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

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

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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MAY, 1962		MORNING	EVENING
2nd after Easter	6	Exodus 2 : 1-22 Acts 3 : 13-26	Amos 3 Luke 4 : 31-44
3rd after Easter (Home & Family Day)	13	Proverbs 9 : 1-10 Matthew 5 : 13-20	Proverbs 3 : 11-26 Luke 1 : 46-55
4th after Easter (Aldersgate Sunday)	20	Amos 4 : 4-13 John 3 : 1-17	Isaiah 52 : 1-2, 7-22 Romans 5 : 1-11
5th after Easter (Rogation Sunday)	27	Exodus 15 : 1-19 1 Cor. 15 : 1-11	Hosea 11 : 1-11 Luke 10 : 1-24

JUNE

Sunday after Ascension	3	Exodus 24 Acts 1 : 1-14	Isaiah 2 : 1-4 Acts 1 : 15-26
Whit Sunday	10	Joel 2 : 28-32 Acts 2 : 1-13	Isaiah 11 : 1-9 John 14 : 15-31a
Trinity Sunday	17	Isaiah 6 : 1-8 Matthew 28 : 16-20	Exodus 34 : 1-10 Revelation 4
1st after Trinity	24	Isaiah 5 : 11-24 Matthew 7 : 1-14	Exodus 34 : 29-35 Acts 9 : 1-22

JULY

2nd after Trinity	1	Isaiah 12 Matthew 7 : 15-29	Judges 14 : 1-19 Galations 1 : 11-24
3rd after Trinity	8	Isaiah 29 : 15-24 Matthew 9 : 1-17	Judges 16 : 16-30 Acts 14 : 8-18
4th after Trinity (Youth Day)	15	Prov. 3 : 1-7 ; 27-33 Matthew 19 : 13-30	1 Sam. 16 : 1-13 Mark 9 : 33-50

JULY

5th after Trinity	22	Jeremiah 18 : 1-10 Matthew 10 : 1-15	1 Sam. 8 : 1-22 Acts 17 : 16-34
6th after Trinity	29	Ezekiel 3 : 4-15 Matthew 10 : 24-42	1 Sam. 9 : 1-20a Acts 18 : 24-19 : 6

AUGUST

7th after Trinity	5	Ezekiel 3 : 16-21 Matthew 11 : 1-19	1 Samuel 12 Acts 19 : 23-41
8th after Trinity (Local Preachers' Sunday)	12	Ezekiel 18 : 1-4, 19-23 31-32 Matthew 12 : 1-21	1 Sam. 18 : 1-16 Acts 20 : 17-38
9th after Trinity	19	Ezekiel 34 : 1-16 Matthew 12 : 22-37	2 Sam. 1 : 1-16 1 Cor. 1 : 1-17
10th after Trinity	26	Isaiah 42 : 1-9 Matthew 12 : 38-50	2 Sam. 1 : 17-27 1 Corinthians 3

SEPTEMBER		MORNING	EVENING
11th after Trinity	2	Isaiah 42 : 10-17 Matthew 14 : 1-21	2 Sam. 12 : 1-7a 1 Cor. 12 : 1-11
12th after Trinity	9	Isaiah 44 : 6-20 Matthew 14 : 22-36	2 Sam. 18 : 1-17 1 Cor. 12 : 12-13 : 1
13th after Trinity	16	Isaiah 45 : 1-13 Matthew 15 : 1-20	2 Sam. 18 : 19-33 1 Cor. 15 : 35-58
14th after Trinity (Temperance Sunday)	23	Isaiah 5 : 11-12; 18-24 Romans 13 : 1-14	Jeremiah 35 : 1-10 Mark 9 : 38-50
15th after Trinity	30	Isaiah 57 : 15-21 Matthew 17 : 1-13	1 Kings 8 : 54-62 2 Cor. 11 : 16-31

OCTOBER

16th after Trinity (World Communion)	7	Isaiah 65 : 17-25 Matthew 17 : 14-23	1 Kings 10 : 1-13 2 Cor. 12 : 1-10
17th after Trinity	14	Zechariah 8 : 1-8 Matthew 18 : 15-35	1 Kings 12 : 1-15 Galations 5 : 16-6 :5
18th after Trinity (Industrial Sunday)*	21	Nehemiah 2 : 1-11, Luke 4 : 14-22 [17-18	Psalms 15 James 2 : 12-26

*The **Social Creed** should be read on this Sunday. (See **Minutes, 1952**, p. 73).

19th after Trinity	28	Malachi 3 : 13-4 : 3 Matthew 20 : 17-34	1 Kings 18 : 20-39 Romans 8 : 26-39
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NOVEMBER

20th after Trinity	4	Proverbs 1 : 1-19 Matthew 21 : 18-32	1 Kings 21 : 1-20 Romans 10 : 1-15
21st after Trinity (Remembrance Day)	11	2 Sam. 23 : 8-17 Matthew 5 : 1-16	Passage No. 73 Revelation 7 : 9-17
22nd after Trinity	18	Proverbs 2 : 1-22 Matthew 22 : 1-22	2 Kings 20 : 1-11 Colossians 3 : 1-11
23rd after Trinity (Next before Advent)	25	Haggai 2 : 1-9 Matthew 24 : 32-51	Ecclesiastes 12 : 1-8 2 Corinthians 4

DECEMBER

1st in Advent	2	Jeremiah 23 : 1-8 Luke 7 : 18-35	Isaiah 32 : 1-8 Revelation 1 : 1-8
2nd in Advent	9	Psalms 119 : 97-112 John 5 : 30-47	2 Kings 22 : 8-20 2 Cor. 3 : 1-11
3rd in Advent	16	Daniel 7 : 9-14 Matthew 25 : 31-46	Jeremiah 24 1 Peter 4 : 12-19
4th in Advent	23	Isaiah 42 : 1-9 Matthew 3 : 1-12	Isaiah 52 : 1-10 Matthew 18 : 1-14
Sunday after Christmas Day	30	Isaiah 62 1 John 1	Psalms 8 John 1 : 1-14

JANUARY, 1963 MORNING

The Epiphany	6	Isaiah 49 : 1-13 Matthew 2 : 1-12
1st after Epiphany	13	Jeremiah 31 : 1-17 Matthew 2 : 13-23
2nd after Epiphany	20	Jeremiah 7 : 21-28 Hebrews 10 : 1-18
3rd after Epiphany	27	Exodus 19 : 7-25 Hebrews 12 : 18-29

EVENING

Genesis 12 : 1-9 John 2 : 1-11
Genesis 12 : 1-9 John 4 : 5-26
Genesis 18 : 23-33 John 6 : 41-59, 66-69
Genesis 28 : 10-22 John 10 : 1-18

FEBRUARY

4th after Epiphany	3	Daniel 6 : 10-28 Matthew 13 : 31-43
Septuagesima	10	Genesis 1 : 2-3 Matthew 5 : 13-26
Sexagesima	17	Genesis 3 : 1-24 Matthew 5 : 33-48
Quinquagesima	24	Genesis 6 : 5-22 Matthew 6 : 16-34

Ezekiel 33 : 10-16 Colossians 3 : 12-17
Deut. 11 : 13-32 John 13 : 1-20
Deut. 30 : 1-20 John 15 : 1-15
Job 1 John 15 : 16-27

MARCH

1st in Lent	3	Amos 5 : 18-24 Luke 4 : 1-13
2nd in Lent	10	Isaiah 28 : 1-13 Romans 5 : 12-21
3rd in Lent	17	Ezekiel 2 : 1-10 Romans 6 : 15-23
4th in Lent	24	Jeremiah 17 : 5-14 Romans 7 : 7-8 : 2
5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	31	Isaiah 63 : 1-9 1 Peter 2 : 18-25

Job 2 Matthew 26 : 1-16
Job 38 : 1-21 Matthew 26 : 17-35
Job 38 : 22-41 Matthew 26 : 36-56
Job 40 : 1-14 Matthew 26 : 57-75
Isaiah 50 : 4-10 Matthew 27 : 11-31

APRIL

Palm Sunday	7	Zechariah 9 : 9-12 Matthew 21 : 1-17
Easter Day	14	Exodus 12 : 1-14 Matthew 28 : 1-10
1st after Easter	21	Isaiah 25 : 1-9 John 21 : 1-22
2nd after Easter	28	Deut. 18 : 15-19 Acts 3 : 1-10

Isaiah 52 : 13- 53 :12 Matthew 27 : 32-54
Exodus 14 : 15-31 Luke 24 : 13-35
Ezekiel 37 : 1-14 John 20 : 19-31
Exodus 14 : 15-31 Mark 4 : 35-41

ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES SUITABLE FOR SPECIAL DAYS

	MORNING	EVENING
Covenant Sunday	Genesis 17 : 1-9 Matthew 3 , or Matthew 6 : 16-34	2 Chron. 15 : 1-15 2 Peter 1 : 1-11
Good Friday	Genesis 22 : 1-14 John 19 : 1-22	Isaiah 52 : 13- 53 : 12 Luke 23 : 26-49
Ascension Day	Exodus 24 : 1-18 Acts 1 : 1-14	2 Kings 2 : 1-14 Luke 24 : 36-53
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.	
Home and Overseas Missions	Exodus 19 : 1-8; Isaiah 11 ; 40 ; 60 ; Hosea 14 ; Matthew 16 : 13-28; John 3 : 1-21; John 12 : 20-36; Acts 17 : 16-34; Romans 1 : 1-17; Romans 10 : 1-17; Ephesians 4 : 1-16.	
Harvest Thanksgiving	Genesis 8 : 15-22; Deut. 16 : 9-17; Deut 26 : 1-10, 16-19; Leviticus 26 : 1-13; Ruth 2 : 1-17; Neh. 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.	
Spring or Flower Service	Psalm 65 ; Psalm 126 ; Genesis 1 ; Matthew 13 : 1-9; Matthew 13 : 24-30.	
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 Year	Psalm 90 ; Exodus 12 : 21-36; Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-15; Matthew 24 : 32-51; Luke 12 : 13-21.	
New Year	Psalm 91 ; Psalm 103 ; Matthew 6 : 19-34; 1 Thess. 5 ; Ephesians 5 : 1-21.	
Christmas Day	Isaiah 7 : 10-14; Isaiah 9 : 2, 6, 7; Neh. 8 : 1-3, 9-12; Isaiah 55 ; Matthew 1 : 18-25; Luke 2 : 1-20; 1 John 3 : 1-9.	

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, November 1st, 1961, at 7.30 p.m. in the Pitt Street Methodist Church, Auckland, by the retiring President, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A. after which the Rev. E. Clarence Leadley was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. E. A. Humphries, Vice-President, 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?

Peter S. Barker
Lewis A. Bowen
Mervyn L. Dine
Roger M. Gibson

Keith C. Griffith
Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc.
Andrew G. Reid

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

G. Kingsley Greening
William Morrison

Lawrence E. Salter

Who have travelled three years.

Graham Brazendale
James H. Conway
Warwick Gust, B.A.
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A.

Maxwell A. Hornblow
C. Seton Horrill
Lewis H. Major
David S. Mullan

Who have travelled two years.

Bruce W. Edwards
Russell E. James
John E. Langley
C. Russell Marshall

Brian W. Sides
A. Kerry Taylor
William L. Wallace, B.A.

Who have travelled one year.

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

John B. Currie
Graham G. Hawkey
Arnold C. Hight
David L. Hines
Derek G. Hollman
Edgar R. Hornblow, L.L.B.
Barry E. Jones

Harold C. Pomeroy
Ian H. Robertson
Maynard G. Rutherford
Frederick G. Waine
Walter J. D. Wakeling
Alan K. Woodley

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

Niven Graeme Ball
Derek G. Laws

Brian Keith Rowe, B.A.
William Geoffrey Tucker

Who are continued for a third year.

Lois R. H. Baker
Maxwell L. Bruce
Hendrik Gerritsen
Michael Maguire
Ronald G. Major
Barry W. Neal

Brian L. Olsen
John H. Roberts
Charles D. Shave
Nelson W. Stockbridge
Stuart G. Slinn

Who are continued for a second year.

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

William A. Chessum
Edwin B. Clarke
Ronald C. Collingwood
Ludwig Felderhof
John G. Hayhurst

Colin B. Herbert
Bruce E. Mackie
Neil E. Smith
Napi Waaka
Norman J. West

QUESTION VII.—Who are now admitted as Solomon Islands Ministers?

Samson Pataaku, who has travelled three years.

Also

Job Rotoava

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Solomon Islands Ministers on Probation?

Francis Bongbong

Leslie Boseto (See also Question 10)

who have travelled one year.

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

Moses Mosusu

QUESTION X.—(A) Who are now received as Solomon Islands Students for the Ministry?

Matthew Beaso

Misake Tarurava

(B) Who are continued as Solomon Islands Students for the Ministry?

Leslie Boseto (See also Question 8)

QUESTION XI.—(A) What Deaconesses are dedicated at this Conference?

Pamela Beaumont

(B) What Students are to be received on to Deaconess Probation?

Graewyn Hammond

Edna Jenkin

(C) What Students are to be continued for Deaconess training?

Lynette Jean Bowker

Alys Vivienne Sharp

Janet Anne Evans

Shirley Alice Simpson

Elva Cecilia Harris

(D) What candidates are received for Deaconess training?

Diedre Jayne Cornish (to be received and enter Deaconess House in 1963)

Barbara Ida Miller

Shirley Vera Ungemuth

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

First Year

Henry W. Kelly

Second Year

David H. Ansell

R. E. Fields

David Armstrong

Kenneth J. Keall

Third Year

Paul Garside

G. A. Lee

Fourth Year

S. A. Neal

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

Francis Joshua Handy

Henry J. Odell

J. Francis Jack

Herbert Spencer

John D. McArthur

Harold R. Ashworth (retired Home Missionary).

William E. Sleep (retired Home Missionary)

Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura (Honorary Maori Home Missionary)

FRANCIS JOSHUA HANDY

Francis Joshua Handy was born in Birmingham, England, in 1900, and came to New Zealand at the age of 12, spending his early years in this country in the Auckland district. Christian influences surrounded him in his home through the character and example of his parents. Entering Home Mission work, he was stationed at Kuripuni in the Masterton Circuit.

Later he entered "Dunholme" for theological training. He served his circuit ministry in a number of important Circuits. At the time of his death he had just completed a five-year term in the Otahuhu Circuit. He was a preacher of unusual ability, anxious always to secure a most effective medium and expression for his message. He preached constantly on the great themes of the Gospel.

In 1949 he achieved publication for his book, "Jesus the Preacher." His book, as well as his preaching, revealed his intellectual honesty and his hatred of any form of pretence—a quality which sometimes led him along lonely paths. His views sometimes aroused opposition and argument, but friend and critic alike testify to his Christian integrity.

Those who came to know him found in him also the pastor. Many have spoken gratefully of his capacity to meet people helpfully and creatively in their need. In particular he gathered about him groups of people, some from outside the church, in study and discussion.

In 1932 he married Miss Moira Burgess of Wanganui, who showed herself to be a devoted wife and mother. There are three children of the marriage, Frank, Adrienne (now Mrs Edwards), and Elizabeth.

His home naturally held supreme place in his affections and the achievements of his family brought him a very deep satisfaction.

Mr Handy's untimely death at the age of 61 years, not only robbed the home of a loving husband and father, but left a wide circle of friends and brother-ministers to mourn his loss.

JOHN FRANCIS JACK

John Francis Jack was called home to God very suddenly on September 8th, in the 69th year of his age, and the 40th year of his ministry. He was born in Palmerston South, of North Ireland stock, and he carried with him through life something of the strength and reserve of the North Briton, and also the warmth and tenderness that underlay that reserve. He was a man of strong feelings and passionate loyalties, but these were held in control.

In 1919 he married Miss Lily Bond of Dunedin, and the young couple went to Havelock to undertake Home Mission Service. At the Conference of 1922 he was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry, and appointed to Hokitika. The conditions of the day hindered his going to Auckland for training. He was ordained in 1926. A very serious throat trouble compelled his retirement from the active ranks of the ministry in 1956, but he was able to preach with great acceptance during his retirement, and was active to the last.

Mr Jack was essentially a Circuit Minister, shunning the Connexional responsibilities which attract many men. He was a most faithful preacher, pastor and administrator, and a tireless worker. Everything was exactly attended to and no detail neglected.

His gifts and dedication entitled him to recognition by the Connexion. He travelled in some of our larger Circuits, and for a term he served as Chairman of the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District and he also acted for a time as Secretary of the Trinity College Council.

He was sensitive and shy, and self-effacing to a degree; but behind that reticent controlled facade there was an alert and intelli-

gent spirit. He was shrewd and humorous, and very good company. His judgments were penetrating, but never unkind. He was always on duty, always tense with the gravity of the issues. None could ever accuse him of evading the issues and escaping the cross.

The one thing that made life possible for him was the peace and understanding of his home. Without the support and encouragement of Mrs Jack he could hardly have carried on. To his home he gave the utter loyalty and love which it so richly deserved. To Mrs Jack and to his daughter Pearl we extend the sympathy of the Church, assuring them that we share their pride in a good and faithful servant of God.

JOHN DONALD McARTHUR

John Donald McArthur was born at Christchurch in 1880. His parents were God-fearing Scots who brought up their large family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. School days over, he was apprenticed to the blacksmithing and wheelwright business.

It was in the Papanui Circuit that he made his decision for Christ, became a Local Preacher, and heard and obeyed the Call to the Ministry. A Candidate at the Conference of 1905, after a year as Supply, he went on to "Pukekawa" for theological training.

He was ordained at the Conference that united the Methodist Churches of New Zealand in 1913. He married Miss Annie Pearce of Christchurch. In Blenheim Mr McArthur suffered the death of his wife. He later married Mrs Olive G. Parker and they moved to Wellington South, where he completed his ministry, becoming a Supernumerary in 1949.

A man of strong opinions, he could be brusque in manner but those who knew him found him a man of deep sympathy. Many of his younger brethren found in him a wise counsellor and guide. Deeply interested in social problems and believing that the Christian faith provided the only solution for them, his preaching was ever directed to that end. For a period he acted for the N.Z. Alliance as Area Organiser.

As Pastor, he knew his people and they knew that they could rely on him in their need at any time of day or night.

In his retirement in Blenheim he gave ready help in the work of the Circuit.

He passed to his reward on the 3rd of March. We extend the love and sympathy of the Church to his widow and daughters.

HENRY JAMES ODELL

The Rev. Harry Odell died suddenly in London on March 16th, 1961, the funeral service being held at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, and later at the Golder's Green Crematorium. The arrangements for these services were made by a minister of the East End Mission, in which Mission Mrs Odell once served as a deaconess.

Mr Odell was born in New South Wales and came to New Zealand as an accredited local preacher. After working on a farm in Taranaki, he was received as a Home Missionary and sent to the Railway Construction Camps on the Gisborne-Motu line. In 1912 he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry and entered "Dunholme". In 1915 he pioneered Methodist work in Taumarunui. The same year he enlisted in the Expeditionary Force and spent more than three years in the Army, receiving a commission in the field.

After labouring in a number of Circuits, in 1939 he became Assistant Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department and in 1952 he became a supernumerary. Subsequently he assisted in the Wellington Central (Taranaki Street) Circuit with great acceptance.

In two districts Mr Odell was Secretary and in two he was Chairman. In 1949-50 he was President of the Conference.

In all his work he displayed great energy. He was a wonderful pastor, a trusted friend, a strong and convincing preacher and a first-class administrator.

A memorial service was held at Taranaki Street Church, Wellington on March 26th, 1961.

Outstanding characteristics of Mr Odell were his real manliness, his love and care for people; yet he was a humble and faithful man of God.

The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mrs Odell and the two children—Mrs H. C. A. Somerset of Oxford, England, and Allan of Auckland.

HERBERT SPENCER

Herbert Spencer was born in Croston, Lancashire, England, in 1881. He became a Local Preacher at the early age of seventeen in the Ormskirk Circuit. In 1908 he married Miss Jane Messenger, and in 1912 left the cotton industry in which he was employed and came to New Zealand. After a short period as a school teacher he was accepted for Home Mission work and laboured zealously in some very difficult stations. In 1923 he was accepted as a Probationer, and in 1927 was ordained, and subsequently served in the Otaki, Wanganui (Gonville), Eltham, Te Awamutu, Auckland Central (Kingsland), and Sanson-Rongotea Circuits. In all his appointments he proved himself to be a faithful and diligent pastor—especially to those in need—and a most acceptable preacher of the Gospel. In 1949 he became a Supernumerary and retired to Wanganui. He continued to preach whenever opportunity offered.

Throughout a long and faithful ministry as a Home Missionary and then as a Minister he had the loyal support and encouragement of a devoted wife, who herself has given able leadership in various aspects of church life.

Herbert Spencer died on the 15th September, 1961, but his influence lives on in the lives of those he served in the name of His Master and Lord. To his wife and his two daughters, we extend the sympathy of the Church.

HAROLD ASHWORTH

The Rev. Harold Ashworth was born at Manchester in 1879. Leaving school at 14 years of age he so "redeemed the time" that at 21 he was a qualified accountant with a Manchester City Corporation, while also giving wholehearted service to the Methodist Church. He was a fully accredited local preacher in the Cheetham Hill Circuit at 18 years of age. Possessing musical gifts above the average he was also an efficient organist and choirmaster. He served acceptably in these various capacities in several Manchester circuits for 22 years.

In 1920 he brought his family to New Zealand. Within a year he entered Home Mission work, facing with courage a new task in a new country. He served at Ohura, Rawene, Putaruru, Island Bay, Johnsonville, Gonville, Inglewood and St. Aubyns, New Plymouth. He was also president of the Home Missionaries' Association for many years, representing his brethren at Conference.

Harold Ashworth's ministry was marked by tenacity and sincerity of purpose. He gave himself wholeheartedly to his Master, and served his Church faithfully, passing to his reward in his 82nd year.

WILLIAM EDGAR SLEEP

The death occurred on 20th October, 1961, of William Edgar Sleep, who served for many years as a Home Missionary. His first appointment was to Nightcaps in the year 1908 where he laboured for 7 years.

After a worthwhile ministry there and in other stations, he withdrew from the work and took on farming until he retired in 1944. Then, because of his love for pastoral visiting, and especially hospital visiting, he accepted a relieving appointment at Raetihi which lasted for 13 years. It was only with reluctance that he gave up this work he loved so much as the advancing years impaired his health. Friends still speak of his zeal and fervour in the work, his kindness and cheerfulness in all his duties and especially his devoted work in sick visitation. The Church lost a good steward when at 77 he was called home.

WIREMU TAMEHANA PUKEIKURA

The death of Wiremu Tamehana Pukeikura at the age of 44 has left a sad gap in the ranks of our Honorary Home Missionaries. Since he was accepted in 1957 he has made a valuable contribution to the work in the Waikato, especially in the Aramiro and Raglan areas. He was the son of Heemi Pukeikura who himself was a local preacher of Arimiro. He was early influenced by Christian teaching and became a devout Bible student.

He became a carver of some note and has left behind some striking examples of that art, particularly at the Whatawhata meeting house. He was also an authority on Maori traditions and customs.

Ill health over the last few years restricted his mission work but whenever able he took part in or led the services. His life has left an influence for good among his people and the Mission Staff have cause to thank God for service faithfully rendered.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Pukeikura and her family.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Henry L. Blamires
 Arthur Hopper
 Arthur J. Seamer
 R. Purcell Keall
 Jonathan H. Haslam
 George P. Hunt
 Frank E. Leadley
 Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
 Albert H. Fowles
 E. Percy Blamires
 Henry Ryan
 William Walker
 Ernest O. Blamires
 Fred Copeland
 Charles Blair
 Edwin S. Harkness
 Albert Blakemore
 Walter J. Enticott
 H. Leslie Richards
 Herbert Ford
 Frederick O. Prosser
 Harry Cottom
 George B. Hinton
 William Rowe
 Robert B. Tinsley
 Frank Bateup

Arthur A. Bensley
 James W. Parker
 William A. Burley, M.A.
 Archer O. Harris
 Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 Percy I. Cooke
 Arthur H. Scrivin
 Wallace S. Neal
 John Dennis
 Alfred E. Jefferson
 Charles H. Kendon
 Ngatete K. Kukutai, M.B.E.
 Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E.
 Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
 Ernest E. Sage
 Cecil R. Taylor
 John H. Bailey
 George E. Brown
 Ernest B. Chambers
 Harry S. Kings
 Thomas Skuse
 Samuel J. Werren
 Robert E. Fordyce
 E. Thomas Olds
 William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
 William M. Garner

William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.
A. Harry Voyce
A. Francis Attwood
Leslie A. G. Brooks

Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
Joseph C. Draper
D. J. Donald Hickman
L. Gordon Hanna

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?
None.

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
J. W. Bayliss
W. H. Wilson
R. T. Alexander
Roy Coombridge
Cyril Robinson

W. J. Bryant
T. Steele
D. I. Robertson
H. Prowse
H. R. Wright
F. E. Trim

(b) Placed on Retired List?
None.

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 Senior Chaplain).

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

Wilf G. Eisner (with permission to serve with the Justice Department).

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

Leslie C. Clements
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr.Sc.
Edward P. Boyd (with permission to visit England).

Ernest S. Hoddinott

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

Arthur W. Dickie (see Law Book, par. 119 page 18).
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. (nee Jones).
Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A.
Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A.

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

James F. Cropp.

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

Sake Raturoba from the Fiji District of the N.S.W. Conference for work in the Solomon Islands.

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?
Edmund S. Stewart, who has voluntarily resigned.
A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A., who has resigned.

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. P. P. Rushton, B.A.

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.

Christian Education—Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A.

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Social Ethics—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

Comparative Religion—Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A.

Maori 1 and 2—Rev. Ranginohoora Rogers.

Pre-Collegiate Course—

N.T.: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.

O.T. and Homiletics: Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A.

Theology (Clarke's Outline)—Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tutors in Theology.

1st Section	..	..	..	Rev R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D.
2nd Section	..	..	..	Rev. E. R. Le Couteur.
Third Section	..	..	..	Rev W. J. Morrison, M.A.

Tutor in Greek

Rev. D. L. Kitchingman, B.A.

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology—

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

Pastoral Theology—

(a) Homiletics	..	..	..	Rev L. C. Horwood
(b) Pastoral Practice	..	..	..	Rev W. E. Allon Carr
(c) Religious Education	..	..	..	Rev M. A. McDowell, D.D.
O.T. Theology	..	..	..	Rev W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
N.T. Theology	..	..	..	Rev W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	..	..	..	Rev A. T. Kent
Bible Knowledge II	..	..	..	Rev. C. B. Oldfield.
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, M.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. G. V. Thomas, B.A.
New Testament	..	..	..	Rev J. H. Woolford, M.A.
English	..	..	..	Rev D. G. Sherson, B.A.
Psychology	..	..	..	Rev P. A. Stead, B.A.
Homiletics	..	..	..	Rev D. B. Gordon, M.A.
Christian Education	..	..	..	Rev W. F. Ford, B.A.

(1) COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS

The Course of Probation 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 possible 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.

Regulations:

1. The present probationary course of study is retained, for those not pursuing a thesis course and for non-Collegiate probationers.

2. Such Probationers, who in the judgment of the Board of Studies and of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners will benefit by such a course shall be required, on leaving College, 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 of ordination.

3. Each thesis shall have a satisfactory Biblical and theological basis.

4. The field of study shall 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. The Probationer shall 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. In the case of a three-year probationary course, at the August Synod of the second year, the Probationer shall submit a record of the year's reading together with a report from his supervisor concerning the progress of the research.

7. The completed thesis shall 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. At the oral examination at Synod each ordinand shall be examined, *inter alia*, in the field indicated by his book list and at Conference all ordinands shall be examined as at present.

9. A sub-committee of the Board of Studies shall be appointed to examine theses.

10. Copies of theses judged to make a contribution to research to be retained in the College Library for reference and with a view to possible publication.

Note: Thesis Supervision:

(a) **THESIS SUPERVISION:** The task of the Supervisor is not to produce the conclusions of the thesis, nor necessarily to be expert in the particular field of study.

His task is (a) to see that the work is being done; (b) to see that it is being done on lines of sound research; (c) to be a sounding board, to be available for discussion, to provide challenge, stimulus, correction.

Course of Study for Probationers:

The following is the alternative for Probationers not doing the Thesis Course:—

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 1962 (from N.Z. B.D. Course Stage I).

NOTE: All chapters are inclusive.

- 1st year: Luke 8-10; Acts 5 and 6; Philippians 2.
- 2nd Year: Luke 7-10; Acts 5, 6 and 8; Philippians 2 and 3.
- 3rd year: Luke 6-10; Acts 5, 6 and 8; Philippians 1-4.
- 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 1962. Second Section: Person and Work of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each section to be co-ordinated with A. above. For 1962—2nd section (a two-hour paper).

1st SECTION—Sermons on:

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| "Salvation by Faith". | "The Righteousness of Faith". |
| "The Almost Christian". | "The Way to the Kingdom". |
| "Scriptural Christianity". | "The First-Fruits of the Spirit". |
| "Justification by Faith". | |

2nd SECTION—Sermons on:

- "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—Sermons on:

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| "The Nature of Enthusiasm". | |
| "A Caution Against Bigotry". | |
| "Catholic Spirit". | "The New Birth". |
| "Christian Perfection". | "Self-Denial". |
| "Original Sin". | "The Use of Money". |

4. GENERAL.

1st Year:

METHODISM. 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): Textbook "Psychology of Religion" by Paul E. Johnson (Abingdon)—Revised Edition.
- (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) Christian Education: "The Teaching Ministry of the Church" by James D. Smart (Westminster Press), and "The Clue to Christian Education" by Randolph Crump Miller (Scribner).
- (5) Maori Language (for 2 years).

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

Text Books:—

- "Teach yourself Maori" by Harawira. Special attention to graded lessons at the back of the book.
- "First Lessons in Maori," by Williams.
- The Bible (Authorised Version); Maori Bible ("Paipera Tapu");

Maori Service Book ("Nga Ihoi me nga Himene")
"He Konae Aranui" by Kohere.

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

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

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

Text Books:—

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

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

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

Keesing: "The changing Maori."

Norman Smith: "The Maori People and Us."

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

Beaglehole: "Some Modern Maoris."

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

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

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

THESIS:

Ministers are required to produce and present a thesis of not less than 10,000 words, within two years after their reception into Full Connexion, on some subject of theological or religious character, approved by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners who shall, on its completion, submit it to a panel of judges. A system of honours for those producing such theses will be followed, and a precis of suitable theses 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 SOLOMON ISLANDS 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 1962: The Parables of Jesus.

1963: The Last Week of Jesus' Life on Earth.

2nd year 1962: Ephesians.

1963: Romans, Chapters 1-8.

3rd year 1962: Johannine letters.

1963: II Peter and Jude.

4th year 1962: Genesis, chapters 1-25, v. 10.

1963: 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 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 Methodism Works. Conduct of meetings.

(b) Criticism Service, 1 period weekly.

(c) Sermon Criticism Class, 1 period weekly.
This includes some attention to radio technique.

(d) Voice Production, 1 period weekly.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

1. OLD TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "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: "An Approach to Christian Doctrine", edited by G. P. Lewis, B.A., B.D. (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 SOLOMON ISLANDS 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—DEACONESSSES

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, 1963

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.

STUDENTS—1962

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.

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 1962—

The terms for the School will be the same as University terms.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for 1962 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers—Tuesday, May 15th, and Tuesday, September 18th.

Tutorials for Probationers—Greek, February 1st; Theology, June 5th.

Candidates for Ministry—Tuesday, July 17th.

Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, September 11th.

Bible Knowledge Tutorials for H.M. Probationers—Tuesday, March 6th.

Deaconess Entrance—Tuesday, July 17th.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1962 be Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
2. That congratulations be extended to:
Rev. John H. Osborne on graduating B.A.
Student Brian K. Rowe on graduating B.A.
Student Edgar R. Hornblow on graduating LL.B.
and that permission be granted for these degrees to be printed in the Minutes.
3. That special thanks be tendered to Rev. Arthur R. Witheford, B.A., for his outstanding work as Assistant Secretary over a period of nine years.
4. That the Rev. H. C. Matthews be thanked for his services as Secretary of the Board of Examiners and re-appointed.
5. That Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D., be appointed Assistant-Secretary for 1962.

QUESTION XXV.—(a) Do we sanction the amalgamation alteration or division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station, or do we originate any proposal having reference thereto?

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Tauranga: That the Tauranga Circuit be divided into the Tauranga Circuit, with the staffing of one ordained minister and two probationers, and the Te Puke Circuit, staffing one ordained minister. Boundaries to be from Papamoa Beach, through Parton Road, Bell Road to Reid Road.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Riccarton and Addington: That the boundaries of the present Riccarton and Addington Circuits be altered to create two new circuits as under:—

- (a) **The Riccarton Circuit**, comprising all Riccarton Circuit from the Blenheim Road Railway Line to the St. Albans Boundary with churches Clarence Street, Upper Riccarton, Masham and Sockburn, the staff to be a Minister and a Probationer with a suitable grant.
- (b) **The Spreydon Circuit**, comprising west of the Railway line including all the District formerly in the Addington Circuit with Lincoln Road and Halswell and St. John's (Addington) churches, the staff to be a Minister and a Probationer with a suitable grant.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:

That the villages in the Marovo Lagoon be detached from the Roviana Circuit to form the Marovo Circuit.

Circuit Names: That the name of the Putaruru Circuit be changed to "The Putaruru-Tokoroa Circuit."

That the name of the Dannevirke Circuit be changed to the Dannevirke-Norsewood Circuit.

QUESTION XXV.—(b) What new Districts, Circuit or Home Mission Stations are now constituted.

Te Puke (see XXV (a).)

Spreydon (see XXV (a).)

Marovo (Solomon Islands), see Q. XXV (a).

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

Bombay-Tuakau Circuit: That the staff be one ordained Minister and one Probationer.

Western Southland: That the staff be two ordained Ministers with a suitable grant.

St. Kilda: That the staff be one ordained Minister and one Married Probationer.

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

Spreydon. See Question XXV.

QUESTION XXVI.—(c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

None.

QUESTION XXVII.—What new Stations are now constituted?

None.

QUESTION XXVIII.—What Circuits are due to provide a Parsonage for a married minister?

Ohura is due and is relieved for one year and is planning a Parsonage.

Taihapa is due but seeks relief for a further year.

Lower Hutt (4th) is due. The Circuit has the matter under review.

Nelson (3rd) is due and is prepared to fulfil its obligations.

Hokitika is due and is prepared to fulfil its obligations, subject to receipt of a suitable grant.

Reefton is due and is prepared to fulfil its obligations, subject to receipt of a suitable grant.

St. Kilda (2nd) is due and is providing rented accommodation.

LIST OF STATIONS OF THE Methodist Church of New Zealand

President—REV. E. CLARENCE LEADLEY.

Vice-President—MR ERIC A. HUMPHRIES.

Secretary—REV. ATHOL R. PENN.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1962

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 146 and [1] to [16] for Maori and Overseas Mission Circuits is a Circuit. The Minister first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Probationer, in which instance the Chairman of the District 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—Trevor L. Nicholls.
2. Whangaroa-Bay of Islands—Harris Whitfield, One Wanted, One Wanted, William M. Garner (Sup.).
3. North Hokianga—Hughan M. Craig.
4. Hokianga—George C. Hopkins.
5. Hikurangi—Graham Brazendale.
6. Whangarei—William R. Francis, B.A. One Wanted.
7. Dargaville—George R. Thompson, One Wanted.
8. Ruawai—Amos W. Burrough.
9. Paparoa—Frederick J. Climo.
10. Port Albert—Frederick D. Peterson, One Wanted.

MAORI MISSION—

- [1] Northland—Te Awha W. Tahere, Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.). 6 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A.,

Chairman of the District.

R. HOWARD, 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.), Ruawai D. Rakena (Asst. Sup.), Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary—residing at Hawera), Ranginohoora, Rogers, Senior Maori Supt.

The Overseas 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; John A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D. (Bristol), Tutor in N.T. Language, Literature, and Teaching.

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

12. Auckland Central Mission—A. Everil Orr, M.B.E., Sydney J. Spindler, Arthur J. Seamer, C.M.G. (Sup.), Two Deaconesses.
13. Auckland South—E. Clarence Leadley (President of Conference), Reginald Grice (Roskill), Walter Parker (Sandringham), Douglas H. Burt, George P. Hunt (Sup.). Children's Home: Chaplains, E. Clarence Leadley and Reginald Grice.
14. Auckland West—O. McLennan Olds, One Wanted.
15. Auckland East—Athol R. Penn (Secretary of Conference), E. Raymond Le Couteur, H. David Besant, B.A., Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B., 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, John E. Langley, William Walker, E.D. (Sup.), Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.), James W. Parker (Sup.), George B. Hinton (Sup.).
17. Auckland (Avondale)—Leonard C. Horwood (Chaplain to Astley House and Tyler House), Henry W. Kitchingman (Avondale-New Lynn), Frank E. Leadley (Sup.), Ernest E. Sage (Sup.), George E. Brown (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
18. Auckland (Henderson)—Arthur T. Kent, Harry Moore (Glen Eden), and Lawrence E. Salter (Te Atatu), Percy I. Cooke (Sup.), Thomas Skuse (Sup.), Fred Copeland (Sup.), Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
19. Auckland (Devonport)—John Silvester, M.A., E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
20. Auckland (Takapuna)—John A. Penman, B.A., Norman W. Olds (who shall supervise Whangaparaoa and Mahurangi Circuits), John Dennis (Sup.), A. Harry Voyce (Sup.), Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.).
21. Auckland (Birkenhead)—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., Robert W. Widdup (Beach Haven), One Wanted (Northcote), Joseph C. Draper (Sup.).
22. Onehunga—Herbert W. Payne (Joint Chaplain to "Kurahuna"), One Wanted.
23. Otahuhu—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
24. Papatoetoe—Albert Jolly, Harold C. Pomeroy, L. Gordon Hanna (Temp. Sup.).
25. Papakura—Clarence T. J. Luxton (who shall supervise the Waiuku Circuit), Harry W. Toothill.
26. Pukekohe—Thomas H. Carr, One Wanted. Wesley Training College, Paerata; Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
27. Bombay-Tuakau—Brian W. Sides, One Wanted.
28. Waiuku—G. Kingsley Greening.

- 29. Kaipara—Lewis A. Bowen.
- 30. Whangaparaoa—One Wanted.
- 31. Mahurangi—James H. Conway.
- [2] Auckland—Ranginohoro Rogers (Senior Maori Supt., Joint Chaplain to Seamer House and "Kurahuna"), Ngatete K. Kukutai (Sup.), 7 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

E. CLARENCE LEADLEY,
President of Conference, Chairman of the District.
ERIC W. HAMES, M.A.,
Deputy Chairman.

G. RAYMOND HARRIS, Financial Secretary.

III—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

- 32. Thames—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station), Frank Bateup (Sup.).
- 33. Hauraki Plains—David S. Mullan.
- 34. Paeroa—John H. Osborne, B.A.
- 35. Waihi—R. Leslie George, J. Francis Attwood (Sup.).
- 36. Te Aroha—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D.
- 37. Morrinsville—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., Warwick Gust, B.A. (Waitoa), Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.).
- 38. Cambridge—Leonard Shapcott.
- 39. Hamilton—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., Archibald W. McKay, One Wanted, Samuel J. Werren (Sup.), Leslie A. G. Brooks (Sup.).
- 39a. Raglan Union Parish—Cong. Appointment.
- 40. Hamilton East—Allan O. Jones, Peter S. Parker, John H. Bailey (Sup.), Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
- 41. Huntly—Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.
- 42. Matamata—Charles H. Bell, B.A.
- 43. Putaruru-Tokoroa—Frederick J. K. Baker, Owen L. Christian.
- 44. Rotorua—W. E. Allon Carr, One Wanted, Russell James (Taupo),
- 45. Tauranga—Robert H. Allen, B.A., Derek G. Hollman, One Wanted, Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
- 46. Te Puke—Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
- 47. Whakatane—Cuthbert F. Peart (who shall supervise the Kawerau Circuit).
- 48. Opotiki—William E. Moore.
- 49. Te Awamutu—John Churchill, One Wanted (Deaconess Supply)
- 50. Otorohanga—John K. Watson.
- 51. Te Kuiti—Owen Kitchingman, B.A. (who shall supervise Ohura Circuit), a Home Missionary.
- 52. Taumarunui—Bruce Scammell.
- 53. Ohura—Bruce W. Edwards.
- 54. 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.

S. V. LEACH, Financial Secretary.

IV—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

55. New Plymouth—William W. H. Greenslade (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel), James H. Hall, T. Ralph Benny, Robert E. Fordyce (Sup.).
 56. Waitara—Kenneth H. Russell, A Home Missionary.
 57. Stratford—Alan H. V. Newton.
 58. Eltham-Kaponga—Edward Baker, A Home Missionary.
 59. Hawera—Colin D. Clark, B.A., A Home Missionary (Patea).
 60. Manaia—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
 61. Opunake—Basil J. Hilder, Andrew G. Reid.
 62. Wanganui Central—Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (Chaplain with Justice Department).
 63. Wanganui North—William C. Jenkin.
 64. Wanganui West—Geo. L. Bennett.
 65. Taihape—Keith C. Griffith.
 66. Raetihi-Ohakune—One Wanted.
 67. Marton—J. Ainsley Daglish.
 68. Inglewood—Mervyn L. Dine.
- [5] Taranaki-Waimarino—Harold A. Darvill (Hawera, Acting-Circuit Superintendent), One Wanted (New Plymouth), 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.
- BERNARD M. CHRYSTALL, B.A., Chairman of the District.
A. L. FOX, Financial Secretary.

V—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

69. Napier—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., Clifford G. Brown (Greenmeadows), One Wanted, Henry Ryan (Sup.), Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
70. Hastings—John B. Dawson, B.A. (who shall supervise Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuit), John C. F. Mabon, Edward P. Boyd (overseas), Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
71. Gisborne—J. C. Aldwyn Williams (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit), Alan K. Woodley.
72. Wairoa—Arnold C. Hight.
73. Dannevirke-Norsewood—Wilfred S. Gilbert, One Wanted.
74. Woodville—One Wanted.
75. Pahiatua—Reginald Day (who shall supervise Woodville Circuit).
76. Palmerston North (St. Paul's)—Peter A. Stead, B.A., Geoffrey E. Scarr (Roslyn).
77. Palmerston North (Trinity)—George H. Goodman, One Wanted.
78. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe—J. Montgomery Blight.
79. Feilding—R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Apiti Circuit), A Deaconess.
80. Sanson-Rongotea—W. John Henderson.
81. Apiti—Graham G. Hawkey.
82. Waipawa-Waipukurau—A. Kerry Taylor.
83. Foxton-Shannon—David G. Stubbs, William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.).

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman of the District.

K. D. HUGHES, A.R.A.N.Z., Financial Secretary.

VI—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

84. Wellington Central—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc., William Morrison, Benjamin H. Riseley, A Deaconess, Leslie C. Clements (with Justice Department as Adviser in Marriage Guidance), Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Ag.Sc. (serving in North Germany).
Department of Christian Education—Director, Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
85. Wellington West—Gordon R. H. Peterson, Wilfred J. Cable.
86. Wellington South—Ian W. Reid, One Wanted.
87. Wellington East—Lawrence Greenslade, Idris J. Ruck, Frank S. Rigg, Ernest S. Hoddinott (Senior Chaplain to Justice Department), William Rowe (Sup.).
88. Wellington North—Ivo M. Raynor, Roger M. Gibson.
89. Porirua—Percy P. Rushton, B.A., One Wanted, John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip. Mus., William Rowe (Sup.).
90. Lower Hutt—Charlie O. Hailwood, Phillip D. Ramsay, John B. Currie, Bryan M. Walker, M.A., Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (without pastoral charge), Dorothea M. Jones, B.A. (without pastoral charge), R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
- 90a. Taita Union Parish—Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.
91. Upper Hutt—Francis H. Parker, One Wanted.
92. Petone—Harry I. Shaw.
- 92a. Wainuiomata Union Parish—Pres. Appointment.
93. Greytown-Featherston—Maxwell A. Hornblow.
94. Carterton—John Grundy, M.A. (who shall supervise Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
95. Masterton—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise Eketahuna Circuit), Lewis H. Major. Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
96. Eketahuna—One Wanted.
97. Levin—Norman P. Larsen (who shall supervise the Otaki Circuit), Harry S. Kings (Sup.).
98. Otaki—One Wanted, Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Sup.).
99. Paraparaumu—Noel D. Billingham.

ROBERT THORNLEY, M.A., Chairman of the District.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Deputy-Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Financial Secretary.

VII—NELSON DISTRICT

100. Nelson—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D., Ian D. Grant (Stoke, who shall supervise the Murchison Circuit), Maynard G. Rutherford.
101. Waimea—Loyal J. Gibson.
102. Motueka—John R. Hall.
103. Murchison—One Wanted.
104. Blenheim—Charles B. Oldfield, One Wanted (Picton), One Wanted (Springlands), John R. Hamlin, C.F., Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Sup.).
105. Reefton—Ian H. Robertson.
106. Westport—E. Francis I. Hanson.
107. Greymouth—Alan Newman (who shall supervise the Reefton and Westport Circuits), One Wanted (Runanga).
108. Hokitika—Albert A. Grundy, M.A.

M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, D.D.,

Chairman of the District.

ALAN NEWMAN, Deputy-Chairman.

H. HOLLAND, Financial Secretary.

VIII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

109. Christchurch (Durham Street)—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A. David L. Trebilco, One Wanted, Herbert Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.), William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.), William G. Slade, M.A. D.D. (Sup.), Charles Blair (Sup.).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
FIELD DIRECTOR—(See Question 30).
110. Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church—Wilfred E. Falkingham, David W. Edmonds, A Deaconess Wanted.
111. Christchurch East—Hubert G. Brown, A. Peter Dorrian, Leonard V. Willing, A. Wharton E. Silvester (Medal of Merit, U.S.A.), H. I. K. Hopper, B.A., Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.).
112. Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)—Leslie T. Norwell, Charles H. Raynor (Opawa), Robert S. Andrews (Lyttelton), Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).
113. Christchurch (Sydenham)—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
114. Christchurch (Spreydon)—M. Jackson Campbell, R. Russell Marshall.
115. Christchurch (Riccarton)—John D. Grocott, B.A., David L. Hines, Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A. (Overseas).
116. Christchurch (St. Albans)—Charles E. Dickens, Harold K. Brown, Herbert A. Cochrane, One Wanted, Cecil R. Taylor (Sup.).
117. Christchurch (Papanui)—Howard C. Matthews, B.A., One Wanted. South Island Orphanage: Chaplain, Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
118. Springston—Frank H. Woodfield, Walter J. D. Wakeling (Islington), Harry Cottom (Sup.).
119. Leeston—Owen T. Woodfield, Horace L. Richards (Sup.).
120. Kaiapoi—Harry V. Utting.
121. Rangiora—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th., One Wanted.
122. Greendale—Irwin J. Fowler.
123. Oxford—Trevor Shepherd.

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

IX—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

124. Timaru (Banks Street)—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.
125. Timaru (Woodlands Street)—Leslie F. Bycroft, One Wanted (Kensington).
- 125a. Marchwiell Union Parish—Edmund D. Grounds.
126. Waimate—Ivan J. Clucas, Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
127. Geraldine-Temuka—Neville Thornicroft, One Wanted.
128. Ashburton—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A., C. Seton Horrill, D. J. Donald Hickman (Sup.).
129. Willowby—Trevor L. Bennett.
130. Oamaru—George W. Cramond.

ARTHUR R. WITHEFORD, Chairman of the District.
A. MARSHALL, Financial Secretary.

X—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

131. Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A., Ernest Heppelthwaite, One Wanted, A Deaconess.
132. Dunedin (Dundas Street)—Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A., William L. Wallace, B.A.
133. Dunedin West—Warren Green (Roslyn), David L. Kitchingman (Maori Hill).
134. Dunedin South—William J. Morrison, M.A., One Wanted, John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S., Ernest B. Chambers (Sup. Supply).
- 134a. Corstorphine Union Parish—Alan J. Handyside.
135. Dunedin (St. Kilda)—Ralph E. Patchett, Barry E. Jones.
136. Dunedin (Mornington)—Andrew J. Johnston.
137. Milton—William K. Abbott.
138. Balclutha—J. Herbert Thompson.
139. Gore—J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
140. Edendale—One Wanted.
141. Invercargill Central—W. Lloyd Divers, Ronald H. Wood (who shall supervise Edendale Circuit).
142. Invercargill (St. Peter's)—J. Stanley Olds, One Wanted (Newfield).
143. Western Southland—Frank G. Glen, Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc.
144. Bluff—G. Basil W. Bell.
145. Roxburgh—Frederick G. Waiane.
146. Cromwell-Alexandra—Eric R. Eastwood (who shall supervise the Roxburgh Circuit).

LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Chairman of the District.

