	-	52	17	90	287
Te Awamutu ..	2	4	3	1	1	-	-	2	243	19	4	13	4	7	2	266	23	-	-	275	11	272	870
Otorohanga ..	1	6	1	1	1	-	-	2	108	4	3	-	1	3	2	109	1	-	-	58	8	95	370
Te Kuiti ..	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	69	4	-	7	-	9	-	71	2	-	-	30	23	150	320
Taumarunui ..	1	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	64	-	-	5	1	6	-	62	-	2	3	40	16	150	625
Kawarau ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	5	-	3	2	13	-	-	8	12	2	48	181
Ohura ..	3	5	1	-	1	-	-	1	49	-	1	-	2	3	-	45	-	4	2	60	7	105	330
Ngaruawahia ..	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	47	4	2	6	-	3	-	56	9	-	-	60	6	92	310
Kawhia ..	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	2	4	8	10	-	14	-	16	8	24	68
Coromandel ..	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	2	-	25	-	2	-	27	3	31	74
Raglan Union ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	5	5	-	-	-	-	68	10	-	-	-	14	-	450
TOTALS ..	54	68	35	29	32	6	-	62	3653	99	112	189	51	193	50	3759	150	44	19	3683	547	5231	15854

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	..	6	3	5	3	5	1	-14	601	11	2	31	21	24	20	580	-	21	-	465	40	850	2900	
Waitara	..	3	2	1	1	1	-	3	102	-	-	9	2	7	-	102	-	-	-	120	22	280	862	
Stratford	..	7	-	1	1	1	-	4	188	4	2	2	2	14	-	180	-	8	-	205	20	200	1105	
Eltham-Kaponga	..	2	3	1	1	1	-	7	130	6	3	8	3	7	-	137	7	-	-	100	12	130	471	
Hawera	..	4	-	1	1	1	-	6	236	14	13	16	4	14	5	256	20	-	-	212	27	304	1064	
Manaiā	..	2	3	1	1	1	-	3	96	6	2	1	1	6	1	97	1	-	-	85	29	145	470	
Opunake	..	6	1	5	2	1	1	-	6	218	4	1	8	2	11	-	218	-	-	-	148	36	340	1304
Wanganui Central	..	1	-	1	1	2	-	3	276	3	1	19	6	24	1	268	-	8	-	290	25	273	700	
Wanganui North	..	2	2	2	2	1	-	9	161	6	4	4	1	15	1	158	-	3	-	175	13	210	565	
Wanganui West	..	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	115	1	7	5	1	9	3	115	-	-	-	90	9	205	560	
Taihape	..	1	4	1	1	1	-	-	45	-	1	3	-	2	-	47	2	-	-	30	1	75	200	
Raetihi-Ohakune	..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	4	1	-	1	-	4	32	-	-	-	23	7	36	110	
Marton	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	83	5	3	7	-	6	-	92	9	-	-	90	6	120	360	
Inglewood	..	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	138	8	2	4	2	17	-	133	-	5	-	35	34	240	400	
TOTALS	..	40	20	22	17	17	4	-59	2421	72	42	117	46	156	35	2415	39	45	-	2068	281	3408	11071	

GENERAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959

NELSON DISTRICT.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CIRCUITS										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			
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No Members on 30th June last year	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							No. of Families	No. of People		
Nelson	2	1	3	2	3	1	-	13	342	18	26	136	9	24	9	480	138	-	-	-	438	44	706	2263	
Waimea	6	-	2	1	1	-	-	5	286	2	2	6	4	107	14	171	-	115	-	-	-	150	7	242	724
Motueka	2	3	3	1	1	1	-	7	130	2	-	3	1	6	3	125	-	5	-	-	-	110	14	160	500
Murchison	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	5	-	-	25	1	64	226
Blenheim	7	9	5	4	6	-	-	13	453	9	9	17	7	8	7	466	13	-	-	-	-	417	28	622	2137
Reefton	2	2	1	1	1	1	-	1	76	4	4	1	1	9	-	75	-	1	-	-	-	65	6	125	402
Westport	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	93	1	5	7	3	14	2	87	-	6	6	-	-	69	7	195	573
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	-	-	3	191	14	17	19	-	15	5	221	30	-	-	-	-	195	21	196	573
Hokitika	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	50	4	11	2	1	5	-	61	11	-	-	-	-	60	2	75	210
TOTALS	24	23	17	12	15	3	-	42	1642	54	74	191	26	188	40	1707	192	127	11	-	-	1529	130	2385	7608