S. S. HOLDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., Financial Secretary.

XI—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

- [6] Roviana—George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Kokengolo), James F. Cropp (Banga), One Wanted (Kokengolo), Alexander C. Watson (Honiara), One Wanted (Gizo), Iliesa Buadromo (Simbo), Joel Zio (under the direction of the Chairman), One Missionary Sister (teacher), One Missionary Sister (teacher) Wanted, One Missionary Sister (nurse) Wanted.
 Helena Goldie Hospital—One Missionary Doctor, One Missionary Sister (nurse).
 District Headquarters: The Chairman of the District, One Lay Missionary (accountant), One Lay Missionary (Engineer), Allen H. Hall, M.A., with permission to pursue translation work in New Zealand.
 Goldie College (Banga)—James F. Cropp (Acting Principal).
 Post Primary School—Two Missionary Teachers Wanted.
- [7] Marovo—Aisake Vula (Sege).
- [8] Vella Lavella—Daniel Palavi (with pastoral oversight over Gizo and Mono), John V. Bitibule, Timothy Piani (Ranonga), One Missionary Sister (teacher) Wanted, One Missionary Sister (nurse).
- [9] Choiseul—D. I. Alister McDonald (Sasamunga), Job Rotoava (Sasamunga), Sakeo Raturoba (Senga), One Missionary Sister (teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Deaconess).
- [10] Buin—Philip F. Taylor (Tonu), One Wanted, Samson Pataku (Nagavisi), One Missionary Teacher Wanted, One Mis-

sionary Sister (nurse), One Missionary Sister (Deaconess).
District Girls School, Kihili—Two Missionary Sisters (teachers).

[11] Kieta—John Taufa, One Wanted.

[12] Teop—Gordon D. Brough, B.A. (Kekesu), J. Francis Bongbong (Tearaka), One Wanted, One Missionary Sister (teacher), One Missionary Sister (nurse).

Teacher Training Institution, Kekesu—One Missionary Sister (teacher).

[13] Buka—Gordon A. R. Cornwell (Skotolan), Moses Mosusu, One Wanted, One Missionary Sister (teacher), One Missionary Sister (nurse).

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 Overseas Missions Department of the Methodist Church 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.)

[14] Mendi—John B. Rees, One Lay Missionary, Two Missionary Sisters.

[15] Tari—One Wanted, Two Lay Missionaries, One Carpenter, Three Missionary Sisters.

[16] Nipa—Clifford J. Keightley, One Missionary Sister.

N.B.—John B. Rees is a minister of the New South Wales Conference.

CLIFFORD J. KEIGHTLEY, Chairman of the District.

OVERSEAS MEDICAL AND LAY MISSIONARIES

Gerald E. Hault, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., D.T.M. & H., Missionary Doctor, Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, British Solomon Islands.

John S. Gatman (Engineer), Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Bruce D. Smith (Accountant), Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Gordon T. Dey (Builder), Tari, Territory of New Guinea.

Rodney C. Fleury (Builder), Buin, Territory of New Guinea.

Ovini Baleidaveta (Fijian agriculturist), Buin, Territory of New Guinea.

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

NORTHLAND DISTRICT—

Whangaroa-Bay of Islands—(2nd) A. Armstrong, (3rd) E. T. Simpkin, R. Coombridge (retired).

Dargaville—(2nd) (Te Kopuru), D. F. Prince.

Whangarei (2nd) (Kamo)—D. H. Ansell.

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

Maori Mission:

Mangamuka—Supply.

Whirinaki—Supply.

Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.
 Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa.
 Taheke—Matu Makiha.
 Waiomio—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.
 Kawakawa—Herehere Maihi Maaka.
 Pokere—Piripi Livingstone.
 Totara North—Robert Taka.
 Whananaki—Himiona Waata.
 Hikurangi—Hohepa Hemara.
 Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
 Rangitane—Henare Kapa.
 Batley—Supply.
 Pakiri—Supply.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Department of Christian Education, Field Director—Miss Mary Astley.
 Auckland (Orakei)—D. I. Robertson (Retired).
 Auckland West (2nd)—One Wanted.
 Auckland (Takapuna)—W. H. Wilson (Retired).
 Auckland (Onehunga) (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (Derek G. Laws).
 Auckland (Birkenhead) (3rd)—K. J. Keall (Northcote).
 Pukekohe (2nd) (Mauku)—One Wanted.
 Bombay-Tuakau (2nd) (Bombay)—One Wanted.
 Whangaparaoa—Paul A. Garside.

Maori Mission:

Rewiti—Supply.
 Point Chevalier—Hone Wilcox.
 Auckland Suburban—Non-resident Student Supply (Napi Waaka).
 Auckland—Huru Wiperi (retired).
 Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.
 Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Kawerau—Supply (A. W. Dickie).
 Whakatane—W. J. Bryant (Retired).
 Tauranga (3rd)—L. A. Michie (Greerton).
 Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker).
 Rotorua (2nd)—Supply (Rev. W. M. Isitt) (Western Heights).
 Ngaruawahia—F. L. Johnson.
 Hamilton East—A. L. Witheford (Retired).
 Hamilton (3rd)—Supply (Rev. L. A. G. Brooks) (Melville).
 Kawhia—One Wanted.
 Te Awamutu (2nd)—Deaconess Supply (Sister Doreen Bulford) (Pirongia).

Maori Mission:

Hamilton—Wiremu Tonga.
 Rangiriri—Matene Hori de Thierry.
 Huntly—Supply.
 Ngaruawahia—Tutu Keepa.
 Ngaruawahia Rural—Grahame Kahui.
 Frankton Junction—J. Hatoitoi Pihama.
 Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama and Hoera Whakaari Hakopa.
 Aramiro—Supply.
 Raglan—Tuteao Manihiera.
 Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.
 Makomako—Tumu Te Huia.

Maketu Pa—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
Kawhia—Paahi Moke (retired).
Rakaunui—Supply.
Te Kopua—Supply.
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.
Taharoa—Taipua Te Uira.
Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.
Ngutunui—Supply.
Mokau—Supply.
Aotearoa—Pukerua Rangitutia.
Otorohanga—Supply.
Waitomo—Supply.
Hangatiki—Supply.
Waimiha—Tame Ponui.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

Waitara (Uruti)—One wanted.
New Plymouth—H. R. Wright (retired).
Eltham (Kaponga)—One wanted.
Hawera (Patea)—One wanted.
Raetihi—Ohakune—One wanted.
Marton—H. Prowse (retired).

Maori Mission:

New Plymouth—Te Akonga Pihama (Joint Chaplain to Rangia-
tea Hostel).
Urenui—One wanted.
Rahotu—Whatarau Ira Wharehoka.
Nukumarū—Supply.
Whenuakura—Supply.
Pariroa Pa—Supply.
Kai Iwi—Supply.
Wanganui—Supply.
Wanganui River—Supply.
Rangitikei—Supply.
Raetihi—Supply.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Palmerston North (Trinity) (2nd)—One wanted.
Woodville—A. E. Tardif.
Napier (3rd)—One wanted. C. Robinson (retired).
Gisborne (2nd)—One wanted.
Dannevirke-Norsewood (2nd) (Norsewood)—O. P. Davies.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington South (2nd) (Island Bay)—One wanted.
Upper Hutt (2nd)—Deaconess Appointment (Sister Gladys
Thomas).
Eketahuna—W. F. Browne.
Otaki—J. W. White.

NELSON DISTRICT—

Blenheim (2nd)—H. D. Kelly, B.A. (Picton); (3rd)—Colin G.
Jamieson.
Motueka—R. T. Alexander (retired).
Murchison—One wanted.
Reefton—T. Steele (retired).
Greymouth (2nd) (Runanga)—One wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Department of Christian Education, Field Director—C. H. Couch.
Rangiora (2nd) (Woodend)—Ronald E. Fields.
Christchurch (Durham Street) (3rd)—One wanted.

Christchurch (St. Albans) (4th)—One wanted.
Christchurch (Papanui) (2nd)—One wanted.

Maori Mission:

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Timaru (Woodlands Street) (2nd)—One wanted.
Geraldine-Temuka (2nd)—One wanted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Central Methodist Church and Mission (3rd)—One wanted.
Lawrence—Vacant (under Milton Superintendent).
Edendale—One wanted.
Invercargill, St. Peter's (2nd)—(Newfield)—Ronald W. Ferguson.
Dunedin South (2nd)—Supply (Rev. E. B. Chambers).

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

I—Home Work

(a) In Circuits

Sister Beverley Taylor, Auckland Central.
Sister Dorothy Pointon, Feilding.

(b) In Institutions and City Missions:

Two deaconesses wanted, Auckland Central Mission .
One Wanted, Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace Church, Christchurch.
Sister Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch.

(c) Ministerial Supply:

Sister Gladys Thomas, Upper Hutt.
Sister Doreen Bulford, Te Awamutu.

II—Maori Work—

(a) Maori Mission:

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
Sister Nicholls, Waikato.
Sister Airini Hobbs, Waikato.
Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.
Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
Sister Ruth Hilder, Te Kuiti.
Sister Grace Clement, Auckland.
Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.
Sister Kathleen Rogers, Taheke, Northland.
Sister Mary Sealey, Otorohanga.
Sister Joan Wedding, Auckland.
Sister Norma Yarr, Dargaville.
Probationer Graewyn Hammond, Hamilton.
Probationer Edna Jenkin, Hamilton 2nd.

(b) In Maori Hostels:

Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" Hostel, Auckland.
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth.

III—Overseas Work—

Sister Lucy Money, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
Probationer Pamela Beaumont, Buin, Territory of New Guinea.

IV—Leave of Absence—

Sister Jean Miller, Auckland.

Overseas:

Sister Lorraine Flowers. (Serving under the Australian Board of Missions.)

V—Without Appointment—

Sister Rita Snowden, Auckland.

VI—In Training—

Barbara Ida Miller, Shirley Vera Ungemuth (1st year). Diedre Jayne Cornish was received for training, to enter in 1963. Lynette Jean Bowker, Janet Anne Evans, Elva Cecilia Harris, Shirley Anne Simpson, Alys Vivienne Sharp (2nd year).

VII—Supply Appointments—

- (a) Mrs G. George (Sister Atawhai), Bay of Islands.
Miss Connie Fell, Auckland 2nd.
Mrs Eunice Bell, Hamilton.

VIII—Overseas Missionary Sisters—

Sister Ada Lee, Buin, T.N.G.
Sister Myra Fraser, Munda, B.S.I.P.
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 (leave of absence).
Sister Lesley Bowen, Teop, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister Audrey Highnam, Choiseul, B.S.I.P.
Sister Norma Graves, Teop, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister Patricia Jacobsen, Buin, T.N.G.
Sister Kathleen Shaw, Teop, Sohano, T.N.G.
Sister Gladys Larkin, Munda, B.S.I.P.
Sister Beryl Grice, Choiseul, B.S.I.P.
Miss Joyce K. Rosser, Tari, via Goroka, T.N.G.
Sister Patricia Hulks, Buka, Sohano, T.N.G.

N.B.: B.S.I.P. = British Solomon Islands Protectorate.
T.N.G. = Territory of New Guinea.

IX—Retired—

(a) Deaconesses:

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

(b) Missionary Sisters:

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

LIST OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

The following List will be a guide to those wishing to notify ministers in the cities in particular of those from other areas who are patients in the various city hospitals. The List is not exclusive. It refers only to the main public institutions. In smaller centres, not listed, those concerned should write to the resident Minister.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Auckland, Greenlane, and National Women's Hospitals—Rev. Walter Parker.

Middlemore—Revs. A. Jolly and L. R. M. Gilmore.

Avondale Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. L. C. Horwood.

Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. T. H. Carr.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Waikato Hospital—Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.
Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua)—Rev. W. E. A. Carr.
Tokonui Mental—Rev. J. Churchill.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Napier—Rev. Dr. R. Dudley.
Hastings—Rev. J. B. Dawson.
Palmerston North—Rev. G. E. Scarr.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Public—Rev. F. S. Rigg.
Lower Hutt Public—Rev. P. D. Ramsay.
Silverstream—Rev. F. H. Parker.

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson Public—Rev. I. D. Grant.
Ngawhatu Mental—Rev. I. D. Grant.
Seaview Mental (Hokitika)—Rev. A. A. Grundy.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch Hospitals—Contact Rev. Ian K. Hopper.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Dunedin Public and Private Hospitals—Rev. E. Hepplethwaite.
Seacliffe—Rev. W. Green.

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

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

Francis Bongbong	Lewis H. Major
Graham Brazendale	C. Russell Marshall
James H. Conway	William Morrison
John B. Currie	Moses Mosusu
Bruce W. Edwards	David S. Mullan
G. Kingsley Greening	Harold C. Pomeroy
Warwick G. Gust	Sakeo Raturoba
E. Francis I. Hanson	Ian H. Robertson
Graham G. Hawkey	Maynard G. Rutherford
Arnold C. Hight	Lawrence E. Salter
Derek G. Hollman	Brian W. Sides
Edgar R. Hornblow	A. Kerry Taylor
Maxwell A. Hornblow	Frederick G. Waine
Russell E. James	Walter J. D. Wakeling
Barry E. Jones	William L. Wallace
John E. Langley	Alan K. Woodley

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

All Senior Home Missionaries	Paul Garside
David Ansell	Colin Jamieson
David Armstrong	K. J. Keall
Sister Nicholls	H. D. Kelly
Sister Dorothy Pointon	Derek G. Laws
Sister Pamela Beaumont	Sister Lucy Money
Sister Doreen Bulford	Gordon Parker
Arthur W. Dickie	A. E. Tardif
R. E. Fields	

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS

Northland—William R. Francis, B.A.
Auckland—E. Clarence Leadley (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—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.
Otago-Southland—Andrew J. Johnston.
Solomon Islands—George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Papua-New Guinea Highlands—Clifford J. Keightley.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES:

General Statistical Secretary—William C. Jenkin.
Northland—George R. Thompson.
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—Charles B. Oldfield.
North Canterbury—Harold K. Brown.
South Canterbury—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.
Otago-Southland—Alan J. Handyside.
Solomon Islands—D. I. Alister McDonald.

QUESTION XXXIII.—(1) Who are Elected as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference, 1962?

President—Rev. Robert Thornley, M.A.
Vice-President: Mr Frank M. Souster.
Secretary—Rev. Athol R. Penn.

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

That for future years the matter be referred to the Church Council.

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

Report of the Statistical Secretary

General:

All the Returns were to hand before the end of August and for this co-operation I extend my thanks to the District Statistical Secretaries. Only one Circuit Return had to be investigated and it is a matter of regret that this is an annual one and shows a lack of consideration and care in the keeping of records.

A point that needs to be carefully watched is when the amalgamation of Circuits take place or new Circuits come into being, e.g. Five Circuits in the Dunedin area were either amalgamated or incorporated with other nearby Circuits. The new Circuits were shown with no members or with the number as at the 30th June last year. Then in the "Transfers from other New Zealand Circuits" there were large numbers reported. The result was that an increase was shown for the year under review.

Had the five Circuits concerned been entered in, then the Total number for the District as at 30th June last year would have been correct. These members should then have been "Transferred to other New Zealand Circuits" and that would have balanced the movement. The correct position would then have been shown because actually to have a "Transfer" involves a "Transfer from . . ." before you can have a "Transfer to . . .". Not that I would suggest the writing out of Transfer forms but the entries are necessary for the sake of Statistics. The result is that instead of a notable increase there was an actual decrease of 46.

The situation statistically is that the position as accepted by the previous Conference becomes the starting point in any year's computation. Unless this fact is accepted any comparisons made are of no value whatever.

A question has arisen with regards to Maori Families near a particular Church or Circuit. Where do they belong? Circuit or Maori Mission? The first point to get clear is what do we mean by the Local Church or Circuit? It would be wrong to say that Membership in any of our New Zealand Methodist Churches was confined to one particular race or class of people, if the Gospel is for all then all are eligible for membership in our Church.

A Maori family coming in to a Circuit and desiring fellowship of the Local Church is entitled to receive that fellowship; and after satisfying the Leader's Meeting is eligible for Membership therein. At this stage the Maori Mission should be advised that "Mr and Mrs X" desire to join the Local Church or to come under the Pastoral Care of the Local Church and will then be returned as under the Pastoral care of that Church and Circuit.

If the family has been returned as part of the Maori Mission then at that point no further entries should be made except a note in the Mission records as having been transferred to the Local Church

or Circuit at —. Unless this is carried out the statistics as such will become more and more unreliable.

This does not mean that a Minister or Deaconess should sever all connections with the family if in the vicinity of that home—. But a call to renew acquaintance should not be regarded statistically as "Under the Pastoral Care" of the Maori Mission. This situation will be increasingly seen as more of our Maori families leave their local settings and become absorbed in the skilled Trades and life of the Community in City and Suburb. This movement is inevitable and must be met in the spirit of co-operation, friendliness and Christian Caring.

Buildings:

There is a Net increase of 1 Church for this year and the total now stands at 451.

Other Preaching Places show a Net Decrease of 5 for the year. It was pleasing to see Otago with an increase of 5 Preaching Places. Decreases were reported from Northland, Auckland, South Auckland and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts. No doubt some of these can be accounted for by a New Church being opened.

Schoolrooms have increased by 6 for the year and now total 304. This is the first time that the number has exceeded 300.

Another increase of 4 New Parsonages for the year brings the total to 224. This is the highest number yet recorded. But it will be understood that this takes no notice of "Replacements" which number 8 for the year ending 30th June, 1961.

Staffing:

An increase of 2 brings the number of Ministers and Probationers to 271. This is offset by a decrease of 1 in the ranks of the Home Missionaries, the total now being 26.

Deaconesses stand at 10, an increase of 1 for the year. Local Preachers with a Net increase of 27 and a total of 702 show the highest number returned since 1942. Eight Districts reported increases, the highest being Northland 8 and North Canterbury 10. Two Districts reported decreases, Taranaki 7 and Otago 1.

Membership:

A Net increase for the year of 367 represents the lowest recorded since 1955. The total being 31,674 as at 30th June, 1961. New Members for the year are returned as 629 under 20 and 827 over 20, a total 1456. Against this number we record 485 who have died during the year, and 467 who have ceased to attend. It must be noted that in this latter figure people transferred on Reciprocal Membership or transferred overseas must be recorded as "Ceased to Attend".

Transfers are recorded at 2,270 "from other New Zealand Circuits" and 2,407 "to other New Zealand Circuits". This represents a loss from this source of 137 members for the year.

The total loss from all sources for the year is 1089 leaving a Net Gain of 367. Again bringing this down as simply as possible, for every 4 New Members gained during the past year we lost 3 in one of the ways mentioned above.

Since the present system has been in operation we have lost 1931 members through Transfer and 7637 recorded as "Ceased to Attend". The average therefore over the last 16 years is 477 Members "Ceased to attend" and 121 Members lost in Transfer. Making an average loss of 598 per year from these two sources.

In addition to the Net Increase of 367 Members for the year it is

pleasing to note that 8 Districts return "Members on Probation" totaling 161. This is an increase of 57 on last year's figure.

Communicant Members show a slight decrease of 43, the total now being 28,556. One Circuit returned only 2 out of every 9 members as Communicant Members and that takes no account of any adherents who may have attended. It would appear that no attempt has been made to make an estimate of the number of Communicants in that particular Circuit. If Conference is desirous of information then those concerned with the various forms should endeavour to make a reasonable attempt to comply. Otherwise it makes the efforts of the vast majority of little real value.

The number of families under the Pastoral care of the Church as at the 30th June increased by 1110, making a total of 45,745 families with 140,500 persons being known by the Church. There is an increase of 4253 persons for the year.

Youth Returns:

Baptisms for the year number 3036, a decrease of 351 on last year's figures while 83 less on the Cradle Roll brings that total to 8186.

The Beginners and Primary Department record an increase of 307 for the year, the total now standing at 10,696.

Junior and Intermediate sections show decreases of 181 and 370 respectively. Totals being 8670 Junior and 6109 Intermediate.

Teachers number 2921, a decrease of 87.

As against this loss on the Sunday School level the Bible Class figures show an improvement. Increases of 194 Junior; 163 Intermediate and 145 Senior with 63 additional teachers.

This increase has worked its way through Primary and Sunday School levels and has now reached the Bible Class level.

The forms that the L.Y.C. Secretaries were asked to hand to the Superintendent Minister (See M. of C. 1960, page 89, Resolution 8) were of little value in compiling the Circuit Returns for Synod as the Question was asked, "How is your Sunday School graded and give ages of each grade". Had numbers in each grade been asked for, as was hoped last year it would have expedited the information on the Synod level. It is hoped that this information can be included in future years.

Finances:

Stipends in accordance with the Resolution of Conference were increased last year and now stand at £159,427/18/10, an increase of £15,312/7/4 on the previous year.

Travelling Expenses for the year total £32,425/8/9, an increase of £3065/9/4. These figures are also required by the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee and it is more imperative than ever that the correct figure is given because that will influence the amount the Circuit has to find for the Connexional Budget. A stab in the dark in this item could have a serious reaction on the Circuit's finances in other ways. A word to the wise should be sufficient for the future. After all one is only asked to state the actual amount it has cost the Circuit to keep the Minister mobile.

Four Districts have no Circuit cars this year, the total stands at 17, a reduction of 6 on last year. On the other hand 7 more Ministers own Cars and the total is now 198.

Circuit Finances show an increase of Credits at £981/14/-, the total being £30,690/9/4 while there is a decrease recorded of £2476/7/8 in the Debits in Circuit Accounts—the total being £15,906/11/11.

Trust Balance (excluding Balances held for special purposes) show an increase of £5,283/6/1 in the Credits held, the total being

£69,301/10/8 and a very sharp increase of £29,849/5/4 in the Debit Balances, the total now standing at £89,674/12/-.

As a Church we are facing some very large building replacements and a glance at the Church Building and Loan Funds Committee's Report will give an idea of the extent of work both New and Renovating of Properties right through the Connexion.

The only information to hand so far re the "Census" taken in April last was the total population for New Zealand. Evidently it will be some time yet before the Religious affiliations will be available. In the meantime I am preparing information which will on completion be sent to the District Statistical Secretaries for action on the District level. This will be the first time that it will have been possible for a comparison between the Census Declared Methodists and our own Church records.

In two years time, 1963 we shall be commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand as at present constituted and it is hoped that some fitting observances will be made to commemorate that fact. Is it too much to ask that we make every endeavour to increase our Senior Membership by 1963 to 35,000? An average increase for the next 2 years of 23 members per Circuit will reach the target.

Conclusion:

I appreciate the promptness with which the Returns came in this year and with one exception were reasonably correct. If Secretaries' dealing with Statistics on the District level will make a point of seeing that the figure for "Members as at 30th June last year" is correct on the Returns they receive and deal with them on that level it would expedite matters considerably.

The Church Finance and Stewardship Committee require Membership figures etc. by the beginning of September in order to complete their work for Conference. It will therefore be seen that if each will do his part on Circuit, District and Conference levels the work will be completed on time.

Again my thanks to the District Statistical Secretaries for their Co-operation this year.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

MAORI MISSION RETURNS REPORT 1961

This year the Questionnaire contained questions not required before, but meets the requirements of the Maori Mission Department and will enable them to see at a glance the work being carried out.

Women's organisations are reported for the first time and in this section no comparisons are possible.

General:

An increase in the number of Churches of 2 in the Northland area brings the total for the year ending 30th June to 18.

Other preaching places show a net increase of 3, the total being 148. Northland an increase of 6 and King Country a decrease of 1 and Taranaki a decrease of 2.

Parsonages are again returned at 8 as at 30th June and the number of Ministers remain at 8.

Home Missionaries in full time now number 6, this being a decrease of 2 on last year's figure. However, Home Missionaries doing "Part Time" service have increased by 3, the total now being 27.

Deaconesses in Maori work now number 16, this being an increase of 1 for the year ending 30th June.

Local Preachers again show a decrease this year of 2 and the number as at 30th June is 9.

Membership:

Membership again because of the new policy set in motion last year shows a decrease of over 50%. Decreases returned are Northland 30, South Auckland 1398, King Country 396, and Taranaki 433. A total of 2257 for the year. Auckland shows an increase of 39, giving a net loss of 2218 for the year and the membership standing at 1962 as at the 30th June.

The difference in membership for 1960/61 is 6,932 less than that returned as at 30th June, 1959.

Methodist adherents are returned this year for the first time, the total being 6,006, with 4812 being domiciled in the South Auckland Mission District. 31 new members are returned for the year, these being Northland 21, Auckland 6, and South Auckland 4.

Youth:

Previously the total number of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes were returned, but the Maori Mission Department have now asked for these to be returned so as to indicate the nature of the work done. Comparisons therefore can only be made this year on the "Grand Totals".

Sunday Schools are returned as weekly 40, fortnightly 49, and monthly 66, a total of 155 for the year, and this represents an increase of 4.

Sunday School scholars total 2196. Taranaki having only given the grand total, the numbers attending weekly, fortnightly and monthly cannot be given in this report.

There is, however, an increase of 220 Sunday scholars for the year.

12 Bible Classes meet weekly, and 11 meet fortnightly. This is an increase of 1 for the year, the total being 23. Bible Class members have increased by 36, the total being 290, there being 141 weekly and 149 fortnightly.

Pastoral Care:

Eighty-seven less families are reported, the number now being 2627. Decreases being Auckland 387, and Taranaki 7, while increases are reported for Northland 157, South Auckland 138, and King Country 12. Increases in the number of persons are reported in Northland 996, Southland Auckland 1352, Taranaki 67 (total 2415), while decreases are reported in Auckland 939, and King Country 64 (total 1003), giving a net increase of 1412, the total as at 30th June being 12,329.

Regular Women's Organisations:

19 Fellowships and 1 Guild meet monthly with a membership of 162; 1 meets fortnightly with a membership of 10 and 2 weekly with a membership of 22. There are 4 monthly devotional meetings with a membership of 20; one is held fortnightly with a membership of 6.

Maori Mission statistics should become more reliable from now on in view of the more realistic approach to the question of membership.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

Solomon Islands District Report

The Statistical Returns as submitted from our Overseas Missions District was rather disturbing, but no doubt the Overseas Missions report will be able to throw light on the subject.

Churches:

The number of Churches returned is 239, being a decrease of 24 on last year's figures. Decreases are shown as Buka 3; Kieta-Buin 9; Choiseul 1; and Roviana 17. While increases are reported at Teop 3; and Vella 3.

Other Preaching Places:

This shows a decrease of 11 for the year, Roviana showing a decrease of 10.

Seven European Ministers are returned, also 1 Doctor at Roviana.

A decrease of 3 Sisters brings the total now to 13. Lay Missionaries now total 4, being an increase of 2. This is offset by a decrease of 2 Lay workers.

Native Ministers now stand at 10 this being an increase of 2 for the year. There is still 1 native agriculturist. There is a net decrease of 4 Native Catechists, the largest decrease being at Roviana where there are 5 less returned. The total now stands at 32.

There is an increase of 5 Native Pastors making the total for the year 35. Pastor-Teachers returned at 140 is a decrease of 88 for the year. The decreases being Teop 12; Kieta-Buin 65; Choiseul 1; and Roviana 14. There is an increase of 4 at Buin.

A net increase of 14 brings the number of Teachers to 121. Under this heading Roviana shows a decrease of 10 while Vella shows an increase of 22. 7 less Medical assistants bring the total to 32. The decreases being at Buka 2; and Kieta-Buin 5.

There is a net increase of 23 Local Preachers. The decreases are Buka 9; Kieta-Buin 10; and Roviana 64. Increases Teop 2; Choiseul 2; and Vella 102.

Class Leaders show a decrease of 11. Decreases are Kieta-Buin 7 and Roviana 10 while increases are reported from Buin 4; and Vella 2.

Membership:

European members at 38 show a decrease of 4 for the year. The European Youth Roll also shows a decrease of 6 the total now being 27. European Adherents stand at 27 an increase of 1 for the year.

Native members show a decrease of 1370 for the year, the total being 6924. Decreases are Buka 109; Teop 81; Vella 34 and Roviana 1206. Increases are reported at Kieta-Buin 49 and Choiseul 11.

A decrease of 972 is shown in the Native Youth Rolls. Here again Roviana returns 1314 less on their Youth Roll. Increases are as follows:—Buka 176; Teop 16; Kieta-Buin 101; Choiseul 46 and Vella 3. Grand total 7566. Adherents show an increase of 460. The total now standing at 5396.

Sunday Schools show a decrease of 28 for the year, the total returned being 178. Roviana showing a decrease of 25. Sunday school scholars show a net decrease of 631. Decreases at Kieta-Buin 377; Choiseul 99 and Roviana 402. While increases are shown at Buka 63; Teop 70 and Vella 114.

N.B.—Would members of Conference please note that the total of 5694 in last year's report should be 5194, this can be seen when the cross-figures are added). Day schools show a decrease of 28 the total being 176 for the year. Decreases are Teop 12; Vella 3

and Roviana 15. Buka shows an increase of 3. Day school Teachers show a decrease of 75, the total returned being 312. Decreases are Teop 9; Choiseul 3; Vella 40 and Roviana 31. Buka an increase of 8.

Day school scholars show a decrease of 645, the total being 6110. Decreases are reported at Teop 135 and Roviana 830, while increases are Buka 130; Kieta-Buin 39; Choiseul 115 and Vella 36.

Members and Adherents are returned at 16,572, this being a decrease of 5859 for the year. Decreases are Teop 47; Kieta-Buin 284; Choiseul 1969; Vella 1382, and Roviana 2317; a gross total of 5999. An increase is reported from Buka of 140.

A pleasing addition to the returns for this year is the fact of eight companies of the Boys' Brigade with a membership of 389 boys. There are also nine companies of the Girl's Life Brigade with a membership of 452 girls and also 66 cadets.

Conclusion:

Mention was made in the last Minutes of Conference to the concern felt by "the growing number of people drawn away to follow the 'new way' of Lotu led by Silas Eto." This is no doubt being reflected in the present statistics.

Wm. C. JENKIN,
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Statistical Returns be received and adopted.

2. That Conference express regret at the serious decline in membership revealed in the Solomon Islands resulting from the Silas Eto Movement and earnestly pray that by the Grace of God the breach may be healed, and those who have withdrawn be reconciled to the parent Church.

3. That the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the General Statistical Secretary consider the revision of the General Statistical Form with a special reference to "those transferred overseas" and "those transferred to other denominations."

4. That the Department of Christian Education reconcile the Statistical Forms as issued through the D.Y.C. Councils with the Youth Section in the General Returns.

5. That the Christian Education Department investigate the matter of the number of Ministers in relation to the growth of the N.Z. population with a view to assuring that the Ministry should keep pace with the need of maintaining closer pastoral relations with a growing population by bringing the vocation of the Ministry before the young people of the Connexion in more effective ways.

6. That Rev. W. C. Jenkin be heartily thanked for his work and re-appointed.

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

Welfare of the Church Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Lectionary:

The Lectionary for 1962-63 has been prepared by the Rev. G. R. H. Peterson. The Church is indebted to him for his work in this connection since the Lectionary was first officially introduced to New Zealand Methodism.

Chairmanship of Meetings:

The Faith and Order Committee has adhered to the view taken

by the Law Revision Committee, namely, that a Superintendent Minister ought not to delegate his authority as a chairman, especially for a fixed term as had been suggested. It was considered that the matter was not a theological question, but constitutional and legal.

The Welfare of the Church Committee therefore believes that the statement on this subject in the 1960 Minutes of Conference expressed the mind of the Church. We make no recommendation for a change of policy.

Triennial Visitation:

The Committee has gathered valuable information regarding methods of investigating and helping circuit welfare through triennial visits by a team from the District Synod Standing Committee. Substantial reports have come from the Auckland District, where many Circuits have been visited during the past 2 years. In some of New Zealand's biggest circuits all Societies have been visited during a Saturday and a very comprehensive questionnaire completed in each case. The Auckland District Secretary reports that the most valuable questions have been those regarding Membership, Buildings and Property, and Future Extension Programmes.

However, our Committee considers that a shorter questionnaire than that used by Auckland would suit in most cases, provided it were adaptable to the varying circumstances of each Circuit and District. We therefore recommend the following questionnaire which seeks to avoid unnecessary duplication of existing machinery and procedures. It should be noted that question 2 envisages a District Officer preparing graphs or comparative tables showing membership and other statistical trends revealed by annual returns over a period of years.

Questions for Triennial Visitation of Circuits

1. Circuit Records, Schedule Book, Members' Rolls, Baptismal Registers to be produced for inspection, and the Visiting Committee to make comments and be required to certify that they are kept up to date.

2. What matters arising from Annual Returns to Synod do the Chairman and Secretary of the District consider require attention? (Note: An indication of questions to be discussed shall be sent to Circuits 14 days in advance.)

3. What is the state of all funds within the Circuit? Are there any difficulties in connection with financial matters? Has the Circuit met its financial obligations to the Ministry and the Connexion?

4. What is the programme of meetings and activities within the Circuit? How could its effectiveness be increased?

5. What is the condition of the buildings, including parsonages? Are there any urgent building needs?

Are all buildings and their contents adequately insured?

What is the policy for future maintenance and replacement of buildings?

Is the equipment adequate for present-day requirements?

6. Is there opportunity for Church extension in and beyond the Circuit?

What is the Circuit policy in this regard? What steps are being taken?

7. What is the overall programme of Christian Education, including adult study and witness, leadership, and training of local preachers?

8. Are there ways in which better use could be made of the

services of the laity and the ministers in the total Mission of the Church?

Report: A report of the visiting committee shall be given to the Synod Standing Committee, with adequate ministerial and lay representation of the Circuit in attendance by invitation, a copy of the report having previously been given to the Superintendent and Circuit Stewards concerned for their confidential information. Subsequently a copy of the adopted report shall be sent to the Quarterly Meeting, together with any recommendations by the Synod Standing Committee.

Music Council:

The 1960 Conference Resolution, Minutes Page 61, No. 6, has been considered and our committee feels that it is both desirable and possible to set up a Music Council. We are of the opinion that it would have an important and helpful effect upon the life of the whole Church. We have found that many persons in separate parts of the Connexion are thinking along similar lines, and already a number of people are willing to act on such a council. The functions of the Music Council might include:

- (1) Assisting the Church by making facilities available for the training of choir members, choir masters and organists, possibly in conjunction with the schools already established by some other denominations.
- (2) Supplying information and advice to choirs concerning every type of music available. This would involve keeping in touch with sources of Church music, both in New Zealand and overseas. There is need for liaison with publishers to ensure that stocks of music suitable to our purposes are kept in New Zealand.
- (3) Establishing a choir inter-loan system in order that the fullest use may be made of existing stocks of music held by choirs. The Department of Christian Education has offered help in this. We suggest that it begin on an experimental basis in the Wellington District and if successful the system be extended.

A. J. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

W. J. MORRISON, Acting-Chairman.

A. J. HANDYSIDE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted except for Section Chairmanship of Meetings, which is received only.
2. That the Lectionary be adopted for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference, it being strongly urged that "The Methodist Times" and Circuit Magazines or Preaching Plans give it publicity.
3. That as from 1962 all Circuits be triennially visited by a team from the District Synod Standing Committee, the questions as set out in the above report being the basis of the visit.
4. That a Connexional Music Council be formed in Wellington, and that the Wellington District Synod Standing Committee be asked to appoint the Council and its convener for the first year.
5. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to consider the holding of the Annual Covenant Service throughout the Connexion on Whit Sunday or some other suitable simultaneous occasion.
6. That in general principle the membership of patients in Mental Hospitals and other institutions be retained in their home Church.

7. That Conference ask the Welfare of the Church Committee to make recommendations to Synods and Conference for alteration to the Law to provide for laymen to be appointed as Chairmen of local Church meetings.

8. That the following be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for further consideration:—

In view of the fact that the Law Book makes no provision for the appointment of either Choirmasters or Organists, and in view of the fact that these appointments are of extreme importance to the spiritual welfare of the Church, provision be made for the appointment of these persons by the Leaders' Meeting, subject to collaboration with the Trustees Meeting where remuneration is paid. Further that such appointments be subject to annual review by the Leaders' Meeting.

9. That Conference notify all Quarterly meetings of the Questions to be used at the time of the Triennial Visitation together with a statement explaining (1) that this triennial visitation is an extension and elaboration of the principle already expressed in regulation 162, p. 29 Law Book, and (2) the advisory nature of the visitation.

10. That the Welfare of the Church Committee consider the establishment of a Church Drama Advisory Committee, such a Committee to make available to the Church lists of plays suitable for Church functions and generally promote the use of drama in Methodism.

11. That the proposal to establish an order of Lay Pastors within the Church and report on their training and commissioning for service, be referred to the South Auckland Committee as set up under Church Council business.

12. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION XXXV.

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The Spiritual Advance Committee has met bi-monthly at Palmerston North and area sub-committees have worked on special assignments.

Circuit Missions:

An encouraging aspect of our work is that 31 Evangelistic and Teaching Missions of various types have been held or are proposed in many Circuits during the year ended 30th June, 1961. The Committee has material available for Circuits contemplating Missions to give guidance on organisation and suggestions for programmes. This material has been collated from actual Missions in the Circuits, and is available on request to the Convener. The Committee has also suggested Missioners in many cases and is grateful to the men who have been able to respond to this call of the Church.

Prayer Cells:

This is also an encouraging feature of our Church life. The number of Cells is steadily growing throughout the Connexion, 76 Cells being registered at 30 June. Each Cell registered with the Connexion receives copies of the "Prayer Cell Messenger" of the British Methodist Church and also a newsletter and guidance relevant to our N.Z. situation.

Invitation to Dr. Billy Graham (1960 Minutes of Conference, p. 64, Res. 8):

1. The Spiritual Advance Committee is agreed that for the Church the recovery of the strongest note of urgency in its com-

munication of Gospel to the New Zealand community at large is of paramount importance.

2. Dr. Graham's Crusade demonstrated that many people will respond to clear appeals for commitment and that there was great value in the demonstration of working together in a nationwide evangelistic Mission.

3. The Committee is sure that in the work of evangelism there is no substitute for the patient and efficient work of the local Church. Mass meetings have a place—but they build on the work of the Churches, and if the results are to be permanent, the converts must be nurtured in the fellowship of the Church.

4. The Committee welcomed the principle of Counsellors in the Crusade and considers that there is need to make explicit to every Church member his or her responsibility to witness and shepherd, and for the Church to provide its members with training to this end.

5. The Committee considers that the question of a further invitation to Dr. Graham for a second Crusade should be reviewed in the light of these agreements and recommends to Synods and Conference:

- i. That the National Council of Churches be asked to plan for a nationwide Mission at parish, district and dominion levels in 1963, using the experience of the Campaign for Christian Order in 1942 and the N.C.C. ventures in Christchurch in 1959.
- ii. That subsequent to this major effort and in the light of it, consideration be given to an invitation to Dr. Graham to return for a further Crusade.

OVERSEAS VISITORS

Dr. Lloyd Daugherty:

Dr. Daugherty has found it impossible to visit our Church this year and asked that a definite arrangement be made for June 1962. This matter was referred to the Church Council which agreed to this arrangement. This has been confirmed with Dr. Daugherty.

Prof. C. A. Coulson, F.R.S., and Dr. Eric Baker:

Dr. Coulson will endeavour to make himself available to visit N.Z. at Eastertime in either 1963 or 1964. As the Rev. Dr. Eric Baker, the next Cato Lecturer, will be here in 1963, the Spiritual Advance Committee recommends that 1964 be reserved for Professor Coulson.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy:

Dr. Kennedy will be in N.Z. for about 10 days in February 1962. He desires to see as much of our country and meet as many Methodists as possible in that time. The Committee has communicated with Dr. Kennedy concerning a limited itinerary.

Advent and Lenten Leaflets:

The Committee is grateful to Rev. L. G. Hanna who wrote both these leaflets for 1960 and 1961. The Advent Leaflet 1961 is being written by "Evelyn Nathanielsz"—a Ceylonese Methodist now resident in New Zealand, and the Lenten Leaflet 1962 by Rev. M. J. Campbell. The Committee also expresses appreciation to the Board of Publications for its work on behalf of the Committee.

"The Making of Prayers":

This is a substantial and valuable work on Prayer by Rev. O. E. Burton, written at the request of the Spiritual Advance Committee. In conjunction with the Board of Christian Education the Committee is now exploring avenues of financial aid to make publication possible.

Unchurched People:

A questionnaire is being prepared for distribution to selected people who are not members of the Church and seeking their co-operation in furnishing reasons for non-activity in the Church. This is an attempt to gather the re-actions of the "outsider" to the Christian Faith and to the Church, so that the Committee can plan action in an attempt to bridge the gulf which separates the Church from those beyond its fellowship.

Invitation to World Council of Churches Leaders (1960 Minutes, p. 64, Res. 10):

The pressure of work on the Committee this year has been such that consideration has not yet been given to this matter. It is intended to give it priority of attention before Conference and it may be possible to report at that stage.

Order of Lay Ministries (1960 Minutes, p. 64, Res. 10):

The Committee has considered this matter and had an interim report prepared but on hearing that other related matters are likely to be the work of a special Committee thinks it should be referred to that Committee.

Handbook for Lay Pastors (1958 Ministers, p. 60, Res. 5):

The manuscript of this work has been completed. The Committee is now considering it and pursuing means of publication.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

R. G. BELL, Convener.

Addendum:

After five years of devoted and capable leadership as Convener, the Rev. R. Graham Bell desires to be relieved of this responsibility. In acceding to his request the Committee desires to place on record its high sense of appreciation of the outstanding service Mr Bell has rendered to the Committee and the Connexion through his work as Convener. Mr Bell will continue to serve the Church as a member of the Committee.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Committee arrange for Bishop Gerald Kennedy to visit New Zealand in February, 1962, Rev. Dr. Eric Baker in 1963, and Professor C. A. Coulson, F.R.S., in 1964.

3. That Circuits be encouraged to organise Evangelistic or Teaching Missions, to consult the Spiritual Advance Committee on arrangements, and forward an appraisal to the Committee after the Mission.

4. That our Methodist people be encouraged to form Prayer Cells in conjunction with the Minister and Leaders' Meeting.

5. i. That the National Council of Churches be asked to plan for a nationwide Mission at parish, district and dominion levels, using the experience of the Campaign for Christian Order in 1942 and the N.C.C. ventures in Christchurch in 1959.

ii. That subsequent to this major effort and in the light of it, an invitation be extended to Dr. Billy Graham to return for a further Crusade.

iii. That when consideration is being given to the Crusade in 5 (ii), the names of Revs. D. T. Niles, Bryan Green, Alan Walker, Tom Allan and Bishop Wickham be considered.

6. That in view of Resolution 5 (i) and (ii), it would be preferable for the Methodist Church that Dr. Billy Graham's visit be later than 1963, but that we agree to co-operate if the other member

churches agree that 1963 is convenient and a firm invitation is proposed for that year.

7. That the Methodist Church would favour early 1965 as the earliest completely suitable time for a return visit, or the same period in any subsequent year and suggests that two years' notice is desirable for adequate preparations to be made.

8. That the Spiritual Advance Committee give favourable consideration in the programme of the School of Theology in 1963 to "The pattern of Methodism in the rural scene, its problems, challenge and strategy."

9. That a grant of £210 from the appropriate funds be made to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

10. That Conference expresses to the Rev. R. Graham Bell M.A., B.D., its sincere appreciation of his services as Convener of the Spiritual Advance Committee for the past five years.

11. That the Conference expresses its sympathy with the Board of Evangelism of the American Methodist Church in the death of the Rev. Dr. D. Lloyd Daugherty, and that its condolences be conveyed to the members of his family.

12. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XXXV.

C—Local Preachers' Association

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The Dominion Executive met ten times during the year and has to report continued interest in the value of Local Preacher training by the Church. The Executive also has been in consultation again that year with various Departments on policy matters, with encouraging results.

Annual Meeting, 1960: The Annual Meeting of the Association for 1960 was held in St. Peter's Church Hall, Invercargill on Monday, November 9th, 1960 when visiting members were guests of the Southland Sub-Branch. Thirty-two members were present. The President of Conference, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, as guest of the Association, gave a much appreciated address just prior to the Business Session. A vote of thanks was given to the ladies of the St. David's Presbyterian Church for their co-operation in supplying and servicing the tea.

Examination Results: A summary of the results of the 1960 examinations is as follows:

	Entries		Passes		Failures	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.
Theology	26	30	20	21	6	9
New Testament	38	35	27	29	11	6
Old Testament	30	27	22	20	8	7
Homiletics	27	22	22	20	5	2

Analysis of examination results reveals:

	June	Dec.
Candidates sitting examinations	91	80
Papers attempted	121	114
Papers marked as Passes	91	90
Papers marked 50% to 59%	35	41
Papers marked 60% to 69%	36	30
Papers marked 70% to 79%	11	15
Papers marked 80% to 89%	6	4
Papers marked 90% upwards	3	—
Candidates completing 4 subjects	15	24

Accreditation Certificates: The following are congratulated upon reception as fully accredited local preachers, and have been issued with Accreditation Certificates and Presentation Books: Ruth Doreen Bolitho, St. Albans; Ronald John Vosper, Matamata; Neil Ernest Smith, Matamata; Norman John West, Ashburton; Stanley James West, Ashburton; Nelson William Dodge, Ashburton; Benjamin Graham Carr, Papanui; William C. Wotherspoon, Hokianga; Wallis Franklin Browne, Lower Hutt; Hendrik Gerritsen, Nelson; Robinson Charles Mitchell, Nelson; Constance Toomer, Nelson; Robin Cooper, Pitt Street; Robert Groves, Taumaranui; Brian Leonard Olsen, Orakei; Henry Richard Johansson, Ruawai; Douglas Dixey, Western Southland; Barry Harkness, Blenheim; Robert Allan, Blenheim; William Arthur Austin, Devonport; Peter Leonard Jarvis, Christchurch East; Brian Edward Walker, Christchurch East; William Richard Hawkey, St. Albans; Allan William McNaughton, Matamata; Ronald Potts, Wellington Central; Dora E. Purser, Upper Hutt; Gladys M. Thomas, Upper Hutt; John Hayhurst, Upper Hutt; Ronald Yorke Sheerin, Putaruru; William Alvan Simpkin, Ruawai; Noel Watts, Manaia; John Henry Fruin, Ashburton; Paul E. Gay, Raetihi; Murray Ayling Farley, St. Peters, Invercargill; Sydney John Leach, Kawerau; Alfred Doric Mabon, Whakatane; Jack Eric Fergusson, Durham Street; Stephen Montague Tucker, Addington; Ludwig Felderhof, Durham Street; Clive Chandler, Lower Hutt; John Warren Roberts, Tauranga; Donald Baker, Wellington North; Ronald John Ferguson, Nelson.

Long Service Diplomas: By the issue of Long Service Diplomas, the Church has recognised and honoured the long and loyal service of the following: Horace William Wood, St. Pauls, Palmerston North, 38 years; Henry Charles Withell, Ashburton, 52 years; Alan A. Dingwall, Cambridge Terrace, 28 years; Robert G. Bishop, Leeston, 37 years; Percival B. Birkett, Leeston, 38 years; Frederick J. Colechin, Addington, 36 years; John E. Horrell, Oxford, 44 years; Wallace Austral Bascand, Durham Street, 38 years; Leonard Gordon Keith Steven, Durham Street, 46 years; Francis Ewart Olds, Durham Street, 27 years; Howard Russell, Blenheim, 25 years; Russell Barnett, Leeston, 38 years; George Robert Brown, St. Peters, Invercargill, 59 years; Victor Herbert Smart, Blenheim, 25 years; Frances Gatman, Takapuna, 55 years; Alfred Hardy Couch, Dominion Road, 43 years; Alfred Lloyd Button, Huntly, 26 years; William Henry Roberts, Levin, 38 years; Ewen Henry Barber, Shannon, 28 years; Leslie Gerwood Potts, Foxton, 26 years.

Transfer of Lay Preachers from the Negotiating Churches to the Methodist Church: In accord with a resolution of Conference, 1960, the Local Preachers' Dominion Executive has been in correspondence with the Convener of the Church Union Committee on the subject of the transfer of lay preachers from the negotiating Churches to the Methodist Church. Statements received from him reveal the following position in the Presbyterian Church, Congregational Church and the Associated Churches of Christ.

1. The Presbyterian Church has a system of study comparable with that of the Methodist Church, extending over a period of three years. The preachers are licensed after examination and receive a certificate.

2. The Congregational Church has a course comparable with that of the Methodist Church, taken over a minimum period of two years. The preacher is required to preach before his minister and an outside minister at least six times before accreditation. On completing the course, he is accredited and receives a certificate.

Both the Presbyterian and Congregational systems operate from a central Board on a Dominion basis, similar to our Methodist Board of Examiners.

3. The Associated Churches of Christ have no lay 'preachers' by name. They have a system of 'mutual ministry,' whereby they recognise the right of all who are duly qualified to read, pray, and preach, even though they are not ordained to the office of Presbyter or Deacon. There is no national system of training, but local churches conduct courses of study. There is no examination or formal accrediting. No certificate is issued.

The Dominion Executive considers that the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, with their system of study, examination and issue of certificates on a national basis, ensure that their lay preachers reach a standard as required of Local Preachers according to the Methodist Law at present. If transferred to the Methodist Church as members, they, upon production of their certificate, should be received as fully accredited local preachers. The Associated Churches of Christ system of no general national system of study, no examinations and no system of issuing certificates of accreditation, is similar to the Methodist system of accepting auxiliary preachers or helpers to meet emergencies. They cannot therefore be accepted on transfer as accredited local preachers. They can, however, upon transfer, sit the examinations as required of local preachers, or, if over 40 years of age, sit an oral examination on doctrine and faith, conduct a trial service, satisfy the examiners that they have been preaching for at least ten years, and be duly accredited.