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	7	-	1	11	630	19	21	41	10	36	8	657	27	-	28	-	640	31	726	1965
Central Mission & Cambridge Tce. Church	1	1	3	3	2	-	2	4	146	1	3	4	3	5	1	145	-	1	-	-	110	7	210	600
Christchurch East	8	1	7	5	8	-	-	11	711	51	30	33	11	53	2	759	48	-	-	-	800	88	1347	3784
Woolston-Lyttleton	6	3	6	3	4	-	-	4	350	1	7	17	10	22	5	338	-	12	19	-	379	64	686	1863
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1	-	-	5	206	-	-	9	4	10	2	199	-	7	-	-	190	17	218	528
Addington	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	5	156	4	2	-	3	2	11	146	-	10	6	-	160	6	150	400
Riccarton	5	1	4	1	2	-	-	2	253	13	13	37	6	19	3	288	35	-	-	-	275	45	650	1750
St. Albans	3	1	4	3	5	-	-	11	599	27	17	47	9	37	13	631	32	-	-	-	510	34	869	2562
Papanui	3	1	2	2	1	-	2	4	210	5	11	23	2	21	1	225	15	-	-	-	210	45	400	1200
Springston	7	-	3	2	2	1	-	6	150	-	1	2	3	6	2	142	-	8	-	-	125	22	246	700
Leeston	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	4	207	-	3	9	4	4	-	211	4	-	-	-	110	6	130	420
Kaiapoi	5	-	2	2	1	-	-	2	164	4	10	4	5	1	1	175	11	-	-	-	100	14	200	600
Rangiora	7	1	3	2	2	-	-	6	331	8	7	7	8	14	6	325	-	6	-	-	250	25	425	1300
Greendale	3	4	2	1	1	-	-	3	95	-	6	4	2	3	-	100	5	-	4	-	95	8	96	326
Oxford	4	-	3	1	1	-	-	6	138	2	-	3	4	12	-	127	-	11	-	-	177	3	110	415
TOTALS	61	15	47	31	40	1	5	84	4344	135	131	240	84	245	55	4466	177	55	57	-	4071	415	6463	18413

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.)	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	204	7	2	3	3	9	4	200	-	4	-	-	170	12	210	610
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	4	1	3	1	1	-	-	5	279	5	-	10	1	14	-	279	-	-	-	-	250	13	334	1020
Marchwood Union Parish	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	51	2	8	2	-	2	-	61	10	-	-	-	61	7	103	410
Waimate	2	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	216	3	-	6	3	12	-	210	-	6	-	-	175	10	220	679
Geraldine	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	68	2	-	1	-	4	-	67	-	1	3	-	50	4	57	165
Temuka	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	-	4	1	-	1	-	71	4	-	4	-	45	1	66	177
Ashburton	4	4	3	2	1	-	-	14	420	6	4	9	5	14	6	414	-	6	-	-	300	34	467	1245
Willowby	6	2	2	2	1	-	-	7	112	-	3	9	2	14	2	106	-	6	-	-	79	13	88	260
Oamaru	3	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	166	6	-	7	4	7	7	161	-	5	8	-	140	7	171	684
TOTALS	23	11	13	10	9	-	-	29	1583	31	21	48	18	77	19	1569	14	28	15	-	1270	101	1716	5250