The Executive considers that the foregoing analysis is in keeping with the spirit of Methodist Law and the standards regarded as basic for local preachers as established by Conference in recent years. We feel that it also recognises the legitimate claims of the negotiating churches in the matter of their lay preachers. Uncertificated preachers should be required to sit the examinations as required by our church so as to ensure the maintaining of the standards for local preachers as required by Conference.

Co-ordination of Lay Study Courses: Under the guidance of the Department of Christian Education, the co-ordinating of study courses for laymen has become established this year, and is of great benefit both to ministers and laymen. The Local Preachers' Association, however, wishes to draw attention to a lack in the matter of apportioning awards under the new system. Students taking the courses come under three headings. (1) Those who take the course conscientiously but sit no examinations, (2) Those who take the course and sit examinations as prepared by the Board of Examiners for local preachers, but who do not intend to become accredited local preachers, and (3) those who complete the course for local preachers. Group (1) receive a Diploma from the Department of Christian Education certifying that they have attended the course. Group (2), although taking examinations, receive the same diploma as Group (1). Group (3) are received, with certificate, as accredited Local Preachers. It is the mind of the Dominion Executive that Group (2), being willing to sit examinations to prove their assimilation of the study courses, should receive, upon passing the examinations, a distinctive certificate from either the Board of Examiners or the Local Preachers' Association, in addition to the Diploma from the Department of Christian Education. We append a Recommendation.

Local Preachers' Retreats: Two outstanding weekend retreats on a district basis have been held during the year. One of these was held at Murchison by the preachers of Nelson District. The other, held

at Trinity College, was organised by the South Auckland District. In both cases, the attendance was very large and the studies of such a standard that they were circulated through the 'Preacher' to all local preachers in the Dominion.

Draft Basis of Union: Branches and individuals have forwarded comments on the Draft Basis of Union. These have been sent on to all Branches and to the Convener of the Church Union Committee. The predominant thought in the comment is that in the United Church the office and standing of the local preacher should be preserved.

Visits by Executive Members: During the years, the President of the Dominion Executive visited Ashburton to assist in services and the presentation of Accreditation Certificates and Long Service Diplomas. The Secretary visited Central Otago, conducting services in several centres, and assisting in the Reception service of a local preacher. A party of Executive members journeyed to Lawrence to assist the local Church in its Methodist Centenary Celebrations and, as its significant part, conducted an open-air service on the spot at Bluespur where the first Methodist service amongst Goldminers in Central Otago was conducted by local preachers.

World Dictionary of Methodism: At the request of the Editor of the Methodist Times, the President prepared a statement covering the origin and work of the Local Preachers in New Zealand. This was approved by the Executive and sent forward for inclusion in the World Dictionary of Methodism.

Preaching Service Required for Accreditation: In response to requests at the Annual Meeting, 1960, the Dominion Executive has conducted enquiries amongst the Branches concerning the need for stipulating a given preaching experience before a preacher is given a Certificate of Accreditation. It is felt that, with the accent of recent years on theological knowledge and intellectual ability the practical implications of preaching have been overlooked. In that it is experience that finally makes the preacher effective, it is considered that a definite number of services should be conducted by the preacher before accreditation. We append a recommendation.

Long Service Diplomas and Active Service: Again arising out of Annual Meeting, 1960, the Executive is investigating the origin of Long Service Diplomas, and the meaning of the term 'active service' in relation to their award. The Executive is in consultation with the Convener of the Law Revision Committee, and is not ready at this stage to make a recommendation.

Venue of Executive: Having fulfilled a term of four years, the Dominion Executive with its headquarters at Dunedin this year relinquishes its office. The new Executive will be centred on Auckland as from February, 1962. The new personnel will be presented to the Conference, November 1961. The Executive at Dunedin wishes to express appreciation of the co-operation and assistance it has received at all times from the many Departments of the Church.

Appreciation. The Dominion Executive records its appreciation of three people outside its personnel who have contributed to its work whilst it has met in Dunedin. Miss Rita Blackwood, of Central Church and Mission, has given willingly of her talents to inscribe all the Accreditation Certificates and Long Service Diplomas issued; Mrs Vince, wife of the Secretary, who has given the hospitality of her home and personally provided refreshments at each Executive

meeting; and Mr G. E. Hicken, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., who has acted as Honorary Auditor.

A. H. HARMAN, President.

H. C. VINCE, Secretary.

A. J. GANDERTON, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.
2. That the Board of Examiners issue a Certificate of Pass to successful candidates in each Local Preacher subject.
3. That the question of qualifications for Local Preachers before accreditation be referred to the Board of Studies in consultation with the Local Preachers' Association.
4. That Conference draw the attention of Circuits to the desirability of Circuits meeting the expenses incurred by Local Preachers in carrying out their preaching appointments.
5. That a lay preacher of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches or the Associated Churches of Christ who transfers his membership to a Methodist Church shall present his credentials to the appropriate Preachers' Meeting which shall be responsible for examining same and making a suitable recommendation to the Quarterly Meeting.
6. That as from February, 1962, the Dominion Executive of the New Zealand Local Preachers' Association be centred at Auckland and that the following be elected to the offices as stated:—
President: F. G. Davidge; Vice-President: T. L. Hames and S. G. Brooker; Secretary: I. S. Clews; Treasurer: P. Dellow; Committee: Norman Packham, J. R.*Osborne, Alfred Currie, L. V. Reisterer, G. M. Perkins.
7. That Conference records its appreciation of the outstanding work of the Dominion Executive over the past four years.

QUESTION XXXV.

D—Methodist Men's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The Dominion Executive has met four times during the year. In between times sub-committees have attended to special matters, while the bulk of the routine correspondence has been handled by the Executive officers, thus saving the calling together more frequently this widely-scattered Executive.

Annual Meeting: This was held in St. Peter's Church Hall, Invercargill. 73 men were present. The proposed future policy was presented, and it was approved and recommended for discussion by the various Branches during the early part of 1961 and for report back to the Dominion Executive by June 30th, 1961. During the meeting Mr Jack Davys gave an interesting illustrated address on his visit to Indonesia.

Future Policy: As directed by Conference the proposed future policy was referred to Men's Fellowships and other men's groups in February last and replies were being received as this report was being prepared. These will be analysed and a supplementary report prepared in time for our next Annual Meeting and Conference.

Newsletters: Appreciative comments continue to be received concerning the new items and useful information sent out from time to time by the President.

Methodist Times Column: We are grateful for the space allotted to us in our Church paper. We express our appreciation of the co-operation of the retired Editors and wish the new editorial staff every success in their tasks.

District Rallies: Several successful rallies have been arranged by Executives in different districts, and the President was able to address gatherings held in Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch.

Our Branches: We have been pleased by the reports of social activities, assistance in stewardship campaigns, lay visitation, repairs to Church property, etc., that our men have been engaged in during the year.

Department of Christian Education: There has been closer contact with this Department during the year. Enquiries have been made concerning suitable resource material which may prove useful to our fellowships, and negotiations are in hand for giving assistance in the production of a Missions Display Set.

Finance: As a result of an approach to fellowships we are pleased to report that a number of Branches have doubled their giving to the Executive. A special sub-committee has been appointed to consider the practicability of supplying of suitable literature on loan to Branches to help them in their activities.

Our Patron: Mr Hubert Flesher's contact with the men of the Church during his term as Vice-President has been mostly concerned with interpreting the laws of the Church and explaining methods of procedure. His visits have been of great interest and value in the life of the Church. Each of our Patrons brings his own message to the Movement. We shall continue to do our best to use the services of the Vice-President.

Overseas Contacts: We have established a useful link with Methodist Men of U.S.A., and a parcel of helpful literature has been received from this energetic organisation. We await with interest the return of two former Patrons, Messrs Dingwall and Hughson, whom we hope will bring back information concerning men's work in the churches they have visited while abroad.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Dominion President.

H. W. WOOD, Dominion Secretary.

Supplementary Report on Future Policy:

The Dominion Executive has been encouraged by the number of local fellowships and District Executives that have replied expressing their judgment on Future Policy.

It is clear that the great majority recognise that the strength of the Movement lies not in a superstructure of organisation, but in the quality of fellowship shared by the men of the Church in their local activities. Therefore it is not surprising that about 90% of those who replied support the general proposals outlined in the Future Policy submitted to last Conference.

From some quarters concern has been expressed lest the valuable work being done by District Executives where they exist may be lost. It is believed that this factor would be safeguarded by such District Executives becoming the sub-committee of the Synod Standing Committee.

During the year another factor has emerged that requires consideration before final proposals for future policy can be formulated. It is understood that the Methodist Council of Christian Education will be submitting a recommendation to Conference for the setting up of a committee to advise the Board of Christian Education on Lay Activities.

The Dominion Executive is of the opinion that this further co-ordinating development of the work of the Church is a move in the right direction and would be prepared to fully co-operate believing that a rightful place would be found in such a development for the continuing work of the Methodist Men's Fellowship.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Dominion President.

H. W. WOOD, Dominion Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to the Mens' Fellowship Dominion Executive for its excellent leadership during the year.

E—N.Z. Methodist Women's Guild Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

We present the following Report of our Women's Guild Fellowship acknowledging the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we have prayed and worked for the unifying efforts of our Methodist Women. Annual Conference:

This was held in St. Peter's Church, Invercargill, on 1st and 2nd November. Forty representatives and observers were spiritually uplifted as we listened to Rev. J. S. Olds declaring the message of the Master, from St. John's Gospel, chapter 15, v. 1: "I am the true vine, every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it bring forth more fruit. Abide in me and I in you." The Rev. D. J. D. Hickman assisted in dispensing the Sacrament, amid the peaceful and Holy atmosphere of this modern Church architecture with its symbols of Church worship.

Opening of Conference:

Mrs McAlister (Dominion President) welcomed the representatives, particularly Mrs Roa, representing the Maori Women, who were represented for the first time. The President directed our thoughts on John 15, verse 15: "Ye have not chosen me, I have chosen you." Mrs Hefford welcomed the Conference on behalf of Southland District Women's Guild Fellowship. Greetings were received from World Federation of Methodist Women, Australian Federation of Methodist Women, Methodist Missionary Union and Men's Fellowship.

Roll Call showed 40 representatives from 14 Districts with 313 Guilds. Hawkes Bay was admitted to the Conference.

	1960	1959
Membership	6765	6697
Guilds	313	310
Districts	14	13
No. of Guilds connected with a Church Budget		176
Total amount raised by Guilds during the year	£15,430 13 4	
Amount received from their Church Budget		£1,742 14 0
Other amounts raised		£501 7 11

Reports from Districts:

Reports from all Districts showed a continuance of loyal service given to local Churches. With the introduction of Stewardship more time was available for study groups, Christian Education, visitation of absentee, sick and aged people. Interest was taken in Deaconess House, Eventide Homes and Children's Homes. The social side was

also catered for and new members encouraged. Much interest was shown in the "One Women's Movement," and some Guilds are experimenting with combined group meetings.

Steering Committee:

As the "One Women's Movement" had been confirmed by Church Conference, our Conference asked the Steering Committee to continue in service, by bringing an interim Constitution. On 3rd May the Dominion Executive of M.W.M.U. and Women's Guild Fellowship met in Ashburton to consider the draft Constitution that was presented by Rev. J. Penman, who expressed the mind of the Committee, as they sought to bring forward something suitable to all women's groups, and involving all women in a total commitment of service to the whole Church. This draft now goes to both Dominion Executive meetings for approval to present to each Conference.

Education Programmes:

Reports from N.C.C. (Rev. Petch), Deaconess House (Mrs Petch), Methodist Social Services (Rev. B. Gordon), World Federation of Methodist Women (Mrs McDowell), Christian Education Department (Mrs Mullan). All gave a comprehensive and enlightening account of service within the Church. Mr Royston Brown, of the Borstal Institution, gave a most interesting report of his Institution as a training ground—not a prison—and sought our assistance to serve the community by helping to rehabilitate these young people.

Rev. Jackson Campbell presented to the Conference a thoughtful address on "Our basis of Christian Service," quoting Rudyard Kipling, "Not to us be the praise."

Membership Cards:

The Conference expressed its disapproval of the Membership Card and asked that the Church Committee be asked to set out on the back of the card some revised form of standards, similar as set out in the "Purpose" of the projected "One Women's Movement."

The Assembly of World Federation of Methodist Women:

This will be held at Oslo on 14th, 15th, and 16th August. We are very happy that our nomination of Mrs R. Dudley to represent N.Z. women at this Assembly was confirmed by the Church Conference. Our prayers surround her as she journeys afar on our behalf.

Office of Executive:

The term of the present N.Z. Executive was extended by one year.

The President closed the Conference with a message from Deut. II, verses 11, 12: "The land whither ye go to possess is a land of hills and valleys." The hills call for our strength and endurance. The valleys are equally necessary to give us quiet times of restful thinking to refresh our tired Spirits. Let us thank God for His watchful eye on the road we take, as surely as in the past, His love and His guidance will be ours. Let us put our hand in His hand and commit our way to His care.

The N.Z. Executive extend its appreciation to District Executives and all Guilds for their continued increasing interest and progress in the Fellowship.

We go forward with confidence that we will be led by the Holy Spirit in all our efforts if we earnestly pray for guidance.

LAUREL McALISTER, President.

EVA HANSEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXV.

F—Church Council

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1961

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on 16th and 17th May, the President of the Conference, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A., presiding.

The following items of business were dealt with:

I.—INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS (1960 Minutes, pp. 72-76).

The Secretary indicated that this whole question had been referred back to the Council by the Conference; the only new matter submitted being the suggested amendment printed in the Minutes, p. 75.

A full discussion again revealed several strands of thought on this matter, the two main ones being represented in last year's recommendations of the Christchurch Committee and those sent by the Council to Conference. Finally it was suggested that a satisfactory combination of these lines of thought could be made. The Council now recommends:—

Resolutions:

1. The appointment or re-appointment of Ministers is an annual one.

2. A Minister may be appointed by the Conference to any Church or premises year by year for any number of years successively without limit.

3. In the fourth year or in any subsequent year at the June Quarterly Meeting the Minister or the Quarterly Meeting may indicate his or its intention to seek a change of appointment or to request that the matter be considered.

4. The following shall be the procedure when a change of appointment is to be considered:—

- (a) The Circuit Stewards shall notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District at least 28 days before the date of the June Quarterly meeting of their intention to raise the question of the continuing of the pastoral relationship.

- (b) In the event of the Circuit Stewards failing to act, any five members of the Quarterly meeting may give written notice of their intention to recommend that consideration be given to a change of appointment. Such notice shall be given to the Circuit Stewards at least 21 days before the date of the June Quarterly meeting. Circuit Stewards shall immediately notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District of such notice.

- (c) A minister desiring a change of appointment shall notify the Circuit Stewards and the Chairman of the District of such desire at least 28 days before the date of the June Quarterly meeting.

- (d) Seven days written notice of any June Quarterly meeting at which the matter of the continuance or change of appointment of a minister will be considered shall be given to each member of such Quarterly meeting and to the Chairman of the District. Such notice shall state that such matter will be discussed at the meeting.

5. In cases where a Superintendent Minister is affected by any such notice, the Chairman of the District or his nominee shall preside at the Quarterly meeting when the matter is discussed.

6. The voting shall be by secret ballot. Any motion affecting the fifth or sixth year of appointment may be carried by a bare majority; thereafter a two-thirds majority is necessary in support of the continuance of the pastoral relationship.

7. Quarterly meetings which have decided that a change of appointment is desirable may proceed to call an adjourned or special Quarterly meeting for the purpose of extending an invitation not later than 15th September.

8. In the case of a Probationer or a Home Missionary continuing in a Circuit after reception into full connexion, the pastoral relationship shall be reckoned from the time of the commencement of his appointment in the Circuit.

9. Immediately after the June Quarterly meeting, the District Chairmen shall be supplied with the names of Ministers not remaining in Circuits.

10. That the attention of all our people be drawn to the fact that no set of regulations can ever fully satisfactorily meet the positions which may arise. A most important factor is that of personal relations. Therefore the following is to be read along with the above resolutions:—

The Conference believes that these alterations to the law governing the invitation and appointment of ministers will remove some of the difficulties at present experienced. The attention of the Church, however, is drawn to the fact that even a radical revision of the law will not solve all difficulties. Further thought needs to be given to the roles of minister and laity in the work of the local Church and the relationship between them. Where these roles and relationships are understood and satisfactory, few difficulties will arise over the invitation and appointment of ministers. Where they are unsatisfactory, alterations to the invitation system alone will not alter this.

Members of congregations and Quarterly Meetings should not automatically regard the refusal to invite a minister as the way to resolve difficulties in their pastoral relationship. Ministers should not regard the experience of difficulty in personal relationships as a threat to sustaining the invitation.

11. That the Law Revision Committee be requested to prepare a suitable brochure for the use of Circuit Stewards setting forth the law and details of procedure concerning the invitation to Ministers and including any other relevant material for their guidance.

Neutral Votes in Church Courts—Law Book (para. 316):

12. That the Law Revision Committee report on the matter of neutral votes in official meeting in determining the majority vote.

II.—HOME & MAORI MISSIONS (Minutes 1960, p. 162, Res. 3; p. 166, Res. 7).

These resolutions of Conference and a Memorandum from the Board were the basis of a very full discussion on the present and future function and policy of the Department in all its activities and in relation to the wider work of the whole Church.

1. We have come to see that there is still need for a central Department with a Superintendent who will co-ordinate the work of Church Extension with Circuits and Synod Standing Committees.

2. But also a need for Circuits and Standing Committees to contact the Department re statistics of growth, etc.

3. We do not favour the H.M. Department accepting the whole

4. Maori Work—The Assistant-Superintendent of the Department should be a Maori.

The crux of the whole matter—Have we come to the stage of saying that the Department accepts total responsibility.

At this stage it was agreed that the discussions had been most valuable, and had clarified the members' thinking considerably, but that much more research should be carried out before any final decisions were made.

Resolutions:

That a Committee be set up to bring down a Memorandum on the whole question for further discussion at the next meeting of the Church Council; and that written submissions be invited; such report to be referred to the Home Mission Board for information prior to the meeting of the Council.

The Committee to be the Ex-President (Rev. B. M. Chrystall), Rev. G. H. Goodman, Messrs W. S. Thrush and W.G. Holloway. Convener, Mr W. S. Thrush.

III.—LEADERS MEETINGS (1960 Minutes, p. 77, Resol. 2, 3).

Questions raised were—What is a Leader? Who should be members of the Leaders' Meeting? Should there now be additional representatives under the Committee System? Do we need some other body in addition to the Leaders' Meeting to deal with spiritual matters?

The Council had before it the Constitution and Agenda of Leaders' Meetings under the British Conference.

A Committee should prepare the way for further discussion, the Council felt.

Resolutions:

1. That a Committee be set up to prepare a Memorandum for presentation to the next meeting of the Church Council. Order of reference to be:

(a) Definition of a Leader (Refer to Law re Trustees and Leaders).

(b) Are there additional officers who should now be appointed to the Leaders' Meeting?

(c) Agenda for Leaders' Meetings (Mins. 1960, p. 77, Res. No. 3.) to be taken into consideration.

(d) The Committee to consult with the Faith and Order Committee re definition of a Leader. The Committee to be located in the South Auckland District, with the Rev. W. R. Laws as Convener.

Submissions to be made to the Committee by interested people.

2. That with a view to streamlining the composition and procedure of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting, so that the meeting may be able to devote more time to the major issues on its agenda, the Law Revision Committee be requested to give urgent consideration to the following proposals:—

(1) The granting of greater powers and an enlarged order of reference to Leaders' Meetings.

(2) The promotion of composite Leaders' meetings by the grouping together of two or more smaller preaching places.

(3) The reduction of the size of Quarterly Meetings by fixing the maximum number of representatives of trustees and Society Stewards who shall be entitled to a seat on the Quarterly Meeting.

(4) A revision of the questions to be asked and discussed at the Quarterly Meeting.

(5) That this be referred to the Special Committee on Leaders' Meetings.

IV.—PERSONNEL OF SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEES (1959 Minutes, p. 76, Res. 2).

The Secretary of Conference gave a summary of reports from the Districts on the present Constitution of the Standing Committees, and their desires for the future. These revealed quite a wide variety of operation. There was general support for direct Circuit and Connexional representation, with provision for flexibility in view of the differing nature of the Districts.

Resolution:

(a) That Law Book, Pars. 351, 352 be rescinded and the following substituted:

Each Synod shall appoint a Standing Committee suitable to its own needs, and consisting of not more ministers than laymen. Additional members may be appointed as representatives of Connexional or District Committees, such as D.Y.C., Local Preachers' Association, M.W.M.U., Guild Fellowship, etc.

(b) Area Sub-Committees may be appointed, as necessary, on the same basis of representation.

(c) Each Standing Committee and Area-Sub-Committee shall report to the annual Synod of its District.

(d) With the approval of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, the Standing Committee may add to its Budget allocation an amount sufficient to cover the working expenses of the Committee, any such amount to be subject to the general provisions of the Budget.

V.—ORDINATION SERVICE

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion referred to it by Conference:

"That the Church Council consider the Order of Service for Ordination, with a view to increasing its significance and obviating undue length, taking into consideration (a) Dispensing with the Sermon by including its "Word" within the set Charge and Exhortation; (b) the holding of the Communion Service privately."

Resolution:

That the whole matter be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for report to the next Church Council.

VI.—VOTING FOR PRESIDENT, ETC.

A notice of motion referred to the Council by Conference suggested that the voting for President, Vice-President and Secretary be taken at the first session on the Thursday morning of Conference or at some other more suitable time, instead of during the Opening Session.

After discussion of the issues involved and possible alternative steps, the recommendation of the Council was:

Resolution:

That the voting be taken during the session on the Friday morning.

VII.—CHURCH FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

A report on the Future Policy of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee was presented by the Rev. J. A. Penman, Executive Officer. The Budget Treasurer, Mr G. G. Slater, gave figures concerning the working of the Connexional Budget to date.

Resolution:

That Conference approve the principle of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee being represented on the Church Council.

VIII.—M.S.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. A. E. Orr brought from the M.S.S.A. Annual Meeting a suggestion that that body should in future hold its Annual Meeting in Wellington at Wallis House, prior to the sessions of the Church Council.

Recommendation:

That the M.S.S.A. meet on the Monday and Tuesday until 11 a.m., Church Council sessions to commence Tuesday at 11 a.m. and conclude Wednesday evening; Council of Christian Education, Thursday; Church Union Committee, Thursday evening.

IX.—TIME OF MEETING OF STATIONING COMMITTEE (1960 Minutes, p. 77).

The Council gave further consideration to this question but having given considerable time to it last year considers that the time is not opportune to pursue the matter further.

X.—MINISTERS CHANGING CIRCUITS

The Rev. G. I. Laurenson thought some consideration should again be given to changing the time for ministers taking up new appointments in Circuits from the second to the first Sunday in February. He was asked to prepare a Memorandum for next year.

XI.—TIME OF SYNOD AND CONFERENCE

The possibility of bringing forward the dates of Synod and Conference to avoid University examinations was raised.

It was decided to confer with Australian Conferences as to how the change was working with them.

Next Meeting of the Council:

That the Council meet at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th May, 1962, commencing at 11 a.m. on the Tuesday.

ATHOL R. PENN, Convener.

QUESTION XXXV.

G—Spiritual Healing Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1961

The Function of the Committee:

Conference 1954 appointed the Committee to consider the nature and purpose of Spiritual Healing in relation to the Ministry of the Church. The Committee has followed the policy indicated in its 1955 report—"To survey the whole field of Spiritual Healing, to give guidance to the Church, and to encourage the formation of local fellowships of healing." The Committee has sought a depth of fellowship in which insight and understanding have come. Corporate intercession for cases of sickness and need have been a regular feature of the meetings. This is a sick age and the Committee is deeply concerned at what appears to be the growing exploitation of human ills. This situation underlines the extent of the need and the widespread search for healing. Thus the Church is faced with the necessity of an increased understanding of its healing ministry in relation to other methods of healing, especially to the work of the Medical Profession.

Visiting Healers:

This year has seen a succession of visiting healers from overseas. In some cases the message and the methods have commended themselves to the Committee, while in others the approach has caused the Committee considerable concern. In the multiplicity of public healing

missions, the Committee sees the danger of the development of a healing cult. There is need for a thoughtful appraisal of the assumptions of each healer, his teachings and his claims. Discussion in local fellowship groups will help to this end.

Committee Activities:

The membership of the Committee has been strengthened by the addition of two Nursing Sisters. Ten meetings have been held during the year with an average attendance of eight. At one meeting the Rev. G. I. Laurenson spoke on Spiritual Healing as it affects the wider Ministry of the Church. The Committee welcomes enquiries and comments on the experience gained in local Prayer and Healing Fellowships.

Inter-Church Conference on Spiritual Healing:

Enquiries reveal that while there are many interested groups in local areas there appear to be no comparable Dominion Committees in Churches of other denominations. The Committee is planning to hold a Seminar for Ministers and interested lay people of our Church in the North Canterbury District. This may open the way for an Inter-Church Seminar at a later date.

Library:

The Committee has built up a library of books and addresses. It also has a tape of an address by a doctor given during a Church service. Attention is drawn to the study material from the Board of Publications. This includes: *The Nature of Faith and its Place in Healing*; *The Laying-on of Hands*; *The Place of Compassion in Healing*; also the testimony of the late Derek Bell, "Four Months to Live."

Mental Health Course:

The Department of Health has placed the Churches in Canterbury in its debt by providing a course for the study of Mental Health by Ministers and Clergy of all denominations. Lectures have been given at Sunnyside Mental Hospital and Templeton Farm, Christchurch. Approximately 100 have availed themselves of instruction given by Medical Officers of the Department. The course included visits to the wards and personal contacts with the patients.

Anointing with Oil:

There is little material on this subject. The Rev. Lewis H. Allison, convener of the British Methodist Conference Healing Committee, writes: "The question was discussed during the preparation of the Order of Service for 'Prayer, Visitation of the Sick, and Laying-on of Hands', and was considered to be of lesser importance.;" His Committee's views are expressed in the *Spiritual Healing Booklets* (Epworth Press) as listed:—

Healing Through Prayer—L. D. Weatherhead.

The Sanctions of Christian Healing—Harold Roberts.

The Way of Integration—H. A. Hodges.

The Psychology of Love in Forgiveness—Ernest White.

The Meaning of Faith in Faith Healing—Denis V. Martin.

Adjustment Through Faith—Erastus Evans.

Anxiety—The Challenge to the Church—Denis V. Martin.

These books represent the thinking of the British Committee over a period of twelve years.

Book Reviews:

Reviews of books on Spiritual Healing have appeared, from time to time, in the *Methodist Times*. The Committee intends to give more attention to this in the year ahead and plans to invite the Editor to attend one of the meetings.

Retirements:

At the end of this year the Committee will lose the services of the Rev. A. K. Petch, who has been Chairman for seven years, and the Rev. E. D. Baker, who has been Convener for the last two years. To them both it conveys its sincere thanks for their leadership.

THE PLACE OF FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION IN SPIRITUAL HEALING

1. The Relationship of Forgiveness to Healing in the Ministry of our Lord:

Every man needs forgiveness. Every sick man needs both healing and forgiveness. The ministry of Jesus as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels reveals a close relationship between forgiveness and healing. This is exemplified particularly in the healing of the paralytic (Mark 2: 1-12; Matthew 9: 1-8; Luke 5: 17-26). As Jesus healed the sick man, He told His adversaries expressly that He was doing it in order to show them that He had power on earth to forgive sins. The point to note is that Jesus is here proclaiming His double power of forgiveness and healing and the fact that they are bound up together. He is not declaring, as is often asserted, that the forgiveness of sins is the condition of healing. Jesus does not support the idea, popularly accepted in His day, that there is necessary a causal link between a man's sin and his sickness. "How often do we find sins without disease, and diseases without sin!" He thinks of healing and forgiveness as being two aspects of God's grace and deals at once with both the paralysis and the sins. The link between forgiveness and healing is unmistakable yet without the suggestion of a causal link between sin and disease. Jesus is concerned with the healing of the whole man, body, mind and soul. He makes it clear that there can be no full restoration to health or wholeness apart from restoration to fellowship with God, the Source of all healing. This is what forgiveness means. It is more than forgetting. It is more than ending the quarrel. It is the restoration of a relationship. To the paralytic Jesus gave the authoritative word of assurance that his sins were forgiven. The acceptance of this assurance by the paralysed man was, undoubtedly, a powerful factor in his healing.

2. The Healing Power of Forgiveness:

"The forgiveness of God is the most powerful therapeutic idea in the world." (Psychology, Religion and Healing by Leslie D. Weatherhead, p. 338.) Forgiveness is the answer to the unresolved remorse which lies behind and aggravates many illnesses. If a person really believes that God has forgiven him then the burden of guilt and the fear at the heart of it disappears. Some patients may improve greatly with medical care and/or psychological analysis but they do not find complete health until their spiritual condition has been dealt with and they have experienced God's forgiveness. The tremendous joy which forgiveness brings plays an important part in aiding and abetting recovery. Even where there is no physical improvement forgiveness brings a peace of mind which enables the patient to meet his illness with courage and calm confidence.

3. The Assurance and Acceptance of Forgiveness:

Scripture promises are emphatic on the fact of forgiveness. Sin "will be remembered no more" (Jeremiah 31: 34), it is "behind God's back" (Isaiah 38: 17); it is removed from the sinner "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103: 12). Jesus, by word and deed, proclaimed God's offer of forgiveness to men (Luke 5: 20 and 15: 20). It was central in His teaching as it is central in the teaching of the rest of the New Testament (Romans 8: 1; I John 1: 9). Acceptance of this great truth by the whole personality, not only by the intellect

but by the emotion as well, has been known to result in the abrupt disappearance of symptoms and the rapid clearing up of a severe illness, sometimes in dramatic fashion. As Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead has put it: "Men who hear an authoritative voice, full of loving forgiveness, say 'Thy sins are forgiven thee,' very speedily take up their beds and walk'." (Psychology, Religion and Healing, p. 339.) The problem for many sick and needy people is learning to accept the Divine forgiveness. They may be quite sure intellectually that God forgives sin, but have never felt forgiven. In many cases that which opens the door to a wholehearted acceptance of forgiveness is confession and repentance.

4. The Place of Confession in Spiritual Healing:

The practice of confession has, throughout its long history, been one of the most important factors in healing troubles both of the body and of the mind. Its effects are both physical and psychological. The moment of confession is often a turning point in a physical illness. Everything confirms what the Bible tells us, that confession and repentance are essential steps towards the health of the soul. "Confess therefore your sins one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed" (James 5: 16); "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1: 9). If God is real, confession can be made directly to God. The secret of such confession lies in absolutely unfettered self-revelation in His Presence. He is beyond insult or hurt and He can never be embarrassed or ashamed. The purpose of confession is not to catalogue our sins, still less is it to gaze upon them in fearful fascination, but to get rid of them. We must therefore cast them down before God, disowning and repudiating them in an act of true repentance. Contrition must lead to the acceptance of God's forgiveness. We must simply take the forgiveness offered with gratitude and humility. This acceptance of forgiveness must be followed by appropriate acts of restitution or reparation. Only as matters are put right in our relations with others can we truly feel forgiven. There was nothing that Christ made clearer than that the condition of God's forgiveness is that we should be ready to forgive one another. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us." If God is not real then such confession will be like talking when no one is listening. Nothing happens. We do not feel forgiven. Sometimes it helps to write out one's confession. But more valuable still is to confess to another person, be he a minister, a doctor or a friend with spiritual insight and experience. "The drastic nature of telling another human being is so costly that it is far more likely to bring that feeling of penitence and that feeling of forgiveness essential to a real catharsis." But confession, whether it be to God or to another human being, should issue in a genuine act of repentance and a glad and eager acceptance of the forgiveness God offers. Only thus can we know the assurance of sins forgiven.

5. Confession and the Assurance of Forgiveness in the Healing Ministry of the Church:

There is need, to-day both in the worship and pastoral practice of the church, for an increased emphasis upon confession and the assurance of forgiveness. The free offer of God's forgiveness to all who will receive it is the very heart of the Gospel—that which makes it good news—and should be proclaimed with conviction. Prayers of confession in public worship might well be followed with a declaration of assurance of forgiveness similar to that which follows the Prayer of Confession for Holy Communion, and worshippers should be encouraged to accept the forgiveness offered and to rest

in the assurance of having received it. Furthermore the pastoral relationship between minister and people should be such that people "feel that they can pour out their troubles to one who will regard all that is said as an inviolable confidence, who, because of his training and experience, will be able to help them, and who, because of his office, will be able, with authority and confidence, to declare to them the fact of God's loving forgiveness." It is to be realised that it is not necessary always to seek the aid of a trained minister or psychologist. A friend with spiritual insight and experience, provided he maintain the strictest confidence and be qualified to offer Christian counsel, may serve equally well as a confessor.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

E. BAKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Spiritual Healing Committee receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund.
3. That Conference express its thanks to the Department of Health for the special course of lectures on Mental Health provided for Ministers of all denominations in Christchurch this year and for its readiness to repeat the course in Wellington in 1962.
4. That the statement on the place of "Forgiveness and Confession in Spiritual Healing" be submitted to the Editor of the Methodist Times.
5. Conference notes that this year the Committee will lose the services of the Rev. A. K. Petch, who has been Chairman for seven years; and the Rev. E. Baker, convener for the last two years; and conveys to both thanks for their leadership.
6. That the appointments to the office of Hospital Chaplains be listed in the Minutes of Conference.
7. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 8 herein.

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

Department of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

A.—METHODIST COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Christian Service Order for Adults:

The Board of Christian Education has examined a proposal that an Order should be established under which adults could give full-time life-long service to the Church in social service, clerical, administrative and other fields. The Council considered a memorandum in which possible features of such an Order along with the advantages and disadvantages of it were outlined.

Because of the need for a wide examination and discussion of the proposal the memorandum was referred to the Overseas and Home Mission Departments, M.S.S.A., Deaconess Board and Faith and Order Committee.

2. Methodist Christian Leadership Course:

It was agreed that in the practical training section of the Course there should be a basic training for all kinds of lay pastorates and more specific help given for either a lay pastorate supplementary to the Minister's visiting or for visitation evangelism.

The Handbook being prepared by the Spiritual Advance Committee will be used.

The Board's Leadership Training Committee, in consultation with the Local Preachers' Association, was asked to prepare leaders' notes to accompany the Local Preachers' textbook on Worship and Teaching.

3. Department Constitution:

Further amendments were made to the revised Constitution which was then approved.

4. Designation of Director:

The Council endorsed the intention of the Board to ask that the present Director of the Department should be designated for a further term of six years.

5. Church's Work in Universities and Training Colleges:

A report from a consultation called by the N.C.C. was considered. The Council submits the following statement to Synods and Conference to clarify our Church's policy on this matter:

i. Because of the special methods and needs of the University full-time Chaplains are now needed in most University centres. This need will continue and grow with the rapidly increasing university population.

ii. The Methodist Church supports the appointment of Ecumenical Chaplains appointed and supported by the churches. In agreeing to this principle the Church must take its share of the cost of such appointments and the setting aside of suitable ministers.

iii. It is recognised that these appointments can be made only with the goodwill and co-operation of the University authorities and that the Chaplain's work will be much more effective if he is given status and facilities by the University.

iv. Local churches could greatly assist in the pastoral care of students by preparing them, before they begin their studies, for the new moral and intellectual challenges which they will meet in University life.

v. The Church reminds its students that they are called by Christ to be witnesses in their university community and that if this is to be effective they will need to maintain an effective link with the fellowship of a local Church.

vi. It is recommended that University Chaplains and religious societies be given opportunities to report their work to congregations and to elicit their understanding and support.

vii. Because of the danger of fragmenting the Christian witness in the University and because students' faith can be deepened and their sympathies widened by meeting people of other communions, it is recommended that our Church should not establish a denominational society in Universities and Training Colleges.

viii. The Board was asked to obtain from the Government a clarification of their policy on subsidies for Hostels in preference to Halls of Residence.

6. Laymen's Committee (1960 Minutes, page 239, No. 4):

The Council received a recommendation from the Laymen's Committee and resolved "That as the original work of the Laymen's Committee has been completed the Committee as such should cease but that a new committee be appointed to advise the Department on lay activities."

7. Next meeting, Wallis House, 10th May, 1962.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, President.

W. F. FORD, Director.

B.—BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. A. and N.Z. Joint Board of Graded Lessons:

A Curriculum Conference was held in May this year to review the Joint Board's policy and lesson materials. The Conference examined reports of the most recent developments in these matters taking place in Methodist Church U.S.A., Protestant Episcopal Church U.S.A., United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and United Church of Canada.

The Conference decided inter-alia to prepare a statement of the theological, biblical, and educational foundations on which the Joint Board works. This statement is to be submitted to the partner churches for comment and approval. The general approach of the Joint Board is reflected in this quotation from the Conference findings: "The Christian teacher focuses attention not primarily on scripture, nor on human relationships but on God as He meets us in Jesus Christ. Our concern is for an encounter with God in Christ." There are lesson materials available from other sources which are not based on this approach and for that, and other reasons, are considered unsuitable.

More dynamic methods and greater variation is to be used in Bible Class material. Departmental grading is to be altered so as to begin Bible Class material at age 13 and to have three grades for the teen years.

Instead of redrafting the syllabus every three years, it is proposed to develop a fixed syllabus with a three-year cycle which would be revised in the light of the experience with those particular lessons. It is hoped in this way to lift the standard of lessons and to produce more permanent supplementary resource material and teaching aids.

2. The Methodist Christian Leadership Course:

This has met with a most encouraging reception. At the 15th June, 25 local Church groups with a total of 230 people registered. The Board's Leadership Training Committee is obtaining evaluations from the groups so that the course can be revised to ensure that it meets the needs of our Churches.

3. Group Methods:

Two of the Queen's Birthday Leadership Schools this year were experimental workshop schools. These provided for creative worship, study planning and evaluation by the schoolers instead of the traditional dependence on formal instruction. Certain features of this approach were used in this year's Easter Camp study. The Directors also have used these methods in training teachers and leaders.

It is clear from the results that this is moving in the right direction. There will always be a place for formal instruction, including the lecture method, but there can be no doubt that the Church has relied too exclusively on those methods and paid too little attention to other and more dynamic ways by which people in groups can learn, grow and contribute to the Church's life.

4. Youth Work:

Teenage programme. A comparison between our youth roll numbers and the census figures indicates that we have in the 13-14 age group, approximately 60% of our potential membership; 15-16 group, 40%; and in the over 17, 20% or less. At the same time the country faces an "explosion" in its teenage population which should be reflected by large increases in our Church youth rolls over

the next five years. There is evidence that we are already losing ground.

The Board of Christian Education has initiated a review of our Church's programme for teenagers. A selected group of youth workers from many parts of the country and representative of Methodist youth work, outside youth organisations, and secondary schools, was called together in January to analyse and evaluate our present work and to guide the Board in developing a more satisfactory programme for teenagers. This consultation pointed the need for a broader youth programme, the provision of informal club life for older teenagers, a new approach to the role of the group leader and the group member and higher standards in leadership and facilities.

A similar assignment was undertaken over Queen's Birthday weekend by experimental leadership schools in Hawkes Bay and North Canterbury. The findings of these three inquiries are now being studied by the Board.

Order of St. Stephen: The year has been a remarkable one in the history of the Order. The following have been received as members of the Order: Barbara Smith (nee Mullan—circuit work, Palmerston North), Judith Ford (Te Rahui Hostel), Rita Sides (Circuit work, New Brighton), Maurice Warth (camp building), Sister Pamela Beaumont (translation work, Solomon Islands), Beryl Grice (teaching, Solomon Islands), Elizabeth Miller (Circuit work, Invercargill), and Ian Barker (Auckland Central Mission). Membership in the Order now totals 13 young men and 18 young women. Those serving as candidates are Molly Rowe (Finance and Stewardship Committee), Jack Freeman (carpenter, Solomon Islands), Bernice Birch (pharmacist, Solomon Islands), Beryl Preston (Masterton Children's Home), and Gillian McClelland (Christchurch Central Mission). In addition Mr Derek Mackay gave a year's voluntary service in developing Boys' Brigade work in the Solomon Islands but as a Presbyterian could not qualify for the Order.

C.Y.M.M. Convention: This was held during Ecumenical Youth Conference with the result that a record number of young people participated. The Convention was capably chaired by the C.Y.M.M. officers. It was noteworthy for the level of participation and the keen insight and understanding shown. Wide support was given the proposed new Constitution for the C.Y.M.M. and for retention of the name of the Movement. Barry Jones (Auckland) and George Bryant (Christchurch) were elected C.Y.M.M. President and Vice-President respectively.

1961-62 C.Y.M.M. Conference: To be held from 27th December, 1961, to 5th January, 1962, at Feilding Agricultural High School with Mr J. Murray Print of Auckland as Chairman.

Fiji Youth Camp: An invitation from the Methodist Youth Department in Fiji for two Maori and two pakeha young people to attend a Pacific Islands Youth Camp in Fiji in August, 1961, has met with a very good response.

Kaikohe Work Camp: A Maori-Pakeha work camp is planned to complete the building of the Kaikohe Maori Centre for which £1,634 has been subscribed by C.Y.M.M. members.

5. Adult Work:

In addition to encouraging adult groups meeting as part of Sunday morning Church School, the Board has adopted the policy of

(a) Supplying programme material and leadership training for existing groups—Women's Guild, M.W.M.U., Men's Fellowship, etc.

Staff members with the Guild Fellowship Dominion Executive have been planning some training sessions and assisted several districts along these lines.

(b) Encouraging the development of group life in congregations so that our people may experience "Membership one of another."

(c) The development of young adult groups. Too often it has been assumed that those who remain in the Church beyond Senior Bible Class age were intended to be Sunday School teachers. The Director's observation overseas and the experience of several young adult groups which recently have been established confirms that some Churches should consider the provision of a group where the special needs and interests of these people can be met.

Training for leaders of adult groups must have high priority. Ineffective leadership, the use of formal stereotyped study material, and lack of understanding how groups work—these can defeat the purpose of adult education.

6. Family Church Programme:

There is a growing number of churches of all Communion providing Weekly Family Worship preceded or followed by Church School for all ages. The Department staff is frequently called on to open this matter up to congregations. Churches that have had this service from the Department confirm the wisdom of the policy adopted by Conference 1960 (No. 3, page 84) which asks that all congregations considering this development should consult the Department.

7. Missionary Education:

The Department has co-operated with the Missions Departments in arranging and staffing training seminars in missionary education for teachers and leaders of children, youth, and adult groups.

Arrangements have been made for a few young people to gain first-hand insights into Maori mission work through holidays spent with workers in the Northern Maori Circuit.

8. Staff:

Miss Astley, in addition to a limited amount of Sunday School teacher training, has been attending the School for Christian Workers to gain further theological and biblical background for her work.

The appointment of Mr Cliff Couch as Field Director and specialist in youth work already has resulted in the lifting of our sights in youth work more specialised training for leaders, and a new drive in C.Y.M.M. affairs. The possibility of his appointment for a longer term will be dealt with at Conference.

The Board is discussing with the Law Revision Committee ways of meeting the request of last Conference (No. 4c, page 89) that adequate status and conditions of employment be given to such qualified lay workers as the Field Directors.

The Office and Epworth Bookroom (Wellington) staff led by Misses Joan Dutton (Administrative Assistant) and Isobel Bennett (Bookroom Manager) give such excellent and very devoted service that the thanks of the whole Church are due to them.

9. Designation of Rev. W. F. Ford:

Mr Ford completes his first 6-year term at the end of 1962. The policy and work of the Department is commending itself to the Church and is looked on as an integral aspect of the Church's mission. There is evidence also that the Department's programme and staff is highly regarded by sister Communion in New Zealand and by world

leaders in Christian Education. In all this Mr Ford has given able leadership and it is with confidence that the Board designates him for appointment for a further term of six years from February, 1963.

It is likely that this will be Mr Ford's final term. The Board recognises that steps will have to be taken within a few years to select a successor so that there will be ample time for his preparation.

10. Constitution:

The 1957 Conference established the Department of Christian Education and recognised that it would be several years before a constitution took shape.

A draft constitution was submitted to D.Y.C's, Synod Standing Committees and the C.Y.M.M. Convention. The Constitution now submitted has been revised in the light of comments received. Its main features are:

(a) At National, District and Local level, there is a body supervising children's, youth, and adult education.

(b) The District Education Council and Local Education Council is responsible to the Synod Standing Committee and Leaders' Meeting respectively.

(c) The C.Y.M.M. becomes more of a youth's own movement but at National and District and Local levels it is part of and responsible to a wider body.

(d) There are difficulties in drawing up a constitution to meet the needs of all churches—large and small. The constitution offers alternative patterns for smaller churches.

(e) It should be noted that the L.E.C. would function as the Christian Education Committee of the Leaders' Meeting. A number of Churches have found the Local Education Council as envisaged in the Constitution of great value in planning their work.

11. N.Z. Council for Christian Education:

The main developments in the work of the Council this year have been the submissions to the Commission on Education and the partial revision of the Agreed Syllabus and Book of Services.

Last Conference agreed that our Church should contribute its share of the Council's capital fund as soon as practicable. We are one of the two Churches which has failed to do so.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Director.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report of the Methodist Council of Christian Education and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Report of the Methodist Board of Christian Education be received and adopted.

3. That an explanatory letter commending the Christian Leadership course be sent to the December Quarterly Meetings.

4. That the attention of Synod Standing Committees be drawn to the policy on "the Church's work in Universities and Training Colleges" outlined in the report and now adopted by Conference.

5. That the Methodist Council of Christian Education be asked to examine the advisability of Districts designating one Church and Minister as having special responsibility for the care of students.

6. That the Department of Christian Education be asked to consider preparing, perhaps in co-operation with other denominations, a

publication for young people planning to attend University or Teachers' College to help prepare them for their time as Christian students."

7. That the Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., be designated for appointment by Conference 1962 as Director of Christian Education for a further term of six years from 1st February, 1963.

8. That Mr C. H. Couch be appointed a Field Director of the Department of Christian Education. The appointment may be terminated by either side on six months' notice.

9. That Conference thanks Mr Derek McKay for his fine and sacrificial service as Boys' Brigade Training Officer in the Solomon Islands.

10. That the Board consider and report on the place of discipline and sacrifice within the affluent society—with special reference to a rule of life for Methodist families.

That the Department be asked to consider preparing and making available for use in the Sunday Schools an enrolment form for enrolling new Sunday School pupils.

11. That Conference encourage all District Finance Committees, to include in District Budgets an adequate amount from Circuits for the purchase and development of permanent camp sites.

12. **N.Z. Council for Christian Education:** i. That the representatives on the Council be: Director for Christian Education, Rev. J. D. Grocott, Messrs G. A. Leary and R. W. Sage.

ii. That a grant of £400 be made to the Council from the Connexional Budget.

13. That appreciation be expressed to Rev. Peter Gamlen for the part he has played as General Secretary of the N.Z. Council for Christian Education.

14. That the Constitution of the Department of Christian Education be adopted.

15. That Conference recognise with great pleasure the growing pattern of activity in missionary education being developed by the Department of Christian Education. In the Missionary Education Seminars, in the Christian Education Handbook and in other ways, the Department has shown initiative and imagination, and has set a high standard. We rejoice in the vision of the Department and commend the officers and field staff for their zealous and selfless service.

16. That the Board of Christian Education for 1962 be as printed on page 5 herein.

CONSTITUTION OF DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Replacing Law Book, Para. 503, Pages 101-106.

1. Christian education is the nurture of growing persons within the life of the Church towards a living encounter with, and total commitment in love and trust to God as disclosed in Jesus Christ; such commitment being expressed through worship, witness, and service as the redeemed and redeeming community in the world of men.

2. There shall be a Department of Christian Education under the authority of the Conference. It shall be responsible through the Methodist Council of Christian Education and the Board of Christian Education for guiding and supervising the Christian Education programme—Children's, Youth, and Adult—as carried out in the local Church, circuit, district, connexion, and in national training conferences.

3. There shall be a **Methodist Council of Christian Education** representative of all agencies in the Connexion promoting Christian Education, and responsible to Conference for general policy and co-ordination. The Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, President Elect, Director of Christian Education, Field Directors of the Department of Christian Education, 4 representatives of the Board of Christian Education, 2 representatives each from the Home and Maori Mission Department and the Overseas Missions Department, one representative each from Trinity Theological College, Board of Publications, Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, Local Preachers' Association, Spiritual Advance Committee, M.W.M.U., Women's Guild Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, M.S.S.A., Wesley College, District Synods, Deaconess Board, and such other representatives as the Conference may determine.

4. i. There shall be a **Board of Christian Education** responsible to the Council and to the Conference for implementing the policy and for the administration and oversight of the Department. The Board shall be appointed annually by Conference and shall consist of:—

- (a) Chairman of the District in which the Board is located.
- (b) Director of Christian Education.
- (c) As many of the other Directors and Staff as the Conference may determine.
- (d) Four Ministers.
- (e) Four members chosen for their knowledge and experience of children's work.
- (f) Four members chosen for their knowledge and experience of youth work.
- (g) Four members chosen for their knowledge and experience of adult work.
- (h) Two representatives appointed by the Dominion C.Y.M.M. Convention—normally the Dominion Officers of the C.Y.M.M.

ii. Directors of the Department shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination of the Board as required for the Department's work. They may be ministerial or lay.

iii. One of the Directors shall be designated by Conference as Director of Christian Education. He shall be chief executive administrative officer and adviser to the Department. The Director shall be responsible to the Board and to Conference.

iv. The Board may operate a Bookroom as the trading agency of the Department.

5. 1. In each Synodal District and/or Sub-District there shall be a **District Education Council (D.E.C.)** appointed annually by the District Synod and responsible to the Board of Christian Education and to the District Synod. It shall consist of—

- (a) The Chairman of the District or his nominee.
- (b) Three Ministers.
- (c) Three members chosen for their knowledge and experience in children's work.
- (d) Three members chosen for their knowledge and experience of youth work.
- (e) Three members chosen for their knowledge and experience in adult work.
- (f) One representative from each Local Education Council in the District or Sub-District.

(g) District C.Y.M.M. Chairman and Secretary.
Nominations for the District Education Council shall be sought from the Local Education Committees.

ii. The D.E.C. shall appoint one of its members as District Education Secretary.

iii. The Director of Christian Education and any Director of the Department working in the area shall be ex officio members of the D.E.C.

iv. The duties of the D.E.C. shall be:—

- (a) To promote in the District the objectives and programme of the Department of Christian Education.
- (b) To supervise and evaluate all Christian Education activities—children's, youth, and adult.
- (c) To act as advisory committee of the Board of Christian Education and of the Director working in the area.
- (d) To guide and assist local churches in all aspects of their Christian education programme.
- (e) To promote leadership training.
- (f) To arrange other district activities such as rallies, camps, and beach missions.

6. 1. There shall be a Local Education Committee (L.E.C.) in each church in a Circuit, subject to the right of the Quarterly Meeting to group several smaller churches under one Council and to the provision in vi. for smaller churches.

ii. Each Committee shall be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting. It shall consist of:—

- (a) Superintendent and Leader of Each Department of the Church School, and such other staff members as the Leaders' Meeting may determine.

Note: by "Church School" is meant all the groups—children's, youth, and adult—which meet regularly for purposes of Christian Education.

- (b) In Churches where the Church School does not function, the Superintendent and Leader of each Department of the Sunday School, a Bible Class Leader, and such other staff members as the Leaders' Meeting may determine.
- (c) Representatives from any other groups in the church concerned in Christian Education—M.W.M.U., Guild, Men's Fellowship, Brigades, etc.
- (d) Local C.Y.M.M. Chairman and Secretary.
- (e) The Superintendent Minister and Minister of the Church are ex officio members. The Leaders' Meeting may appoint additional church members.

iii. The L.E.C. shall appoint one of its members as Local Education Secretary.

iv. The L.E.C. shall be responsible to the Leaders' Meeting, of which the Local Education Secretary if a Church member shall be an ex officio member.

v. The L.E.C. shall be responsible for—

- (a) The whole programme of Christian Education carried out by the Local Church, increasing its effectiveness in harmony with the policy of the Department of Christian Education.

- (b) The recruitment, appointment, and training of Church School staff including leaders of through-the-week activities. The Superintendent of the Church School or Sunday School and the Leader of each department shall be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting on the nomination of the Local Education Council.
- (c) Ensuring that all Church School staff and other leaders in the Christian Education programme are members of the Methodist Church and if not, that they follow the Christian Faith and are sympathetic to the doctrines and discipline of Methodism.
- (d) Approving grading and promotion and the selection of lesson materials on the recommendation of the staff of the department concerned.

vi. In smaller Churches the Leaders' Meeting may exercise all functions of the L.E.C. The Leaders' or Church Meeting in such Churches shall appoint a Local Education Secretary. If a Church member he shall be an ex-officio member of the Leaders' Meeting.

7. Christian Youth Movement Methodist:

i. There shall be a youth movement responsible to the Board of Christian Education and consisting normally of all young people between 13 and 30 years of age who attend any youth group of the Methodist Church. Youth Leaders above the age of 30 shall be honorary members but ineligible for election as officers or Council members except as adult counsellors.

ii. Objectives:

- (a) To win youth for Jesus Christ as their Leader, Saviour, and Lord.
- (b) To bring youth into membership of the Methodist Church.
- (c) To relate Christianity to the whole life of youth—physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.
- (d) To apply Christianity to all human relationships—personal, social, national, and international.
- (e) To seek the unity of the world family of Christians.

iii. Constitution:

- (a) There shall be a National President, Vice-President and Council of the C.Y.M.M. responsible to and acting as a Youth Advisory Committee of the Board of Christian Education. They shall be appointed at the annual C.Y.M.M. Convention. The Council shall consist of not more than 12 members, including at least 4 young women and 4 young men. The ex C.Y.M.M. President shall be a member of the Council. A Director of the Department, if possible, shall be Executive Officer of the Council. The location normally, shall change every three years.
- (b) In each District or Sub-District there shall be a C.Y.M.M. Chairman, Secretary and Council responsible to and acting as youth committee of the D.E.C. The Council shall consist of not more than 10 members, including at least 4 young women and 4 young men. The three representatives of Youth work on the D.E.C. shall be ex officio members of the Council. The District Officers and Council shall be elected annually. Local C.Y.M.M. Councils may appoint a delegate to attend the District Council.
- (c) Whenever possible there shall be in each Church or Circuit a C.Y.M.M. Chairman, Secretary, and Council responsible to and acting as youth committee of the L.E.C. The local

C.Y.M.M. Council shall be representative of every youth group in the Church or Circuit, and shall consist of not more than 10 members. The Minister of the Church and not more than 2 adult counsellors appointed from and by the L.E.C. shall be additional members of the local C.Y.M.M. Council. All other members of the Council shall be members of the C.Y.M.M.

iv. Order of St. Stephen:

This Order shall consist of members of the C.Y.M.M. who are at least 18 years of age and who give a year of service to the Church without remuneration.

The Board of Christian Education shall determine the conditions governing the acceptance of candidates, fields of service, and reception into the Order.

LIST OF D.Y.C. SECRETARIES

NORTHLAND: Mrs R. Rimmer, 60 Ranfurly Street, Dargaville.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. S. R. Goudge, Huntly.

TARANAKI: Mrs M. Cannell, R.D. 2, New Plymouth.

MANAWATU: Rev. G. Scarr, 128 Vogel Street, Palmerston North.

WELLINGTON: Miss B. Cooper, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, C.3.

NELSON: Mr J. Alexander, 83 Pah Street, Motueka.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev. R. Marshall, 37 Halswell Road, Christchurch.

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OTAGO: Rev. W. Wallace, 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers.

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WAITEMATA SUB COUNCIL: Miss M. Apsden, 10 Gordon Road, Auckland, N.4.

FRANKLIN SUB COUNCIL: Mr F. Long, Colombo Road, Waiuku.

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THAMES SUB COUNCIL: Mrs G. A. Crabtree, Martin Road, Waihi.

WANGANUI SUB COUNCIL: Miss D. M. Lower, 102 Liverpool Street, Wanganui.

GISBORNE WAIROA SUB COUNCIL: Miss A. Rothwell, 6 Roberts Road, Gisborne.

NAPIER-HASTINGS-WAIPAWA SUB COUNCIL: Miss J. Goodall, P.O. Box 145, Napier.

WAIRARAPA SUB COUNCIL: Rev. L. Major, 112 High Street, Masterton.

HUTT VALLEY SUB COUNCIL: Mr A. Mackie, 57 Wyndrum Avenue, Lower Hutt.

MARLBOROUGH SUB COUNCIL: Miss B. Looms, c/o. 45 High Street, Blenheim.

WEST COAST SUB COUNCIL: Miss H. Duncan, 19 Brittain Street, Hokitika.

SOUTHLAND SUB COUNCIL: Mrs W. E. Lawry, 16 Nelson Street, Invercargill.

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

A—Public Questions Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Since the departure of the Convener at the beginning of June, the Rev. J. C. Mabon has served as acting-convener of the Committee. The following matters have been considered and are brought to the attention of Conference.

1. Pre-Election Meetings, 1960:

The Committee invited representatives of Circuits in areas where inter-Church meetings with political candidates had been held to give a brief outline and comment to the Committee. Nine written reports were received, but the Committee has reason to believe that similar gatherings were held or attempted in many more areas. In two out of the nine cases it was not possible to arrange a meeting because of the unwillingness or inability of one party's candidate to participate. The others reported an excellent response from the public, a keen interest in the questions, which had usually been framed by a local inter-Church Committee, and ready co-operation from the various candidates. In each case there seemed to be a desire to adopt this method again at a future date.

The Committee will endeavour to give a similar lead to the Connexion when the appropriate time arises, and would welcome further comments or suggestions about this matter.

2. Declaration of Human Rights (1960 Minutes, p. 98, Res. 9):

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was passed and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10th, 1948. The Assembly called upon member countries to publicise the text of the Declaration and to cause it to be disseminated and expounded in schools and other educational institutions. This is being done in New Zealand. The Declaration has also been translated into Maori and is available through various appropriate agencies.

New Zealand was one of the countries which voted in favour of the Resolution to adopt the Declaration. Being a statement of "a command standard of achievement for all peoples" it does not require legislative ratification, and cannot be said to be legally binding upon any government. Its chief purpose is moral and persuasive.

Since 1948 the United Nations has been considering two "Covenants" of human rights. These seek to frame in legally binding language the civil and political, economic and social implications of the Declaration. These "Covenants" are still being discussed in the United Nations. It is difficult to frame resolutions on these subjects which can be agreed on by all member states, with their great diversity of outlook.

It will be seen, then, that the New Zealand Government and people are morally rather than legally bound to adhere to the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Inasmuch as the Declaration sets forth in some detail the rights and freedoms to which subjects of all countries should be entitled, it is impracticable to outline all its implications in a report like this. The Committee suggests that if any of the specific provisions of the Declaration are thought in have been infringed it should then be asked to consider that particular instance.

Meanwhile we commend the consideration of this important

document to various study groups within the Church. Copies are obtainable from branches of the United Nations Association or local booksellers.

3. Films and Film Advertising (1960 Minutes, p. 98, Res. 16):

Films and film advertising are part of the general pattern of New Zealand entertainment. The standard varies according to the demand of the viewing public, and public censorship can be expected to fulfil no more than a limited restrictive function. The present system of grading films seems to be adequate under the circumstances. Anyone who has reason to believe that Film Censor's Certificate restrictions are not being observed by a local picture theatre can take the matter up with the appropriate authorities. The Committee has no knowledge of such breaches of the regulations occurring on a wide scale.

4. Undesirable Literature (1960 Minutes, p. 98, Res. 14):

New Zealand legislation relating to undesirable literature is embodied in the Indecent Publications Act, 1910, with Amendments 1954 and 1958, which makes it an offence to print, distribute, sell, hire or publicly exhibit an indecent document. The task of determining whether a particular document is indecent ultimately devolves upon the Courts; in coming to a decision they are obliged to take into account such matters as its literary or artistic merit, or any medical, legal, political or scientific character or importance it may have, and the persons or groups for whom it is intended or who may be likely to encounter it (as well as its tendency to deprave or corrupt such persons, class of persons or age groups, however little it may affect others). Furthermore, among other things, any document or matter which unduly emphasises matters of sex, horror, crime, cruelty or violence is deemed to be indecent within the meaning of the Act.

A large part of the control of undesirable literature is actually exercised by Customs Department which takes steps to prevent the entry into New Zealand not only of publications found indecent by the Courts but also books or other published material considered indecent by the Minister of Customs. In making a decision the Minister of Customs can invoke the aid of the Government-appointed Literary Advisory Committee but is not bound to follow its recommendation. The Customs Department's list of proscribed matter is made accessible to importers, wholesalers and retailers of books.

Justice Department works closely with Customs in all cases of "doubtful" material available in New Zealand. A small inter-departmental committee considers any book or publication complained about by a member of the public, and prosecution is initiated in all appropriate cases on the authority of the Attorney-General. The book trade itself is alive to the possibility of unwitting infringement of the Act; distributors frequently refer suspected material to the inter-departmental committee for an opinion and voluntarily withdraw publications thought to be indecent. The committee has no evidence of distributors bringing pressure to bear upon booksellers to handle poor quality material they do not want.

While concern has been expressed at the lurid and suggestive covers of many paper-back books currently on sale, the cover is often not a fair indication of a book's contents. The sexy cover gimmick would appear to be one further instance of the commercial exploitation of sex, a practice which in itself must be deplored for its coarsening effect on popular taste.

To sum up, New Zealand appears to be taking effective measures to deal with indecent literature. Good administration of the Act

seems likely to result from a continuing close liaison of the departments primarily concerned.

In supporting a limited degree of censorship as a necessary corrective to the commercial promotion of pornographic material, the Committee feels bound to point out some of the inherent weaknesses of censorship as a method of dealing with a problem which is much larger than the dissemination of possibly harmful literature:

1. The view that literature usually reflects the current state of society deserves attention. Some hold therefore that to ban undesirable literature is merely treating a symptom and not dealing with the disease which is seen to be false values and debased standards within the community itself.

2. The administrative difficulties of censorship are very great. Opinions of what is indecent differ markedly even among Christian people. Consequently, the line of demarcation between the objectionable and the acceptable is not always a firm one and may well move either way according to the taste and background of the censor or the spirit of the times.

3. By drawing attention to proscribed material, censorship frequently defeats its own purpose. It has been shown that any publication which is the subject of Court action on grounds of indecency is guaranteed an enhanced circulation.

4. The censorship of indecent publications can be justified only on grounds that they are likely to deprave or corrupt. While a substantial body of opinion accepts this premise, it ought to be said that clear evidence either way is difficult if not impossible to attain.

Censorship is at present directed toward Indecent Publications. The Committee believes that it is just as necessary to guard against the false and dishonest in literature as it is to beware of the salacious. Newspapers sometimes distort the truth. Magazines and books often represent man as a creature of no account, devoid of soul or any depth of character. Even the continuous and unrestricted reading of a certain type of popular romance might well make it difficult for a young girl eventually to achieve satisfactory relationships with the opposite sex.

Christians should not be content with the kind of negative action that censorship entails. Wrong ideas are to be fought openly, not suppressed. Literature is a great blessing to life and we should ensure that our children are not only taught to read, but also encouraged to read widely and critically. Censorship is usually imposed to protect the immature person. So far as the young offender is concerned it has been said that it is his very inability to do sustained reading, frustrating his school progress and cutting off a major avenue of escape from the confines of unsatisfactory environment, that tends to breed rebellious delinquency.

5. Factors involved in Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices (1960 Minutes, p. 98, Res. 15):

The function of criminal law, in this field, is to preserve public order and decency, to protect the citizen from what is offensive or injurious, and to provide sufficient safeguards against exploitation and corruption of others, particularly those who are specially vulnerable because they are young, weak in body and mind, inexperienced, or in a state of physical, legal, or economic dependence. It is not the function of the law to intervene in the private lives of citizens or to seek to enforce any particular pattern of behaviour further than is necessary to carry out the purposes we have defined above. The Church has always distinguished between sin and crime

and does not believe that the State is the best guardian of private morality. The Church may well suggest standards to guide its members in their own behaviour, but it must be remembered that such standards are governed by the morality of grace. When considering the sanctions of the law, the Church moves in a different realm.

It seems, however, that there are certain anomalies in the present law in regard to homosexual offences. It takes very little account of female homosexuality. There is no reason why the law should punish a man for what a woman may do with impunity. This is not an argument for making female homosexual behaviour a punishable offence, except with regard to the corruption of minors, or offences against public order and decency and acts where violence or fraud are involved. Further, it is clearly inequitable and contrary to the common good that homosexual acts should be severely punished while the adulterer and the adulteress and those responsible for bringing unwanted children into the world, stand outside the sanctions of the law.

How far such punishment stamps out the crime is debatable. It is not known how many would-be criminals are deterred by it; it is known that large numbers are not. Most authorities today agree that it is futile to send a homosexual to prison. As Dr. West puts it, "The convicted homosexual feels that he has been made a scapegoat for behaviour for which thousands of other go unpunished. On his release, when he finds himself snubbed by his friends and rejected by employers, his outlook on society comes close to that of the confirmed criminal. Notwithstanding his vice he may not have been a really vicious personality before, but he is likely to become one as a result of experience in and after prison." It would seem also that to attempt to deal with the problem by legal suppression is to deal with the symptoms while neglecting the disease which produced them. One reason for the public demand for the imprisonment of male homosexuals is the general belief that they constitute a great menace to children. Practically every other case reported in the newspapers concerns the alleged seduction of a boy or a youth. Yet the great majority of homosexuals, like the great majority of hetero-sexuals, have hardly any interest or curiosity in connection with sexually immature children. The fear that a change in the law would 'open the floodgates' and bring unbridled licence is an exaggerated one. As stated previously it is not known how many are deterred by the present law; it is known that many are not. Further, men who are disgusted by homosexual practices would hardly be likely to indulge in them if they were no longer a criminal offence. Confirmation of this is found in the Wolfenden Report where we read, "We have however caused enquiry to be made in Sweden where homosexual acts between consenting adults in private ceased to be a criminal offence in consequence of an amendment of the law in 1944. We asked particularly whether the amendment of the law had any discernible effect on the prevalence of homosexual practices, and on this point the authorities were able to say no more than that very little was known about the prevalence of such practices either before or after the change in the law. We think it reasonable to assume that if any change in the law had produced any appreciable increase in homosexual behaviour or in any large scale proselytising, these would have become apparent to the authorities."

To say that in certain circumstances homosexual behaviour should not be a criminal offence is not to condone or encourage private immorality. When we acknowledge the private nature of moral or immoral conduct and are reminded of the responsibility of

the individual for his own actions, we conclude that the mature person can himself carry this responsibility without the threat of punishment from the law.

Therefore this Committee believes that while the legal toleration of homosexual acts between consenting adults would do little to assist in a positive solution, it would be the first step towards such an objective by removal of injustices and anomalies and by opening the way to a more constructive treatment of a hidden problem. Because much study needs to be given to the causes and nature of the homosexual condition and to the means whereby the homosexual can be cured, or helped to accept his abnormality, we suggest that the Government may be able to facilitate research using both the resources of Government Departments and assisting suitable private agencies. This requires in turn the education of the public to a sense of understanding and responsibility for the men and women who labour under this peculiar handicap, and the dissipation of prejudices and false ideas regarding the homosexual condition.

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6. **Christian View of Marriage and Parenthood** (1960 Minutes, p. 98, Res. 4):

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

7. **Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs:**

Matters dealt with by the Council include:—

(a) **Immigration.** During the year the goal of the reception of ten European refugees from China was reached. The Council which initiated the scheme is grateful that this limited gesture of Christian responsibility was possible.

(b) **Liquor Problems and Alcohol.** Prior to Christmas the Council prepared a Statement pleading for the provision of alternatives to alcoholic beverages at Christmas parties wherever and whenever they are held.

(c) **Penal Policy and Marriage Guidance.** During the year the Council has been addressed by the Senior Prison Chaplain, the Rev. E. S. Hoddinott, and the Adviser on Marriage Guidance, the Rev. L. C. Clements. The Council has asked the Public Questions Committees of the constituent Churches to give consideration to various aspects of New Zealand's Penal Policy in the light of Christian insights.

(d) **Television Control.** The Council has been greatly concerned with the possible effects of the introduction of Television in New Zealand. Prior to the change of Government it notified leaders of the political parties of its view that ownership and control of TV Stations should be in the hands of either a Government Department or a Public Corporation, not private interests. Since then the Council has continued to make submissions to the newly elected Government urging the need for most careful safeguards and controls

in the management of this powerful medium of publicity and entertainment.

(e) **Secretarial Office:** Mr C. Gibson Young has retired from this position after fourteen years of faithful service. Mr H. W. Shove is his successor.

8. **Television Control:**

The Committee has closely associated itself with the Inter-Church Council in the representations referred to above, and has made independent approaches to the Government along the lines of the resolutions of Conference in 1958. The pressure of commercial interests in this field is very strong, and great care needs to be taken to see that adequate standards are maintained.

C. O. HAILWOOD, Chairman.

W. G. EISNER, Convener.

Addendum:

Owing to the Rev. W. G. Eisner's having moved from Wellington to become Chaplain of H.M. Prison at Waikane, the Committee has received his resignation as Convener of the Public Questions Committee with much regret. Mr Eisner has been thorough and skilled in this demanding task. In presenting the business, in correspondence and in representing the Committee in more personal ways he has served the Church with marked ability, and will be greatly missed.

C. O. HAILWOOD, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. **Factors involved in Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices:**

That the Conference submit this statement to the Government and recommend that it facilitate continued investigation into the causes of the homosexual condition, using the resources of Government Departments, and subsidising educational, medical and psychiatric research.

4. That Conference convey its appreciation to the Rev. W. G. Eisner for his valuable work as Convener of the Public Questions Committee and extend its good wishes to him as he takes up his new duties as a Chaplain under the Justice Department.

5. That representatives to the I.C.C. be Chairman of the District, Rev. I. Ruck, and Mr A. E. Hurley.

6. That consideration be given to the establishment of a Department or Board of Christian Citizenship co-ordinating or incorporating the work of Public Questions, International Affairs, Temperance Committees etc., and that this matter be referred to the Church Council for consideration.

7. (a) That Conference express its warm approval of the recent decision of Parliament to abolish the death penalty for murder and, in particular, records its appreciation of the courageous stand for principle made by the Minister of Justice, Mr Hanan.

(b) At the same time Conference urges that the abolition of the death penalty be completed by its removal as a penalty for the crime of treason. Conference believes that the case against the death penalty for murder is no less relevant in the matter of treason.

8. (a) That Conference approve the principle of Ministers and laymen from industrial areas meeting to discuss the ministry of the Church in such areas.

(b) That Conference ask the Home Mission Department to convene a consultation of Ministers and laymen in whose Circuits Industrial evangelism is possible. That these Ministers and laymen shall report the findings of the consultation to their Synod Standing Committee, who shall then consider the matters raised and report back to the Home Mission Department.

9. That Conference asks the N.C.C. to co-ordinate the approach of the Churches to the population involved in the Southland aluminium industry.

10. That the Public Questions Committee be requested to prepare a statement on flogging and similar forms of corporal punishment as a remedy for moral delinquency.

11. That Conference support the Government in its expressed intention of bringing tape recording and gramophone records under the Indecent Publications Act.

12. That the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be asked to investigate the matter of discrimination against sportsmen for representative selection on account of their conscientious refusal to practise or play on Sunday.

12. Television:

That as Television has proved to have such a tremendous impact on the moral and cultural values of a community and because experience overseas has established the impossibility of adequate control of privately-owned Television, the Methodist Church of New Zealand expresses its strong opposition to the proposal to provide for privately owned television stations.

14. Radio and T.V.:

That in the event of any departure from any existing State-operated radio and television services the Government shall establish a N.Z. Radio and Television Licencing Authority. This authority shall establish a code dealing with ethical standards, levels, performance, balance and hourage of programmes and shall issue and regularly review all licences to operate radio and television services in N.Z. whether by State Department, Corporation or any other body.

14. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION XXXVII.

B—International Affairs Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

By resolution of the 1957 Conference the International Affairs Committee came into being. The Committee assumed a two-fold function: To continue the work begun by the World Peace Committee (which it replaced) and also study world affairs—offering its comment to the Church on matters of public concern outside New Zealand's life.

In the latter regard the Committee brought to the notice of the Church the Human Values in Technical Assistance; World Population Pressure; Technical Assistance to Under-Developed Countries; the Plight of the Refugee; Samoan Methodists in N.Z.; Racial Discrimination in Sport; and matters relating to Africa, Indonesia and China.

With reference to World Peace, the Committee re-states the conviction of its first Report, viz: That a new situation confronts the Church. Man's accumulation of destructive power is on such a massive and unprecedented scale as to force the Church critically to examine war as a means of settling international disputes. The

Church has already declared war to be contrary to the spirit and teaching of Jesus Christ. She is unable, however, to make a clear and decisive statement on the means whereby Christians apply that basic principle.

The Committee recognises the Church's dilemma. It must thoughtfully present to our people, the probable basis of any future war, and ask the Church whether, in the light of modern warfare, she is able to say something decisive, enduring, and God-like to a world of insecurity and fear. The Church's apparent inability to speak unitedly must have a damaging effect on her whole mission to the nations. Can the Church afford her several and irreconcilable views on war? Has the age of nuclear warfare cut across the old contentions and arguments? Is the modern threat forcing the Church to see her division on this issue as an urgent problem the solution of which Christians cannot put off indefinitely? Is there a way to unity in the bond of peace? The Committee submits the view to the Church that here is a moral problem so vital to the well-being of all mankind and the establishment of God's rule on earth, that the new factors in warfare should make her re-state the meaning and demands of Christ's redeeming, reconciling Gospel.

The Committee believes that God will reveal His mind to those who diligently search for the way to peace. It is encouraged by the willingness of small groups to gather in fellowship and discussion. On this level, in the spirit of concern—and with well-informed minds—gains will be made. To that end a comprehensive study booklet has been prepared. The Board of Publications will make it available this year, and we urge members, groups, and Leaders' Meetings to make use of it.

Conference 1960 asked the Committee to report back on "The Church's Attitude to Modern War" (Minutes, p. 103). In our view, the new Study Booklet meets this request. Recognition is given to the differing viewpoints held by Christians, and meets the Committee of Detail's recommendations. The Study Booklet, the former studies sent to Circuits, and our earlier Reports have provided a re-statement of the Peace and War issue.

We urge upon the Conference a two-year plan of study, before asking the Church to debate the issue with a view to reaching agreement.

We appeal to Church groups to report their findings to the Convener.

Nationalism and Racial Discrimination:

A greater understanding of nationalism may give to Christian people the ability to respond to the challenge of nationalism in a Christian way.

Nationalism today reigns supreme in the hearts of many in vast areas where a low standard of living prevails, not only in Africa but also in Asia and the East, and where there have also arisen demands for human dignity and national freedom. Today the nations of the East and the tribes of Africa see the incomparably greater material prosperity of the Western world. They see that in the many contacts of the West there has been an element of exploitation; they are liable to assume the degree of exploitation to be greater than it is. Increasingly aware of the trends and events throughout the world, they naturally resent the domination of the West. The West has all too often been guilty of patronage; this and the stigma implied has probably caused more unrest and resentment than any other single factor. Responsible opportunities must be created for Africans and

others to manage their own affairs. "The right to govern or mis-govern."—Kwame Nkrumah.

"The spirit of Africanism . . . envisages the attainment of a Government dominated by Africans and expressing in its own institutions the characteristic spirit of Africa as interpreted by the modern African."—Lord Hailey.

A wide magnitude of tensions have been set up by the impact of Western ways on African thought and life. Africans and others have striven in 50 short years or less to master the intricate problems of our modern age; problems which white men find overwhelming after centuries of preparation to meet them.

As Christians, we believe that God made all men and that Christ died for all. We believe that God has a purpose in creating different types and colours, and that black, brown, yellow and white have a contribution (different perhaps, but of equal value) to make for the building of the Kingdom in this world.

Nationalism brings a challenge to the Christian faith. Directed by the spirit of Christ, we see that Europeans have few grounds, if any, for their feelings of superiority, nor Africans and others for their feelings of inferiority. Let us both hold firm to those especial gifts that God has given us in His goodness and bring them together as offerings whilst we work together, equal partners, in our different roles.

A new pattern of working and living together of the races of the world will call for costliness of giving from all; from the advanced races the surrender of a long enjoyed privilege, the willingness to take each man at his worth regardless of the colour of his skin, a sharing from economic strength; from the backward races, no looking over the shoulder at slights in the past, a recognition that promotion depends on hard work and capability, a self-discipline and integrity which fit men for responsibility.

"When whites dominate and non-whites are dominated, racial fears, hates and prejudices are propagated. Christians accept the imperfections of human society, but they never stop trying to eradicate them. Therefore they resist the unnecessary corruption of human nature by fear and hatred. Any active Christian must wholeheartedly support the abolition of any state of racial domination . . .

"The Church and its churchmen have a great duty to show forth the love that can triumph, and was meant to triumph over human divisions. There is no place for a colour bar in the Christian Church . . .

"Mankind has rejected slavery as an inhuman institution, and it will reject racial discrimination too. But it will reject it only as a result of struggle, and in this struggle it is of the greatest importance that Christians, and indeed all men of goodwill, play the fullest part of which they are capable."—Alan Paton.

United Nations:

Two basic purposes were set out in the charter of 1945. First, the maintenance of international equity and peace—if necessary by the use of force. Second, the solution of the nations' economic, social, and cultural problems but without infringement of national sovereignty. Much has been achieved—a measure of world peace; material help to millions of people suffering from poverty, hunger, disease, and ignorance; and not least the provision of an international forum and a setting where emerging nations can be heard and seek support.

It is part of our Christian responsibility to think sensibly and

with concern about United Nations. To see clearly each task it takes up and to sense the significance of each crisis it enters we must have some basic knowledge of its purpose, its structure and of the nature and extent of its resources. Ignorance of these will not do for the good churchman. Neither headlines nor other people's assessment of news items is enough to enable the Christian to determine and take his stand on United Nations itself or on any issue with which it deals. If the Church is to help the world to learn to use the way of negotiation instead of the way of war, its members must increasingly take up their responsibility as citizens in our case of one of the foundation members of United Nations.

Remembering that there has been a real measure of continuity through the history of the League of Nations to United Nations, some important lessons were learned and used in framing the present Charter. Present difficulties and limitations must be seen against a background at least as far back as 1920 if they are to be seen in perspective. With all the disappointments and frustrations, we should be thankful for the real progress made in those forty years and we should take courage and hope for at least equal progress in the next forty years.

The first fifteen years of the present organisation have seen its membership doubled. The new members consist of former enemies of the "Allies," neutrals in the last war and a host of new nations who have come to independence since 1945. The new half of the present 99 members have already had a profound effect on the organisation, not so much because of their number (only one short of the original membership), but rather because of their composition. No longer can "the West" reckon on mustering a two-thirds supporting vote on crucial issues, as once it could. Although the "Communist Bloc" continues to be a very restricted minority in voting power, the substantial proportion of "neutralist" or "uncommitted" votes can thwart "the West" in important moves in a manner not previously possible. When the new nations of Africa and of Asia choose to vote as a group, their action is decisive. Thus a new character has come over United Nations in the last several years and this has to be borne in mind, not only in United Nations circles but also by the ordinary citizen and church member.

Nowhere is this great change seen more than in the affairs of Africa. The many new nations now standing upon that continent have inevitably made it a main centre of world attention and the scene of power conflicts. Events in Africa have involved the rest of the world to a quite unpredictable degree. In a little more than the past year, it has been in Africa that, as the Secretary General has said, United Nations has been called upon to undertake its "biggest single effort" for one of the new African states, the Congo.

Out of the tribulation and suffering of the Congo there seems now to be coming, largely through the effort of United Nations, maintained at times in the face of apparent near defeat and failure, the beginnings of order and of viable nationhood for its people. There has also come a clarifying of the nature and method of adequate international sharing of the troubles and sorrows of one nation in the throes of finding itself. While the Secretary General had largely to find his own way, step by step, in carrying out his task there, he was, perhaps, blazing a fresh trail toward a new frontier of international sharing and co-operation beyond which a more effective way of living together will be found. The criticism of the very office of Secretary General, the refusal of some members to accept a share of the costs of the brave operation, the withdrawal by some members

of their military units and difficulties within the Security Council itself, may well prove to be some of the struggle of growth. It is to be remembered that at the same time, United Nations and the Specialised Agencies were able, at short notice, to provide a corps of administrators, doctors, teachers and technical experts in all fields; their efforts enabled the Congolese authorities to avoid a total collapse of Government and administrative services.

The problems faced by United Nations—the great power conflict, how far current ideas of national sovereignty are now tenable, the wide economic gaps between different regions of the world now so interdependent, the ending of Trusteeships and the future of small nations—constitute a call to Christians to dedicate their personal attitudes, their effort and the necessary part of their resources to its ideals and purposes and to foster public opinion, so that it will be strengthened and given resources adequate for its task.

Within the individual Church programme there must be provision to stimulate the interest of its members in United Nations, to assist them to gain understanding of its task and its problems and to speak to the community on the Christian approach to them. Individual church members should be found actively participating in the work of community organisations dedicated to and serving the purposes of United Nations.

The Assault on Want:

In the assault on want which is in progress in under-developed and over-populated countries, moral and religious implications cannot be escaped. Within totalitarian countries there can be aroused a determination to work for the good of other people as exemplified in the concept of the State, a determination which is so all-pervading that it may result in great self-sacrifice. The feelings aroused by this may be truly of a religious order though the object of the devotion may not, to Christians at least, be normally acceptable as truly religious. With this devotion there may also go what has been in the past one of the features of religion which is to be deplored—that is a complete fanaticism and an intolerance of peoples and ideals outside a group which may result in a refusal to face knowledge of exterior circumstances. This devotion of large groups of people may be harnessed by the State into an increased production which may allay the spectre of want. If, however, groups within the State may wish to deviate from the line held by such a devoted body repression may ensue, a repression which could be matched over and over again in the history of religious persecution. The problems of the reduction of want in non-totalitarian regions depends to a large extent upon the harnessing of moral obligations to religious obligations, for the mere wish to raise one's own living standard will never suffice in view of the concerted effort which alone can affect the vast improvement necessary not merely to keep production ahead of rising population but to outstrip it. The reaction then of non-Communist countries must be the strengthening of a positive religious attitude which is exemplified in the Christian teaching of the love of one's neighbour.

Freedom From Hunger Campaign:

"F.F.H.C." is a world wide effort, under United Nations auspices, to meet the challenge of the fact that "anything from one-third to one-half of the world's people (almost 3,000 million) at present face permanent hunger or under-nourishment." The campaign was conceived by the Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and commenced officially on July 1, 1960.

While immediate and short-term relief projects are by no means excluded from the programme, it does not aim at temporary relief from hunger and malnutrition but rather at their progressive and lasting removal. It will operate in three main fields which are basic in any permanent solution of the problem, namely, those of information and education, research and national action. It is in the last that the Church will find its main opportunity to participate, particularly in assisting in "the creation of a world climate of understanding" and in helping to raise funds for work in all three fields.

In New Zealand, the Council of Organisations for Relief Service Overseas (CORSO) in whose work our Church takes part, has already made a start by including £30,000 in its budget this year (about one quarter of the whole budget) for immediate specific objectives within the purpose of the campaign and church members as well as their churches thus have an opportunity now to make their first contributions of money and work. It is expected that in the near future the Government will invite a number of key voluntary organisations, including the National Council of Churches of which the Methodist Church is a member, to be represented on a national committee. The purpose of the national committee will be to co-ordinate the interest and effort of the organisations in conducting an intensive public appeal for funds in 1962 in co-operation with CORSO. The proceeds will be divided equally between the FFHC and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The long-term objective of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign will commend themselves immediately to our church and the committee urges all congregations and members to help to the fullest possible extent.

Individual Voluntary Service Overseas:

The announcement by President Kennedy of his plan for a "Peace Corps" stimulated considerable interest and inquiry within our Church and others as to whether or not such a scheme may be possible and desirable for New Zealand people, especially young people. The matter was brought to the attention of the Government by the National Council of Churches and by some courts of individual churches including our own and the Government's advice was sought as to the advisability and feasibility of such a scheme for interested individuals and voluntary organisations.

The Government in reply has expressed its appreciation of the interest of the churches in the idea and also the interest and support of the Churches in all its programmes for helping less developed countries. It has also offered its comments and advice, from its experience with many (over 150) New Zealanders who have served as "experts" under the Colombo Plan in South and South-East Asia as well as with six young New Zealanders who have served in Indonesia under the "Volunteer Graduate Scheme" on a similar basis to that implied in the proposals in which churches have expressed interest.

The Committee believes there are large numbers of young people in New Zealand, many of them with good qualifications, who are prepared to serve under sacrificial conditions in the needy areas of the world. While the motives and the capacity to render good Christian service generally by those interested are accepted and appreciated both by the Government and by this Committee, it is essential to see the possibilities and the limitations realistically. How many could be placed? Through what channels should the scheme work? Would this service be welcomed? Who would pay for it? Facts which must be remembered are that any such "scheme"

must be agreed to by the Government of the country in which the service would be given and each individual would need to be accepted similarly. In general, only individuals with qualifications not possessed by available nationals of the country itself are likely to be acceptable, and this usually means academic or professional qualifications of a good level. Whether sufficient individuals whom the church could sponsor as possessing the necessary qualifications and qualities required for living and working in conditions and relationship so greatly different from those of their home country, to warrant a "scheme" is very doubtful—it seems more likely that it would be more realistic, and probably better anyway, for the individual to undertake the operation as an individual, with, perhaps, the sponsorship and some support of the Church.

The Committee therefore, while recognising the commendable spirit of service in the idea, does not at present recommend that the Church should seek the establishment of any "plan" or "scheme." The Church should be glad to assist through inquiry, advice and, if necessary, material assistance, any interested individual church member. The Committee also considers that any work on this matter should be done in the closest co-operation with the National Council of Churches.

New Zealand's Responsibility in the Pacific:

While New Zealand's interest in helping other countries, especially in South and South-East Asia, carries the full endorsement of our Church, we draw attention to the very pressing needs and difficult problems of the peoples in the Pacific islands and territories—peoples who are, after all, our nearest neighbours. The contribution made by the Church through its missionary activity—including that made in the fields of education and health—is significant and notable. But, especially with the accelerating rate of political and economic development, the question as to whether New Zealand as a nation is doing enough to assist these countries and to share their problems and burdens is relevant to the Church's concern.

Western Samoa achieves political independence next year. This will not end its need for continued help from this country which under the United Nations mandate has been intimately concerned in its Trusteeship responsibilities. The significant contribution made in Fiji by teachers and nurses from the membership of our Church for many years provides a link of interest and considerable knowledge. New Zealand's responsibility for the people of the Cook Islands together with recently announced proposals which may mean that some people from there as well as from Nauru may need re-settlement possibly in this country are matters for the Church's intelligent interest and about which it must at least be well informed. This activity by the Church would, apart from specific help, contribute to an adequate public opinion. The Committee commends this subject to the attention of the whole Church and will itself make some study of it during the coming year.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.
P. D. RAMSAY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Church (a) Commit itself to a one-year programme of study on Peace and War issues; (b) Make a strong recommendation to 1962 Conference to provide sufficient time for an adequate debate of the subject, in the hope that some agreed statement can be made.
3. That Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings promote the

widest possible use of the Study Booklet; and that Circuits be invited to purchase supplies as an encouragement to discussion groups to make use of the study material.

4. That the Corresponding Member of the International Affairs Committee appointed by each Synod Standing Committee place emphasis upon the promotion of study groups on Peace and War in his District.

5. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund.

6. That Conference send a greeting to the Chairman and people of the Methodist District of Samoa as Western Samoa attains independent status.

7. That the Committee be thanked for its work and that the material of this report be submitted to the Editor of the Methodist Times with the recommendation that it be published.

8. That the International Affairs Committee be asked to study the documents of the recent Conference of the W.C.C. on Migration and prepare a report for next Conference.

9. That the International Affairs Committee initiate consultations during the year between the Overseas Missions Department, the Ecumenical Committee, the International Affairs Committee, and Department of Christian Education on the subject of service overseas by members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand including the questions of opportunities available, pastoral relationships with the Church, assistance where required, and co-ordinating efforts in the various fields as may be desirable.

10. That the Committee be asked to present to youth groups throughout the country the claims of voluntary service overseas by qualified individuals.

11. That Conference assure the Government of its support for any contributions the Government may make towards the cost of U.N. efforts to assist in bringing about a solution to the problems of the Congo.

12. That in the light of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign the Conference re-affirm last year's decision regarding aid to underdeveloped countries, recommending to the Government that the N.Z. budget set aside at least 1% (one per centum) of the National Income for the economic development of underdeveloped countries, even if this means an increase in the level of taxation.

13. That in order that the mind of as many Methodist people as possible may be ascertained in the matter of Peace and War. Conference requests the International Affairs Committee to prepare and circulate to all Circuits a Questionnaire similar to that prepared by the Temperance Committee as the basis of their report to Conference 1960 (Mins. of Conf. 1960, pages 104-105).

14. That the Committee be commended on the publication of the excellent study booklet on Peace and War.

15. That Conference learns with pleasure of the appointment of the Rev. H. C. Dixon as Dominion Secretary of CORSO.

16. That Conference strongly urge our people to the support of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign which will be launched this year.

17. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 6 herein.

C—Temperance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Because of considerable change of personnel this year, including the Convener, the Committee is unable to report much finished work, but is gathering material to assist it in its study of the question referred to it by last Conference, and requests permission to continue its study in 1962.

As per Resolution of last Conference, the Committee has asked the Department of Health to consider conducting a campaign against alcoholism and excessive drinking along the lines of its recent smoking and lung cancer campaign.

The Committee was actively associated with the local branch of the N.Z. Alliance in conducting a one-day Temperance Workshop at Hamilton, which was regarded as most successful and attracted an attendance of about 150.

Contact has been maintained with the N.Z. Alliance and other movements concerned with the drink problem. Some help has been given to people seeking suitable Temperance literature, and the Committee hopes to compile an up-to-date list of films, tapes, pamphlets and other available material for Temperance Education.

The Committee increasingly notes an air of apathy and ignorance, both in and without the Church, on matters of Temperance and Licensing, and records its concern for the need of a marked extension of educational work. To this end it hopes to devote some time and thought in the coming year and invites suggestions.

At the invitation of the Committee, the local Member of Parliament discussed with it the implications of the forthcoming Licensing legislation, and a very helpful and interesting exchange of opinions resulted.

A practice which is bringing a grave injustice to the Maori people is the advantage being taken by some Europeans as well as many Maoris, of the traditional and deeply-held courtesy of Maori hospitality. Certain Europeans seeking to avoid the censure of society are arranging for liquor parties to be held in Maori homes when any disturbance of the peace brings Maori homes into disrepute. In view of the wide publicity given to the problems of the Maori people, it should be noted that a certain section of the European Society are retaining the respect of their neighbours at the expense of the Maori people. Our Methodist Maori people should not feel any sense of obligation to open their homes for the purpose of holding liquor parties.

D. H. PAYNE, Chairman.

ALAN O. JONES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be encouraged to continue its study of the effects of drinking upon the specialised skills required in modern industrial life.
3. That the Committee receive a grant of £25 from the Continuent Fund for 1962.
4. That Rev. P. D. Ramsay and Mr C. J. Freeman be appointed by Conference as representatives on the N.Z. Alliance.
5. That Conference strongly commends the Minister of Transport and the Officers of his Department in the measures taken to deal

with the menace of the drunken driver and asks him to continue with every vigour to implement his policy.

6. That the Committee for 1962 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 ended 30th June, 1961, are summarised herein.

1.—TRUST ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS

	£
Credit Balance from last year—General Account	87,872
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	490,478
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	25,005
Loans from other sources	66,673
All other Receipts	480,721
Total Receipts	1,150,749
Debit Balances	97,149
TOTAL	1,247,898

EXPENDITURE

Debit Balance from last year	79,276
Loan Fund Instalments	11,272
Other Loans repaid	32,809
Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	10,710
Purchase of Land, Erections or Additions to Buildings	293,673
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	188,877
Total Expenditure	616,617
Credit Balances	81,499
Balances held for Special Purposes	549,782
TOTAL	1,247,898

TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCES

4,274,165

DEBT

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	291,145
Add New Loans received during year	86,633
TOTAL	377,778
Deduct Loans repaid during year	43,948
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	333,830

Details of projects approved during the year are given in the report from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. The reports read in conjunction with each other reveal the extent of property undertakings in which our congregations throughout the Connexion are co-operating in carrying on the total mission of the Church. Over half a million pounds was expended by our people for vital aspect of our work.

Comparing some of the more important items with the figures for the last year the following position is revealed:—

General trust income = a decrease of £16,112.

Amount held for special purposes = an increase of £59,304.

Amount spent on erection of buildings = an increase of £2,914, land purchases etc.

Amount of debt = an increase of £43,178.

H. L. FIEBIG, General Secretary for Church Property.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That District Property Secretaries be thanked for their services and that appointments for 1962 be as under.
3. That where there is only one auditor of accounts his qualifications be indicated with the signature.
4. That where monies 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.
5. That Conference records its thanks to Mr H. Oldham for his valued services over 20 years as Secretary of the Church Property, Nelson District, and to Mr S. N. Roberts who has been Secretary, Wellington District for many years.

District Secretaries for Church Property.

NORTHLAND: Mr A. G. Kelly.

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, 53 Brecon Road, Stratford.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

WELLINGTON: Mr J. B. Lythe.

NELSON:

Mr A. C. Barrington, Riverside Community, Upper Moutere, R.D. Nelson.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Mr N. Hillary, Box 552, Christchurch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Mr J. A. Ganderton, 141 Forfar Street, Clyde Hill, Dunedin.

B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The work of the Church in respect to its circuit properties must be considered from two angles

(a) Provision of Churches, Halls and Parsonages in the many new housing areas being opened up in all parts of the country.

(b) The replacement of old buildings by new, up-to-date and more adequate properties. This latter aspect of our work becomes increasingly important with the passing years. Last century witnessed a very big building programme within our Church. We are now reaching the point where many of these buildings must be replaced. This represents something that will not be a spasmodic effort but a continuing part of our work from year to year. Reference to the Summary of Projects below will make this clear where of 10 new Churches in course of erection, 5 are replacements, and of 18 new Parsonages, 8 are replacements. These facts serve to emphasize the following points:

1. The necessity for Trustees to make adequate provision for depreciation and renewal of buildings. The last Conference instructed the Committee to report on this matter in respect to a standard obligatory scheme. That has far-reaching implications and the Committee will report separately on it in due course. Quite apart from

any scheme envisaged on a connexional basis, it must be obvious to all Trustees and circuit officials that in their annual budgets adequate provision should be made for some amount to be set aside for replacement of buildings at some future date.

2. The necessity for an increasing flow of interest-free loan money which will more adequately supplement the efforts of local congregations. The greatest need of the Committee is more capital to enable it to increase the amount of each loan in view of constantly rising costs.

Projects undertaken in the Synodal Districts which have been approved by the Committee are set out in the detailed list below.

Summary:

It is helpful to summarise this work so that the Church as a whole may understand what is being done:

New sites purchased (for Churches and

Parsonages)	.....	.....	15	(includes 7 replacements)
New Churches	.....	.....	10	" 5 "
New Halls	.....	.....	6	" "
New Parsonages	.....	.....	18	" 8 "
Extension and additions to buildings	.....	.....	19	" "
Eventide Home Blocks	.....	.....	2	" "

Excluding two Eventide Homes (£260,000) which will be financed largely outside the Church, the estimated cost of the above projects is £341,000.

Loans:

(a) As at 31st May, 1961 the total number of interest-free loans was 133 totalling £86,741/2/4.

(b) New loans advanced to 26 trusts amounted to £25,550 as under:—

Northland District: Kamo Hall £1000; Ruawai Church Hall £1000.

Auckland District: Rothesay Parsonage £1000; Northcote Hall £700; Glen Eden Dwelling £750; Takapuna Church £1000; Manurewa Parsonage £1000; Panmure Parsonage £1000; Waitangi Road Hall £500; Pukekohe Church £1000; Beach Haven Parsonage £1000.

South Auckland: Leamington Hall £600; Tokoroa Church Hall £1250; Waihi Parsonage £1000.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Trinity (Palmerston North) £1000.

Wellington: Upper Hutt Hall £1500.

Nelson: Motueka (land) £1500; Murchison Hall £750.

North Canterbury: Somerfield St. Church £1000; Rugby St. Parsonage £1000; Wairakei Rd. Church Hall £1000; Aldred Memorial Hall £1000; Islington Parsonage £1000.

Otago-Southland: Edendale Camp £1000; Invercargill North Parsonage £1000; Bluff Church £1000.

Grants:

Grants from the Sites Fund for new sites purchased have been made as follows:

Makarau Church £35; Tawa Parsonage £150; Paekakariki Parsonage £150; Motueka Church £100, total £435.

Church Extension Fund Appeal 1960-61

(a) Under the new system of Circuit and Connexional finance the income for this special appeal comes in from month to month spread almost over an entire twelve-month period. The total amount

received was £19,272/13/4 plus £405/9/4 carried forward, making a total of £19,678/2/8. Expenses amounted to £399/3/-. The sum of £12,852/-/- was added to the capital of the Loan Fund for interest-free loans and £6,426/19/8 held for grants to new causes. To this was added the sum of £665/-/- not previously distributed, making a total of £7,091/19/8. After making grants as below the sum of £2,241/19/8 is held for grants allocated but not yet called up.

(b) On the basis of priorities submitted by Standing Committees the following grants have been made. Otara (Papatoetoe) £1000; Beach Haven (Parsonage) £1000; Mangere Parsonage £500; Wainuiomata Church £1000; Islington Parsonage £750; Halswell Church £600, total £4850.

SALES OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by January 31, 1963 the sanction lapses.

Northland District:

Waima (H.M. Dept.) (34 ac.) £175.

Auckland District:

Penrose (1 rd. .08 per.), (and Hall) £3500; Ellerslie (1 rd.) £900; Clarkes Beach (in principle); Howick (1 rd. 30.7 per.) £7000.