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)	2	2	2	3	2	-	-	9	264	3	7	9	7	10	-	266	2	-	-	-	375	24	516	1006
Dundas St.	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	128	-	1	6	3	2	3	127	-	1	-	-	120	7	182	445
Dunedin North	3	-	3	1	1	-	-	2	127	-	1	2	4	6	2	118	-	9	-	-	75	7	178	408
Dunedin South	4	-	4	2	2	-	-	11	275	10	9	12	5	8	4	289	14	-	-	-	300	28	470	1468
Corstorphine Union	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	14	1	1	6	-	-	-	22	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Kilda	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	3	194	6	1	15	2	16	1	197	3	-	-	-	179	21	277	836
Mornington	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	161	-	2	7	4	12	5	149	-	12	-	-	128	15	207	586
Roslyn	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	113	-	6	3	2	11	3	106	-	7	-	-	95	8	182	369
Port Chalmers	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	60	-	1	-	1	1	1	58	-	2	-	-	40	6	119	334
Mosgiel	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	55	1	-	13	1	5	1	62	7	-	-	-	59	4	125	350
Milton	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	47	-	3	4	4	2	6	42	-	5	7	-	45	2	63	170
Balclutha	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	4	140	7	7	4	5	3	2	148	8	-	-	-	86	23	172	455
Gore	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	96	5	3	5	-	-	1	108	12	-	-	-	70	10	120	480
Edendale	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	44	1	1	3	-	1	3	45	1	-	-	-	27	2	35	59
Invercargill Central	2	1	4	2	2	-	-	6	336	8	5	16	4	16	6	339	3	-	-	-	333	20	435	1130
Invercargill (St. Peters)	3	-	2	2	1	-	-	8	283	4	9	12	2	9	3	294	11	-	-	-	200	23	364	1000
Western Southland	7	2	2	1	1	-	-	4	126	9	13	17	2	10	5	148	22	-	4	-	160	37	290	925
Bluff	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	69	-	-	2	-	1	2	68	-	1	-	-	30	5	163	295
Roxburgh	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	53	-	-	-	1	3	1	48	-	5	-	-	50	6	70	116
Cromwell-Alexandra	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	49	-	6	4	1	4	1	53	4	-	4	-	50	16	122	391
Waikouraiti-Palmerston	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	31	-	1	-	1	1	-	30	-	1	-	-	38	1	50	110
Lawrence	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	1	1	1	19	-	3	4	-	20	7	25	74
TOTALS	50	15	27	25	21	2	-	58	2687	55	77	140	50	122	51	2736	95	46	19	-	2480	272	4165	11007

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1959

	Buka	Teop	Buin	Chois-eul	Vella Lavella	Rovi-ana	Total
Churches	34	31	83	36	28	50	262
Other Preaching Places	2	3	4	2	3	11	29
European Ministers ..	1	1	1	1	1	2	7
Doctor	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Sisters	4	2	4	3	2	3	18
Lay Missionaries ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Lay Workers	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Native Ministers ..	1	1	1	1	—	3	7
Native Agriculturalists..	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Catechists	4	5	8	6	6	8	37
Pastors	13	7	4	—	—	5	29
Pastor Teachers ..	23	14	74	38	37	39	225
Teachers	5	15	8	24	—	46	98
Medical Assistants ..	4	2	7	2	5	17	37
Local Preachers ..	14	15	18	25	37	104	213
Class Leaders	4	20	11	4	—	10	49
European Members ..	5	4	6	5	4	13	37
„ Youth Roll ..	5	—	1	2	2	14	24
„ Adherents ..	27	—	—	—	4	10	41
Native Members ..	1179	452	1443	1738	650	2628	7970
„ Youth Roll ..	699	397	1162	1770	1440	2876	8344
„ Adherents ..	434	997	1697	260	725	761	4874
Sunday Schools ..	23	14	36	30	28	48	179
S.S. Scholars	548	210	680	938	780	1747	4903
Day Schools	22	21	82	35	34	47	241
„ „ Teachers ..	45	39	96	62	62	91	396
„ „ Scholars ..	651	602	1078	1117	1030	2152	6630
Members and Adherents	2338	1850	4309	3775	2825	6242	21339