South Auckland District:

Hamilton (strip) £1400; Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage £1250.

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

Hawera (28 per.) £750; Opunake (1 rd.) £100; Okato Parsonage £1500; Stratford (1 rd. .32 per.) £1100.

Wellington District:

Paraparaumu (13 ac.) £4000.

Nelson District:

Stoke (1 rd. 30 per.) £4530; Lower Moutere (16 per.) £150.

North Canterbury District:

Harewood (2 ac.) £475; East Eyreton (Church to Leigh Camp); Hoon Hay (1 rd. 24.1 per.) £1600.

South Canterbury District:

Enfield (1 rd.) (in principle); Winchester (20 per.) (in principle).

Otago-Southland District:

Palmerston Parsonage £1400.

LAND PURCHASES

Purchases of land have been approved as under:

Auckland District:

Devonport Central (1 rd. 19.9 per.) £1750; Otara (Papatoetoe) 3 rd. 10.5 per.) and House £4400; Franklin Camp Site (5 ac.) (Gift); Clarkes Beach (2 rds.) £1000.

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

Hawera (43.4 per.) £800; Castlecliff (1 rd. 20.39 per. (Gift).

Wellington District:

Paekakariki (37.06 per.) £700; Ngaio (2.49 per.) £300.

Nelson District:

Stoke (1 ac. 1 rd.) £5250; Nelson Camp Trust (10 ac.) £1550; Paroa (Greymouth) (1 rd.) £200.

North Canterbury District:

Rolleston (1 rd. .31 per.) £400.

Otago-Southland:

Roslyn (32 per.); Central Mission (Queenstown) (14 ac.) and House £6500; Balclutha (39.2 per.) £725.

BUILDINGS

Purchases (P), Erections (E), Additions and alterations (A).

Plans and/or purchases have been approved as under. In some instances approximate costs only can be given at present.

Northland District:

Mangonui (E), Church £2000; Kaikohe (E), Hall, £2000; Makotuku (E), Hall, £1600; Paparoa Classrooms, Kitchen, etc., £3750.

Auckland District:

Auckland Central Mission Parsonage (A), £2600; Auckland Central Mission Eventide Home, Hamilton, £130,000; Papatoetoe (E), Church £34,700; Rothesay Bay Parsonage (A), £300; Campbells Bay Church (A), £800 (gift); Beach Haven Parsonage (E), £5300; New Lynn Church and Hall (E), £10,000; Te Atatu Parsonage (E), £4500; Northcote Central Church Hall (E), £8700; H.M. Dept. Parsonage (A); Glen Innes Church, Hall, etc. (in principle); Panmure Classrooms and Kindergarten, £1800.

South Auckland District:

Whakatane Parsonage (E), £5300; Te Awamutu Church (A), £3000; Melville Hall (A), £1200.

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

Whiteley (N.P.) Church, £57500; Westtown (N.P.) Church Hall, £6250; Stratford Church (E), £17,500; Waitara Parsonage (E), £5000; Okato Parsonage (E), £4600; Wanganui East Church (A), £860.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:

Napier South Classrooms (E), £1000; Mangapapa Parsonage (A), £800; Greenmeadows Amenities (E), £392; Dannevirke Parsonage (E), £4000; Roslyn Parsonage (E), £5500; Roslyn Church Hall (E), £3300; Foxton Hall (E), £2300; Shannon Hall (United) (E), £2570.

Wellington District:

Wesley Eventide Home (Block), £130,500; Brooklyn Parsonage (E), £7400; Eketahuna Parsonage (A), £320; Paekakariki Parsonage (E), £4500; Carterton Church (A), £700; Tawa Parsonage (E), £4500; Waiwhetu Church (E), £14,500; Wainuiomata (Rata St.), Hall, £1000.

Nelson District:

Nelson South Parsonage (P), £4650.

North Canterbury District:

Halswell Church Hall (E), £4000; Islington Parsonage (P), £3450; Woolston Hall (A), £3000; Sydenham Parsonage (E), £4150; Central Mission Flats (P), £6750; Hostel (A), £3850; Lincoln Rd. Parsonage (P), £3300; Greendale Parsonage (E), £4300; Woodend Parsonage (E), £4500; South Brighton Church, £5750.

Otago-Southland District:

Dundas Street Church (A),; Mosgiel Hall (E), £8500; Balclutha Parsonage (E), £4500; Invercargill North Church (E), £10,000; Otautau Hall (A),; Ohai Hall (A), Cromwell Hall (A), £500.

Plans:

Attention is again drawn to a matter to which reference has been made in previous reports and in correspondence with trusts, namely, that in the first instance interim plans and draft of specifications should be prepared and submitted to the Committee. This allows for alterations to be recommended and considered before working drawing and final specifications are prepared. This avoids a needless waste of time and money.

H. G. BROWN, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference approve of the step being taken by the Committee to provide an amended Form of Property Schedule adequate for the changing conditions in our Church life and work.

3. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 5 herein.

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. G. Kelly and W. J. Court.

AUCKLAND:

Revs. R. F. Clement, E. W. Hames and L. R. M. Gilmore; Messrs A. M. McKerras and K. J. Rosser.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Revs. V. R. Jamieson and A. O. Jones; Messrs W. B. Young and A. A. Lilley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

The Ministers of New Plymouth Circuit, and Messrs L. M. Moss and M. S. Hughson.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Rev. Dr R. Dudley, Mr A. H. Fisher.

WELLINGTON:

Rev. G. R. H. Peterson and Mr T. M. Pacey.

NELSON:

The Synod Standing Committee.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Nil.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Mr H. C. B. Withell, with District Chairman and Property Secretary.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

To be appointed.

QUESTION XXXVIII.

C—Report of Custodian of Deeds

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

1. Titles:

For the year ended 30th June, 1961 the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:

Northland District: Mangonui; Kaikohe; Waitoki.

Auckland District: Central Mission (Waiheke Island); Mt. Albert; Weymouth.

Wellington District: Tawa Parsonage; Paekakariri Parsonage; Eketahuna; Masterton South.

Nelson District: Nelson (St. Johns); Nelson South Parsonage; Nelson Camp Trust; Motueka (3); Ngakuta Bay; Stoke.

North Canterbury District: Sydenham Parsonage; High Street (Christchurch); Kaiapoi.

Otago-Southland District: Dunedin Central Church and Mission (1) (Hostel) (2) Queenstown, Mosgiel.

2. New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:
 Titles:
 Northland District: Waitoki.
 Auckland District: Devonport Central; Franklin Camp Trust;
 Otara; Weymouth.
 South Auckland District: Melville.
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District: Milson.
 North Canterbury District: Islington Parsonage.
 Otago-Southland District: Forbury; Dunedin North Parsonage.
3. Trustees. Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as under and certification issued:

	Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Northland District	18	20	43
Auckland	34	77	141
South Auckland	23	33	57
Taranaki-Wanganui	8	9	17
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	11	8	27
Wellington	23	41	54
Nelson	16	25	30
North Canterbury	28	69	67
South Canterbury	5	14	10
Otago-Southland	15	20	50
	<hr/> 181	<hr/> 316	<hr/> 496

Christchurch, 30/6/61.

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 ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1961.

The Annual Financial Statement herewith shows a satisfactory maintenance of rentals and an increase in interest on Investments.

During the period there was some reduction in repairs and maintenance, but these items will be substantially increased during the coming year. The Board's properties are being well maintained.

The Building Renewal Fund now stands at £18,000.

In view of the age of the Buildings, the Trust will have to face substantial expenditure for replacements over the next ten to twenty years, and must therefore, build up this Fund.

The appropriations for the year were as follows: £1500 to Trinity College, £1500 to Building Renewal Fund.

The members of the Board for the ensuing year are: Hon. Sir Joseph Stanton, Revs. E. W. Hames and E. C. Leadley, Messrs E. A. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, A. L. Caughey, 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 Statement be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1961.

The property administered by the Trust consists for practical purposes of two sections: (1) The row of 17 shops fronting Upper Queen Street; and (2) The area of land bordered by three other streets, and on which the buildings known as "The People's Palace" now stand.

The seventeen shops have been maintained by the Trust in good order under supervision during the year, and the rents and rates on same have been paid regularly. Five are under weekly tenancies, five under monthly tenancies, and seven under leases for a term of five years, subject to a right of renewal.

The block of shops is regarded as a satisfactory proposition; the rents received are based on the capital value as assessed by competent valuers.

The liability of the Trust in financial remuneration to the Salvation Army for property value at the end of its lease of the "People's Palace" (£8,000) has been paid in full. Increased rentals received from the short-term extension of lease by the Salvation Army and from the shops in recent years, has enabled the Trust to accumulate a balance of £9,295 as at 30th June, 1961.

Future Policy:

During this year the Trust has sought and received advice from a number of people qualified to assist the Trustees to decide future policy. The shops come under consideration of future policy only when the area is considered as a whole, either as a total property for development or when possible purchasers have made approaches with a view to purchase. These people have almost always asked that the block be viewed as a whole.

There are several possible courses of action open to the Trust:

(1) To seek a tenant who will continue to use the People's Palace for residential purposes or as commercial properties; (2) To sell the property, either the whole block or a part of it, and to invest the proceeds in Trustee securities; (3) To grant a lease of the land to some person or organisation to develop, the Trust to receive rental money on a "Glasgow Lease" basis; (4) To share with a Development Firm in joint development of the property, the Trust to become a "shareholder" to the amount of the value of the property; (5) To endeavour to retain ownership of the property and to develop it progressively as an increasing asset of the church.

There have been several propositions for (2) and (3) above, and the Trust recently received an offer to purchase an option over the whole property which gave a firm indication of present saleable value. There has been strong divergence of opinion within the Trust itself. Some of the Trustees have felt that the development of this property is beyond the capacity of the Trust and that permission of the Conference should be sought to sell it (whole or part). Other Trustees believe that the Trust should retain ownership and possession of the land and should endeavour to develop it progressively for the benefit of the church.

During the year the Trust employed as Consultant, Mr R. R. Livingstone, of Livingstone and Jones, Lang and Wootten, Christchurch, to advise the Trust and to prepare a possible scheme for

development and utilisation of the property in accordance with previously established policies of the Conference. The Trust has been encouraged by an optimistic report from its consultants of a possible scheme of gradual development of the property in successive steps which the Trust should be able to compass financially. The scheme does not involve the investment of an amount of capital such as would endanger loss of possession of the property.

The Trustees expect to be in a position to bring firm proposals before the Conference, upon which they will seek Conference approval. To enable these proposals to receive the careful and detailed examination which they warrant, the Trust requests Synod to authorise the Trustees to invite a small "Select Committee" of the Conference, comprising representatives of the Church Building and Loan Fund and other leaders of the church, to meet with the Trustees and their Consultants, if possible before Conference, to examine the proposals for future policy. The Trustees will then request Conference approval of some firm course of action which should have emerged from the meeting of the Trust and the Select Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1961

Within the past two months the proposals for utilisation and future development of the property have matured, and the Trustees were able to bring a fairly comprehensive report to the select Committee of members of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and other Church Leaders which met with the Trust on Monday, 30th October, 1961, just prior to Conference.

The Trustees wish to record their warm appreciation of the services rendered by their consultant, Mr R. R. Livingstone, and at a meeting of the Trust on Tuesday, 31st October, this was minuted.

The proposals are still to be considered "confidential," since the overall scheme for development still requires official ratification in some of its details by the Auckland City Council. In addition, it is deemed inadvisable to publish particular details or plans of the complete development which is proposed.

The Trust is able to report that it has accepted in principle a plan for total development of the area which is in accord with the City Council's Zoning requirements. Sketch plans were placed before the Select Committee, which received them with interest. After full discussion on the proposals, the Select Committee recorded its approval of the scheme as outlined and proposed by the Trust, and agreed with the intention of the Trust to retain ownership and control of the property for the church and to develop the area as a revenue-producing asset.

Broadly speaking, the scheme provides for the gradual development of the property as funds permit. It provides for the residential requirements of the City Council for the centre of the block to be met by the provision (in stages) of blocks of high-class motels, for commercial development of other sections of the land and for the ultimate replacement of the shops with new blocks of shops with parking space included. This was the scheme which was endorsed by the Select Committee and which the Trust will now proceed to implement.

A time-programme for the development allows for the lower (annexe) building to be demolished within a year, and for the first block of motels to be built along the shelf of land overlooking Turner Street. It is expected that the main building will stand for some years, and the Trustees have now completed negotiations for a 10-year lease of that building to an approved tenant on terms which are

completely satisfactory to the Trust. Once again, the assistance of Mr R. R. Livingstone is acknowledged. The new lease takes effect immediately upon the expiration of the present lease to the Salvation Army which is due to terminate on 31st January, 1962.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.
P. DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference hears with interest of the proposals to develop the Prince Albert College property in accordance with previous resolutions of the Conference and with zoning requirements of the Auckland City Council, and receives the report from the Trust concerning the approval expressed by the Select Committee, and gives general approval to the development as proposed.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXIX.—(4) THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference our report of the Board's activities for the year ended 30th June, 1961.

Masterton Children's Home

The trial scheme instituted two years ago whereunder the Masterton Committee accepts a greater degree of responsibility for the control of the Home has worked satisfactorily, and in the light of the experience gained, discussions will proceed during the coming year with a view to submitting to the next Conference proposals which, it is hoped, will fulfil the wish of Conference that full control of the Home be placed in the hands of the Committee.

The Board endorses the report which the Masterton Committee has presented direct to the Conference, and also the recommendations for the personnel of the Committee for the coming year.

We wish to record our appreciation of the ready co-operation which we have received from the Committee at all times and our gratitude for the services so freely given by members in the interest of the children.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' Trust

Reports from our representatives on the Trust Board indicate that the Hostel is functioning satisfactorily and is helping to fill a great want in the welfare of our Maori people.

We continue to allocate half of our net revenue to the Trust Board, and the final distribution to which the Trust becomes entitled this year shows an increase of £60 on last year's figures.

Finance

Gross revenue shows an increase of £126 compared with last year, whilst expenses are up by only £4, leaving a net increase in revenue of £122. Distributable surplus is £2480 and provides £1240 each for the Masterton Home Committee and the Rangiatea Trust Board.

A mortgage was repaid just before the close of the year and has

resulted in the Bank Balance appearing in the Balance Sheet at a higher figure than usual.

On behalf of the Board,

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Rev. Robt. Thornley be re-appointed Chairman.

3. That Messrs A. Eaton Hurley, G. C. Burton and A. D. Priestly be re-appointed as representatives of this Board on the Rangiatea Maori Trust Board.

4. That the persons nominated by the Masterton Committee be appointed as members of that Committee for the coming year.

5.—THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1961.

The business of consenting to transfers and subdivisions, approval of plans, collection of rentals and the oversight of the property generally has occupied the attention of the Trustees throughout the year.

Five additional Trustees, increasing the number to twelve, were appointed during the year. These are Messrs M. H. Burn, H. Clement, E. H. White, C. F. Julian, and K. M. Okey.

The historical Mission House property, formerly used as a Maori Girls' Hostel is at present occupied by a Maori family and being used on occasion for Maori Social activities. The old building, which was erected in 1844, is still in a very fair state of preservation and during the year it has been painted and renovated.

A grant of £750 to the Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel was made during the year.

A considerable amount of building is taking place on parts of the 80 acres administered by the Trust.

The large subdivision known as the "W. W. Thomson" subdivision should be ready for the allocation of building sites during the coming year.

More shops, and a post office, are being erected in the shopping area on the Main South Road adjacent to the Port.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That a Balance Sheet be submitted to next Conference.

7.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted. Balance Sheet to next Conference.

8.—GIBSON ESTATE TRUST

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement, submitted by the Public Trustee, be received and adopted.

9.—REPORT OF COMMISSION APPOINTED TO VISIT THE PAPAKURA TRUST

(Conf. Min. 1960, p. 124.)

The members of the Commission visited Papakura on July 1st, where they inspected the property and spent several hours in conference with the Trustees. They were very much impressed with the potential of the property and were confident that in a few years time with wise handling it could contribute considerably to the development of the Church in the Circuit and Sub-district.

The following recommendations to the Trust were passed unanimously:

1. That from July 1st, 1961, separate accounts be kept for the Church and School Hall property, and for the shops and offices.

2. That the two parsonages in the circuit be vested in a separate Parsonage Trust, representative of all parts of the Circuit.

3. That the Papakura Trust put aside each year an adequate amount as a maintenance and replacement reserve, and that it endeavour to establish a strong New Church Building Fund.

4. That the Trustees confer with Messrs Peak and Souster with reference to the appointment of a suitable agent to oversee the shops property and act as a buffer between the Trustees and the tenants.

5. That the Trustees confer with the District Property Committee from time to time as need arises, with respect to the policy of the Trust.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

F. M. SOUSTER, District Property Secretary.

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

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The annual financial statements presented to Conference for the year ended 31st May, 1961, reveal the following position which must be regarded as very satisfactory.

Income:

Earned Income amounted to

Premiums and Commission	£4283	0	7
Interest from Mortgages, Debentures and Deposits	£2680	15	7
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			£6963 16 2
<i>Deduct Administration costs</i> amounting to			£1127 0 4
<i>Left amount transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation account</i>			£5836 15 10
<i>Add to this the amount carried forward from last year</i>			£105 8 4
			<hr/>
and the total herein is			£5942 4 2

After Provision for Reserve and Grant

(Reserve £5385 9 8. Grant £452)	£5837	9	8
the balance carried forward is	£104	14	6

Fire Claims:

Fire claims amounting to £2925 18 1 were received and paid in full. As our re-insurance covered all these claims the Fund did not have to carry any share of the loss.

Fire Loss Reserve:

In view of the large increase of cover being written up every year the Board is faced with the necessity of building up its Fire Loss Reserve as rapidly as possible. The sum of £5385/9/8 has been set aside this year for this purpose, making this Reserve Fund £30,250.

Investment Contingency Reserve:

This Reserve stands at £3170 15 4.

Grant:

The only grant that the Board can recommend this year is that for the Ministers Home Acquirement Fund for which is set aside the sum of £452.

New Insurance:

New and additional insurance written up during the year amounted to £403,537 0 0.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £452 be made to the Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund.
3. That the Board for 1962 be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION XLI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Connexional Secretaryship?

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The work of the office is reported as usual through the departmental reports presented to Conference. The work has proceeded smoothly and effectively during the year.

The following departmental appropriations are budgeted for:—
Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £900; Fire Insurance Fund, £900; Church Building and Loan Fund, £600; Methodist Times, £500; General Purposes Trust Fund, £500; Contingent Fund, £400.

For the Committee,

R. A. MARSH, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the appropriations be as listed in the report.
3. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION XLII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

Trinity Methodist Theological College

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1961

A—COUNCIL REPORT

Renovations:

The process of renovating the outside walls and windows of the college has been more extensive than was anticipated, but the work is now virtually completed, and we are now moving on to the next stage of renovation and extension work.

The first move will be the rebuilding of the main bathroom which has been a source of endless trouble for many years now. At the same time, plans are being prepared for the extension of the College building proper in Carlton Gore Road, such extension to include a large lecture room, and a number of bedrooms to provide accommodation for a larger number of students. Both of these additions are most essential in the view of the many needs which the College is now fulfilling, both in Christian training programmes and in hostel accommodation for students from areas outside Auckland.

During the year, the kitchen and bathroom in Richmond House have been renovated, while in the main College building further interior work is proceeding in the refurnishing of bedrooms. The full task of interior renovation will need to wait until the work on the main bathroom is complete.

College Chapel:

Early in the year, the organ in the College Chapel was installed and dedicated, and this along with the gift of a cross and blue curtain drape in the sanctuary have brought to completion the equipping and furnishing of the chapel. We are well satisfied with the final effect, and feel that not only will the men worship in worthy surroundings while in College, but they will also carry with them throughout their ministry sound basic ideas on the design and function of church architecture and furniture which will stand the Church in good stead in years to come.

General:

Other building matters under consideration include the provision of better quarters for the domestic staff, and the possibility of eventually having a separate building to house the School for Christian workers.

This has been another extremely busy year for the College Staff, and it is with much satisfaction that we welcome the appointment of Rev. J. A. Ziesler to the staff as Lecturer in New Testament, to commence duties in February, 1962.

The Chinese student whom we had hoped to have in the College this year was unable to take up his course for reasons of health, but we are hopeful that he will be able to come to New Zealand and begin his training in the New Year.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Secretary.

B—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The College is enjoying a satisfactory session. We are training 27 theological students, of whom 22 are in residence. Two are student-pastors, two are married men with permission to live out,

and there is one woman. The student body is willing and co-operative and on the whole the men are working well and showing gratifying development. The hostel is full as usual and in a small way it makes a useful contribution to the life of the University.

The Principal has taught Theology (God, Man, Sin), Church History (Methodism), and Christian Ethics, together with Junior N.T. Greek and Elementary Hebrew. He also takes Hebrew classes at the University. Dr. Williams is in charge of the Homiletics, the Christian Education and the Pastoral Theology. He also helps with the Greek and teaches the N.T. Introduction. Dr. Lewis takes the Senior Greek class, together with Biblical Theology and Exegesis, Prophets and Johannine Books. We have also arranged for the Rev. Rangi Rogers to conduct a weekly class in Maori which should be helpful to some men. When Mr Ziesler joins the staff it will be possible to break up some classes and give closer attention to each separate annual intake.

The chapel has taken a central place in the devotional life of the College. The men preach in and around the city and sometimes far afield, and they have filled a number of vacation appointments. The senior year conducted a very useful mission at Opunake in the May vacation. They vary in their abilities of course; but we may expect these men to fulfill devoted and competent ministries.

E. W. HAMES.

The School for Christian Workers:

The roll is smaller than we anticipated, owing to a number of late cancellations. There are seven men and two women taking the course this year. They are working steadily and giving general satisfaction. Four candidates have come forward from the School this year.

The College Staff are assisted in the teaching by Revs. G. R. Harris (Exegesis) and J. Silvester (Theology and Church History), Dr. Williams takes a most useful course in Homiletics, Christian Education and Practical Psychology (Understanding People), Dr. Lewis takes the Biblical work, and the Principal has a class in Methodism, together with some (voluntary) N.T. Greek.

We are still experimenting. In a year or so we will revise the curriculum in the light of experience. In the meantime we are satisfied that the School is serving a useful purpose.

Emergency Course:

The Course is proving most successful. The Rev. C. E. Roke felt compelled to withdraw from the Course under pressure from his work among the Maoris, but his place was taken by Pastor D. Armstrong. The men have two weeks' intensive training, mainly by discussion group, on prepared topics, each six months.

We regard this as a most promising contribution to the problem of training married men for the ministry, where they are unable to afford the usual three years' course. For more mature men, it may well prove a better method in any case. We of the Staff feel that we have learned valuable lessons from this experience.

E. W. HAMES.

C.—APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL

The College Council reported to the 1960 Conference that the Rev. Principal E. W. Hames had notified his intention to retire from the Principalship of Trinity College at the Conference of 1962. In view of the necessity to appoint his successor to take office in 1963, the College Council requested the 1960 Conference to appoint a representative committee to meet during Conference 1960 for

consultation with the members of the Council present at Conference.

The College Council took a series of resolutions to the consultative committee, and the mind of the Council was confirmed by the committee and also by the Conference in three important matters:

(1) the urgent necessity of the appointment of an additional member to the staff;

(2) the designation of the Rev. J. A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D., to be Tutor in New Testament;

(3) the division of duties amongst the four staff members which would mean that the retirement of the Rev. E. W. Hames would leave vacant the Tutorship in Theology and Church History.

As requested by the Conference, the College Council has prosecuted its enquiry for a person to fill this vacancy, with the possibility that the appointee may also be appointed to be Principal of the College. Letters written to church leaders in Australia, Britain, Canada and the U.S.A. have brought replies, but at the date when reports must be complete for inclusion in the Synod Agenda the Council is not able to give any clear lead to the church.

The Council's enquiry has been to ask for names of men qualified to lecture in these subjects who would be suitable for appointment also as Principal. If one of the other staff-members were appointed to the Principalship there would still be need for a Tutor in Theology and Church History, but the range of men suitable for nomination would be widened considerably.

The College Council will report further developments direct to the Synods through the District Chairmen.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL

As mentioned in the previous report, the first three of the recommendations taken by the Council to the Special Committee at Conference, 1960, were accepted by the Committee and by the Conference. The fourth recommendation contained the firm nomination of Dr. D. O. Williams to be Principal of the College after the retirement of the Rev. E. W. Hames from the office of Principal. This was discussed by the Special Committee at Conference, without any vote being taken. Some members of the Committee expressed the view that more exhaustive enquiries should be made overseas before any nomination was made by the College Council to the Conference, and this the Council agreed to do.

During this year the College Council has continued its investigations, and wishes to acknowledge its debt of gratitude to Methodist leaders of other Conferences who have been approached, for their courteous replies and their desire to be helpful. From the replies received we quote briefly from the following:

Dr. A. H. Wood, Acting-President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia offered the names of two possible candidates (40 years and 45 years of age respectively) but he also wrote: "If you are thinking of a new Principal and not appointing one of his colleagues to that position I realise that you must have a man of outstanding quality. At the moment I cannot think of anyone who would deserve to be senior to the two already at Trinity."

Dr. Kilpatrick, Acting-Secretary, Board of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Canada: After intimating that the salary offered is far below that offering even in their smaller institutions, he continues: "The truth is that Canada is suffering from a grave dearth

of trained New Testament scholars. We have in recent years had to go to other lands for men to fill vacancies in that field. It is one of the very real problems of the United Church how to encourage scholarship which would lead to the teaching profession . . ."

The Rev. F. Greeves, Didsbury College, Bristol, England, in his most recent letter writes: ". . . Are you sure that you want a man who would go straight into Principalship? I formed the opinion that it would take a long time for men from here to get orientated to the N.Z. situation. It is clear that one of your major needs is to get a first theological degree in N.Z. itself, but a newcomer would have to walk warily.

If you were interested in a younger man who could learn the job with a view to the future I think more names might occur to us. Meanwhile I will go on thinking. As I ventured to suggest to several of you who asked me, I should be very wary of 'advertising' for a man." He expressed his opinion that he knew of no-one (who would be free to come) who would be suitable to be senior to the present staff.

The Rev. A. Birtwhistle, Methodist Ministerial Training Department, reported on conversations with colleagues at the Conference at Bradford, and that he had received two names as possible suggestions. For different reasons, neither of these was acceptable or available for nomination.

Apart from the correspondence initiated by the College Council, one other person (the Rev. E. P. Blamires) made suggestions.

Amongst the replies several names were mentioned of men who might be suitable for appointment, but further examination showed that there were obvious difficulties in each case. Most of the names were of men with less seniority and experience than the present Tutors, who might be acceptable to be staff-members, but not to be Principal. Of the two or three who might have been suitable, further information and advice caused the Council to decide to set each name aside.

From the correspondence received, the College Council has found no candidate whom it would be willing to nominate as Principal of the College ahead of Dr. D. O. Williams. Apart from being unsuitable in other ways, notably in lack of qualifications and experience, the other men all suffered the disadvantage of being unfamiliar with the N.Z. scene and the Methodist Church of N.Z., both of which Dr. Williams knows so well. In the field of ecumenical relationships, Dr. Williams is already well known and highly regarded. The Conference demonstrated its confidence in him by electing him to be its President in 1957, and there have been few Presidents who have made a better contribution to the spiritual life of the church during their year of office.

Dr. Williams came to the College at the will of the Conference, and has steadily increased in stature and in general ability and acceptance during his 15 years service on the staff. His studies in the U.S.A. as a Fulbright scholar provided a new impetus to his ministry, and his work since his return has revealed the depth of the insights gained by him there. The College Council was unanimous in making its initial recommendation of his name to the special Committee at Conference, 1960, and after further investigations it returns, unanimously, to nominate Dr. D. O. Williams to the 1961 Conference for designation as Principal-elect.

The task of the Council has been to look for someone who could combine the skills of a Theological scholar and lecturer with the experience and administrative capacity to fit him to be Principal of the College. As some of the correspondents have remarked, the search for a Tutor in Theology and Church History would be simplified if

the nominee were not required to possess also the qualities necessary to fit him immediately to become Principal of the College as senior to the two (next year three) present members of the staff. The College Council therefore intends to continue its correspondence with Methodist leaders throughout the world, and also to give opportunity to the younger men of our Conference to offer, in order to make nomination/s if possible to Synods and Conference, 1962. Some of the men whose names have already come before the Council in previous correspondence, but have been rejected on grounds of age and experience, may be suitable for this nomination if they are available.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Secretary.

D.—TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961.

It is with pleasure I can report that our General Account has finished with a credit balance of £575/0/3.

The New Chapel and Building Account has funds from the general appeal in hand to the value of £3,197/6/9.

The New Chapel Organ has now been paid for and with revaluation of the shares this fund has a balance of £1,651/10/3.

In common with the Church Finance we have changed half way through this year to the budget system. Until we have operated for a full period of 12 months under this system we will not have a clear picture but everything seems to be working smoothly.

There has been another change in the College Accounts this year in that the House and Service Account is being run separately under Dr. J. J. Lewis at the College and we make a payment for the Theological students fees amounting this year to £2,569/5/0. All day to day running expenses for the College are paid from the House and Service Account.

Income:

Our income comes largely from Trusts and Boards and we want to express our appreciation for their support and thank them for the prompt payments.

Friends of Trinity:

Although the general appeal has affected giving in this way I do wish to thank the band of loyal friends who have continued their support and given us £69/15/3.

This year has seen a number of variations to the budgeted income and fortunately for us largely in our favour resulting in a credit balance in our general account of £575/5/0.

Expenses:

The major items have followed the budget fairly closely but there have been a number of additional expenses not covered in our original budget.

New Chapel and Building Fund:

Anybody passing the College is immediately aware of the new look to the stone work and the new and repaired window frames. This year we have spent £7450 and the work is nearing completion and by the time we have met the final payments we will have little left. Also it is obvious that enlargements to the college have not started. We are proceeding with plans for this vital work and we hope the money will be available after the appeal for us to proceed.

I would like to thank Dr. J. J. Lewis for the capable way he is administering the House and Service and Account and the day to day problems connected with it.

Also Dr. D. O. Williams for his supervision of work carried out by the students. The council are very grateful to the students for all the work they do.

It has been a year of change and I do want to thank the Principal, Rev. E. W. Hames for all the work he is doing in an endeavour to have everything in first class working order before his retirement. His experience and knowledge of general church administration is of great value to me.

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1962

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance	575	0	0
Budget	4,704	0	0
Hostel Administration Fee	500	0	0
Probert Trust	1,500	0	0
Emsly Trust	80	0	0
Prince Albert Trust	200	0	0
Pitt Street Trust	100	0	0
Hamilton Trust	50	0	0
Friends of Trinity	50	0	0
Balance	446	0	0
	£8,205	0	0

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Divinity Students Hostel Fee	2,700	0	0
Stipends and Allowance	3,500	0	0
Housing Tutor	500	0	0
Tutor's Fee	100	0	0
Bursaries	240	0	0
Connexional Charge	400	0	0
Repairs and Furnishing Staff Houses	300	0	0
University Fee	300	0	0
Board Room	15	0	0
Library	50	0	0
Sundries Bank Charge	100	0	0

£8,205 0 0

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the College Council arrange for an appropriate recognition of the work of Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., as Principal of Trinity Theological College on the occasion of his retirement.

3. That the Conference express its deep appreciation to the Misses Buttle for the gift of their house and property for the use of Trinity College.

4. That the Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., be designated Principal of Trinity Theological College, his appointment to be confirmed by Conference, 1962.

5. That the College Council continue to search in New Zealand and overseas for a minister suitable for appointment as Tutor in Theology and Church History, and bring nominations to Synods and Conference.

6. That the Church Council consider the standards of remuneration, allowances, and study leave available to present and future staff

of Trinity College in view of the expense and difficulty to scholars domiciled in New Zealand of keeping in touch with world scholarship and currents of thought and, that the Council report their recommendations to Conference.

7. That appreciation be expressed to the Principal and Staff for the continued efficient working of the College.

8. That the College Council be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Colleges and Hostels?

Wesley Training College

A.—REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1961

With gratitude the Board reports that during the year further progress was made towards its goal of establishing a full boarding college for boys fully worthy of the proud name it bears.

A special Sub-Committee has had full discussions with the Board's Architects and has given instruction for the preparation of detailed plans for the construction of a new dormitory block to provide accommodation for fifty boys. It is hoped that this new building will be ready for occupation and use by the commencement of Term II in 1962. When examining the plans for the building full consideration was also given to the further requirements of an additional dormitory of a similar size and a classroom block as the next stage of the overall development scheme. The Board was most gratified that the Conference Arrangements Committee was able to provide for the Garden Party to be held in the College grounds and it is hoped that when the Church visits our property on this occasion that satisfaction will be felt with the progress so far made and approval given for the plans for development generally.

In view of the enrolments received and enquiries made the Intermediate Department was reinstated from the commencement of the current school year, enrolments being accepted upon an undertaking being given by the parents that it was their intention to continue the enrolment through the Secondary Department. With the improved amenities being offered, it is hoped that the roll at the College will be maintained at its maximum and so alleviate the heavy costs of operation.

From the accounts submitted with this Report it will be noted that the College deficit for the year ended 31st December, 1960, was £8883, and the Board was able to show a modest overall surplus only because the revenue was so buoyant. The result obtained by the farm was most pleasing as the Farm Manager, Mr J. L. Browning, was able to improve the yield in spite of being beset by labour shortages for almost the full year. Maurice Harding Park once again made a most valuable contribution without which the Board's problems would be so very much greater.

During the 1960 school year the Trustees of the Auckland Savings Bank instituted a grant of a Scholarship for Maori boys of £50 which has been renewed for the current year. As most of the Beneficiary Work Bursaries and Scholarships provided by the Board amounting to £2650 in the year just past is applied for the benefit of Maori pupils it will be seen that the Board is endeavouring to encourage and foster the ideals of higher education in the minds of our Maori people. We think it worthy of note that four of the present Maori pupils are continuing their education with the specific intention of entering our Ministry.

More extensive gardens have been laid out to provide produce for the College and the fresh vegetable requirements have been almost exclusively met from our own production while an improved and larger poultry shed has been recently completed to meet the demands in this direction.

After ten years as Chairman of the Farm Committee, Mr A. W. Westney has resigned from this office but it is pleasing to report that he is able to continue his membership on that Committee and also on the Board. In his stead Mr A. M. Winstone was unanimously elected by the Farm Committee to be its new Chairman.

It is with regret that the death of Mr S. G. Clark is reported. Mr Clark was a valued Member of the Farm Committee and the Board since 1955 and his cheerful presence and advice will be greatly missed.

Mr A. J. Kidd accepted the invitation to become a Member of the Board and of the Farm Committee and pending the confirmation of his appointment has attended Meetings during the current calendar year.

J. STUART CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

B.—REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Roll: The Roll has reached the record number of 181, with 80 new enrolments in February. There are 30 Maoris and 5 Islanders (2 from the British Solomons). The Intermediate Department has been reopened with an initial Roll of 19.

Staffing: Staffing has been adequate in all departments, except on the farm for some time. The College is well served, and appreciation is here recorded for faithful work done.

Examination Successes in 1960 were: 11 passed School Certificate and 5 University Entrance.

There are developments in curriculum and out-of-school activities this year: The Arts and Crafts facilities have been greatly improved; special attention is being paid to Remedial Reading; "farm-days" as such have been discontinued in favour of the practical farm week each Term for Agricultural students; a Brass Band has been formed; speech-training by a specialist is available for most students; there are three Divinity groups—those studying specifically for the Ministry, other seniors preparing for service in the Church, and a general voluntary group interested in Divinity subjects; there is a voluntary choir of 90; gymnastic work has received a new impetus under a qualified instructor; a system of electives makes it possible for a boy to choose his own subjects for two periods out of the 42 taken each week.

We are again grateful for gifts to the Library and towards school equipment. The Old Boys' Association has again been very generous, their latest gift being the providing of a filtration plant for the swimming pool.

We wish to report to the Church that good work is being done in this school, not only in the academic field, but in the wider sense of "education" of young boys and young men. The Church Boarding School meets an urgent need in the community, as is recognised overseas as well as in New Zealand. As we grow in size at Paerata, we are able to extend our activities, open our doors to many more boys of all races, and make a more worth-while contribution than before. We commend our work to the Church, that we may continue to have its prayers and sympathetic interest.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its sincere appreciation of the fine service rendered to the College by the Principal, Teachers and Staff.
3. That Conference congratulate the Board of Wesley College on its 50th Anniversary and expresses appreciation of its work on behalf of the Church.
4. That Conference records with gratitude that Maori students at Wesley College are encouraged to continue their education with the specific intention of entering our Ministry.
5. That the Board for 1962 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION XLIII.

(2) Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

On behalf of the Board we have pleasure in presenting the report for year ending 30th June, 1961.

The year commenced with 40 girls and 4 working girls in residence at the Hostel and has ended with 39 girls and no working girls. Difficulty in obtaining adequate domestic staff was experienced at the commencement of the year, but the position improved as the year progressed and now there appears to be adequate staff to cope with the number of girls. The staff comprises a Matron-in-Charge, two sub-Matrons, a cook and an assistant, a laundress and a part-time gardener. In addition Misses L. Hurle and K. Todd, both of whom are retired school teachers, supervise voluntarily, preparation classes once a week. A tutor to teach the girls in the 3rd and 4th forms the Maori language has been engaged and informal groups learning and teaching Maori Taniko work operate.

The health of the girls is taken care of by a team from the Department of Health including the Medical Officer of Health and public health nurses. Those requiring special treatment are directed to the out-patients department of the local hospital. General medical care is given free of charge by Drs. H. Law and G. A. Waddell. Dental care is received regularly by about half of the number of girls the remainder receive emergency attention only because of their parents' neglect to transfer them from a school clinic to a private dentist. An endeavour to have free treatment made available to these girls was not successful.

It has been found very necessary to screen new entrants carefully. A special admissions Committee undertakes this duty and reports to the Executive. During the year there have been 12 new admissions to the Hostel. Eighteen of the girls attend the New Plymouth Girls' High School. Twenty girls attend the Spotswood College which is situated next door to our property, and one girl attends the Devon Intermediate School. There are three Solomon Island Scholarship girls, two in their third year and one in her first; two Maori Scholarship holders in their second year; three Maori Scholarship holders in their first year; four fifth formers holding Technical bursaries; eleven receiving Education Boarding allowance and six state wards. The remainder on the roll are private students. One girl was accredited University Entrance last year and is attending a second year in the Sixth form while boarding privately. Another girl was accepted as a student at Teachers' Training College, while several have been found employment in different offices. Several of our girls were prize winners at their respective Schools.

The aim has been to develop activities with a Maori emphasis. Maori Waiata continues to play an important part in the Hostel life of the girls. Poi teams have contributed items at school festivals, and as a result of inter-hostel competition the sum of £16/10/0 was raised and donated towards the Rehua Meeting House in Christchurch.

Experience had resulted in the need to negotiate with the Government over the condition that accommodation for ten working girls be provided at the Hostel. Certain actions and attitudes of the business girls create a difficult situation for those in charge of the Hostel as well as a disturbing influence on the school girls.

With regard to the Board's property and in particular the Hostel building constant attention has been found necessary to rectify various examples of poor workmanship. Inadequate heating of the building is apparent and requires investigating. A scheme survey of the Board's land on the Omata Road frontage has been prepared and this discloses that 49 sections could be obtained. Some would require a considerable amount of earthwork to make them attractive but there are at least fourteen on the road frontage that could be made available immediately for ideal building sites. The land not used for the Hostel enclosure is let for grazing with sheep.

A plan of a proposed games area embracing tennis and softball courts has been prepared and an estimate of the cost obtained. The cost is beyond the resources of the Board at the present time and it is hoped assistance might be forthcoming from some of the Maori organisations.

During the year the Hostel has been visited by numerous people. Recently Mr W. Herewini and three Maori Welfare Officers paid a visit. They were greatly encouraged with what they saw and following upon the visit a grant of £50 for the purchase of library books was received from the Maori Affairs Department.

On behalf of the Board we would like to express to Sister Evelyn Marriott and her staff appreciation of the good work that has been accomplished during the year, and also our sincere thanks to the many friends of the Hostel for kindness shown and assistance given in many directions.

To our Maori Girls we express our admiration of their conformity with the rules and regulations of the Hostel and of their endeavour to uphold the honour and dignity of Rangiatea at all times.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Chairman.
W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

2. That the Constitution of the Board, par. 2 sub-section 1, be amended to read: One Maori Minister and THREE Maori Laymen to be nominated by the Synod for the Taranaki District, in place of one Maori Minister and ONE Maori Layman etc.

3. That the Board be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30th June presented to Conference reveal the following position:—

Income was received as follows:—	£	£
Fund contributions		9,274
Interest and Commission	7,865	
Less paid on deposits to Allied Funds	2,075	
		5,790
Freehold property		3,925
A net total of		£18,989
Expenditure:		
Administration costs amounted to	977	
Annuities amounted to	11,241	
And Furniture grants	335	
Provision for reserves was	1,100	
		13,653
A total of		5,336
Giving an excess of income over expenditure of		£18,989
Accumulated Fund:		
The amount last year was		141,523
To this was added surplus from Revenue account (£5,336) and donation (£100)		5,436
		£146,959
Deductions made for commuted annuities (£2,302) and refunded subscriptions (£381) totalled	2,683	
Making the fund at date	144,276	
		£146,959
Investments are as follows:		
(a) Mortgages		106,967
(b) Debentures and Government Stock		39,214
(c) Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) (after depreciation at £13,250)		41,409
(d) Current assets, in the form of bank deposits and various accruals		12,540
A total of		£200,130
(Of the above sum the sum of £53,803 is held on behalf of allied funds.)		
Interest Earnings: From all investments a return of 5.89% has been earned on the actuarial formula.		
Annuitants and Contributors:		
At date annuitants number	104	(104)
Supernumeraries	53	(54)
and Widows of supernumeraries	51	(50)
Contributors total	224	(224)
(Last year's figures in brackets.)		

Allied Funds: These are as under:—

(a) Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund accounts for 224 contributors total	£29,258
(b) Deaconess Retiring Fund accounts for 43 contributors total	£19,071
(c) Home Missionaries Retiring Fund Accounts for 13 contributors total	£2,520

A Woman Minister who Marries:

The Conference of 1960 approved in principle certain proposals submitted by the Board in respect to the relationship to the Supernumerary and Home Acquirement Funds of a woman minister who marries, and authorised the Board to have same harmonised with the rules of the Funds. Proposed amendments are set out below.

Annuity Option:

The Board was requested by last Conference to report on the possibility of a minister on retirement surrendering part of his annuity in order to increase that of his wife should she survive him—the application being only to cases where the option of commutation had not been exercised.

This matter was considered by the Board some years ago and was the subject of a report from its actuary. At the time he pointed out that this type of scheme was usually adopted by funds where there is no widow's pension or only a very small one. On the other hand, an annuity for widows is a substantial feature of our fund and the ratio in proportion to the minister's annuity is relatively high. Our actuary felt that it was undesirable to grant too many options and in the light of his report the Board then decided to take no action.

The matter has again been reviewed and will be submitted to our new actuary who at date has not actually been appointed. When the appointment is finalised and he has been able to acquaint himself with the nature and operation of our fund this matter will again be reported on.

Home Acquirement Fund:

An amendment to the rules of this fund is set out below. It involves additional work and expense for the office to send out a certificate to each minister every three years, and is obviously unnecessary. He will have sufficient information himself as to his position and on request full details can be supplied.

Actuary to the Board:

The Board has looked for a suitable successor to the late Mr S. Beckingsale. It has pleasure in reporting that it has been decided to appoint Mr John Eriksen (F.I.A., London). He is a man of considerable experience in this specialised field and is highly thought of in the profession.

For the Board,

R. H. SMITH, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following Financial Statements be received and adopted: Supernumerary Fund, Home Acquirement Fund, Benevolent Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund and Home Missionaries Retiring Fund.

3. Supernumerary Fund:

That para. 49, page 140 of the Law Book be repealed and the following be substituted:—

The following persons shall have no claim on the Fund:—

- (a) The wife of a minister who marries while he is a Supernumerary
- (b) The husband of a woman minister (except in his own right as a minister).

Para. 42, page 138, Law Book:—

- 1. Amend line (1) to read—"In the case of".

2. Add. 42 (A):

In the case of a woman minister who marries and is left without appointment the Board under Actuarial advice shall compound her claims upon the Fund by the payment of a cash sum, whereupon her financial relationship with the Fund shall cease.

4. Home Acquirement Fund: Law Book, p. 145.

Add 15 (A) (1) A woman minister who marries and is left without appointment shall not contribute to the Fund during the period for which she is left without pastoral charge.

- (2) A woman minister who marries and is left without appointment shall be entitled to a refund of her personal contributions plus subsidies with interest.

- (3) The husband of a woman minister shall have no claim on the Fund (except in his own right as a minister).

5. Triennial Certificate:

Amend para. 16 (Home Acquirement Fund) to read, "On request a certificate shall be issued to a minister showing the amount standing to his credit."

Add (b) (Home Missionaries Retiring Fund):

Amend Para. 19 (Law Book Page 149) to read: "On request a certificate shall be issued to a Home Missionary showing the amount standing to his credit in the fund."

Add (c) (Deaconess Retiring Fund):

18 (a) "On request a certificate shall be issued to a Deaconess showing the amount standing to her credit in the fund."

6. That Conference receive with pleasure the report of satisfactory interest earnings and low administration costs with resultant benefits to the Fund, as revealed in the independent report submitted to the Board.

- 7. That the Board for 1962 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, 1961

The Board administers 101 Trusts and deposit accounts totalling £113,705/6/6.

In terms of the Deed of Trust grants amounting to £411/-/- were made from the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund to Ministers or Home Missionaries who had not received the minimum stipend from their Circuits.

From its inception in 1943 the fund has operated most effectively in the interests of those for whom it was designed. Economic conditions in the country affecting the Church or circumstances within the

Church itself, make a fund such as this a bulwark against the effects of adverse conditions. For the Board,

R. H. SMITH, 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

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

In former years it has been the practice of the Children's Fund to report to Conference as at the 30th September each year. The procedure then in operation was for the District Financial Secretaries to collect from circuits Connexional charges, and it was their practice to retain that part which referred to the Children's Fund and disburse it direct by way of grants to qualifying ministers in their own particular districts, paying into or receiving from the Central Fund any balance necessary to adjust. Under this scheme it was possible for the Children's Fund, reporting as at the 30th September of each year, to cover the full operations as far as receipts and payments were concerned, for the whole year ending the following 31st December. Under the new procedure as covered by the Connexional Budget which came into operation on the 1st February last, a change in practice has become necessary in that payments are now received direct from the Connexional Budget Treasurer, and the Children's Fund then makes disbursement to each District Financial Secretary who in turn makes payment of allowances to ministers within the district.

It has accordingly been deemed advisable that in future the Financial Year of the Children's Fund should end on the 30th June of each year in order to coincide with what is becoming standard practice throughout the Connexion, and especially insofar as it will coincide with the proposed Financial Year for the Connexional Budget.

The Children's Fund Statement of Income and Expenditure now submitted is, therefore, for the period ended 30th June, 1961, and covers two Quarter's disbursements to ministers. Future Statements will, of course, cover the whole period of twelve months. The Connexional Budget for the present year ended 31st January next includes a sum of £3,750 for the Children's Fund, whereas a number of allowances which are to be provided during that year total 379½, and will involve a total of £3,795. Thus, income will be exceeded by expenditure by a little in excess of £45 after allowing for certain small expenses.

It will be recognised that long-term planning as is now required for the Connexional Budget, is difficult in the case of this Fund. It can be reported, however, that the upward trend in the number of Ministers' children qualifying for the allowance continues, and it has been necessary to advise the Connexional Budget Treasurer that £4,000 will be needed for the 1962/1963 Budget period.

ROBERT THORNLEY,

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Treasurers, Rev. R. Thornley and Mr T. M. Pacey be thanked for their services 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, 1961, be received and adopted.
2. That the Budget for the year ending 30th June, 1962, including grants amounting to £2479 be approved.
3. That the Contingent Fund Treasurers be requested to consult with the President and the Deaconess Institute Board with a view to making an additional grant to the Deaconess Institute having regard to its financial position and the position of the Contingent Fund.
4. With a view to co-ordinating grants to Church Committees and other organisations so that they are financed from one source only, the following grants shall in future be deleted from the Contingent Fund.

Overseas Travel Fund	.....	.....	£500
Methodist Times	.....	.....	500
Connexional Secretary	.....	.....	400
N.C.C. Commission on T.V.	.....	.....	400
Publications Comm.	.....	.....	50
Spiritual Advance Comm.	.....	.....	25

5. That the Contingent Fund Consultative Committee be asked to investigate the question of the payment of travelling expenses to District Synod Standing Committees and make its recommendations to next Conference with a view to bringing about uniformity of practice.

6. That the Contingent Fund Treasurers be granted authority to exercise their discretion in paying air fares where in their opinion the circumstances justify this being done.

7. That the Consultative Committee consist of the Rev. E. W. Hames, Dr. D. O. Williams, Rev. W. Walker, the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper and the Treasurers.

8. 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.

9. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to the Treasurers of the Fund and that they be re-appointed.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

Budget—1961-62

						£
By Cost of Conference—						
Equalization	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650
Travel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475
Printing Agendas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350
Printing Financial Statements etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Printing Minutes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	760
Secretary's Expenses and General	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Platform Staff etc	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
„ District Expenses—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1365
„ Synod Expenses—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600
„ Ministerial Supply—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50

„ Connexional Payments—			
Pres. & V.P. Travel Balance Previous year	.....		75
Pres. & V.P. Travel Current year	.....	.....	200
President's Supply	.....	.....	50
President's Personal Allowance	.....	.....	65
President's Gown and Hood	.....	.....	30
Printing Synod Reports	.....	.....	190
Printing Membership Cards and Certificates	.....	.....	100
Printing General Connexional	.....	.....	250
Expenses Board of Examiners	.....	.....	50
Church Union Committee	.....	.....	175
Special Course Trinity College	.....	.....	375
General Connexional Payments and Committee Travel	.....	.....	300
Contingencies	.....	.....	150
„ Grants—	.....	.....	2854
Total			<u><u>£9314</u></u>

RECEIPTS.

	£	£
To Connexional Budget	.....	7750
Synod Collections	.....	150
Conference Collection etc	.....	125
Sale of Agendas	.....	30
Sale of Minutes	.....	125
Sales Miscellaneous	.....	100
		<u>8280</u>
Deficit	.....	1034
		<u><u>£9314</u></u>

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

Removal Expenses Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1961

During the year 47 removals were carried out compared with 68 in 1960 and 54 in 1959.

The average cost for removal was £74/-/- compared with £63/-/- last year and £69/-/- in 1959, and £73/-/- in 1958. It is pleasing to note that the removal costs have been fairly stable over the last four years. Due to the lower number of removals the financial accounts of the Fund show an excess of income over expenditure of £586/-/- compared with a deficiency of £816/-/- last year.

The majority of the removals were carried out by the Railways and were carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned. The National Airways Corporation expressed an interest in undertaking the removals on an aircraft charter basis but were unable to give a competitive quote. The Corporation did quote for certain of the inter-island removals but their price was very much higher than the Railways.

In recommending that the levy for 1961-62 remain at £4,000/-/- the committee trusts that the removals for the ensuing year be kept to a minimum.

For the Committee,

W. E. CLOTHIER,

H. L. FEIBIG, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements 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 Treasurers, Rev. H. L. Fiebig and Mr W. E. Clothier be thanked for their services and re-appointed.
5. That Mr F. M. Sowden, Honorary Auditor be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.
6. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Overseas Missions?

Methodist Overseas Missions Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

This report covers mainly the activities of the Department in New Zealand. A supplementary report will be presented to Conference, after the Board has considered the reports of the two overseas district synods.

Staff:

Our Highlands staff remains at four, Mr Dey having been on furlough during the year. The illness and prolonged furlough of the Rev. Roland Barnes, new Chairman of the Highlands District, has meant a long period of acting Chairmanship for the Rev. C. J. Keightley.

The staff of the Solomon Islands District has been short throughout the year, with resultant strain for the Chairman and other workers. Furloughs always mean extra duties for the workers remaining in the district. This year vacancies have been particularly troublesome. Home circumstances have compelled the return and resignation of Sister Beulah Reeves, and a distressing vacancy for a homecraft teacher at the Kihili Girls' School. The resignation of Mr R. A. G. Baker from the post of secretary to the Chairman also preceded a six months' vacancy, now happily filled by the appointment of Mr Bruce Smith as district accountant. Miss Patricia Hulks, of Oamaru Circuit, has been appointed a teaching sister. After fourteen years of service, Sister Merle Carter has returned permanently to New Zealand; Mr J. M. Miller has resigned after seven years as a mission joiner.

As noted by last Conference, the Board is seeking to fill the vacant New Zealand ministerial appointment to the Solomon Islands District, and recommends to Conference that the Rev. James F. Cropp be so appointed.

The Board appeals to the Church for the fullest co-operation possible in filling the urgent vacancies for a homecraft teacher, other men and women primary teachers, and for two triple certificated nurses.

Further Solomon Islands trainees have gone to Port Moresby for full nursing training; another Methodist girl holds a scholarship at New Plymouth Girls' High School; a church scholarship has been given to a Choiseul youth to complete his study at Wesley College. The District is negotiating for the training of a youth as an electrician.

Consultations between the Solomon Islands and New Guinea Districts and between the Australian and New Zealand Boards will lead, we trust, to the building and opening in 1963 of a combined theological college for the ministers of our younger churches in the Melanesian area.

Fraternal Visit to the Roviana Circuit:

As requested by the Conference, the President Elect visited Roviana Circuit for five weeks early in the year, representing the Conference at the ordination of the Rev. John Bitibule and enquiring into the recent movement led by Silas Eto, which has resulted in the defection of a number of villages from our Church. A report on Mr Leadley's visit was published in "The Methodist Times" and "The Open Door." The Board and the District have accepted the recommendations made by Mr Leadley on his return.

Conference of Churches and Missions in the Pacific:

Fifty-seven representatives of the various Protestant Churches and Missions in the South Pacific area gathered in April for a two-week Conference at Malua, Western Samoa. The Solomon Islands Church was represented by the Rev. Joeli Zio. The Rev. Roland Barnes, Chairman of the New Guinea Highlands District, was also a member. The General Secretary attended as one of the observers sent by the New Zealand Churches. The work of the Conference proceeded through five commissions, on the Ministry, the Unfinished Evangelistic Task, Changing Social Conditions, Youth and the Christian Family. Sets of transparencies and a tape recording are available for loan to circuits and groups desiring to hear more of the work of the Conference. A continuation committee of six has been appointed, with the Rev. Setareki Tuilovoni, a Fijian Methodist, as Chairman and a full-time Pacific Islands secretary, Pastor Vaval Toma of the Samoan Church (L.M.S.), has been appointed by the International Missionary Council.

Overseas Missions Sunday:

It has been decided that, as far as possible, circuits throughout the country shall observe Overseas Missions Sunday on the second Sunday in October.

Overseas Missions Board:

The reduced membership of the Board, under the Chairmanship of the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, has commenced its work under the new constitution of the Department approved last Conference.

Solomon Islands Constitution:

Constitutional changes affecting the Solomon Islands District are now being considered in collaboration with the Islands Church leaders and the Law Revision Committee. It is hoped to bring these forward in detail to the 1961 Conference, with the intention that the changes may take effect at the time of the District Diamond Jubilee next May.

Whilst recognising throughout that the Solomon Islands District will remain within the fellowship of the New Zealand Church and under the final jurisdiction of the Conference, the proposals are designed to promote local self government within the church. It is not the intention to promote the ultimate separation of the Solomon Islands District as an independent Church, but rather to encourage the present tendency towards a closer relationship with the other Methodist Districts in Melanesia, which may later attain to autonomous status, like the newly constituted Methodist Conference of West Africa. The possibility of a larger scheme of church union is also being kept in mind.

In the proposed changes, the following principles have been adopted by the Board. Synods are invited to approve them also, on the understanding that the proposed changes in the law will be designed to give effect to them:

- (a) The Solomon Islands District Synod shall determine from time to time the membership and business of church, leaders' and quarterly meetings.
- (b) The Conference shall determine from time to time the questions to be asked at the District Synod. (Conference 1958 gave approval to certain questions now being tried out over a three year period, and due for revision this year by the Synod and re-presentation to the forthcoming Conference.)
- (c) The Synod shall control locally derived finance (except government grants clearly related to New Zealand staff).
- (d) Subject to a right of appeal to the Board and Conference, the Synod shall determine the stationing of all workers within the District.

A rise in subscription rates for the LOTU has been well received and a campaign for further sales to Sunday Schools moderately successful. The OPEN DOOR continues its quarterly series of special themes.

In collaboration with the Department of Christian Education, both missions departments are building up their libraries of slides and tapes. After further consideration, the Boards concerned have agreed that these programmes should be available, in most cases, on a return postage basis, to churches and groups that desire to use them. A catalogue of these programmes is being published by the Department of Christian Education.

Two missionary education seminars have been held, in co-operation with other interested departments. Further seminars are planned for the South Island later in the year.

The deputation travel of the General Secretary has been mainly in Auckland and Wellington Districts, but visits to Southland and South Canterbury are pending. The Rev. P. F. Taylor visited Taranaki-Wanganui and Mr G. T. Dey the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Districts. Later in the year, the Rev. Allen Hall will traverse Nelson District.

Fraternal Workers:

Conference 1960 asked the Board to consider the relationship of Methodist fraternal workers from New Zealand serving in missionary work in East Asia and the Pacific Islands to the overall missionary programme of our Church.

Though overseas missionaries are entering increasingly into fraternal relationships with the churches in the area they serve, there is a small but growing number of New Zealand Christians, including Methodists, who are going to serve, usually for periods of a few years, as special workers with the Churches in the Pacific and Asia. One teacher is employed privately by a Christian institution in Indonesia, another by a Methodist school in Malaya. Indeed a New Zealand Methodist is employed under the Kenya Christian Council. In each case there is a definite Christian motivation for such service. For years past, New Zealand Methodists have gone into short term posts with the Churches of the Pacific. Order of St. Stephen service as carpenters, teacher, pharmacist in the Solomon Islands partakes of the same character.

Since "the field is the world," our Church must rejoice that our young people experience and respond to these special calls. It is

good that our horizons should be extended. The news of these young people and their doings should be published to the Church.

While a pastoral tie should be encouraged with the Churches these people serve, New Zealand Methodism also has a pastoral responsibility for her people overseas. We believe local Churches will keep in touch with their own people. The Department will put those known at headquarters on the mailing list for bulletins, occasional letters and free numbers of the OPEN DOOR. While these are not fraternal workers, similar action can be taken for Methodists serving other missions, and for "non-professional missionaries," i.e., Methodist lay people serving, from a sense of missionary vocation, in secular employment in missionary lands.

When it comes to financial support, the Board feels that the Church should in general undertake the support only of those who are arranged for in advance. Where an overseas church negotiates for and undertakes the support of a fraternal worker, that arrangement is entitled to respect. Where appointments and support can be arranged ecumenically, in a truer sense the worker can be said to be representative of New Zealand. In such cases it would seem that oversight might appropriately be exercised through the Ecumenical Committee. The Board considers that the Fraternal Workers' Fund, established by last Conference, should be continued to enable special and emergency grants and that the annual target should be £200, derived from voluntary circuit and individual contributions.

Financial:

The final year of our appeal to circuits on the old basis was another record, £24,139 being received as against £22,784 the previous year. Seven months of the current financial year (February to August) are being operated under the Connexional Budget. With few exceptions, circuits are honouring their assessments. Thanks are due to them and to the Budget Treasurer for the prompt and helpful way in which the Department's share of the income has been coming to hand. As always, the regular support of sisters' salaries by the M.W.M.U. has greatly assisted the work.

Other factors however have made the year difficult financially. Unforeseen expenditure in the Solomon Islands, falling prices of Islands produce and the financial repercussions of the movement led by Silas Eto lead the Board to fear that at least the estimated deficit of £3,000 will be realised. Until the figures from the overseas synods come to hand, we cannot know with certainty what the outcome will be.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT

(Based on Overseas Synod Reports and Recommendations)

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:

After consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, the District is proposing that a senior catechist, Job Rotoava, be received as a candidate and ordained. A probationer is proposed for ordination, and two further candidates for the ministry are recommended for acceptance. These two, together with a probationer, the Rev. Leslie Roseto, are designated for training in the new theological college, designed to serve all four Methodist Districts in Melanesia. A further Fijian minister is to be added to the team in the Solomons. With the proposal to separate the Marovo area as a circuit distinct from Roviana, the Rev. Aisake Vula (a Fijian minister) is proposed as the third non-European superintendent minister in the District.

In common with other Pacific territories, the Solomon Islands now has a large and growing proportion of young people (55% under 18 years of age in our area). A Christian Education Committee is proposed; joint action with the New Guinea District is being taken to secure lesson material; the offer of the Boys' Brigade movement is accepted, whereby Mr R. Dickey, a Presbyterian from Gore, will spend 15 months doing Boys' Brigade leadership training in the Solomons. Gordon Siana is to come to the School for Christian Workers and include Boys' Brigade training in his programme in New Zealand.

During the year a comprehensive report has been prepared by a New Guinea firm of experts on our various Solomon Islands properties. Their recommendations for the development of some of our properties are being studied by the Board, which may have a further recommendation on this matter to submit to Conference.

The District wishes to replace three of the present vessels by a new one, to be built in New Zealand.

The retirements are noted of three further workers in the District: Sister Thelma Duthie (10 years of service), Sister Audrey Roberts (3 years), and Sister June Hilder (retiring next year after 10 years). The need for new workers remains as set forth in the main report.

The proposals for amendment to the law to provide for certain powers of self-government in the District are submitted separately for the consideration of the Conference. After a three-year trial, District synod questions are also recommended (as amended) for adoption by the Conference.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT:

Three salient facts emerge from this year's work in the Highlands. First and foremost the first baptisms have taken place, of two grown men at Mendi and 33 older and younger people at Tari. Further candidates there are seeking baptism and undergoing preparation.

Then, at Nipa, the Rev. C. J. Keightley has continued to pioneer a new circuit, the initial cost of which is a charge on the Highlands Appeal Fund raised six years ago.

The partnership continues with other Methodist Churches. Sister Lydia Mohring returns to Germany and the Rev. David Mone is also not returning from Tonga to this District. But there is a growing number of Pacific Islanders serving with the Highlands Mission, not least, twelve men from the Solomons, sent by the Church there and supported in every way by the missionary offerings of the Methodist Church in the Solomon Islands.

Mr Keightley will be on leave before Christmas and Sister Edith James and Miss J. K. Rosser are both due for furlough during 1962.

While our promised quota of New Zealand workers in the Highlands is full, they are still pleading for workers to take up the new opportunities there. Our Board is co-operating with the Australian Board in seeking the people required. We have been asked to supply an Order of St. Stephen carpenter for Nipa.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman of the Board.
S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1961

The Income and Expenditure Account shows a surplus of £2,265 which has been transferred to the Accumulated Fund. The Estimates for 1961/62 forecast a deficit of £2,964. The improvement of £5,229

is largely accounted for by an excess of £6,438 in New Zealand income over the estimate, off-setting a deficiency of £1,512 (A£1,878) in the Solomons Island District Income. The New Zealand income included unexpectedly large receipts from the Circuits during the latter part of the year, and the transfer to the General Fund, with the approval of the Lepers' Trust Board, of 60% of that Board's annual grant of £5,000. There was, in addition, a small decrease in total expenditure.

The cash situation has been difficult at times, requiring recourse to overdraft facilities for a brief period. In the case of one maturity of Government Inscribed Stock it was considered desirable to retain portion of the proceeds in cash.

Inscribed Stock bearing low interest rates is being replaced by Government and Local Body Stock returning interest at from 4½% to 5½%, but unfortunately the last of the long-dated 3% Government Stock will not mature till 1964. In the meantime interest earnings will have improved appreciably.

The Boat Insurance Fund has grown to £28,224 and it seems that with a present annual increment of £1,500 from interest no further assistance from the General Account is needed. Since the end of the financial year £5,000 has been transferred from the Fund's National Savings Account to 5½% Local Body Stock.

In accordance with decision of the Board the sum of £750 has been advanced to the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee at call.

Capital Expenditure chargeable to a variety of Accounts amounted to £10,346 (A£12,830). In the Rehabilitation Fund, it will be noted, there is still a balance of £6,687. Receipts in the Building and Equipment Fund from Legacies were £7,694. Five Hundred Pounds was transferred to the Boat Replacement Fund to be the nucleus of that Fund and the balance in the Fund available for Capital Expenditure is £9,046.

Some thought will have to be given during the current year to the relation between Capital Funds and available resources.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Report, Statements of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
3. That the Estimates of Income and Ordinary and Special Expenditure for 1961-62 be received and adopted.
4. That Conference receive with thanksgiving the news of the first baptisms in the New Guinea Highlands District.
5. That Conference request the President to convey in person the greeting of the Church to the Methodists of the Solomon Islands on the attainment of the Diamond Jubilee of the work there.
6. That Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to the overseas workers and the churches in the Solomon Islands and the Papua New Guinea Highlands District.
7. Retirements: That Conference be associated with the appreciation expressed by the Board to retiring workers, Sisters Thelma Duthie (10 years). Beulah Reeves (4 years) and Audrey Roberts (3 years) and Mr R. A. G. Baker (3 years).

8. Pacific Islands Theological Colleges:

- (a) That Conference re-affirm approval of the establishment of a joint theological college to serve the New Guinea and Solomon Islands Districts, and approve an initial grant of £3,000 towards its capital cost.

(b) That Conference indicate to the authorities of the proposed joint theological college at Suva, Fiji, that we support in principle the establishment of the college and will consider a capital grant at a later stage.

9. (a) That Conference receive and give general approval to the draft of law para. 504 (21-35) to replace the present provision of law para. 504 (20-30), and refer the matter to the Law Revision Committee for final drafting and presentation to Conference, 1962.

(b) That effect be given to the new constitutional and financial provisions as from 1st July, 1962, the President being requested to mark the grant of these new powers during his visit at the time of the Diamond Jubilee in May, 1962.

(c) That the Board be authorised to review the balance of law para. 504, in consultation with the Law Revision Committee, with a view to its replacement by an extension of the regulations of the Department, pursuant to law para. 504 (14), and report to 1962 Conference.

10. **Fraternal Workers:** That the Fraternal Workers' Fund be continued to enable special and emergency grants to Fraternal Workers overseas, the target for 1962 to be £200, derived from voluntary contributions.

11. **Investment Board:** That the Methodist Overseas Missions Investment Board comprise the Officers of the Department and four other members appointed annually by the Overseas Missions Board.

12. That recommendations of the New Guinea Highlands District Synod concerning ordination of pastors and access of the people to the holy communion, together with relevant letters, be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and, in consultation with the Overseas Mission Board, to report through the Board to the overseas District Synods, and 1962 Annual Board meeting and Conference.

13. That Conference endorse the Synod recommendation that the Rev. A. H. Hall reside in New Zealand during 1962 to continue the translation of the Old Testament in the Roviana language.

14. Solomon Island Synods Questions:

That Conference receive the revised list of Synod questions presented pursuant to resolution 12 on page 140 of the Minutes of Conference, 1958, and give them general approval, referring them to the Law Revision Committee for final drafting.

15. **Missionary Vacancies:** That Conference ask our circuits to give full publicity to and to make matters of special prayer the present urgent need for men and women teachers and for two triple certificated nurses.

16. That the representatives to C.O.M.I.C.A. be the General Secretary and Mr G. C. Burton.

17. DISTRICT OVERSEAS MISSION CONVENERS

AUCKLAND: Rev. G. R. Trebilco.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. O. A. Kitchingham.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. J. H. Hall.

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT: Rev. W. C. Jenkin.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Mr J. S. Rowe.

WELLINGTON: Rev. I. M. Raynor.

NELSON: Rev. E. F. Hanson.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev. T. Shepherd.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

18. That the Board for 1962 be as printed on page 6 herein.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union of N.Z.

INTERIM REPORT FOR SYNOD, 1961

In presenting this Interim Report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union covering ten months of the year, we give thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for spiritual guidance and for the loyal support and interest of our Women up and down the Land.

We are happy to report again that steady progress has been maintained and indications are that it will be another good year with increases in Membership and Finance.

As our year does not close until August the membership and finance figures are from last year's Annual Report. The number of Auxiliaries is 226 working in 19 Districts with a total membership of 6,363. The income, £17,302/3/2, an increase of £1,255 on the previous year.

The Dominion Executive meet monthly to transact the business and all members have carried out their duties faithfully. The meetings commence with devotions which have been taken by members in turn.

Parcels have been sent periodically to Home and Overseas Sisters and letters of greetings forwarded from time to time.

Overseas Sisters have carried out successful itineraries and the Dominion President has visited several Districts and spoken to many Auxiliaries thus stimulating the interest.

A monthly letter written by the Dominion President, Mrs A. E. Richards, is sent out to all Auxiliaries. This is a big undertaking and is a vital link with all members keeping them up-to-date with news from the Fields. 2,750 copies are sent out each month: also through the M.W.M.U. Page of the "Open Door" the needs of our Missions are kept before the members.

Kurahuna Maori Girls' Hostel is under the Union's special care and is supported by the members. A keen interest in the girls and the work of the Hostel is maintained. Over a period of thirty years nearly 200 girls have come under the influence of Kurahuna. At the present time there are 20 girls in residence.

A special Objective is raised each year alternately for Home and Overseas work. Last year's was to assist in the replacement of furnishings and amenities in Te Rahu Maori Girls' Hostel at Hamilton and the amount of £2,750/8/9 was forwarded to the Home Mission Department toward this work.

This year has seen several combined meetings between the Guild Fellowship Dominion Executive and our Dominion Executive with regard to the proposed "One Women's Movement." This is a vital matter which concerns all our Women's Work and many hours have been spent in discussions. It is hoped that we will have something worthwhile ready to offer for general consideration and discussion to bring forward to our Annual Conference which is to be held in Wellington from the 10th to the 13th October.

As we look to the future may we be ready to accept a wider vision of service for the Master, and be willing to work for Him in whatever way He deems best, confident that we shall be guided in the task to which He has called us.

AMY RICHARDS, President.
MAY GERRY, Secretary.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE. 1960-61.

It is our joy and privilege to present this 47th Annual Report of the Union. In the gathering together of the threads and in the weaving of the pattern of the year's work truly God has led and guided us. We give thanks and praise to Him for the progress made. We look back with thanks. We look forward and take courage.

Tribute: To those of our Union who have been called "Home" we pay this our tribute, and we tender our sincere sympathy to all who have suffered the loss of loved ones during this past year.

Executive: Your Executive have met monthly to transact the business of the Union. These meetings have been of great interest as we have watched the work grow. The devotional period at the beginning of each meeting has always been an inspiration and has set the high note for the transacting of the business that has followed. In addition to these monthly meetings members of the Executive have travelled to Ashburton several times to meet with the Dominion Executive of the Guild Fellowship for discussion on the proposed New Movement and the Constitution. There have been many problems—major and minor—but all have been approached with the consciousness of the Lord's guiding.

The outcome of these combined meetings will be before you for discussion and consideration at this conference.

Membership: This is becoming increasingly difficult to assess owing to Stewardship. The Gleaners' figures vary considerably on the returns sent in. Two Districts report the same number as last year; 5 show a decrease and 12 show increases in the numbers. The total membership returned is 6339. This is lower than last year's figures, but in spite of this fact there is evidence of more interest in the work.

Extension Work: Three new Auxiliaries have been formed and one Gleaners Group. They are: "Fitzroy, New Plymouth" (Taranaki District); "Horrelville Missionary Guild Fellowship" (North Canterbury District; "Nightcaps-Aparima" (Southland District), and the Gleaners Group is "St. David's" in the St. Albans Circuit, North Canterbury). Against this we have to report "Penrose" and "Wai-tangi" in the Auckland District have joined to form one Auxiliary, namely "St. Stephen's"; "Paeroa Afternoon" (Thames District), "Waterton" (in South Canterbury District), and "Te Kuiti" in South Auckland District have all gone into recess, the latter owing to the lack of Leadership. The total number of Auxiliaries is 224.

Conventions: District Conventions have been held again this past year, with some Districts holding two so as to contact all members. These gatherings are a great inspiration to all, both from an educational as well as a fellowship point of view.

President's Letter: Many letters have been received expressing appreciation of the President's inspirational leadership in this way and for the up-to-date news from the fields. Again there has been an increased demand and the number now printed monthly is 2,750 copies.

Deputation: Sister Norma Graves, following Conference, did deputation work in North Canterbury, West Coast, Nelson-Marlborough, Wellington, Hawke's Bay, and Wairarapa Districts; while Sister Myra Fraser visited Manawatu, Wanganui, and Taranaki Districts and addressed several meetings in her own home town Invercargill. Sister Merle Carter did some unofficial deputation work in the Thames Valley District.

President's Visitation: The Dominion President has visited the West Coast, Nelson-Marlborough for their Convention; attended the dedication service of Miss Patricia Hulks at Oamaru and has visited and addressed several Auxiliaries as well as many evening groups and Fireside Clubs during the year.

New Workers: Miss Bernice Birch, a pharmacist, left N.Z. in January to serve in the Solomons for a year under the order of St. Stephen. Miss Vivienne Gash, after serving a term at All Saints College, Sydney, returned to N.Z. for a short period. Her dedication service took place on the 2nd July at New Brighton Church and she left shortly after for service in Fiji. She will be working under the Australian Mission Board. The dedication service of Miss Patricia Hulks as a teaching sister was held at Oamaru and she left N.Z. on the 30th June for a term at All Saints College, after which she will be going to the Solomon Islands.

Sister Beryl Grice was dedicated as a Sister and received into the Order of St. Stephen at a service held in the Solomons.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Home and Overseas Mission Board Officers for their kindly help and assistance throughout the year. We take this opportunity of saying thank you to all District Council Officers for their co-operation, and we thank God for all the prayers, love and service of the members of our Union. We go forward into another year of service trusting in the power of God to guide us in our task.

We ask Thee for the daily strength
To none that ask denied,
And a mind to blend with outward life,
Still keeping at Thy side,
Content to fill a little space
If Thou be glorified.

A. E. RICHARDS, President.

E. M. GERRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference place on record its sincere appreciation of the work of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union. In the Dominion, Executive, District Councils and Local Auxiliaries, an excellent campaign of missionary education has been sustained which is reflected in their growing financial support of the missionary programme of the Church at Home and Overseas. The Union has been a centre of prayerful concern for this work and we are convinced that they have contributed greatly to the maintaining of missionary interest throughout the Church. We congratulate the Union on its achievements for Christ and His Church.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

This year we have as a Department been seeking to develop our work in the new pattern required by the institution of the Connexional Budget.

The request of the Church Council for a survey of the programme of the Department was readily acceded to, and a great deal of time

and attention was given to that. The Church Council now has the material under review and in due course will report to the Board and to the Synods and Conference.

Obituary: We were saddened during the year by the death of the late Rev. H. J. Odell, who held office as Assistant Superintendent of the Department for seven years. We also note with regret the passing of Rev. F. J. Handy, Mrs E. M. Lewis, and Messrs George Wilson and R. G. Laking, all former members of the Board.

The Board: We have welcomed on to the Board Revs. L. C. Horwood, S. J. Spindler, H. W. Kitchingman and Mr W. T. Slater, all appointed by last Conference.

New Staff: We have been glad to receive on to our Staff Messrs H. D. Kelly and D. Armstrong as Home Mission Probationers, and Mr D. Prince as a Home Mission Supply. These men have assisted to fill some of the remaining gaps on the Stationing Sheet.

Rev. J. A. Penman: In spite of having taken the full burden of the task of Director of Church Finance and Stewardship, Mr Penman has given invaluable assistance in the duties of Assistant Superintendent and Ministerial Treasurer of this Department. His decision to return to Circuit work has been a great regret to us, but we wish to record our sincere appreciation of the outstanding contribution he has made to the Church during this three-year term with us.

Successor to Mr Penman: The Board has given a great deal of thought to this question. Rising from the memorandum on Departmental policy submitted to the Church Council, the Board has considered a recommendation from the Church Council that this is the time for the Church to make a bold move by appointing a Maori to an Executive appointment in the Department. A special resolution on this matter is appended to this report.

Literature and Colporteur Society:

The Literature and Colporteur Society is passing through a time of change and development which has necessitated forward looking planning on the part of the Committee.

Opportunities arose during the year to commence a bookshop in Hamilton, strategically centred alongside our St. Paul's Church in London Street, and to open an agency at New Plymouth. Both these ventures have been successfully launched, and further enquiries have been received concerning the possibility of a shop in Christchurch, and an agency in Ashburton. There is room for the wise development of this side of our work.

The Auckland shop is to be faced in the next period with moving from the present building into the new Central Mission Building. Fortunately the Central Mission building programme has been so arranged as to make this change possible without the need to seek other temporary accommodation. Arrangements have been made with the Central Mission Trustees to take over, at a very reasonable rental, a fine shop space on the ground floor of the new building. This will make possible, and necessary, the enlargement of the Auckland business.

The development both in the general work of the Society and at the Auckland bookshop has necessitated a review of staff and the Committee has decided to seek a General Manager for the Society, who will be manager of the Auckland shop, and generally oversee, and plan the development of, the work of the Society. Our obligation to our present staff will be safeguarded in this new appointment.

Religious Film Society: Through the years the Home Mission Department has taken the initiative for the Church in fostering the

development of the Inter-Church Religious Film Society. We have made grants from time to time to the capital of the Society to recognise the Methodist share of the programme. Last year the Executive of the Religious Film Society requested all member Churches to assist in a forward move by increasing any capital grants they may have made to a minimum figure of £300 per unit of membership on the Society. This is based approximately on the proportion of membership on the National Council of Churches of New Zealand. This involved our Methodist Church being asked to grant a further £400. The Board made a grant of £100 and a similar amount was granted by the Board of Christian Education. Our Board asked the Central Finance Committee to consider making a grant from their funds already in hand of £100 last year and to provide for the other £100 on their budget this year. Owing to the changing pattern of administration of the fund of the Central Finance Committee, and also owing to this needing a special resolution of Conference if it is to be done, we now append a recommendation bearing on the matter.

Church Extension: Next year the Church faces again in June, the appeal for Church Extension as part of the Connexional Budget and we urge that very urgent and loyal preparation for this be made in every district and Circuit to ensure that the full figure of the Budget be reached.

In launching the Connexional Budget in its first year Conference resolved that the first £10,000 leeway in the Budget should be carried by the Church Extension Fund. This must be only a very temporary measure and we feel that every effort should be made to hit our target. We need as a Church to remember that this is the only Fund that can provide us with new Connexional resources for a fighting fund in establishing buildings and securing land in new areas of housing.

Conference and Synods are reminded that this appeal is for new money for new causes in the large new areas which cannot be served as a normal development by the adjacent circuits. It is for new Churches and Halls for new causes, and for Parsonages for ministers to serve such newly developing areas. It was surely a serious and regrettable necessity that Conference decided that the Fund to carry the leeway in the Budget should be this fighting Fund of the Conference.

We urge an immediate survey of the situation in every Synod area in the light of the Census returns as they are produced, and a plan of priorities prepared for assistance within the Districts. These will then be reviewed on a Dominion basis.

Staffing: Priorities for appointment of ministers or probationers or supplies in new or vacant appointments on the Stationing Sheet.

As it is anticipated that this year there should be several additional Probationers for appointment from College, beyond the number of retirements, etc. from the Ministry, it will be necessary to present to the Stationing Committee a recommended list of priorities of appointments. Synods are requested to survey all such new or vacant appointments in their Districts and to send all relevant information with their District lists of priorities to the Department office as soon as possible after Synod.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. R. D. Rakena be appointed by Conference 1961 for a three-year term as Assistant Superintendent of the Department.
3. That Rev. J. A. Penman be specially thanked for his services as Assistant Superintendent and Ministerial Treasurer of the Department for the last three years, during two of which he has carried the onerous duties of Executive Officer of the Department of Church Finance and Stewardship.
4. That loyal efforts be made in every circuit to seek to reach the full figure of the Connexional Budget so that the Church Extension Fund may receive its needed figure for advance work.
5. That all Synod Standing Committees keep alert for the issuing of reports from the Government Statistician on the recent census and careful study be given to these and that in each Synod Standing Committee a member be specially charged with reporting to the Committee on such statistics.
6. That Conference authorise the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee to make a grant of £100 from the funds of the Central Finance Committee and a further £100 be provided in their next budget, these amounts to be forwarded as Methodist Capital Grants to the Religious Film Society of N.Z., Inc.
7. That the Conference appoint a special committee representative of the Home Mission Department, Department of Christian Education, and Board of Publications to report to Synods and Conference on our Church's policy in the development and administration of bookrooms.
Personnel of Committee:
Revs. W. S. Dawson, H. K. Brown (Convener), Messrs J. Bain, G. Hill, A. Dingwall, H. W. Beaumont.
Corresponding Members: L. and C. Society, Department of Christian Education and Board of Publications.
Order of Reference: Future policy in development of bookrooms, oversight and development.
8. That the Home Mission Department be asked to consider the value of its published Annual Report in the light of the cost of production.
9. That the matter of the oversight of Kawhia Home Mission Station be referred to South Auckland District Synod Standing Committee for sympathetic consideration, together with the memorial from the Otorohanga Circuit.
10. Patea—(Hawera Circuit). That Conference affirm the principle of appointing a man to Patea when manpower and finances permit.
11. That Conference refer the cases of Patea, and Raetihi-Ohakune to the Home Mission Board for consideration and to investigate whether Union Churches or co-operation with the other Churches is the approach to these and other country areas.
12. That the statements of finances as under be received and adopted.
General Home Mission Fund.
Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet of the Investment Funds Board.
Statements re Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust.
Seamer House A/c.
13. That the Financial Statements of the Methodist Literature

and Colporteur Society concerning the Auckland and Hamilton Book-rooms, being yet subject to audit, be received and adopted.

14. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure of the Home Mission Fund for 1962 Connexional year be received and adopted.

15. That the Treasurers for 1962 be Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena and Mr B. O. Stokes.

16. That Conference appoint a Commission to study and evaluate all aspects of Church life in Otago, to enable the District better to employ manpower and resources for the furtherance of the Methodist work and witness.

That the personnel of the Commission be the President of Conference, Vice-President of Conference, Connexional Secretary, Mr H. de R. Flesher, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, and the members of the Otago-Southland Synod Standing Committee. Convener: Rev. A. J. Handyside.

17. Whangaroa-Bay of Islands Circuit: That a commission be set up to investigate the situation in the Whangaroa-Bay of Islands Circuit and to report to the Quarterly Meeting and Synod Standing Committee so that a suitable resolution pertaining to the overall situation may be presented to the Synod of 1962.

That the personnel be: Revs. G. I. Laurenson and E. W. Hames, the chairman and secretary of the Northland Synod Standing Committee, Secretary of the Synod District, Financial Secretary, Mr R. T. Garlick, Rev. R. D. Rakena, Messrs R. Salmon, W. Wotherspoon (or deputy). Convener: W. J. Court.

18. Probationers and Accommodation (Minutes of Conference 1960, page 78):

(1) After resolution 1, add: It is desirable that all the Church should work towards providing suitable living quarters for all Probationers and Deaconesses of the Church, and that the Church should aim to achieve this by February 1964.

(2) That Resolution 4 be repealed and replaced by the following: During 1962 and 1963 all Probationers in Group A be encouraged to pool their rent charges in order to equalise their individual expenses. A fund to achieve this purpose shall be administered by the Revs. C. R. Marshall and F. G. Waine, and a statement of accounts be submitted each year to the President. It is understood that where a Circuit finds it necessary it may charge up to £2 per week rent for the use of Quarters provided by the Church.

19. That Conference express its thanks to all who have assisted the work of the Department during the year.

20. That the Home Mission Board for 1962 be as printed on page 6 herein.

21. That District Home Mission Secretaries for 1962 be:
NORTHLAND: Rev. F. J. Climo.

AUCKLAND: Rev. H. W. Kitchingman.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. C. L. Duder.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. A. H. V. Newton.

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT: Rev. W. C. Jenkin.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Rev. W. J. Henderson.

WELLINGTON: Rev. W. J. Cable.

NELSON: Rev. A. A. Grundy.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. T. L. Bennett.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Mr A. H. Harman.

QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission Report

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The State of the Work:

We are glad to report that in spite of many factors making for difficulty in the work, there are many matters that give us ground for real encouragement. Not for a long time has there been so much evidence of spiritual concern and vigour in the work as there is in some areas of the mission.

New Worker:

We welcome Mr Hoera Whakaari Hakopa, of Whatawhata, as a new Maori Honorary Home Missionary.

Senior Maori Superintendent:

Since his retirement in 1954, the Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E., has served us very helpfully as acting Senior Maori Superintendent. We feel that we should now consider releasing him from this responsibility, knowing that he will always assist the work to the fullest extent of his power. We therefore append recommendations on this matter.

Annual Maori Conference:

This was again held on the Queen's Birthday weekend at Ngaruawahia Pa. Numbers were not quite as many as last year, but the Conference reached a good level of inspiration, and established a number of the people more firmly in their appreciation of the Church and what it stands for. Subjects dealt with were:

Implications for the Church in the population increase and spread.

Maori and Pakeha Methodists and our relationships.

A programme for the local congregation.

Maori Christian Temperance Society.

We again express our sincere appreciation of the action of King Koroki and his elders in allowing us to use the facilities at the historic Pa of Turangawaewae.

Survey of the Department

Maori Section of the Memorandum:

A special group of some of our Maori Mission Staff met for part of two days at Campbell's Bay Health Camp to consider this. It was a most valuable consultation and we incorporate here certain sections of the memorandum to indicate the lines along which the discussions and recommendations went. These were later confirmed by the Board for submission to the Church Council.

"What should be the main policy of the Church in its Maori work?"

While inevitably, because of the growth and spread of the Maori population there will need to be a policy of ultimate integration of the two sides of the work, yet at present and for a considerable time in the future there will be need for fostering a distinct Maori Mission programme alongside the existing European pattern working in partnership.

The Structure of organisation in the Department:

A. The Board to supervise both sides of the work, and to include in its membership certain Maori representatives.

Within the Board a special Maori Policy Committee containing some Members of the Board, and certain elected representatives of

the Maori Circuits. This Committee to formulate Maori Policy for the consideration of the Board, and to advise on distinct Maori element's of the Board's programme.

An annual Maori gathering from all the Maori Circuits, for inspiration and for expression of the Maori viewpoint. (The Queen's Birthday Mission Conference.)

B. At the District Synod Standing Committee and D.Y.C. Level, liaison committees to consider matters affecting the relationships of the two sides of the work.

Maori Circuit Quarterly Meetings to cover the Synod area, to build up the Maori Church life and membership.

Maori Regional Committees fulfilling the functions of Leaders' Meetings to attend to matters of membership, and Church life and witness in a local area.

C. At the Circuit Level. European Circuit Superintendents to invite Maori Mission staff to attend Circuit Quarterly Meetings for mutual consultation, and the consideration of the question: "What can be done to assist the Maori Mission work in the Circuit or District?"

Church Membership: Membership rolls will be continued in each Maori Circuit and greater efforts will be made to strengthen the conception of Church membership. When training classes and confirmation services are held in city or town Churches including Maori members among the trainees, the names shall be placed on either the Maori or the Pakeha Roll, after consultation between the Ministers, and also included in a special pastoral roll of the other Minister.

Pastoral Responsibilities: Maori Mission staff must be the main instrument for building up the Maori Church life, and seeking out the more scattered Maori families. There must be a responsibility shared mutually by Maori staff and European Ministers and congregations, in the pastoral Ministry to the Maori families. Names and addresses of scattered Maori families should be passed to the local Pakeha ministers who should feel the responsibility of supplementing the ministry of the Maori Mission staff by pastoral contacts.

There will be need to develop and train more Maori Church members able to assist the Maori Mission staff in the conducting of the special Maori services, so increasing the impact of the Maori Church life upon the Maori families.

The question of integration of the two sides of the work:

This will come as a natural and necessary development, provided attempts are not made to force it. To force it would create resistance, but the natural development of a strong, self-respecting Maori Church life should result in the creation of a community who will be able to benefit from and contribute to helpful contacts with the Pakeha Church.

Increasingly, Maori families will be found in the ordinary Church life of our city and town Churches. The urbanisation of the Maori will increase and not decrease. Maori ministers and special Deaconesses will still be needed to bring a basically Maori contribution to the lives of such Maori families, but in the cities this will have to be supplementary to the regular ministry of the local Church. In rural districts, the ministry to Maori families in predominantly Maori areas should as far as possible be a trained Maori one, but every minister should feel it to be his duty and privilege to extend a pastoral and pulpit ministry to the Maori families through his Church life. All Methodist congregations should be urged to accept respon-

sibility as a normal evangelistic task, for any Methodist or unattached Maori or Pakeha living within their boundaries.

There must be a recognition of the continuing special needs of the Maori membership, arising from their different cultural and racial background.

Finance:

There is needed a greater sense of responsibility of the Maori people for increased support of their side of the work and sharing in the total task of the Church.

It will also be necessary to bring Maori giving into more definite relationship to the Connexional Budget as a whole.

General:

It will also be necessary to bring sufficient Maori trainees through into the Ministry and Deaconess work, so as to be able to spare Maori workers for the Overseas Mission work, and thus to assist in developing the Maori sense of Christian Mission in the world.

Maori Centres and Hostels for Youth must be increased.

In this way the Church will be assisting more Maori youth to gain qualifications for a full place in the skilled trades, and professional life, so as to reduce the present over-balance in the unskilled bracket.

There must be more interchange of contacts in home life and social activities in which Maori and Pakeha meet in mutual respect and with regard for one another's special cultural heritage."

New Year Honours:

We were glad that among the recipients of New Year Honours were two Methodist Maoris:—

Rev. N. K. Kukutai, M.B.E., of Tuakau.

Mr M. Rotohiko Jones, O.B.E., of Wellington.

We heartily congratulate these two members in our Church.

J. R. McKenzie Trust:

Once again we are happy to report the receipt of three grants of £100 each from the above trust for the work of the three Hostels conducted by our Board.

Further Special Grants:

We received during the year £300 from the unclaimed monies fund administered by the Department of Maori Affairs, for our three Hostels.

The Auckland Savings Bank made a grant of £100 towards Seamer House.

A new gift this year was one of £50 from the Trustees of the Waikato Savings Bank towards the work of the Hostels in Hamilton. Such assistance is a real encouragement and is greatly appreciated.

South Pacific Youth Conference in Fiji:

As a result of an invitation from our Church in Fiji, two young members of our Church are to travel as representatives of the Maori race to Fiji during this year.

Rev. R. D. Rakena:

When the New Zealand National Council of Churches was invited to appoint some special visitors to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, we were asked if we could nominate a Maori to be one of these visitors. We were proud and happy to nominate Rev. R. D. Rakena, whose nomination was endorsed by the President of Conference. Mr Rakena will visit the East Asian

Christian Conference at Bangalore as well as the Assembly at New Delhi.

The M.W.M.U.:

We desire to express here our very sincere appreciation of the continued assistance of our work by the M.W.M.U.

They regularly forward their full promised support for Sisters' salaries, as well as expressing their interest in a special gift and generous stamp allocations to our Sisters.

Kakaraea Church:

In the days of Rev. William Gittos, a magnificent wooden Church was erected in the centre of his labours at Kakaraea, Otamatea. These days the community is very small and scattered and the old settlement is mainly used for rallies of the people for tribal and family occasions. The old Church is at present seriously dilapidated. Our Department is giving assistance to a local and District effort to restore this Church as a memorial to "Father Gittos," and we would welcome any gifts that may be made to preserve this historic building.

Hostels:

The new Minister for Maori Affairs is following up many suggestions made by Mr J. K. Hunn in his recent report. We are glad to see that there is a plan being developed for a major drive on the urgent problem of Maori Education. This will be expressed in general schooling at all levels, trade training, and apprenticeships. It is bound to involve a programme of additional Hostels. The Churches will be challenged to give a lead in this matter and we must not fail in the task. It is becoming apparent that we shall be looking increasingly to the Church for consecrated people who will be prepared to find a field of service in the staffing of Hostels. This will be a great contribution.

We urge our people to sustain our work in their prayers.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. R. Rogers be appointed Senior Maori Superintendent as from 1st February, 1962.
3. That Conference express to Rev. E. Te Tuhi, O.B.E., sincere thanks for the way he has continued to lead the Maori workers as Senior Maori Superintendent, especially since his retirement.
4. That the attention of Ministers be drawn to Question 6 in Quarterly Meeting Agenda.
5. That Conference approve the structure for the Maori Mission work as set out in the report.
6. That each Synod Standing Committee within whose area Maori Circuits are operating, appoint a small liaison committee of Maori and Pakeha membership to consult together on matters affecting the relationships of the two sides of the work.
7. That Conference express its best wishes to the Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena as he travels as an N.C.C. representative to the World Council of Churches Conference at New Delhi.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1961

I—M.S.S.A.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held at Winstone Lodge, Auckland, on 10th and 11th May, 1961, when the President of Conference, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, presided.

The Hon. Minister of Health, Mr N. L. Shelton, was welcomed and addressed the meeting. He paid a fine tribute to the work being done by the Church and outlined the Government policy regarding subsidies and stressed the difficulty of securing further approval for new projects because of the present stringent financial situation in the country. A profitable time was spent with the Minister for two hours in which questions were asked and answers given. The Minister assured us of his interest and co-operation.

Publicity:

Resolved to continue the half-page advertisement in the Law Journal and to request the Editor of the "Methodist Times" to make regular space available in order to feature our various Social Service works.

Constitution of Central Missions:

This matter was being further considered.

New Plymouth Home for the Aged:

This matter was referred to the Wellington Social Service Trust with the suggestion that a meeting be arranged with the Taranaki Sub-District Synod Standing Committee to further consider the proposal.

Hard Core Refugees:

It was agreed that if we are asked to care for further Hard Core Refugees the Government and National Council of Churches be advised that the Methodist Church would be prepared to accept responsibility for its share of such refugees, providing Social Security benefits are forthcoming to assist with the cost of their accommodation and care. Dunedin Central Mission indicated that space could probably be made available. Miss Panafidin and Mrs Popova are being cared for at Campbell's Bay Health Camp.

Staff Insurance:

Rev. Fiebig was thanked for his report and requested to:

1. Investigate the National Provident Fund.
2. Relate scheme submitted to the A.M.P. scheme as it applies to the Home and Foreign Mission Departments.
3. Envisage broadening of scheme to include all church employees.

Hospital Chaplaincy:

Resolved that at present the Hospital Chaplaincy work should be administered by the Synod Standing Committees.

Representatives of City Missions, Children's Homes and Maori Missions reported on their work.

Children's Homes:

In Auckland good contact with parents is resulting in the return of children to their foster homes. A pilot scheme of foster homes has its teething problems but the position is still being explored.

The weekly cost of £4/6/- per child is maintained because of various assistance.

In Masterton the policy is to board children in foster homes if possible. 35% of income is received from the church, 30% Government, 18% parents, 13% investments, and 4% sundries.

In Christchurch 2 boys are boarded out, 5 families have re-established their homes, their children having been returned to them.

Palmerston North Hostel:

Resolved that the Wesley Social Service Trust and the Synod Standing Committee of the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District investigate the possibility of establishing either a Methodist or an inter-Church Hostel for students in Palmerston North.

Order of Christian Service:

An interim report from the Department of Christian Education was received.

Family Camps and Holiday Centres:

The possibility is being explored of using Methodist Camp Properties in off seasons as improvised motel accommodation for families requiring holidays.

Te Atatu Hostel Proceeds:

After deducting 2/25 from the original subsidy £9,187 has been returned to the Government and the M.S.S.A. has indicated that it intends to apply for a subsidy for a Hostel for working boys of all races when the time is opportune. The balance of the fund, approximately £8,000, is to be invested through the General Purposes Trust Board.

Central Missions:

In Christchurch the major activity had been the official opening of the Maori Meeting House.

In Dunedin, 15½ acres had been purchased as a holiday camp at Kawaru Falls, Queenstown, and the New Building Fund at the centre on the Octagon site stood at £58,000.

In Wellington the contract had been signed for the Wesleyhaven eventide settlement and the Government subsidy amounts to £115,200.

In Auckland Leigh Haven Cottages with 32 residents are now fully occupied. Sketch plans for Wesley Hospital and the South Auckland project are both before the Health Department for further consideration. The Department of Health indicated that additional eventide-home beds at Tauranga could not be assured at present and the Association recommended concentration on the Tamahere project. Demolition has commenced at Airedale Street and a negotiated contract is being arranged. Time is necessary to arrange accommodation for certain tenants. Negotiations for a prospective tenant requiring a large amount of space in the New Building is proceeding.

The Maori Mission Department reported that the policy of operating Seamer House where European and Maori girls shared accommodation was proving satisfactory.

We commend the Social Service work to the Circuits and to our people as we seek to care in the name of the Master.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, President.

A. EVERIL ORR, Convener, and
Official Representative N.Z.M.S.S.A.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

II.—Central Missions

A.—AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION

Sunday Services, youth work, Fireside groups, Guild meetings, Teaching Missions and many other activities have been well maintained during the past year.

New Building Scheme: Final plans for the New Building have now been approved by Civic and Church Authorities. Two titles will be arranged, one for the Mission Church and amenities, and the other for the Office Block. The final details of the interior of the Church have yet to be approved. The Economic Survey has been thoroughly made by a panel of accountants. Negotiations are proceeding in regard to all available space. Tenders for main demolition have been called and the cottage in Airedale Street has been demolished. Legal proceedings are now in operation regarding one of our major tenants. The Trustees desire to push ahead with the Building at the earliest possible moment.