MAORI MISSION RETURN, 1959

	NORTHLAND	AUCKLAND	SOUTH AUCKLAND	KING COUNTRY	TARANAKI	TOTALS for 1959	TOTALS for 1958	INCREASES	DECREASES
General									
Number of Churches ..	10	3	..	1	1	15	17	..	2
Other Preaching Places ..	21	34	54	44	15	168	168	..	..
Parsonages	1	2	2	2	2	9	3	6	..
Ordained Ministers ..	1	2	..	1	2	6	7	..	1
Home Missionaries ..	7	3	3	1	..	14	9	5	..
Hon. Home Missionaries ..	..	..	10	7	1	18	21	..	3
Deaconesses	3	5	4	2	3	17	16	1	..
Local Preachers	3	2	5	2	..	12	10	2	..
Membership									
No. of Senior Members ..	525	5156	1578	922	713	8894	8786	108	..
No. of Junior Members ..	654	1079*	1773	1298	870	5674	5785	..	111
Pastoral Care									
No. of Families	231	1512	761	418	421	3343	3295	48	..
No. of Persons	1195	3500*	3403	2381	1698	15520	11164	4356	..
Youth									
No. of Sunday Schools ..	35	30	79	30	20	194	183	11	..
No. of S.S. Scholars ..	599	650	947	506	415	3117	2959	158	..
No. of Bible Classes ..	5	6	17	4	8	40	37	3	..
No. of B.C. Members ..	72	126	128	32	98	456	400	56	..

*N.B.—These numbers are estimates only.

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959

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	638 0 0		181 11 8	C		441 1 3		137 3 2	
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	643 6 8	12 10 0	258 7 4	M			62 14 8	209 14 4	3 14 6
	556 1 8	12 10 0	292 9 1	C					
	205 0 0		41 6 6	M					
North Hokianga ..	642 6 8		250 0 0	C			26 0 4	53 17 9½	
Hokianga	426 19 0		270 0 0	C		1 0 2		99 15 2	1256 17 3
	132 0 0								
Hikurangi	556 1 8		149 18 5	M			255 16 4		
Whangarei	642 6 8	39 18 0	154 5 11	M		1 7		57 5 0	
Dargaville	643 6 8		253 15 0	M		61 12 1		81 17 8	
Ruawai	641 13 4		248 12 2	M		28 16 2		363 14 0	
Paparoa	643 6 8		217 10 0	M		6 3 4		118 9 4	1 4 3
Port Albert	655 0 0		220 0 0	M		40 15 2		265 2 9	
	425 0 0		80 0 0						
TOTALS	7450 9 0	69 18 0	2417 14 1			579 9 9	344 11 4	1386 19 2½	1261 16 0

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Auckland Central ..	682 10 0	25 0 0	150 0 0	M		314 10 4		898 4 2	1571 14 1
	643 6 8		100 0 0	M					
	643 6 8		100 0 0	M					
Central Mission ..	750 0 0		All Exp.	M		16 15 6			
Auckland South ..	655 0 0		75 0 0	C					
	655 0 0		75 0 0	M					
	655 0 0		75 0 0	M					
	529 0 0		50 0 0	M			940 7 2	617 16 10	864 7 4
Auckland West ..	634 11 7		106 12 6	M			8 10 10		1860 12 5
Auckland East ..	670 0 0	5 0 0	108 0 0	M					
	655 0 0	5 0 0	98 0 0	M					
	655 0 0	5 0 0	98 0 0	M					
	655 0 0	5 0 0	98 0 0	M					
	655 0 0	5 0 0	98 0 0	M					
	529 0 0	5 0 0	108 0 0	M		3183 19 6		2462 19 11	
Avondale	655 0 0		120 0 0	M					
	566 0 0		78 0 0	M					
			156 0 0			735 19 0		785 0 0	
Henderson	641 13 4		180 0 0	M					
	518 6 8		125 0 0	M					
	13 0 0		25 0 0	M					
	220 0 0		100 0 0	M			1104 2 1	52 9 9	368 4 7
Devonport	650 0 0		80 0 0	M		95 3 4		275 8 11	
Takapuna	655 0 0	26 0 0	180 0 0	M					
	655 0 0	10 0 0	156 0 0	M		202 19 3		647 8 8	985 9 10
Birkenhead	655 0 0		162 0 0	M					
	529 0 0		135 0 0	M		717 9 1		270 12 0	2391 3 9
Onehunga	643 6 8		120 0 0	M					
	556 1 8		120 0 0	M		198 2 0		151 15 0	2800 15 6
Otahuhu	655 0 0		75 0 0			94 10 0		63 13 0	
Papatoetoe	655 0 0		125 0 0	M			127 3 9	36 14 0	350 0 0
Papakura	655 0 0		140 0 0	M					
	492 0 0		24 0 0	M		2859 2 6		1938 9 8	
Pukekohe	685 0 0		275 8 1	M		1154 16 5		246 18 4	
Bombay-Tuakau ..	556 1 8	15 0 0	250 0 0	M			220 4 4	165 6 8	
Waiuku	700 0 0	6 0 0	235 4 8	C		140 3 7			468 9 5
Mahurangi	643 6 8		174 15 0	M		71 11 5		2 4 0	113 0 4
North Waitemata ..	643 0 0		166 0 0	M			282 10 6	137 6 2	1035 9 2
	320 0 0		99 0 0	M					
	205 0 0		75 0 0	M					
TOTALS						9785 1 11	2682 18 8	8752 7 1	10809 6 5

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	655 0 0		104 0 0	M			93 8 11	104 19 1	1581 15 11
Hauraki Plains ..	655 0 0		113 0 0	M			77 13 9	823 10 3	2262 15 9
Paeroa	635 0 0		32 0 0	M		42 1 9		7 12 9	
Waihi	655 0 0		182 0 0	M		268 0 9			
Te Aroha	655 0 0		220 0 0	M		325 0 0		236 6 6	
Morrinsville	662 0 0	50 0 0	234 0 0	M		1267 0 6		1919 14 7	
Cambridge	655 0 0		144 0 0	M		276 4 1		198 14 5	
Hamilton	667 0 0	15 0 0	120 0 0	M		410 4 1		1230 1 10	
	655 0 0	15 0 0	85 0 0	C					
	655 0 0	15 0 0	70 0 0	M					
	520 0 0			M					
Hamilton East ..	669 0 0		86 0 0	C		144 2 0		783 15 2	113 10 9
Huntly	655 0 0			C			2 5 3	1 9 4	1738 14 0
Matamata	755 0 0		272 0 0	M		813 10 0		44 11 1	6269 14 2
Putaruru-Tokoroa ..	655 0 0		120 0 0	M			449 2 9	21 15 8	
	516 0 0		120 0 0	M					
Rotorua	655 0 0	12 0 0	240 0 0	M		218 5 5			2239 18 10
	566 0 0		75 0 0	M					
	300 0 0		168 0 0	M					
Tauranga	655 0 0	25 0 0	128 0 0	M			6 7 7	319 19 5	40 15 6
	655 0 0		126 0 0	M					
	492 0 0		45 0 0	M					
Whakatane	655 0 0		41 0 0	M		110 12 1		1 9 5	
Opotiki	593 0 0		125 0 0	M		3 15 6		164 18 0	
Te Awamutu	655 0 0		223 0 0	M		450 1 5		22 10 0	
Otorohanga	655 0 0		93 0 0	C		40 6 5			1912 3 6
Te Kuiti	655 0 0		120 0 0	M			505 16 9	37 11 0	
Taumarunui	655 0 0	12 10 0	119 0 0	M			87 13 0	15 0 0	
Kawarau			106 0 0	M		84 8 9			3 18 9
Ohura	492 0 0		246 0 0	C		205 11 0		56 12 4	
Ngaruawahia	570 0 0		190 0 0	M			7 17 9	136 15 4	
Kawhia						86 16 10			
Coromandel						18 19 1		16 12 11	
Raglan Union	675 0 0		282 0 0	M					
TOTALS	19247 0 0	144 10 0	4229 0 0			4764 19 8	1230 5 9	6143 19 1	16163 7 2