Homes and Hospitals: There are 207 women on the waiting list for Astley House, 70 men and women for Leigh Haven Cottages and 30 men for Tyler House.

a. **Astley House:** Mrs I. W. Palmer and a consecrated staff lovingly care for 54 ladies. This continuous service commends itself to all.

b. **Tyler House, Thomas Ashby Memorial Hospital and Leigh Haven Cottages:** These three units are under the capable direction of Sister Margaret Frampton. The well equipped hospital is looked upon as one of the best of its kind in Auckland, and enables us to give an overall coverage to our men as well as provide nursing care for elderly folk whose relatives need a holiday. Leigh Haven Cottages providing for married couples and single men and women have met an urgent need and cater for the needs of folk who having a mid-day meal provided, are largely able to care for themselves. The most urgent need in Auckland today is housing for the elderly spinster, bachelor and widow or widower.

c. **Wesley Convalescent Hospital:** After 11 years as Matron Sister Arline Preece is having a well earned rest and Sister A. I. Johnston is relieving for 5 months.

Further sketch plans of a new Hospital of 40 beds are now before the Government for final approval, and the estimated cost including the conversion of the present Hospital to a Nurses' Home is £136,000 plus furnishings. The Department has approved the Scheme in principle. Three thousand pounds per bed for 30 extra beds has been promised as a subsidy, i.e. £90,000. The erection of the Hospital depends upon the programming of the Government and the resources of the Trustees.

In the above Homes and Hospitals the Mission cares for 122 senior citizens.

d. **South Auckland Project:** A further 3½ acres have been purchased making a total of 14 acres. Alternative schemes for the placing of the various units have been presented to the Trustees and the South Auckland M.S.S.A. The selected scheme will go to the Department of Health for comment and approval in the near future. The first stage of the scheme will accommodate 30 women, 10 men and 10 hospital beds. We are grateful to Mr J. A. Davys for voluntary canvassing and to Mr A. C. Burgess for his work as Honorary Secretary.

Campbell's Bay Health Camp and Waiheke Holiday House: The City Water Supply is now permanently installed at Campbell's Bay and the sewerage system will shortly take care of our requirements. Every provision has been made for emergencies as regard to fire protection. The refrigeration machinery has been replaced by new equipment £130, new hot water system and stove installed in the Cottage £180, and the sealing of roadways and grounds are estimated to cost £700. An increasing number of Church groups use the premises for family camps, and numerous other groups are constantly seeking accommodation. We are grateful to Mr A. Davies and Mrs J. R. Hamilton in caring for Mrs M. Popova and Miss E. Panafidina—hard core refugees.

A number of families have taken advantage of our two cottages at Waiheke. The Trustees are prepared to dispose of 30 acres of land leaving 10 acres along the waterfront for future development. Though access is difficult to Pegler's Bay its isolation in the modern set up is very valuable.

Hostel, Winstone Lodge: After 3 years of consecrated service Mrs R. M. Butterworth resigned and her position has been filled by Miss Margaret Parker. We are also grateful in having the services of Miss J. Farnsworth. Students and business girls requiring a "home away from home" ought to apply immediately if they require accommodation next year.

Counselling Centre: On account of the Central Mission urgently requiring offices, Dr. D. O. Williams is continuing counselling work in his own home. The number of those requiring such assistance indicates the need for a permanent Counselling Centre which we intend to provide in the New Building.

Staff and General: The Mission Board of Management is grateful to its Board of faithful Trustees, Officers, Church Workers, consecrated staff in the Homes, Hospitals and the Office. The Mission is also gratified that the Conference appointed the Rev. S. J. Spindler who is proving a faithful pastor and helper.

Legacies: Clarice Stretton £1,500, K. G. Service £10/10/-, J. J. Wild £100, E. E. Prince £635/10/-, Miss Glover £429/9/7, J. Coe £10. Total £2,685/9/7.

The Mission continues its policy of consolidating its work in order that it may maintain the existing programme and be ready for future advance. The New Building Scheme and all its ramifications demand all the vision, drive, research and prudence which we can muster.

We record our grateful thanks to Almighty God and to all who have so generously contributed.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.
F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Steward.
A. DAVIES, Circuit Steward.
R. T. GARLICK, Hon. Secretary.
E. A. ASTLEY, Hon. Treasurer.

B.—WESLEY CHURCH (WELLINGTON CENTRAL) SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD INC.

The two main responsibilities of the Board are:—

1. "Wesleyhaven" Methodist Homes Settlement

Residents and Staff: At the present time there are 28 persons in residence at "Wesleyhaven" and there are approximately 50 on the waiting list.

While there have been changes during the year, the staffing position has now stabilised, and we are now well served by Matron, Cook, and Domestic, all of whom live in, plus a caretaker and his wife who live on the property.

Residential Quarters and Amenities Block: It is with pleasure we report after many delays contributed to by changes in Departmental policy, that the Health Department has approved the plans and specifications for a 48-bed sitting room block to be erected at "Wesleyhaven" at Nae Nae. The contract for £122,700 has been signed and the builder has commenced, and with funds in hand and becoming available from estates it is considered that with the assistance of a Government subsidy of £115,200 we shall be able to finance the cost of erecting these buildings. To the cost of the building is to be added Architects' Fees £8,675 and Quantity Surveyor's Fees £1,400, to give a total of £132,775 for the project.

The Trustees recognise that funds will have to be raised to furnish and equip these extensions to our Eventide Home and the Rev. B. H. Riseley, Social Services Director, has enlisted the support of Ladies' Guilds in raising funds to furnish rooms in the residential wing. He will also be canvassing for funds and we appeal to all circuits in the Wellington Social Services area to facilitate the canvas for funds so that the project may be established on a sound basis.

Pensioners' Flats: During the year the Health Department approved of a 50% subsidy on the cost of three blocks, each of 4 self-contained single flats, which the Trust authorised to be erected. One of these has been completed and financed by the Church of Christ Ladies' Auxiliary and is available primarily for members of the Church requiring accommodation in an Eventide Home. Their sub-committee recommends to the Director names of applicants for admission when vacancies are available.

The other units, one of which is now completed and occupied, are made available to persons who are able to attend to their own needs. The basis of entry is that they pay a lump sum equivalent to the cost of a single flat less the Government subsidy, and this sum is regarded as rent paid in advance for 10 years.

Deckston Trust Scheme: The Deckston Trust Scheme under the auspices of the Wellington Jewish Care of the Aged Society has been approved for subsidy purposes by the Health Department and will provide accommodation for 24 aged persons. Instructions have been given to their Architects to prepare working drawings for their block.

2. "Epworth House" Hostel for Young Women

Residents and Staff: Last year accommodation was provided for 18 young women, some were working, but the majority were University or Training College Students. This ratio of students to workers caused problems, principally financial, so the Committee decided that all residents for 1961 should undertake to pay board for a minimum of 35 weeks, or if they left then to provide a substitute acceptable to the Committee. This year there is a much younger age group in residence, and with rearrangements in the rooms an additional 3 girls are accommodated.

As a result of the increase in the number of residents, and the fact that these are required to pay rent for a minimum of 35 weeks, the Committee consider the Hostel is now on an economic basis. The present Matron is Mrs Dodge, of Christchurch, and Mr Dodge in exchange for board and lodging will do minor maintenance work at the Hostel. Mr Dodge will have private employment. The appointment of a husband and wife team will have advantages in the running of a Hostel for young women.

General: The Rev. B. H. Riseley has had general oversight of "Wesleyhaven" and "Epworth" and attends to the Social Service work which includes care of Samoans. He is also responsible for Prison and Court work. The Director is the Associate Minister at Wesley and assists in the general circuit work.

Finance: We express thanks for the financial support accorded the Trust by the generous grants from Wesley Church and from Church Budget Schemes, donations from Estates and private individuals. The J. R. McKenzie Trust and the C. H. Izard Trust have also made generous grants towards the cost of conducting "Wesleyhaven" Settlement.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

B. H. RISELEY, Social Services Director.

T. M. STEPHENS, Secretary.

C.—CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION

In presenting the 11th annual report of the Mission's Social Service activities we are aware that only a brief description can be given of the expanding work that is represented in our four institutions and three other departments.

Wesley House: This year there have been two changes in the Matronship of the Home. Mrs E. Atkinson resigned early in the year and Miss G. Bowman, who replaced her, gave notice of her intention to resign on 30th August. Application for this position has been received from the Assistant Matron, Mrs Brookes, and the Picton Committee recommend that she be appointed.

The Health Department has advised that no assurance of Government subsidy can be given for the erection of the proposed 16-bed extension. The estimated cost of this work is £19,500, and the Picton Committee now recommends that the scheme be amended so that the cost is reduced to approximately £10,000. In view of the urgent need for additional beds and more single room, it is the opinion of the Committee that a less costly scheme may possibly be approved by the Minister of Health.

Wesley Lodge: Miss E. Borrowes, who has been Matron of the Home since the opening nine years ago, resigned as from 30th June. Her long term of service has been characterised by her devotion to the work and her love for the residents.

With the retirement of Miss Borrowes, the Board decided to implement a policy of unified control for the Eventide Home and Hospital. We are now pleased to report that Sister I. E. Macadam has been appointed to the new position of Matron in charge of Wesley Lodge and Hospital.

Wesley Hospital: In spite of the regular admissions to the Hospital, the waiting list continues to grow. Since we opened the Hospital four years ago, 284 patients have been admitted, but there are 60 waiting admission. The Committee is convinced of the need to establish a further Hospital, and a proposal to purchase a certain site for this purpose has been submitted to the Health Department. The Department has indicated that it cannot assist the Mission with subsidy to purchase the site or to give any indication as to whether subsidy would be available for the erection of a Hospital within the three-year period which we suggested.

Rehua Hostel: For most of the year the Hostel has been full. With 44 residents, Rehua is now the largest Maori Apprentices Hostel in N.Z. Mr and Mrs R. Ellison were appointed Master and Matron just prior to Christmas. Miss Mori Ellison, a former Deaconess, has

also joined the staff. A fine family relationship has developed between the boys and the staff. A new Concert Party has been formed with the assistance of some Maori Nurses, and the quality of entertainment has never been better. A new Vibrapac Block building has been erected to provide laundry, drying room, garage, stores, workshop and toilets. The total cost is approximately £2,200.

Carved Palisade: The Christchurch Rotary Club donated the sum of £250 for a carved palisade gateway at the Hostel entrance. Mr D. V. Wilson, President of the Christchurch Rotary Club, formally presented the gates to the Superintendent of the Mission. This imposing entrance was officially dedicated by Rev. G. I. Laurenson on 11th June, 1961. The Minister of Maori Affairs, the Hon. J. R. Hanan, addressed the gathering. Mr D. Manihera represented the Maori Mission.

Meeting House Opening: Approximately 5,000 people were present for the official opening of "Te Whatu Manawa Maoritanga O Rehua" on 3rd December, 1960. The Maori opening—the lifting of the Tapu, was performed by the representatives of the Waikato tribes led by Princess Piki. Visitors from all tribes in N.Z. from North Cape to the Bluff were present. We record our appreciation of the widespread interest of our Maori people throughout the Dominion. The Hon. Walter Nash officially opened the House, and Rev. Eruera Te Tuhi dedicated the building. 2,500 people sat down for the official dinner and thousands of meals were served over a period of four days during which we hospitalised Maori visitors.

Rehua Old Boys' Association: During the year a group of Rehua old boys met with the officials of the Mission and decided to form an Old Boys' Association for the purpose of assisting the Hostel and providing social activities for themselves. 39 old boys now reside in the city. Three successful social functions have been held. Mr Ruku Wainaho has been appointed President and Mr Peehi Raroa Secretary.

Finance: The following gifts and legacies have been received during the year: Est. T. R. Moore £53/18/6; Estate A. M. Carpenter £100; Estate O. E. Cresswell £140; Anon Nelson Donor £2,000; Christchurch Rotary Club £250; Est. H. J. M. Parker £590/9/5; Sargood Trust £100; McKenzie Trust £100; Edith W. Blackwell Trust £250; Home Mission Dept. £100; Maori Purpose Trust £500; Williams and Heathcote Memorial Trust £200. Goods and services donated to Meeting House this year, £3,729/14/6.

The overall excess of expenditure over income for the year's activities is £2,794/9/4. It is evident that the Board must take urgent steps to increase its income by approximately £3,000 per year.

The value of the Mission properties has increased during the year by £22,950. This amount has been expended on the Rehua Dormitory, Meeting House, and the Cambridge Terrace property. The last named property, comprising a cottage and house, is situated between the Mission Offices and the Church site, and was purchased to provide an adequate site for future building developments. The value of Mission properties now total £121,262.

Goodwill Store: While stocks of clothing have come in steadily during the year the demand has increased and frequently people in need of clothing have not been supplied because of inadequate stocks. The following ladies continue to manage the Goodwill Store and the Board is grateful to them for their constant service over the years: Mesdames W. E. Falkingham (Convener), L. Fleisher, V. Joblin, H. G. Stewart, C. H. Baird, D. Mein; Misses D. Nicholl, E. Hulbert, E. Sarle.

Darby and Joan Club: This club continues to meet a need in the lives of many elderly citizens. Approximately 100 members are enrolled. Mrs Anita Ledsham is nominated as leader of the Club.

Social Service Itinerary: This year's itinerary has been planned to enable the Superintendent to conduct services and show slides on the work to most of the Churches from Ashburton to Nelson. The value of this deputation work cannot be necessarily measured in terms of the immediate financial response although contributions have risen where follow up canvasses have been conducted by Mr J. E. Colechin, Mr W. K. Lill and Mr W. E. Falkingham. Sister Doreen has screened slides and spoken to many women's groups during the year. The increased goodwill and interest in the work is due in no small measure to this constant deputation work.

Teen-age Work: The Mission's activities for teenagers are largely confined to a table tennis club and occasional social functions. We believe the time has come for us to consider ways and means of a wider ministry to the youth of the community. Activities that have met with good results overseas could well be considered. Consideration could be given to the establishment of a Coffee Bar, Hobbies Club and Teen-agers' Recordings and Dance Groups. A practical approach at this stage would be to set up a Committee to investigate the matter in consultation with the District Youth Council.

Supervised Flats for Aged: For some years we have accepted the idea that a group of Flats should be associated with any future Eventide Settlement established by the Mission. In our last Annual Report we stated that tentative plans were taking shape and that an approach had been made to the South Island Children's Home for the purchase of some of the Orphanage land. The Orphanage Board declined our request, but we could not have proceeded in any case as the Health Department could not encourage us to anticipate their approval. In view of the present policy of the Department, the Board might care to consider the establishment of a separate Flat scheme. It would be necessary to devise ways and means of financing such a project independent of Government Subsidy.

From enquiries we have received when our "Flats Scheme" was publicised three years ago, it is evident that many aged citizens would be prepared to pay into a Capital Fund for the purposes of erecting their own flat. They would have the right to occupy it for the rest of their lives or until infirmity made it necessary for them to be transferred to our Hospital for the Aged.

Reviewing the achievements of the past and contemplating greater opportunities for service to the community in the future, we are mindful of the privilege that is ours to serve in God's name. We pray that our service may always be rendered in a spirit of humility, and utter dependence upon God, who always empowers those whom He calls.

W. E. FALKINGHAM,

D. W. EDMONDS, Ministers.

H. G. STEWART, Secretary.

A. A. DINGWALL, Treasurer.

D.—CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH AND MISSION, DUNEDIN

The following is the 71st Report of Methodist Mission activities in Dunedin, and the 8th Annual Report of the Central Methodist Church and Mission.

1. Circuit Life:

(a) **Stewardship Review:** During the past year a successful Stewardship Review Campaign on the basis of time, talents, and possessions, was carried out within the Circuit.

(b) **Reorganisation of Leaders' Meetings:** This has been carried out with several committee handling the various activities of the Church.

(c) **Waverley Extension:** The foundation stone of the Waverley Church was laid over twelve months ago, and the erection of the Church has progressed slowly through contract and voluntary labour. It is hoped that the opening will take place shortly.

(d) **Teenage Programme:** Under the inspiration and direction of the Rev. E. Heppelthwaite, a Teenage Programme has recently been started in the Octagon Hall. Average attendance is something over 200 each Sunday afternoon. The usual programme pattern is for coffee and biscuits to be served in the Lounge, a Question Box and devotional opening, followed by films, both secular and religious, in the theatre. The programme is patronised largely by non-Church young people, the growing edge for future Central Mission activity.

(e) **Hospital Chaplaincy:** The Rev. E. Heppelthwaite has been appointed Hospital Chaplain and has served the district well in this capacity.

2. Social Service Department:

(a) **Staff:** The Rev. E. Heppelthwaite has accepted a unanimous invitation to travel a fifth year in the Circuit.

The appointment of Mr I. A. Skene as Administrative Officer has proved abundantly worthwhile. He has been responsible for the detailed administration of the Social Service Department and canvassing. Nevertheless, with the increasing responsibilities through the imminent opening of a new Church at Waverley, Hospital Chaplaincy work and the tremendous challenge of the Teenage Programme, we draw the attention of the Conference to our staffing position and urge the appointment of a Deaconess at the earliest opportunity.

(b) Dunedin Institutions:

(i) **Eventide Home and Hospital:** A great deal of maintenance work has been done in the way of painting. The coke furnaces have been converted to oil. Plans are in hand for alterations to the Hospital bathrooms and lounge. Staffing problems have been acute at times, but are reasonable now. The health of the patients, considering the age of many of them, has been surprisingly good.

(ii) **Eventide Farm:** An effort has been made to increase production by more efficient farming methods. We have had the guidance of Mr Peter Butcher, a graduate of Massey College and a practical farmer. A Stud Piggery has been registered. Several acres of land have been brought into production. The milking cows have been housed for the winter.

(iii) **Wesley Manor:** The number of guests has increased this year from seven to twelve elderly men.

(iv) **Wesley Hall:** Our Students' Hostel has had a full complement of thirteen students. We rejected a suggestion to buy a house next door for extensions, and agreed to proceed with the original plan to build a new block within the next two or three years.

(v) **Annesley Flats:** These are now occupied by married students.

(c) **Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery:** The Stuart Street Hall, which has housed the Day Nursery, has been demolished and the ground converted into a parking area. The Day Nursery has been transferred to temporary premises in the Trinity Church School Room.

(d) **Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp:** An area of 15½ acres, including a homestead and various other buildings, was purchased at the

Frankton Arm, Queenstown, during the year. This is to be developed as a Holiday Camp. Considerable developments have already taken place, and more are planned for the coming year.

(e) **Timaru:** On the recommendation of the Health Department, the 36-bed Home was reduced to a 21-bed Home, for which the maximum Government subsidy has been approved. At present, detailed plans are being drawn and it is hoped to call tenders shortly.

(f) **New Building Octagon Site:** A great deal of preliminary planning work has been done in the past year. We hope within the next twelve months that architect's drawings will be available.

3. Conclusion:

We are grateful to the whole church for the assistance given us through the Connexional Budget, and for the greatly increased interest that Circuits are taking in the work we are doing in the name of the whole Church. We appreciate the loyal service of our staff, committee members, and Church members. Above all, we give thanks to God for His blessings and guidance in the past, and put our trust in Him for the days to come.

D. B. GORDON,

E. HEPPELTHWAITE, Ministers.

S. LAWN,

G. F. PASCOE, Circuit Stewards.

I. A. SKENE, Social Service Secretary.

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. That the Conference record its appreciation of the devoted work undertaken by Miss E. Borrows as Matron at Wesley Lodge during the last nine years.

3. That Pastor H. Kelly be appointed Chaplain of Wesley House, Picton, and that Rev. A. M. Costain be thanked for his services as Chaplain.

4. That Conference express appreciation of the M.S.S.A., and the Superintendents and Staff of all our Central Missions, for the fine spirit and efficient manner in which their work is carried out.

5. BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT:

Auckland: Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of District, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., Rev. L. R. Gilmore, B.A., Dr. D. O. Williams, Dr. H. Ranston, Revs. A. J. Seamer, Wesley Parker and the Ministers of the Takapuna, Mt. Albert and Remuera Churches, Mesdames M. Spurge, I. Sweetapple, E. Mills and Miss E. Booth; Messrs C. K. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey, W. Woodward, A. H. Winstone, R. Simpson, N. Mee, F. E. Sutherland, C. W. Firth, R. T. Garlick, A. E. Hayman, E. A. Astley, J. Trenwith, A. N. West, and K. Clarke, together with the Circuit Officials and Trustees of the Mission properties.

Christchurch: Superintendent Durham Street Circuit, Revs. W. T. Blight, H. G. Brown, H. K. Brown, H. L. Fiebig, G. V. Thomas, L. T. Norwell, L. V. Willing, Messrs T. J. Chamberlain, F. G. Colechin, W. Couch, R. Ellison, N. G. Hillary, P. A. Le Brun, W. T. Lill, G. S. Salter, W. A. Hadlee, R. Thomas, A. Southey, R. Anderson, R. Mitchell, D. J. McCallum, L. Butler, L. Ayers, J. Harris, Drs. T.

Enticott, T. Hurrell, S. C. Peddie, N. Greenslade, Mesdames F. G. Colechin, J. Leask, R. A. Marsh, W. A. Megson, W. T. Blight, A. Ledsham, L. Lewis, R. Anderson, Misses M. Johns, P. Caulkwell, Plus Circuit Officials.

III—Children's Homes

A.—AUCKLAND

We submit to our Church this 48th annual report. During the year there have been those times of joy, of problems, of trials and sometimes of disappointments, but through it all we have felt the continuous goodness and blessing of our Lord.

Our Family:

At 1st July, 1960, we had 50 children in residence at Wesleydale, one girl in a foster home, and two boys at Wesley College. At 30th June, 1961, there are 32 children in residence at Wesleydale, six children are in foster homes, five boys are at Wesley College, and three children are working. Our present total is 46 children in our care now compared with 53 a year ago. The 32 children resident at Wesleydale range from 4 to 13 years of age, those at Wesley College from 13 to 17 years, and those working from 15 to 17 years. Ages of children in foster homes is from 5 to 9 years.

Health of the children has been good and there have been no serious individual illnesses. Our thanks for this to our honorary doctor and our staff. Outside interests for the children at Wesleydale include Church, Sunday School and Bible Class at Mt. Roskill and Dominion Road Churches, kindergarten, boys' and girls' brigades, and local sports clubs. Our sincere thanks to all who organise and support these activities, and thus help local children so much, including our big family.

Our Staff:

Mr and Mrs Riley have completed their second year as Superintendent and Matron at Wesleydale. Our thanks go to them and their staff for the good work during the year. Staff changes have at times caused temporary difficulties. At such times a good deal of extra work and responsibility has been willingly shouldered by Mr and Mrs Riley.

Commission on Policy for Methodist Children's Homes Boards:

This Commission has been active in 1960 and 1961. We have appreciated the fact that we as a Board have been able to consider the draft copies of their reports for Synods and Conferences in 1960 and 1961. Their 1961 draft report has been well examined, a whole meeting being given to it with representatives of Northland and South Auckland present. We hope that our suggestions and constructive criticisms have been helpful to the Commission in reaching its recommendations. The 1961 Synods and Conference have the responsibility of considering and making important decisions. We as one of the Boards, will have the responsibility of implementing any new policy in the Northland, South Auckland and Auckland Synod districts. Our Board is happy to feel that before these reports had been presented to us we had already embarked upon the system of care in foster homes so strongly recommended by the Commission.

Our Pilot Scheme of Foster Homes:

In 1959 and 1960 we had one secondary school girl in a foster home at Morrinsville. She is now working in Auckland. Toward the end of 1960 our board approved of a pilot scheme of foster homes. We now have 6 children (ages 5 to 9) in 4 foster homes (2 homes in

South Auckland and 2 in Auckland suburbs). We feel that the experiment has been successful, and that invaluable experience gained will assist materially in any expansion in the future in foster homes under our supervision. Our aim is that there should exist where possible a happy triple partnership, in the interest of the children, among the foster parents, the natural parents, and our Board and its staff. The Board has considered the desirability of instituting small 'family homes' where a small number of children can be cared for as a family unit. Decision in this has been postponed until after the Commission's report has been presented to Conference.

Our General Policy of Children Returning to Care of Parents as Soon as Reasonable:

The majority of children with us are from broken homes. In these cases it is our general policy to develop and maintain good contact with parents with legal guardianship, and to encourage such parents to re-establish the happy family unit as soon as reasonable. When this is done it is a joy to us, the children and the parents. The number of children who returned to parental care this year is an endorsement of this general policy.

Our Finances:

At the time of this report, our Annual Accounts for 30th June, 1961, are nearing completion, and it appears that in a Revenue Account of over £12,000, including reasonable depreciation, we will have a deficit of approximately £475. School fees which show an increase this year, should be lower in the coming year. Some additional financial help is received for two of the boys from a parent and Heritage. Our decreased numbers resident at Wesleydale, and certain fixed items of expenditure there, are the subject of 1961/62 financial estimates now under consideration, and prudent economies will receive due attention in the coming year.

We thank all our supporters during the past year, for both large and small contributions. Our larger contributors include the J. R. McKenzie Trust Inc. £350, the Auckland Savings Bank £150, and our Ladies' Committee £125.

Commencement of Connexional Budget on 31st January, 1961:

The Connexional Budget this year made its first 5 months contribution. Circuits and Churches should note that their contribution takes the place only of our Annual Christmas Appeal for funds, and in no way suspends the valuable work and contributions made for the care of our children through the Ladies' Guilds of the Churches for the clothing of the children.

Our Friends and Supporters:

Besides financial support there are many ways in which you help the children and us. Always valuable for the gifts themselves and the personal contact that often accompanies them are gifts of clothing, books, toys, etc., gifts of voluntary services in many ways and often over lengthy periods in such as mending, sewing, knitting, and sundry personal services of time and interests. Often this is happily done as part of Stewardship, and prominent in this are many of the Women's Guilds, and other Women's Groups within the Churches, in the Auckland metropolitan area and in many provincial circuits.

Holidays and Hospitalities for our Children:

We would like to place on record our thanks to all who have assisted as holiday and hospitality hosts, and to state that they extend from Rawene in the north to Te Kuiti and Tauranga in the south. Particular mention can be made of the Ruawai Circuit where

as part of its Stewardship Campaign 15 of our children spent a happy 6 weeks holiday last December-January, amongst some 17 homes.

Old Girls, Boys and Staff Re-union:

A happy evening was held last October at Wesleydale. Anyone who is interested in this year's function please forward your name, present address, and date you were with us, to the Secretary of our Board at P.O. Box 5023, Auckland. We are hoping for a really big re-union function for our Golden Jubilee year in 1963.

Looking Forward:

Decisions that may be made by Synods and Conference 1961 may make for considerable changes in our work in the future.

Whatever changes in our administration may result from decisions on policy we look forward humbly and yet confidently that you will continue your support in so many ways. We shall seek God's guidance in all that we do, and do our best to be worthy of your support and His blessing.

R. T. GARLICK, Chairman.

R. K. STACEY, Secretary.

B.—MASTERTON

The Home continues to care for the needs of a large family. We now have 31 children under our care and have been full to capacity. During the year there were four admissions and seven departures, we have been reluctant to have to refuse applications for admission.

Rev. and Mrs J. B. Dawson transferred to Hastings and Rev. and Mrs Harkness have been welcomed to the Committee. At the Annual Meeting Mr F. I. Wells did not seek re-election as a member of the Committee. Eulogistic reference was made to Mr Wells' long years of service and as a representative to the Wellington Board. It was resolved to place on record the Committee's sincere and deep appreciation of his outstanding and valued services while a member of the Committee, part of which time he served as Chairman.

There have been several staff changes during the year, three of our assistants leaving to be married. We were fortunate to be able to replace them without any problems. Misses C. Wilmshurst and M. Orme are two new staff members, while Miss D. Preston is serving to qualify for the Order of St. Stephen.

With the completed painting of the roof the Home has been given quite a new look. The long awaited equipment for the laundry has arrived and been installed. We trust that these new machines and the improved layout will considerably lighten the work of the staff.

Up to the present time the Manager and Matron sleep on the same floor between the girls' and boys' dormitories. A tender has now been accepted to make alterations and provide a self-contained flat for them. This should add much to their comfort and privacy.

The Committee was again pleased to make the Home available for a Leadership School during a short period of the May holidays.

The Committee is experimenting with some short term admissions and also with boarding children in private homes when practicable.

We thank all who have supported our work in any way, especially in the provision of holiday homes for the children. Gifts of clothing, produce, donations and financial support from the Police Charity Day, J. R. McKenzie Trust Board, and Trust Lands Trust have all been helpful and acceptable.

We also again express our thanks to our Hon. Physicians, Drs. N. H. and O. F. Prior, and our sincere appreciation to the Manager, Matron, and Staff for the love and care bestowed on the children.

H. E. HARKNESS, Chairman.

W. H. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND

We submit the following report for the year. Fifty-seven children are resident in the home and two are boarded out. The life of the home has moved along happily during the year. Good progress has been maintained by the children in their respective schools. Reports from the Intermediate School revealed a decided improvement in the work and interest of every child.

The health of the children has been good apart from the normal ills that come to an average family.

Outings for the children have been arranged by various organisations and the children have not been lacking in the sphere of recreation. We pay tribute to the work of Mr Earn Smith and his game helpers. Children have been allocated to holiday homes and this is greatly appreciated.

Welfare Committee: A Welfare Committee was appointed at the beginning of the year and regular meetings have been held, the more difficult problems associated with the children being dealt with. A decision of the Board to find homes for the children at an earlier age, and not later than the beginning of the Secondary Schooling, has, we believe, been a right decision and will allow the children to settle into normal home life at an earlier age and allow them to adjust themselves to non institutional life while they are in the early stages of Secondary School. Interviews and counselling with parents and people willing to give a home to children leaving our care, and with employers and prospective employers has been a very extensive part of the work carried out during the year and one that is most valuable. The oversight of the children who have left the home has been carefully carried out and especially in cases where special need has arisen.

The Rev. H. C. Matthews has continued good work as Chaplain and has given valuable assistance in Welfare work in addition to his ordinary duties as Chaplain.

Staff: We are happy to report that we are fully staffed at present and this is a great relief to the Management and the Board. We are grateful to the Staff for faithful work carried out.

Repairs and Renovations: The Board set aside a capital sum of £4000 for the long overdue renovations and much needed refurnishing of many parts of the home. This work has been carried out and we are proud to report that the home is now resplendent in a new coat of paint, and with new floor coverings, some new furniture and a supply of new beds, our property has been brought up to a standard that is more satisfying to the Board and to the Church.

We express our gratitude to God for the service of our Master and Matron, Mr and Mrs J. E. Scott and our Assistant Matron, Sister Rona Collins for their devoted service during the year and rejoice in the happy atmosphere of the home.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference express its appreciation of the fine work given to the Church by Mr and Mrs N. W. Lloyd as Manager and

Matron of the Masterton Children's Home during the past six years.
3. That the Boards for 1962 be as printed on page 7 herein.

Commission on Children's Homes

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1961

1. Commission's Approach and Procedure

Conference Resolution No. 3 page 168, Minutes of Conference 1959.

"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."
- a. Since the Commission was appointed by the Conference of 1959, it has studied the subject in accordance with its terms of reference, and in consultation with competent authorities in the field of child care. It has received, assembled, and considered information and material from various sources as follows:
 - (i) authorities administering Methodist Children's Homes in New Zealand;
 - (ii) authorities under the auspices of other Churches in New Zealand administering Children's Homes and other services for dependent children;
 - (iii) the School of Social Science, Victoria University of Wellington;
 - (iv) authorities under the auspices of the Methodist Church in the United States of America, United Kingdom, and Australia, concerned with the administering of Homes and other services for dependent children;
 - (v) persons with active interest and experience in the care of dependent children under the auspices of the Church and under other services.
- b. An Interim Report by the Commission and presented to the Conference of 1960. It was received and has been incorporated in the Minutes (pages 179-180).
- c. Further consultations have this year been held with the Boards and other authorities; information received has been considered and taken into account in preparing this report.
- d. The Commission has now reached the conclusions and recommendations contained in this report which it submits to the Synods and Conference of 1961.

2. Summary Information on Present Services

a. Brief history of services

The 1912 Conference passed this resolution: "In the judgment of the Conference the time has arrived when the Methodist Church of New Zealand should engage in some philanthropic work; and resolves that a Committee be appointed to sit during the year, to collect information and formulate proposals to be submitted to the Synods of 1912 and Conference of 1913; and that special consideration be given to the establishing of an orphanage."

AUCKLAND

The first of our N.Z. Methodist homes was opened 20th Decem-

ber, 1913, at Mt. Albert. The Rev. J. Blight as Overseer and Mrs. Blight as Matron were in charge.

An additional home "Epworth House" was established at Mt. Albert in 1922. In 1924 the Epsom Home was opened. 127 children were being cared for in 1926—the three homes being full. A fine set of buildings at Mt. Roskill, "Wesleydale", was opened in 1955. The 63 children (21 girls, 42 boys) in the Mt. Albert and Epsom homes were transferred to the new Home.

MASTERTON

The Masterton Home was officially opened by the Hon. C. J. Parr, Minister of Education, on 29th October, 1921. From the early minutes it appears that the Home was intended for orphans only but this condition was later rescinded. When the Home was opened there were six children in residence, but in a year the number had increased to 24. Subsequent buildings and alterations include the opening in 1959 of a recreation block.

SOUTH ISLAND

The South Island Children's Home commenced on 25th April, 1914, and Sister Mabel Morley was the first Matron. The Home was apparently the result of her personal vision. There were six children in residence at the opening and the numbers grew until there were 63 in the home and nine boys in residence with the Presbyterians at their home which was for boys only. These were nine older boys.

The present home was established in 1934. The largest number was during the war when there were 80 children in residence.

b. Administration

There is no reference made in the Law Book to Children's Homes other than the inclusion of a question in the Conference Agenda.

i. **Boards:** Each Home is administered by a Board appointed by Synod and Conference. The Auckland and South Island Boards are large consisting of prominent Church members and an almost equal number of Ministers.

The Boards are independently responsible for the policy and property of their home. They report to Synod and Conference.

Each Board includes in its sub-committees one responsible for handling admissions and safe-guarding children's welfare.

The Church is grateful for the very generous assistance given to the Children's Homes by Board members over the years.

ii. **Staff:** Each Home is supervised by a Master and Matron and Assistant Matron. The Auckland Home employs 9 additional staff, Masterton 3, and South Island 8, together with 4 casuals.

In comparison with similar institutions the salaries and other conditions of employment seem inadequate. The Church has nevertheless been very well served by staff members for many years. It is now apparent, however, that social service of this nature calls for well trained and highly qualified people. If these are to be sought the Church should not rely on the sacrificial service of its members but should have a national staffing policy more in line with that of similar organisations.

c. Present Homes

The three Children's Homes now providing care for children, at Auckland, Masterton and Christchurch, consist of large buildings situated in good suburban areas on sections of land large enough for gardens and outside playing areas. They are conveniently located for attendance at public schools, Sunday School and Bible Class and at public entertainment, civic, and social functions. In two cases

the children all live in the one building and in the other case the boys and the girls live in separate wings joined by a central block for dining and recreation.

In each of the Homes the children sleep in dormitories, the boys and the girls each having their own. Two of the Homes have two dormitories for boys and two for girls while the other has four for each, thus providing for some classification on the basis of age. The capacity of the Homes is 64, 30, and 60, making a total of 154. At 31st December, 1960, the numbers in residence were as follows:

Under 1 year	Boys	Girls	Totals
1 year to under 3 years	—	2	2
3 years to under 5 years	7	3	10
5 years to under 12 years	57	35	92
12 years to under 15 years	20	9	29
15 years	2	5	7
	86	54	140

During the year ended 31/12/60, 41 children were admitted to the Homes and 44 children left them.

Applications for admission to the Homes are considered and dealt with by officers or special committees of the Boards and decisions on applications, as well as on discharge are made primarily on the basis of the estimated need, as well as the ability of the Homes to accept the children at the time.

In general the Master and Matron of the Home are in full administrative control of the children; they consult with the Chairmen and Secretaries of their Boards, the medical advisors, Chaplains and others as necessary for advice. The Master, Matron and other members of the staff fulfil the roles as far as possible of parents and generally provide care, affection, attention and guidance as far as possible while the children are under their responsibility.

It is the policy of the authorities of all the Homes to arrange for the children to spend their holidays in the individual private homes of members of the Church or of other interested people and usually all the children are able to be provided for this way at least for a substantial part of the summer school vacation.

There has, especially recently, been a developing interest on the part of the administering authorities in placing children considered suitable, in foster homes. Some appreciable progress has been made in using this method of care where suitable foster parents have been available.

The children are discharged from the care of the administering authorities when they become independent or no longer need that care, when their parents or other relatives resume care and control of them, or, in exceptional cases, when the Home authorities are no longer able to provide the care and control needed by them.

d. Legislation Affecting Homes

Part 1 of the Child Welfare Amendment Act 1927 entitled "Children's Homes", requires that the controlling authority of every children's home shall apply to the Minister for the registration of the home. This application has to give all relevant information concerning the premises, equipment, staffing, and the number, sex and age of the children to be maintained therein. On receipt of a favourable report from the Superintendent of Child Welfare the home is registered under this part of the Act. Each home must have a Manager, appointed by the controlling authority.

The Act requires that plans of new buildings or any structural alterations estimated to cost £200 or more must be submitted for the Minister's approval.

The Superintendent of Child Welfare or any of his permanent officers may at any reasonable time enter any children's home to inspect both the home and the condition of the children. The controlling authority is entitled upon written request to receive a copy of the inspecting officer's report.

The Manager of every children's home is required to keep records in connection with each child showing age, sex, date and reason for admission, names of parents, name and relationship to child of the person applying for its admission. The Manager must furnish a schedule of statistics at least annually to the Superintendent of Child Welfare. This part of the Act also provides for a Manager to assume control of a child for such a period and on such terms mutually agreed upon by him and the parent or guardian who makes such application.

All children's homes are entitled to receive the Family Benefit of 15/- per week for each child maintained therein. At the end of 1956 the Government agreed to provide a capitation subsidy of a further 10/- per week per child in any registered children's home. In order to qualify for the capitation subsidy two assurances are required:—

(a) That no child otherwise eligible and suitable for admission for whom care and accommodation are available will be refused admission merely because his parents or guardians are unable to meet the Authority's requirements regarding maintenance; and

(b) That the managing authority will make every effort to collect reasonable payments for the maintenance of each child from the parents or guardians.

Also since the end of 1956 the Government has agreed to provide financial assistance to children's homes by way of capital subsidies for new buildings and for major alterations or extension to buildings as approved by the Superintendent of Child Welfare and on receipt of certain specific undertakings by the controlling authorities.

As a result of its study and deliberations the Commission has reached the following conclusions:—

3. Commission's Conclusions on Policy and Practice

(a) That the traditional method of caring for dependent children in single large institutions, as used by the Methodist Church in New Zealand up to the present, was no doubt in accordance with current thinking on the subject when the present institutions were established. Further, this has always reflected the desire and will of the Church to meet the urgent needs of such children.

(b) That developments have taken place in thought and practice in this field which can help our Church to provide more effective care for these dependent children.

These have resulted from:

(i) the great advances in knowledge and understanding in the field in recent years;

(ii) the marked development of social services for children, especially under the auspices of the State, in New Zealand during the last 25 years;

(iii) considerable social changes affecting family life in New Zealand.

(c) That methods of care already established and proved by some other authorities, should eventually replace our present system. These methods consist of:

visit overseas, and has contributed to the House from the experience of her contact with Deaconess training centres of the British Church. The Board gives thanks to God that young women continue to come forward as candidates for this important field of service within the Church.

House Committee Report:

The House Committee again expresses its indebtedness to the many Guilds who have so generously contributed to our Renewals Fund. This valuable assistance has made it possible to refurnish and redecorate the dining room. Fresh wallpaper, formica-topped tables and chairs to match in grey piped with red or yellow, two new settees and a matching carpet now give the room a gay and pleasing appearance.

Our special objective this year is the furnishing of the chapel, which will incorporate a worship centre, the gift of the M.W.M.U., and the refurnishing of the Deaconesses' study.

Candidature of Deaconesses:

The Board has given considerable time to this question during the year, and submits the resolutions below for the approval of Synods and Conference. (See Minutes of Conference 1959, page 183.)

Lectures:

The whole Church will be gratified to learn that Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., has accepted the position of Supervisor of Studies. This we feel sure will raise the standard of training. He also lectures in both Old and New Testament.

We would also express our thanks to lecturers who have presented the following subjects weekly: Pastoral Psychology, Rev. C. H. Raynor; Church History, Rev. L. T. Norwell; Theology, Rev. H. G. Brown. Additional lectures were also given in Voice Production by Mr T. G. Cutler, L.T.C.L.; Christian Education, Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip.Ed.; and in the care and maintenance of a motor-car by Mr H. F. K. Hayman.

Deaconesses in the Field:

During the year, the Board accepted the resignation of Sister Gwenda Kennedy, and conveyed its good wishes to her and her husband in their new sphere of service. In all there are at present 3 Deaconesses working in Circuits, 5 in City Missions, Children's Homes and Maori Hostels, and 15 in Maori work, with a Deaconess and a Probationer overseas.

Worship Centre:

Through the generous gift of £100 from the M.W.M.U. and further contributions from Deaconesses themselves, provision is being made in the House for the establishing of a small chapel, with a removable worship centre, which should be of value to both Deaconess trainees and hostel students.

Deaconess Convocation:

The Convocation was held in Campbell's Bay Health Camp, Auckland, in May this year with twenty-three members present. Rev. A. K. Petch represented the Board. Many matters vital to the Order and the Board were discussed. The President gave a helpful and challenging address on "The Place of the Deaconess in the Church."

Warden:

The Board feels the time has arrived to take steps to implement its policy of a Warden of the House, who will be responsible for the oversight of training, under the direction of the Board. The Board

envisages this on a part-time basis, with a part-time appointment to a Christchurch Circuit. Such a Warden would need to be designated at 1962 Conference for appointment in 1963.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Arising from Synod Resolutions, the Committee submits the following as a supplementary report to Conference:—

Warden: The functions and duties of a Warden at Deaconess House are understood by the Board to be as follows:

1. The responsibility of supervising the training of Deaconess Students, and the administration of the affairs of the House.
2. He will undertake a basic portion of the teaching and other activities of training. It is recognised that the Board will still require the services of other lecturers.
3. Following the practice of British Methodism, he will have pastoral oversight of all Deaconesses in the Field.
4. He will also have responsibility for commending the Order throughout the Dominion.
5. The Warden shall be a man of academic standing and of circuit experience and administrative ability.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

G. V. THOMAS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference records its warm appreciation to Rev. and Mrs A. K. Petch for their splendid leadership and service for the Church, in Deaconess House, as Chairman of the Board, and Convener of the House Committee respectively.

3. That Conference express its appreciation to Rev. W. T. Blight in accepting the position of Supervisor of Studies.

4. That Conference record its appreciation of the work of lecturers during the year.

5. That Conference express appreciation to the Lady Superintendent and her assistants for a further year of service.

6. That the resolutions contained in the Law Book, page 121, section (B) "Candidates for Deaconess Work" be deleted, and that the following resolutions be adopted and submitted to the Law Revision Committee for drafting and insertion in the Law Book:

(12) A Candidate shall be a baptised member of the Church and of proved ability and character, and of mature outlook. School Certificate or equivalent shall be regarded as a normal academic qualification. It is desirable that a Candidate should possess a teacher's or nurse's certificate. A Candidate is normally required to offer herself for the general work, but a preference for a particular sphere may be expressed.

(13) At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a representative Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective Candidate, investigate her case, and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee shall ascertain her acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church, and her approval of its discipline, and shall assure itself of her acceptability and general fitness for the work.

(14) At the June Quarterly Meeting, the representative Committee shall make a full report on the prospective Candidate, who

shall present herself to the Meeting. The prescribed questionnaire having been previously completed and signed by the Superintendent Minister shall be presented and read. If in his judgment these preparatory tests have been satisfactorily met, the Superintendent Minister may then nominate the Candidate, and the vote on such nomination shall be taken by ballot.

- (15) If the nomination be sustained by the Quarterly Meeting, the Superintendent Minister shall forward the nomination to the Chairman of the District, who shall present it to a Representative Committee of Synod. (See Para. 17).
- (16) A Candidate approved by the Quarterly Meeting shall present to the Synod through the Superintendent Minister a Medical Certificate on the prescribed form.
- (17) On the nomination of the Chairman of the District, the Synod at its opening session shall appoint a Representative Committee of not less than ten, to interview the Candidate, and to satisfy itself as to her general fitness for the work of a Deaconess. The Committee shall report through the Synod to the Deaconess Board.
- (18) Each Candidate shall sit the prescribed examination arranged for by the Board of Examiners.
- (19) If the Deaconess Board is satisfied as to the suitability of the Candidate, it shall nominate through the Examination Committee to Conference.

7. Warden: (a) Conference agrees to the appointment of a Warden on a part-time basis.

(b) That if possible a Warden be designated at the 1962 Conference for appointment at Conference 1963.

8. That Conference place on record is appreciation of the completion of forty years devoted service by Sisters Eleanor Dobbie and Nicholls.

9. That the Board for 1962 be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Children's Homes?

See under Question LII.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A—Methodist Times Committee;

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Editorial:

At the time of preparing this report for the year ending 30th April, Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip.Ed., had just commenced his duties as Editor. Following in a succession of Editors who through the years have left the imprint of their varied gifts and qualifications we confidently look forward to the contribution that will be made to the life of our Church by our new Editor.

Our new Associate Editor is Mr G. B. Couch, M.A., of Christchurch. A retired schoolmaster, Mr Couch has had a life-long association with our Church which he has served with devotion in many ways especially as a Local Preacher, Bible Class leader and Choirmaster. He is admirably equipped for this sphere of service in the Church. The Committee is grateful that it has secured the

services of two such outstanding laymen to fill these important positions.

Committee:

We regret that ill-health has made it necessary for Sir Ernest Andrews to sever his relationship with the Committee of which he has been a valued member for many years. For fifteen years he acted as Chairman. His wide experience and practical knowledge have been of inestimable value to the Committee in maintaining a steady and progressive policy in spite of many difficulties and financial stress.

Mr Brian Bascand, who as manager of a large printing establishment brings to the position his wide technical knowledge, succeeds him as Chairman of the Committee.

Nominations for the committee for 1962 are set out below.

Finance:

The financial statement reveals a deficit for the year of £36/5/-, making our accumulated deficit £700/5/8. This is the result of a steep increase in printing costs which we have had to face for half of the working year under review. Present-day conditions make this spiralling of costs inevitable. We can meet these extra costs in several ways, the most effective of which is increased circulation.

Circulation:

In this matter of circulation we have registered a small degree of progress, deletions (396) being offset by new subscribers (451).

An average increase of 10 subscribers per circuit would enable us at this stage to meet our increasing costs. No circuit has reached anything near its capacity as far as this matter is concerned. Many circuits have a pathetically low enrolment. For example, a circuit with a membership of 300 has 30 subscribers. Another circuit with almost 500 members has 80 readers. On the other hand, evidence of what can be done is seen in the results of an intensive drive in one circuit that produced 60 new subscribers.

Editorial Policy:

The Conference has requested the Committee to report on this matter. The following statement is submitted:

(i) Our Church paper aims to be a source of information in respect to the work of the Church and to afford inspiration in Christian living.

(ii) In carrying out this task the Editor must endeavour to see that the mind of the Church and the Conference is faithfully interpreted on all matters pertaining to the Christian Faith and its application to life, individual, social and national, and to do so in a manner meaningful for average people.

(iii) Opportunity is given to contributors to make available to readers their knowledge, vision and interpretation of Christian belief and action. Insofar as many people contribute to its columns a large degree of liberty is accorded to them in the expression of their ideas and convictions. The management does not hold itself responsible for all such expressions of opinion but within reasonable limits makes its columns available for a full exchange of ideas.

(iv) The Editor is appointed by Conference and is obviously one in whom the Church has complete confidence. To him must be accorded (in general consultation with his Committee) the right to publish or to refrain from publishing articles submitted or (with the writer's permission) to alter or amend where he feels this to be in the best interests of the Church.

For the Committee,

BRIAN BASCAND, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference record its appreciation of the valued services of the late Sir Ernest Andrews as member and Chairman of the Committee.

3. That while Conference appreciates the devoted services of the Editor and contributors and business manager of the "Methodist Times", we are convinced that the time has come for a thorough re-examination of the function and purpose of a connexional paper.

That Conference appoint a Commission, inter alia, to:

(a) Analyse the needs of our people and the fundamental job of a religious paper taking into account those fringe folk who are potential readers.

(b) Consider the possibility of changes in format and layout, and a greater use of illustrations.

(c) Consider the desirability of a wider circle of contributors, and the provision of funds to be put at the disposal of the Editor for the soliciting of such contributions.

(d) Consider what financial and staffing arrangements might be necessary to support such alterations.

Personnel of Commission: Revs. L. G. Hanna, W. H. Greenslade, J. Grundy, J. D. Grocott, M. Jackson Campbell, W. S. Dawson, H. L. Fiebig (convenor), Sister Rita Snowden, Messrs M. A. Berry, E. P. Salmon, B. R. Burton, B. Bascand, H. W. Beaumont (with power to add).

4. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION LV.

B—Board of Publications

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The work of the Board has proceeded quietly during the year, but pressure of work on members of the Board has prevented the prosecution of a vigorous publications policy. Several matters are worthy of mention.

Literature from U.S.A.:

On the recommendation of the Rev. W. F. Ford, the Board made enquiries about securing supplies of a special series of "Spiritual Life Pamphlets" from the Methodist Church in U.S.A. After considerable delay an import licence was granted and these should be available shortly.