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	724 3 4		110 8 4	M			34 14 8	2476 13 5	114 0 11
	529 11 8		66 5 0	M					
	670 12 6		100 0 0	M					
Waitara	655 0 0		200 0 0	M			146 7 5	117 8 0	
Stratford	643 6 8		180 4 5	M		3 12 5		444 10 7	
Eltham-Kaponga ..	648 0 0		186 0 0	M		959 14 1		608 17 0	43 14 1
Hawera	662 13 4		156 0 0	M		34 14 4		568 9 6	
Manaia	643 14 0		168 0 0	M			60 10 4	52 8 2	
Opunake	643 6 8		102 4 9	C		201 18 0		336 15 8	
	581 10 0		179 2 7	C					
Wanganui Central ..	720 0 0		108 0 0	M		785 6 10		1403 9 9	
Wanganui North ..	643 4 8		64 0 0	M		66 4 0		204 9 5	
Wanganui West ..	655 0 0		42 0 0	M		154 4 8		265 15 7	
Taihape	527 15 0		39 13 0	L/C		82 8 2		66 14 4	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..						275 19 6		55 12 1	
Marton	641 13 4		25 0 0			18 15 8		31 8 2	
Inglewood	595 0 0		235 6 8	C		20 7 1		17 10 4	
TOTALS	10184 11 2		1962 14 9			2603 3 9	241 12 5	6646 1 10	157 15 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	680 0 0	6 0 0	132 0 0	M		197 18 6		41 5 11	1605 17 11
	655 0 0	6 0 0	42 0 0	C					
Hastings	687 0 0		156 0 0	M		268 0 0		289 15 8	
	655 0 0		104 0 0	M					
Gisborne	655 0 0		187 0 7	M		823 2 7			4220 6 1
Wairoa	662 14 9		86 12 4	M		1 14 8		8 10 11	
Dannevirke	655 0 0					102 6 8		102 6 8	
Woodville	592 0 0			C		158 3 6			816 6 9
Pahiatua	643 13 4		184 17 3	M			6 12 4	125 8 2	
St. Pauls (Palm. N.) ..	700 0 0		160 0 0	M		701 6 8		76 4 5	
	130 0 0		70 0 0	M					
Trinity (Palm. N.) ..	755 0 0		205 0 0	M		34 4 3		327 14 4	
	655 0 0		156 0 0	M		47 2 8		265 1 3	

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1959.
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	STIPENDS, Etc.					STATE OF FINANCES at 30th June			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling additional to Annual Stipend)	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Car Ownership Circuit Minister		Circuit		Trust Account Totals	
						Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances excluding balances held for special purposes	Total Debit Balances
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	645 0 0	26 0 0	164 0 0	M		24 8 10		278 11 10	
	645 0 0		125 0 0	M					
	415 11 8		25 0 0	M					
Waimea	655 0 0		225 0 0	M		82 9 5		368 5 7	
Motueka	643 0 0		94 0 0	M		112 1 11		37 10 1	
Murchison			26 0 0			345 19 2		51 13 6	
Blenheim	668 6 8		100 3 3	C			39 16 11	656 10 6	39 15 11
	643 6 8		138 7 2	C					
	205 0 0								
	66 13 4		39 3 6	M					
Reefton	566 0 0		110 0 0	M		42 1 6		348 17 8	
Westport	643 6 8		87 4 0	M		170 19 10		58 7 2	
Greymouth	655 0 0		210 0 0	M		4 15 7		39 2 1	13 14 4
Hokitika	566 0 0		80 0 0	M		59 6 11		465 8 4	
TOTALS	7017 11 8	26 0 0	1423 17 11			842 3 2	39 16 11	2304 6 9	53 10 3

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street ..	690 0 0	25 0 0	134 0 0	M	728 16 1		1059 16 10	
	655 0 0		134 0 0	M				
Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church	693 6 8		43 17 0	M		98 2 1	860 4 7	
Christchurch East ..	638 0 0		50 0 0	M	175 13 7		2242 15 7	
	638 0 0		50 0 0	M				
	638 0 0		50 0 0	M				
	638 0 0		50 0 0	M				
	638 0 0		50 0 0	M				
Woolston-Lyttelton ..	643 6 8	2 0 0	58 6 8	M		21 15 9	767 6 0	
	643 6 8		58 6 8	M				
	643 6 8		98 6 8	M				
Sydenham	643 6 8		110 0 0	M		99 5 8	426 11 5	
Addington	655 0 0	8 0 0	48 0 0	M	25 9 4		10 3 10	
Riccarton	638 6 8		125 0 0	M	62 2 1		280 6 6	703 11 3
	479 10 0		106 5 3	M				
		45 16 8	119 3 4	M				
St. Albans	668 0 0	15 0 0	80 0 0	M			690 6 11	170 18 10
	643 0 0	15 0 0	87 0 0	M				
	643 0 0	15 0 0	135 0 0	M				
Papanui	655 0 0		131 11 9	M	378 19 5		1280 18 3	
Springston	648 16 8		215 9 0	M			212 13 4	
	162 12 2		1 6 8	M				
Leeston	655 0 0		181 4 0	M	73 7 0		432 0 10	
Kaiapoi	655 0 0		120 0 0	M	140 0 0		766 6 3	
Rangiora	645 0 0		189 12 0	M		55 11 2	447 10 9	
	521 0 0		180 0 0	M				
Greendale	643 10 8		162 0 0	M	63 12 0		81 7 5	100 0 0
Oxford	643 15 8		164 0 0	M		11 9	326 9 4	20 15 6
TOTALS	17396 11 10	125 16 8	2932 9 0		1647 19 6	275 6 5	9884 17 10	995 5 7

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.) ..	700 0 0		120 0 0	M	394 4 7			23 19 6
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	655 0 0		110 0 0	M		11 18 0	92 10 10	
Marchweil Union Parish	655 0 0		130 0 0	M	235 0 0		329 0 0	
Waimate	655 0 0		137 0 0	M				547 13 10
Geraldine	639 0 0		236 0 0	M	24 3 11		104 13 10	
Temuka					28 5 7			13 12 9
Ashburton	658 6 8	10 0 0	131 0 0	M	82 6 0		1445 5 4	226 5 5
	525 6 8	10 0 0	277 0 0	M				
Willowby	643 6 8		270 0 0	M	30 2 5		188 11 6	
Oamaru	602 13 2		100 0 0	M	30 19 8		184 16 3	1192 7 4
TOTALS	5733 13 2	20 0 0	1511 0 0		825 1 2	11 18 0	2344 17 9	2003 18 10

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin) ..	803 6 8		110 0 0	M	522 5 2		1172 3 9	
	643 6 8		110 0 0	M				
Dundas Street ..	563 19 2		44 0 0	M	56 2 6		43 2 4	1294 14 10
Dunedin North ..	643 6 8		70 0 0	M		64 15 6	80 19 3	
Dunedin South ..	643 6 8		80 0 0	M	211 2 10		76 2 3	
	643 6 8		25 0 0	M				
			12 10 0					
St. Kilda	643 6 8		79 10 11	M	120 16 7		35 14 2	
	643 6 8		81 8 9	M				
Mornington	643 6 8		70 0 0	M		3 8 8	376 13 6	
Roslyn	643 6 8		60 0 0	M		35 0 11	37 12 8	
Port Chalmers ..	431 1 7		41 12 6	M	121 15 11		89 1 0	
Mosgiel	570 0 0		10 0 0		17 9 11		11 18 9	
Milton	643 6 8		56 7 2	M	75 4 5			29 5 11
Balclutha	643 6 8		97 1 6	M	88 18 1		19 11 5	21 1 2
Gore	643 6 8	9 0 0	100 0 0	M	94 18 0		3 16 3	554 8 10
Edendale			89 12 6	M		32 16 11	10 17 4	
Invercargill Central ..	643 6 8		112 0 0	M		711 0 6	88 19 10	
	643 6 8		41 0 0	M				
Invercargill, St. Peter's	643 6 8	45 0 0	75 0 0	M	479 2 6		515 8 3	
Western Southland ..	557 10 0		404 0 0	M	16 4		1416 3 11	315 6 11
Bluff	566 0 0		80 0 0	M	710 5 9		18 18 1	
Roxburgh	593 3 4		100 0 0	M	37 4 4		55 8 4	
Cromwell-Alexandra ..	643 6 8		188 9 9	M		7 16 5	4 0 0	
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	529 0 0		78 0 0	M	32 12 5		22 2 10	
Lawrence			145 2 0	M	34 14 5		74 7 8	
TOTALS	14066 0 9	54 0 0	2353 15 1		2603 9 2	854 18 11	3653 1 7	2214 17 8

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