Church Posters:

Enquiries from Circuits about Posters for Church Notice Boards has led to an arrangement with Epworth Press, whereby New Zealand Circuits may order the "Epworth Messenger" series of posters for Wayside Pulpits direct from London, using an official order form which is supplied by our Board on request.

Reports for Study:

The International Affairs Committee was commissioned by Conference to make available study material on Nuclear Warfare. A comprehensive study booklet (somewhat larger than originally planned) has now been prepared and is available for sale.

Hospital Visitation Leaflets:

A series of Hospital visitation leaflets are at present being written and will be on sale later this year.

Studies in Methodist Doctrine:

The book written by the Rev. E. W. Hames has now been completed and arrangements for publication are under way. We hope that the book will be published by the end of 1961.

Membership Manual:

The Board has secured permission to reprint the British Membership Manual, with modifications to suit New Zealand conditions. This work has to proceed slowly to make sure that we produce the best possible Manual, but progress is being made.

Future Policy:

We are convinced as a Board that we cannot make much progress under present conditions. The Secretary's task, which has included the despatch of eighty per cent of orders, is too demanding for a busy Circuit minister.

We dare to express the hope that when the Connexional Budget system has settled down, it might at least become possible to appoint a full-time Director of Publications.

E. P. SALMON, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £50 be made from the Contingent Fund to subsidise the publication of "Conference Viewpoints."
3. That the Board for 1962 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Navy: There is nothing new to report in regard to this Arm of the Service. The establishment of chaplains remains the same as was reported last year—C. of E. (3), Presby. (1), R.C. (1).

Army: At present we have only three chaplains serving in the N.Z. Div.—Revs. R. F. Clements (S.C.F.), P. P. Rushton, H. I. Shaw. It is expected that the Rev. L. M. Tauroa may be posted before this report comes before Synod

In the Regular Forces there are ten chaplains holding Service Commissions—C. of E. (4), Presby. (2), R.C. (4). **Chaplain's School:** Because of the appreciation of the work being performed by chaplains and the increasing awareness of the need for and the worth of the Church's witness in the Service, the Army Department is taking the initiative in giving chaplains a more adequate preparation for their task. For this reason the date of the Chaplains' School which was to have been held this year has been put back. It is now intended to hold a more comprehensive course, of approx. ten days' duration, sometime in 1962. The tentative date being in June. We have nominated Revs. P. S. Barker, J. Hosking, F. G. Glen, and M. L. Dine to attend the School.

Air Force: The Rev. R. J. Hamlin has succeeded the Rev. C. F. Peart and has taken up his duties at Woodbourne. He has made a

very fine impression and his work has been most highly commended by his Station Commander. The establishment of Chaplains in the Air Force is C. of E. (2), Presby. (1), Meth. (1), O.D. (1).

General: Taking into account the three arms of the Service it will be seen that of the 20 chaplains holding Service Commissions there is only one Methodist. The Committee is of the opinion that this is a disproportionate number for our Church. It is the Committee's continuing conviction that our Church should take an adequate part in the Armed Services. With this end in view it is pressing for a review of the basis and percentage of denominational postings to Service Commissions in the Armed Forces.

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 reappointed Senior Chaplain.
4. That the Rev. R. F. Clemens, M.A., be designated Senior Chaplain for appointment at the Conference of 1962.
5. In new appointments to the Chaplains Department, the Methodist Church asks for representation more in keeping with our proportional strength.
6. That the Central Advisory Committee be: Revs. V. R. Jamieson, L. Greenslade, H. Whitfield, H. I. Shaw, P. D. Ramsay, Messrs T. M. Pacey, H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston, E. C. D. Watson, J. McKinney, H. F. Hart.

QUESTION LVI. A.—What Ministers are to serve as whole or part-time Chaplains during the ensuing year?

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.

QUESTION LVII.

C—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

REPORT FOR 1961

The work of the Society is in good heart, but lack of time for recruitments leaves the membership static at about 330. However, the importance of the work being done by the Society is being widely recognised and our Proceedings go regularly to a number of important libraries throughout the world.

World Methodist Dictionary: In January, 1959, the Secretary of the World Methodist Council, Dr Elmer T. Clark, wrote to say that the Council was undertaking preparatory work on a Dictionary of World Methodism, and to ask if New Zealand Methodism would contribute its share.

Ever since, we have been engaged on this task under the General Editorship of the Rev. W. T. Blight, to whom we are greatly indebted for undertaking this work. A list of nearly two hundred articles has been drawn up, divided at the request of the World Council into four sections: Institutions, Biographical, Historical and Geographical.

About thirty people in all have been invited to write these articles, and about ninety per cent of the material is now in hand. Some of it has already been forwarded to U.S.A.

Thanks are expressed to Mr A. H. Harman for gift of leaflet on Lawrence Methodism.

Proceedings to be Issued: The following issues of the Proceedings of the Society will appear in due course:

Vol. 18, No. 4 "The History of the Upper Thames Valley Circuit" by J. B. Beeche.

(We gratefully acknowledge the gift of the whole of this issue by the author.)

Vol. 19, Nos. 1 and 2. "Methodist Pioneering in Southland's Coalfields" by the Rev. F. G. Glen.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £10 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. That thanks be accorded to Mr J. B. Beech and Mr A. H. Harman for their generous gifts.

QUESTION LVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1 (A) Church Union Committee

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

Two meetings of the Executive Committee have been held this year. A meeting of the full committee was held on 12th July with an attendance of twenty-one members.

Replies and Comments on the Draft Basis of Union:

Reports of discussions and comments on the Draft Basis of Union were received from 4 Synod Standing Committees, 7 Ministerial Committees, 87 Circuits and from a few branches of the Local Preachers' Association. The Committee asked Chairmen of Districts to enquire through the Ministerial Committees of the Synods whether all circuits in the several districts had studied the Basis. Reports indicated that study of the Draft Basis had been stimulating and profitable. The Convener had the assistance of the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis, J. D. Grocott, R. G. Bell, W. J. Morrison and E. R. Lewis in the preparation of the material for evaluation by the Church Union Committee on 12th July. It was apparent from the comments received that, apart from points requiring clarification, the issues of greatest concern to many of our people, and those calling for careful revision were:

(1) Section 111, Polity and Organisation; the inclusion of a requirement that elders be elected for a stated term and the need to define the relative functions and responsibilities of the Parish Council and the Congregational Board. There was a strong feeling that the organisation proposed at the local level was too complex and would prove unworkable. Some preferred one local authority working through Committees.

(2) Section IVA. The Ministry of the Church Members; That provision be made for the inclusion of the office of the Local Preacher and the Order of Deaconesses.

(3) Section IV B. 5 Ministerial Appointment and Discipline; there was a general unhappiness among the majority of replies received concerning the "Call" system of ministerial appointment. Many definitely prefer the "appointment" system while all ask for safeguards, should the call system be adopted, at the following points—the provision for the review and the termination of an existing ministry and every minister an appointment; machinery to prevent long vacancies.

(4) Section V B. The Practice of Baptism; replies revealed a concern in some areas as to whether a workable scheme can emerge and whether the proposals will make the witness of the Church uncertain. But no adequate reason has been put forward for discontinuing negotiations.

(5) Section V 2, The Sacrament of Holy Communion; replies revealed a widespread concern to safeguard the principle of "The Open Table." A number of replies indicated general approval of the Basis as a whole and some qualified their comments by stating that they did not want their criticisms to hold up negotiations for union. The Committee's recommendations have been forwarded to the Joint Standing Committee which will report to Conference on the next steps to be taken.

In view of the widespread misunderstanding concerning the place of Local Preachers in the United Church, the Committee wishes to report that in August 1960 it communicated to the Dominion Executive of the Local Preachers' Association at the request of the Church Union Committee to the Joint Standing Committee: (1) "that the function and status of local preachers in the United Church be safeguarded and (2) that the status in the United Church of those who are Local Preachers at the time of union be looked into along with the status of other officials such as elders etc." In the same communication was an explanation of the intention of the Joint Standing Committee to include in the final Draft of the Basis of Union under Section IV A. "The Ministry of the Church Members," a specific reference to the office and function of the Local Preacher along with other lay ministries which are emerging to-day in all the Churches. The letter concluded with the words, "The Joint Standing Committee accepts in principle the fact that the office of the Local Preacher will be an integral part of the life of the United Church." The Secretary of the Dominion Local Preachers' Association has intimated that that communication was minuted and circulated to all branches. At no time in the negotiation has the inclusion of the office of the Local Preacher in the United Church been called in question. The other three negotiating Churches, as reported below, are all making use of lay preachers and two of the Churches are accrediting them after tests similar to those required by our own Church.

The General Synod and Church Union:

While no arrangements were made for the attendance of official observers from the four negotiating Churches to attend the Anglican General Synod held in Nelson in March this year, Bishop Lesser advised the Convener of the Joint Standing Committee that unofficial observers from these Churches would be welcome during the discussions on Church Union. The Rev. Dr M. A. McDowell represented the Methodist Church and reported to the Church Union Committee on the address given by the newly appointed Archbishop and the resolutions passed by the General Synod which included the following:— (1) That the report of the representatives of the General Synod to enter into exploratory conversations with the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union be received and printed in the proceed-

ings of Synod. (2) That a Commission be appointed—(a) To continue conversations with the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union; (b) To encourage thought on this matter in the Church of the Province of New Zealand; (c) To take such steps as they think necessary to further the case of the unity of the Church.

Greetings to Archbishop Lesser:

The Committee took opportunity to convey its congratulations to Archbishop Lesser on his election to the Primacy and to assure him of the prayers of the Committee as he takes up his new responsibilities and continues his leadership in Church Union conversations.

Conversations with the Anglicans:

The second meeting of representatives of the Anglican Church with those appointed by the Churches forming the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union was held at Feilding on May 30-31 to continue the "exploratory conversations" which were commenced in February last year. The Methodist representatives were the President, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall, the Revs. Principal E. W. Hames, Dr J. J. Lewis and A. K. Petch. A paper was read by the Rev. J. M. Bates of Dunedin on the unity of the Church, in which he suggested that it was necessary to begin, not with points of difficulty, but by deepening mutual understanding.

In the discussion which followed, it became clear that there was a large measure of agreement on certain points:—

1. Since unity for the Church is God's will and gift, unity is not to be created but made manifest.
2. Since order springs out of the Gospel and serves the Gospel, the form of the Church must proclaim the Gospel.
3. It is clear that similar differences in emphasis and approach are found within all the Churches represented. There is a process of enrichment taking place by which each tradition is learning from the others.
4. While it is recognised that difficulties would be encountered, there seems to be no insuperable barrier to accepting an episcopal ministry within a united Church.
5. It is desirable that certain practical steps be taken:—
 - (a) Continue discussions across denominational divisions;
 - (b) Establish local inter-Church group discussion on the fundamental question "What is the Gospel?";
 - (c) Seek fuller co-operation in theological training;
 - (d) Observe together the main seasons of the Christian Year;
 - (e) Seek ways of expressing unity in visible fellowship.

The other important matter was the consideration of the Draft of the Proposed Basis of Union. This was subjected to careful scrutiny with questions and discussion on all the sections. It is expected that the conversations will be continued early next year when further attention will be given to the basic issue raised by Mr Bates, "What is the nature of the Gospel?"

Statement of Faith:

The representative Committee appointed by the four negotiating Churches to prepare an expanded Statement on the Faith of the Church has almost completed its work and will report through the Joint Standing Committee to the Conference. The Methodist representatives on the Committee are the Revs. Principal E. W. Hames, Dr J. J. Lewis with the Rev. J. Silvester as alternate.

Methodist Attitude to Episcopacy: (Conf. Mins. 1960 p. 191, Res. 3)

The Committee is most appreciative of the very helpful statement

on the Methodist Attitude to Episcopacy prepared by the Faith and Order Committee and which appears in their report, and commends it for study in March Ministerial Committees.

Revision of Model Constitution for Union Churches:

The Committee has placed before the Joint Standing Committee a series of suggested amendments to the Model Constitution for Union Churches which were forwarded by the Committee of Oversight of Corstorphine Union Church. Copies of these were circulated to the Convener of the Joint Standing Committee and the Conveners of the other three negotiating Churches. The Joint Standing Committee has intimated its intention of inviting the minister and a lay representative from each of the Union Churches to meet with the Joint Standing Committee at its first meeting after Conference and Assemblies. Following that meeting the Church Union Committee intends to ask the Joint Standing Committee to review its policy in relation to the establishment of further Union Churches.

Reciprocal Membership:

The Statement setting forth the policy in relation to Reciprocal Membership agreed to by the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Methodist Conference and the Assembly of the Congregational Union is now being reprinted and copies will be distributed to the ministers of the three Churches and for placing in Membership Rolls. Copies have also been made available to the ministers of the Associated Churches of Christ although that Church has not seen its way clear, as yet, to participate in this official arrangement.

Maori Section Statements on Unity:

Copies of these two statements on unity prepared by the Maori Section of the National Council of Churches were distributed to all members of the Committee and to members of the Ecumenical Committee. The Ecumenical Committee has prepared suitable resolutions in relation to these statements which the Church Union Committee heartily endorses.

Acceptance of Qualified Lay Preachers from other Negotiating Churches. (Conf. Mins. p. 191, Res. 7):

At the request of the Dominion Executive of the Local Preachers' Association the Committee approached the other three negotiating Churches concerning their practice in regard to the use, training and accrediting of lay preachers. The replies were forwarded to the Executive of the L.P. Association, and in the light of these replies that Executive has included in its report a suggested policy in regard to the acceptance of properly qualified and accredited lay preachers from these other Churches. The Church Union Committee has forwarded to the Dominion Executive of the L.P. Association its opinion that the credentials of all such lay preachers should be examined by the Preachers' Meeting of the Circuit in which he holds membership and that the Preachers' Meeting has the responsibility of making a nomination to the Quarterly Meeting for accreditation as a Local Preacher.

Joint Evangelical Venture by the Negotiating Churches: (Conf. Mins. 1960, p. 191, Res. 6).

The Committee has referred this matter to the Joint Standing Committee for consideration at a meeting later this year.

Report of Joint Standing Committee:

The Joint Standing Committee will be making its report direct to Conference.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, President.

A. K. PETCH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £12 from the Contingent Fund be made to the Joint Standing Committee for 1962.
3. That the representatives to the Joint Standing Committee be the Revs. B. M. Chrystall, G. H. Goodman, R. Thornley, W. F. Ford, R. G. Bell, A. K. Petch and Messrs R. H. Ellis and G. G. Slater.
4. That the Rev. A. K. Petch be thanked and re-appointed Convener.
5. That the Committee be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION LVIII.

1 (B) Church Union Committee

REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION, 1961

The Committee has met on four occasions during the past year, November 30th, 1960, February 28th, August 1st, and September 5th-6th, 1961. Attention has been given to the following matters:

A. THE DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED BASIS OF UNION

The remitting of the Draft Basis of Union to Church Courts for discussion and report by June 30th made it essential that copies should be available very early in the year. The Committee records its appreciation of the help given by Mr E. J. Ward of the Presbyterian Bookroom in arranging for the printing so that this was achieved.

After the Church Union Committees of the four negotiating Churches had considered the replies sent in, it became clear at the meeting in August that there were four important matters which require further consideration before various matters of detail could be dealt with. When the revision has been completed, the Draft Basis will be submitted to the Churches for further consideration and report. It should be noted that the following four paragraphs are submitted at this stage simply that the Churches may be fully informed of the problems that have emerged and of the way that the Committee is approaching them.

1. It was felt desirable that there should be at the beginning of the Basis, a preamble to express the nature of the convictions which have resulted in the present negotiations. The following is being considered by the Committee and is here set out as indicating what would be regarded as suitable:

Preamble to the Draft Basis of Union

The Churches now proposing to unite do so believing that they are carrying out God's will as expressed in the prayer of Jesus: "that they all may be one, that the world may believe." There are two reasons for this belief of the Churches. One springs from the nature of the church and the other from its function.

Man's salvation, according to the Bible, is in Christ. To be saved is to be joined to Christ by faith, to be "in Christ," to be a member of His Body. If we are joined to Christ, we are thereby joined to one another. This means that Christ and those who are His form a family or fellowship and are therefore a unity. It is clear that this unity is of the very nature of the Church, and is a basic conception in the minds of the New Testament writers (e.g. 1 Cor. 1:10—3:23; Jn. 10:1—18; 15, 1-11, 17; Eph. 4:1-14).

The function of the Church is to be the reconciled brotherhood

of believers who witness to all men that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. This it does as it makes evident, through what it is and what it says, that God is love. Therefore the Church must give the fullest possible visibility to its essential unity. It must not only be one; it must be seen to be one.

It is with this conviction that the negotiating churches propose the following basis of union as a means of giving outward and visible expression to the inward unity which originally brought the four churches to the point of negotiation and without which their mission to society is gravely handicapped.

2. The replies indicated that in Section III concerning the Polity and Organisation of the Church, greater clarity was desired regarding the office of elder, the authority of the Parish Council, the meeting of the congregation; grave doubts were expressed whether quarterly meetings of the congregation and the provision of the Congregational Board would prove effective. The following are the clauses suggested to deal with the congregation, the elder, and the Parish Council:

THE ORGANISATION OF THE CHURCH

A. (a) There shall be three spheres of administration:

- (I) The Parish;
 - (II) The district, comprising a natural grouping of parishes;
 - (III) All districts together, comprising the whole area of New Zealand.
- (b) Each of the three jurisdictions shall have an appropriate council.

B. (a) The Parish will be a defined area within which the Church recognises Christian responsibility for its total mission.

(b) Within the Parish, all the members and adherents who belong to the United Church will be the congregation.

(c) The congregation shall meet regularly to consider the life and work of the Church and to receive reports from the Parish Council, and shall have power to make recommendations to the Parish Council on all matters.

(d) Oversight of the parish shall be exercised by the Parish Council which shall comprise the minister or ministers and elders elected by the communicant members of the congregation from their own number. The Minister shall be Chairman of the Parish Council.

(e) (I) Elders shall be persons of spiritual maturity with gifts fitting them to assist in the oversight and administration of the parish and in the pastoral care of the people.

(II) After election and after approval by the Parish Council, elders shall be ordained and inducted to the office, being solemnly set apart by prayer at public worship and authorised to perform the functions of the eldership as prescribed by the Church. Elders may be elected for life or for a stated term of not less than five years, as the Congregation shall decide. On election for another term or to office in another congregation, elders shall be inducted to office at public worship.

(f) (I) By active interest and participation in the different aspects of the life of the congregation, the elders will enable the Parish Council to maintain a close and realistic oversight of the life of the parish in relation to the total mission of the Church.

(II) The Parish Council shall receive and consider recommendations from the Congregation. The Parish Council shall report to the meetings of the Congregation in such a way as to give full information and enlist the responsible participation of the Congregation.

(III) The Parish Council shall have power to co-opt members or adherents to assist its work in committees with reference to particular aspects of the life of the parish. Such co-opted members may attend meetings of the Parish Council at the request of the Council but shall not have the right to vote.

(IV) In its administration of matters concerning property and finance, the Parish Council shall act through a Property and Finance Committee consisting of representatives of the Parish Council together with members or adherents elected annually by the Congregation.

(V) The Parish Council shall be responsible to the District Council for the discharge of its duties.

3. It became clear that special attention would need to be given to the part of Section V, The Ministry of the Church, which deals with appointment and discipline. As a result of the reaction from the Churches, the Committee felt impelled to make a fresh approach to the whole question of the settlement of ministers. The object has been to preserve the rights and responsibilities of congregations and ministers as well as to secure a general oversight by the Church so as to ensure the most effective use of its ministerial resources. The following is being considered:

Settlement of the Ministry

(a) There shall be a National Committee for Settlement of the Ministry (N.S.C.) appointed by and responsible to the National Council, with an associate committee (D.S.C.) in each district, appointed by and responsible to the District Council. D.S.C.'s shall act in consultation with the N.S.C.

(b) Any minister shall feel free at any time to discuss with representatives of the D.S.C. the question of whether he should seek a change of parish. The D.S.C. shall also have the right to raise this question with any minister, and if necessary to urge that he seek a change. If it is decided that a minister shall seek a change of parish his name shall be forwarded from the D.S.C. to the N.S.C.

(c) When a parish is about to become vacant equal numbers of the parish shall consult with the D.S.C. with a view to deciding on the man to be called. The N.S.C. shall supply the D.S.C. with a short list of men considered suitable to fill the vacancy. The parish representatives acting with the D.S.C. may select one of these names. If they wish to call some other person they must consult the N.S.C. which shall act with the best interests of the whole Church in mind. The name of the person to be called must be approved by the congregation.

(d) The D.S.C. shall approach the person chosen to discover whether he would be willing to accept a call. On receipt of a favourable answer, a call shall be prepared, signed by the congregation, and forwarded through the District Councils.

(e) In the case of new charges or other special appointments (e.g. chaplaincy appointments) a direct appointment may be made by the N.S.C.

4. The most difficult problems are those concerning Baptism, particularly regarding the provision for the presentation of infants and the clause concerning those baptised as infants who may wish to be baptised as believers. Following discussion, a new draft of this section has been submitted to the Commission on Baptism which is composed of three representatives from each of the four Churches. It is clear that the Commission cannot report until 1962, and also that processes of patient understanding will be needed in this matter.

B. DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Committee is pleased to report very good progress regarding the preparation of a declaration of faith. The intention is that such a declaration be formally adopted by each of the four negotiating Churches before the Basis of Union is submitted for vote. The Declaration which is appended to this report is submitted to the Churches with the recommendation that it be remitted to Church Courts for consideration and report by June 30th. It is hoped that interest in this declaration will be encouraged so that all may have the opportunity of studying it, and that the people may come to a deeper understanding of the faith that the four Churches have in common.

The preparation of the Declaration of Faith has been made possible by the functioning of two groups, one in Auckland with Principal Hames as Convener, and one in Dunedin with Principal Allan as Convener. It was regretted that Principal Hames found it necessary to resign because of ill health. A meeting of the representatives appointed by the four churches was held in Wellington on August 17th-18th. Those appointed were:—

The Associated Churches of Christ: The Rev. Principal A. L. Haddon, the Rev. E. R. Vickery (prevented by illness from attending). The Congregational Union: The Rev. J. L. Gammon, the Rev. G. W. Jackson. The Methodist Church: The Rev. J. J. Lewis, the Rev. J. Silvester. The Presbyterian Church: The Rev. Principal J. A. Allan, the Rev. J. M. Bates.

The draft was carefully considered, various alterations and additions were made, and it was agreed to submit the statement as revised, to the Joint Standing Committee, as suitable for its purpose.

It is to be noted that following discussion on the section on Baptism, the representatives agreed "that we accept the paragraph on baptism on the understanding that there be inserted in the Basis of Union in Section II, paragraph 2, after the words "... Holy Spirit," whether as adults or as infants."

C. CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW ZEALAND

The Second Meeting of the Commission of the Church of the Province of New Zealand with the representatives of the Churches forming the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union was held at Feilding House, May 30-31, 1961.

The following were present—The Church of the Province of N.Z.: The Most Reverend the Archbishop, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Christchurch, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Dunedin, the Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan, the Venerable G. M. McKenzie, the Venerable S. F. N. Waymouth, Mr H. E. Evans, Mr A. Marsden Woods. The Associated Churches of Christ in N.Z.: The Reverend I. W. Ogier, the Reverend E. R. Vickery. The Congregational Union of N.Z.: The Rev. G. W. Jackson. The Methodist Church of N.Z.: The Reverend B. M. Chrystall, the Reverend Principal E. W. Hames, the Reverend Dr. J. J. Lewis, the Reverend A. K. Petch. The Presbyterian Church of N.Z.: The Reverend J. M. Bates, the Reverend I. W. Fraser, the Reverend C. L. Gosling, the Reverend G. F. McKenzie, the Reverend J. E. Stewart.

The Rev. J. M. Bates read a paper based on the definition of unity suggested by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches (Ecumenical Review, October 1960, p. 62) and entitled "To Introduce a Discussion on Church Unity." He suggested that it is desirable to begin not with questions of order but with the basis issues. In discussion the following points emerged:—

1. Unity for the Church is God's will and gift. Unity is not to be created but manifested.

2. Order springs out of the Gospel and serves the Gospel. As an expression of the Gospel, the form of the Church must proclaim the Gospel.

3. It is felt by many in the Churches represented that the terms "Catholic" and "Protestant" are no longer adequate. Catholic and Protestant elements are found together in all communions represented. Each tradition is learning from the other.

4. While it is recognised that difficulties will be encountered, there seems to be no insuperable barrier to accepting an episcopal ministry within a united Church.

5. It is desirable that the following steps be taken:—

- (a) Continue discussions across denominational divisions.
- (b) Establish local inter-Church group discussion on "What is the Gospel."
- (c) Seek fuller co-operation in Theological Training.
- (d) Observe together the main Seasons of the Christian Year.
- (e) Seek ways of expressing unity in visible fellowship.

Careful consideration was given to the Draft of the Proposed Basis of Union. Each of the sections was briefly explained by a member of the J.S.C. and then discussed in detail.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held early in 1962. Bishop Johnston is to present a paper on the question, which was raised by Mr Bates, "What is the Gospel?"

The Committee records its satisfaction with the progress of the conversations and its appreciation of the cordial consideration shown by the members of the Anglican Commisison.

D. LEGAL MATTERS

A beginning has been made with the exploration of the factors involving property and finance. The Churches have appointed representatives to form a Committee. Certain preliminary investigation necessary before the Committee could meet has now been completed, and it is expected that the Committee will meet early next year. The Synod of Otago and Southland has asked a Committee to go into the question of its trust funds and properties and the situation regarding incorporated Deacons Courts as they might be affected by Church Union and to report to the next Synod.

The Convener has prepared the following statement:

Statement on Legislation

Parliamentary legislation would be preceded by the adoption by the uniting Churches of a Basis of Union, which would include a Statement of Faith, and a Code of Regulations prepared within the framework of the Basis.

In order to give legal effect to union an Act of Parliament would be necessary to incorporate the United Church. The following matters (*inter alia*) would have to be provided for in the Act: Confirmation of the Basis which would appear in a Schedule to the Act; definition of the powers of the Supreme Court of the United Church in relation to doctrine, worship, membership, government; vesting of all property and trusts of the uniting Churches in the United Church and determination of the method by which the properties and trusts are to be held and administered; safeguarding special trusts of the uniting Churches, particularly those of the Synod of Otago and Southland and any similar trusts of the uniting Churches; determination of the method by which non-concurring congregations shall

make their decision; the vesting of property held by such congregations; their right to a share in the capital funds of the uniting Churches and how this is to be established; the names of such congregations; the rights of non-concurring ministers and members.

E. REPORTS FROM UNION CHURCHES

The Committee has received copies of the annual reports of the five Union Churches and reports as follows:

Corstorphine, Dunedin: Minister, the Rev. A. J. Handyside (Methodist)

The report of the Committee of oversight states:

"The Corstorphine Union Parish is making encouraging progress, having become an independent parish in February this year, with Rev. A. J. Handyside appointed as the first ordained Minister to reside in the Parish. Heavy property debts are being faced with a fine spirit, the men of the Church having cut and sold nearly £400 worth of firewood in recent months to aid the purchase of the £5,000 manse. Another £120 was raised through a scrub-clearing contract. The Parish is planning to double its income in the coming year in order that property debts may be reduced and greater support given to Missionary work and Church budgets.

Membership is 130, with attendance at Services of Worship and all other activities very satisfactory. Adult study groups are having an increasing influence in Parish life. Holy Communion is celebrated monthly. A 4-page newsletter is distributed to 400 homes each month.

In terms of the constitution, a Parish Council has been formed and under the supervision of the Committee of Oversight it is aiming to fulfill some of the functions of the Session, with the Session increasingly concentrating on the pastoral work rather than matters of routine Parish business.

Marchwiell, Timaru: Minister, the Rev. G. D. Grounds (Methodist).

The minister reports:

"Marchwiell Union Church has experienced a year of consolidation following the Teaching Mission and Stewardship Review of the previous year. The Parish has 450 homes upon the Pastoral Roll, 190 Communicant members, 340 upon the S.S. and 90 upon the B.C. rolls. There are 140 in the Brigades, 20 in the Ladies' Guild, 30 in the Fireside Club, 16 Elders who, with 15 others, form the Board of Managers. There are two Choirs, two Bowling Clubs, and a Prayer Fellowship. Men's Teas have been a new and successful feature of the year's work. During the year a further £681/8/6 was paid off the New Life Loan, and the assessment in the Budgets of the parent Churches more than met. Fifty per cent. of income is at present going out of the Parish—in a situation where further accommodation in the form of a Church building is urgently required.

"The Church is running smoothly and is taking an increasing part in the life of the wider Church."

Raglan: Minister, the Rev. R. McD. Durham (Congregational).

The annual reports show continuing progress. The total of communicant membership stands at 172, ten new members being received on profession of faith. There is need for increased accommodation in the Raglan Church. The Sunday School roll stands at 97 at Raglan and 44 at Te Mata.

The Report of Session states: "We represent three great and historic branches of the Christian Church in this community. For 18 years we have worked and worshipped together as the Raglan District Union Church. We know that we belong together as one people under the Lordship of Christ. There is a deep and under-

lying spirit of harmony in our midst which has strengthened our witness in the local situation, although there are still problems to be overcome regarding our relation to the wider work of the Church."

Taita, Lower Hutt: Minister, the Rev. E. R. Lewis (Methodist).

The report of the Committee of Oversight states: "This parish has now been in existence as a Union parish for 14 years. Membership has again increased 98 to 108, and finances also. There are two Sunday Schools (Mackay Street and Pomare), and several women elders on the Session.

"A Mission under the Rev. John Grundy in September is being prepared for by prayer groups and 'house church' meetings. As evidence of the true spiritual relationship between pastor and people and of the leadership he has given, the Rev. E. R. Lewis is being invited to remain for a further year, subject to confirmation by the Methodist Conference. Last year's report referred to the additional 200 houses being erected in Taita North. The parish is facing up to the challenge by obtaining a section on the main street, and by planning to build almost immediately.

Wainui-o-mata: The Committee of Oversight states:

"With a population of 8,000 in 1961 and an estimated increase of at least 1,200 annually, the number of persons under pastoral care is rising by more than 300 each year and now stands at 1900. The Church continues to face the challenge of this rapid growth. There are two areas in which development is most rapid, and in one of these a new building has been erected, and plans have been approved for a new hall in the other area and work should start on this before the end of 1961. The Session is being increased from 5 to 11, youth and other activities are being extended, and there is a very real concern to deepen the life of the congregation. After the transfer of the Rev. C. G. Brown in January, a Presbyterian appointment was made."

It is to be noted that the work in the Glendale area is within the sphere of the present Union Parish. The building of the new hall is being financed by a loan from the Home Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church. This arrangement is without prejudice to the question which may arise later whether the new work is to be constituted on the basis of the Model Constitution of Union Churches. A small Sunday School building has been erected at Rata Street with the assistance of a gift of £1,000 from the Methodist Church.

F. THE MODEL CONSTITUTION OF UNION CHURCHES

Consideration has been given to the effective working of the Model Constitution under which the five Union Churches work. The Committee of Oversight were asked to give their estimation of its effectiveness and to indicate matters that might require modification. The replies indicate that some matters need attention and to this end, the minister and one representative of each Union Church, together with a representative of each Committee of Oversight, have been asked to meet with the Committee late in November.

Some of the matters which need to be considered are as follows:

1. Difficulty in securing financial assistance from the participating Churches for extension work and the erection of additional buildings;

2. Difficulty in defining the work and the authority of the Session, Board of Management and the Parish Council in relation to each other;

3. Difficulty in securing representation, both of members and elders, in the higher courts of the participating Churches;

4. Difficulty in the appointment, or transfer of the Minister.

The work of the Committee continues to be marked by courtesy, frankness, co-operation, and growth in understanding.

J. E. STEWART, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That sections 1, 2 and 3 be received only and given general approval and sent down to the Ministerial Committees, Synod Standing Committees and Quarterly Meetings for study and report to Church Union Committee, by 30th June, 1962.

2. That the remainder of the Report be received and adopted.

3. That the Declaration of Faith, as appended, be forwarded to March Ministerial Committees, Synod Standing Committees, Quarterly and/or Leaders' Meetings for study and report to the Church Union Committee by 30th June, 1962, with a view to its final adoption by Conference.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Methodist Church as part of the Holy Catholic or Universal Church worshipping one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—joyously affirms anew its belief in the sovereign grace and love of God in Jesus Christ, and sets forth the substance of its faith in the following declaration:—

1. Christian Truth

The truth of God and His ways with men is in Jesus Christ Who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus Christ is the eternal centre of the Church which is the sphere in which this truth is chiefly to be sought. The Church is the guardian of the truth of God in Christ made known through the Bible. The Bible is uniquely authoritative because it is the inspired record and interpretation of God's supreme act of self-giving and self-disclosure in Jesus Christ. It is therefore to be studied carefully with the aid of the Holy Spirit and in the light of all the resources of scholarship. The Church constantly recalls also the story of its own life from which it draws example, encouragement and warning. In the Church's experience the action of God in Christ is known as a living reality of history confirming the truth attested in the Bible.

2. God

God is love and makes Himself known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God.

God the Father is the Creator and Lord of all that is; the origin and destiny of man and nature are with Him; He maintains them and will accomplish His purpose in them.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sent into the world by His Father when He had prepared the way by calling His ancient people of Israel to be His servant through the ministry of patriarch and prophet as recorded in the Old Testament. Within Israel, when the time was ripe, Jesus of Nazareth was born of a woman, human as we are human, yet the divine Son of God. He exhibited in His person and message God's holy will, fatherly love and saving purpose. In His life, sufferings and death He identified Himself with sinful humanity, displayed the unconquerable love of God, bore the consequences of our sin and thus defeated its alienating power. God raised Him from the dead in triumph over sin and death to reign with the Father as sovereign over all. He will come again to be our judge and to bring in God's final victory.

The Holy Spirit is God at work with life-giving power in human minds and hearts, making known His presence and goodness, making the Bible relevant, shattering men's self-confidence, moving them to acknowledge their sinfulness, leading them to repent and believe in Christ, assuring them that Jesus saves, conveying to them God's gracious acceptance, producing Christ-like character, inspiring brotherly love and uniting them within the Body of Christ in the service of God and man.

3. Man

Man owes his being to God who created him for His glory and endowed him with powers of reason and moral judgement, freedom and spiritual insight, power to love and need to be loved. Thus endowed, man has a capacity for fellowship with God, as a son and with other human beings as a brother, and his true life is to be found only in entering into this fellowship. This life, which is God's intention for all men, is perfectly set before us in Jesus Christ.

Man is on the one hand within nature, having mental and physical properties which are related to those of animals, and on the other hand beyond nature in that his proper destiny is eternal life in Jesus Christ. The natural world is God's creation, to which man cannot be rightly related unless he is also rightly related to God and his fellow-man.

Man, though created for fellowship with God and other human beings, has corrupted this original relationship by defying the divine intention for his life in pride and going his own way in his self-sufficiency. This is sin.

The effects of sin in human nature are enmity against and estrangement from God and man, lawlessness, sensuality, disorder of the person and of society, such that man's life is subject to tension, frustration and conflict. Yet sin does not destroy all relationship of man to God and so remove him utterly from the rule and care of his Creator, but perverts and strains it to such a degree that man cannot of himself restore it.

All men have inherited a bias towards sin and are subject to the continuous pressures of a sinful society, yet each is answerable for his own sin.

4. New Life

Men are unable to reconcile themselves to God but He reconciles them to Himself through Jesus Christ when they turn to Him in faith.

Those who repent of their sins and are joined to Christ by faith share in His victory over sin and death and so enter a new life. This faith means that laying aside all confidence in their own ability to please God and depending wholly on God's mercy they simply accept the pardon He offers.

The Holy Spirit initiates the new life and develops it through private devotion and in the Christian fellowship, through prayer and worship, Word and Sacrament. Growth in the new life is often fitful, as the believer stumbles and falls, yet God holds him, and he can be assured of restoration if he confesses his sins and humbly seeks forgiveness. This new life is recognised in the growing capacity to love God and neighbour, to forgive, to suffer, to bear one another's burdens, and to look for the final restoration of all things to God's perfect design.

5. The Church

The Church is the people or family of God, the fellowship of those who are in Christ. Its origin is with God who of old called His people together to worship and serve Him and still calls men to

turn to Him in Jesus Christ. Those who obey find themselves joined together through their common faith in Christ and their obligation to service and love. This fellowship is to be found in the actual churches, though often imperfectly. Christ, the first of many brethren, is the Head of the Church, which is His Body.

The Church is one in the sense that there is only one Head and therefore one Body; also it is one in the purpose of God in the sense that the true family of God is united in itself by love. It is contrary to the mind of Christ that there should be division in the Church.

The Church is holy in the sense that it has been set apart by God, its life and character are determined by Jesus Christ, who is its head and centre, and that it has been made a steward of the grace of God.

The Church is catholic in the sense that just as God sent His Son into the world that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life, thus meeting the whole need of every man, so also the Church includes people of all times and places and proclaims to all men everywhere the whole truth about God and man in Jesus Christ.

The Church is apostolic in the sense that it is continuous with and dependent on the witness and teaching of the apostles concerning God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and to this witness and teaching it must always remain faithful.

The life and work of the Church consists of worship, witness, and service. The family of God gathers in His house and round His table to adore Him, to hear His word and respond to it in praise, thanksgiving and confession of faith, to pray, to repent, to seek forgiveness and reconciliation, and to make an offering of obedience. By this action in His house, and by word and deed outside, the Church witnesses to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit. By giving practical expression to the teaching and example of Christ in works of love the Church seeks to serve God and man.

The Church acknowledges the two Sacraments of the Gospel, which Gospel they proclaim and communicate.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of union with Christ in His Body, of forgiveness of sins in His blood, and of resurrection to eternal life through Him. By this sacrament we are solemnly admitted into the household of faith and are engaged to be the Lord's.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is the fullest expression of Christian worship. The Church, repeating Christ's words and actions at the Last Supper, remembers and shows forth His death. Gathered about the Holy Table where Christ is present as Host, His followers receive Him sacramentally to their nourishment and growth in grace, as He restores the penitent, assures them of His steadfast love, and draws them closely to Himself and to the whole Church. In responding to this gracious action of Christ at His Table the Church gives thanks to God and pledges itself to Him, asking that its imperfect service may be transformed in His perfect obedience and self-offering, and looking in hope to perfect fellowship with Him hereafter.

The Church is called to a life of ordered service in which every member has his part. In this common ministry in which all share, there are special ministries of Word and Sacrament, of government and administration. Seeking the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit the Church chooses persons and sets them apart to these several offices with due order and solemnity. Ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacraments is by prayer and the laying on of hands.

6. The Church and the World

The Church is set in the world which God created for His glory. It welcomes all the light science can throw on the universe and its working and has the distinctive function of interpreting the world and human history in the light of the Christian revelation. It calls all men to use the gifts of God's creation in accordance with His purposes.

The Church's primary task is to declare and communicate the Gospel in word and action to every man, that all may know the truth and come to fullness of life in Christ.

God created man in relation to Himself, to nature, and to other men. Out of these relations come the institutions of Society. The family is the basic social unit and in the providence of God is the first school of Christian manhood. Groupings and associations arising out of man's daily work are also essential to human life and welfare and are realms in which the Church recognises that the Gospel has relevance. Christian men and women therefore have responsibility in all spheres of our common life such as industry, commerce and education. Men and women are called by God in their daily work not merely to earn a livelihood for themselves, but also to serve the community, and by the quality of their workmanship to glorify Him.

The co-ordinating unit of society is the State, which consequently is invested with great power. The Church acknowledges that under God the State is the chief minister of the well-being of the people, to be prayed for and supported as it maintains law and good order in the community. It is the duty of the Church to remind the State that it is under the rule of God. When the State fears God, the Church need not fear it; when the State does not fear God, the Church should not fear it.

The world is peopled by many races of differing colour, creed and history, but God has made all nations of one blood to dwell on the earth. He has sent His only Son Jesus Christ to them, that in Him all might have eternal life. Since He died for all, it is irrational and wrong that they should hate and kill one another. The Church's chief duty to God and man in this sphere is a ministry of reconciliation and unassuming service.

7. The End

The purpose of God in creation will be consummated in Christ at the end of the present age beyond the frontier of history. This purpose is already being realised as men put their trust in Him through Jesus Christ in whom they enter the Kingdom which transcends death. At the last those who are in Christ will know the fullness of life with God eternally. Those who have never known Christ will be judged according to the light they have had. Whether God will ultimately bring all under His loving rule, or whether some will exclude themselves by finally rejecting Christ, we do not know. The perfecting of God's reign will fulfill the divine intention in all things, put an end to evil, suffering, and death, and reveal the meaning of human pain and struggle. The triumph of God's love in the perfect City of God surpasses all human thought.

2—Central Finance Committee

REPORT OF CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1961

The Committee has continued in office during the last year for the purpose of receiving the payments in connection with the 1960 appeal and making the final distribution.

There has been some confusion in regard to the 1960 appeal and only £2,475/4/3 was received from the Districts. The sum of £2,292/8/6 was brought forward from the previous year. Distributions amounted to £3,274/0/9. There is left a balance of £1,493/12/- in the account.

The authority of Conference is sought to pay this amount to the general funds of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the sum of £1,493/12/-, being moneys in hand, be paid to the general funds of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee.
3. That thanks be extended to Mr H. de R. Flesher and his committee for their administration of the fund.

DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEES

NORTHLAND: Chairman of the District, Secretary of the District, Rev. G. R. Thompson, Messrs G. H. Lendrum, A. G. Kelly, W. J. Court, and R. Howard.

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, the District Secretary, Financial Secretary, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters, P. Rushton, and one other.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: District Chairman, Financial Secretary, Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. Greenwood, K. F. Andrews, and J. P. Harding.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: District Chairman, Revs. Dr R. Dudley, J. M. Blight, R. G. Bell, Messrs A. H. Fisher, P. Mercer, A. Downer, C. B. Radcliffe, L. H. Steel, and K. D. Huse.

WELLINGTON: District Chairman, Rev. L. Greenslade, Messrs T. M. Pacey (Convener), G. G. Slater.

NELSON: District Chairman, Messrs S. V. Everett, E. S. Wratt, H. Holland and R. C. A. Marshall.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Revs. H. G. Brown, H. K. Brown, and A. P. Dorrian, Messrs D. A. White, B. A. Caygill, W. E. Clothier, and F. H. Baird.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: District Chairman, Messrs E. B. F. Hight, H. C. P. Withell, and P. G. Woodnorth.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: District Chairman, Financial Secretary, Rev. D. B. Gordon, Messrs A. J. Ganderton and A. L. Stanton.

QUESTION LVIII.

3—Stipend Committee

A report was presented to the General Purposes Committee, which made recommendations to the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Stipend scale as fixed by the 1959 Conference be not changed provided always that in the event of any general wage order making any increase in rates of remuneration all stipends shall be increased by a similar percentage.

2. Conference strongly recommends that all Stipends be paid not later than 20th of the month in which they are due. In the event of any Circuit being unable to pay by that date, the Circuit Stewards report immediately to the Chairman of the District.

That this be referred to the Law Revision Committee to be considered in relation to Par. 228b Law Book.

3. That all Circuits be requested to meet the full transport costs as set out by the Transport Trust Board.

QUESTION LVIII.

4—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Availability of Motor Cars: Throughout the past year there has been evidence that ministers, home missionaries, and others, have been experiencing, along with all other sections of the community, increasing difficulty in obtaining motor cars for their work. The Board has endeavoured to give some assistance in this connection, but without any great success. The recent announcement by the Government of its intentions in this connection will, if put into effect, ease the situation during the coming year. Those Church Departments who may possess overseas funds or securities, or interested members who are similarly placed could render a great service to the Church if such overseas assets could be made available for the acquisition of cars under the No-remittance Licence scheme.

Travelling Allowances: The last Conference gave authority to the Board to adopt, as regular practice, the Public Service Scale. There has been no change in the scale adopted by the last Conference and which came into effect on the 1st February last. For convenient reference the current scale is stated as under:—

Miles per Annum	Small Car (Under 1000 c.c. Cylinder Capacity)	Medium Car (1000-2000 c.c. Cylinder Capacity)	Large Car (Over 2000 c.c. Cylinder Capacity)
0-1000	8.50	10.00	11.25
1001-2000	7.50	8.75	9.75
2001-3000	7.00	8.25	9.25
3001-4000	6.50	8.00	8.75
4001-5000	6.25	7.50	8.25
5001-6000	5.75	7.00	7.75
6001-7000	5.75	6.75	7.50
7001-8000	5.50	6.75	7.25
8001-and Over	5.50	6.50	7.25

When two more passengers are carried the foregoing rates for for motor cars shall be increased by one penny per mile.

The method of operating the scale was fully explained in the 1960 report.

Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Motor Cars: The Board has continued its main function in providing financial assistance, by way of loans, to ministers, home missionaries and others to assist them in the purchase of motor cars for use in circuit work. The hire-purchase restrictions imposed by Government regulation continue to operate and indeed have been intensified, and it has again been necessary in terms of the Board's arrangements with its bankers to require that any financial assistance given be supported by two guarantors instead of taking the normal security by way of Bill of Sale.

Again the Board records its appreciation to those guarantors who have given valuable assistance in this way.

During the past year fourteen new loans have been granted to a total value of £5,529; seven loans have been fully repaid, and as at the 30th June last, there were thirty-five loans current to a total value of £9,003. All obligations under these loans are being satisfactorily met.

Annual Accounts: The Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1961, show an excess of income over expenditure of £114/6/10—thus bringing the Accumulated Fund up to £918/12/8.

Following the increase in the rates for bank overdraft, it has been necessary to increase, as from 1st August, 1961, the rate of Interest charged from 4½% to 5%.

The Board has continued to receive valuable help from Deposits lodged by various Departments and Trusts. During the year to meet its own urgent needs, the Foreign Mission Department found it necessary to withdraw its Deposit of £2,000; this Department of the Church has rendered valuable help in this way for several years past.

Deposits at Call which continue are as under:—

Department of Christian Education	£750
Wellington Charitable and Education Trust	£1000
Wesley Church (Wellington Central)	
Social Services Trust	£1000
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	£2750

The Board greatly appreciates the assistance which is being given in this way, and suggests that any other Church Departments and Trusts who may have temporarily unused funds should similarly assist.

Responsibility for Provision of Transport Facilities: The last Conference directed that the attention of all Circuit Stewards be drawn to the fact that it is their responsibility, under our Church law, to make adequate arrangements for circuit transport, this being particularly essential where probationers are involved. During the year this Conference direction was conveyed to all circuits and it is now again emphasised.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

DEREK TAYLER, Treasurer.

T. M. PACEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its thanks to the Board for assistance given to Ministers.
3. That the Board be asked to investigate the system in New South Wales and other Australian States, whereby the Minister and Circuit share in the cost of purchase of the car.

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

That consideration be given by Conference to allocating one half of the Church Extension Appeal in one year for the capital of the Transport Trust Board, the specific purpose for this additional capital to be the advancing of the initial loan at nominal interest rate to Probationers in their first circuits.

5. That Synod Standing Committees investigate all matters relating to travelling and travelling allowances and report to Conference 1962 through the Transport Trust Board.

6. That the Board for 1962 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION LVIII.

5—Educational Policy of the Church

N.B.: The Committee's interim findings (Mins. of Conf. p. 80) were reaffirmed in a revised form in a report to Synods, 1961. In the light of Recommendations from Synods, the Committee now submits to Conference its considered judgment as follows:—

Our New Zealand Church must acknowledge amongst her people a limited demand for residential schooling, the demand coming mainly from families in rural areas. From answers to a questionnaire sent out last year to every Circuit and Home Mission Station we estimate that something like a thousand pupils from Methodist homes are attending boarding schools.

It follows, therefore, that our Methodist Church has a certain contribution to make along with other Churches per medium of the religious school, as has already been demonstrated, notably at Wesley College, Paerata. We ask Conference to acknowledge this position, but in doing so would press three points:

1. Conference has already advocated as a matter of declared policy the establishment of hostels wherever practicable. In this respect the local Church is offered a distinct avenue of Christian service. Moreover, the hostel is at least a manageable unit within the compass of our resources. Our Church should press on in this field wherever possible.

2. The Methodist Church should continue to support the State system of education, and should make it clear that any school we might establish should be supplementary to the State system in order to meet a special need. The committee is opposed to any thought of competition with State Schools.

3. The committee emphatically declares that our Church should not venture upon the establishment of any secondary school without adequate endowments both for the erection of the necessary buildings and also for administration and staffing. The committee is strongly opposed to any appeal to the Connexion towards such a venture. The cost would be very considerable and beyond our financial resources. At the same time, we do at least envisage the possibility in the future of the establishment of a school, or schools, within our jurisdiction; and we affirm that our Church should leave the door open for gifts towards this end.

The precise nature of such a school—whether a girls' college, a co-educational school, residential or otherwise—the committee feels are matters which should not be prejudged.

The committee now asks of Conference that its functions be transferred to the Council for Christian Education.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

WESLEY PARKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference request the Welfare of the Church Committee to prepare a scheme to facilitate the overseas visits for ministerial or lay members who seek specialist training in Church activities overseas.

QUESTION LVIII.—

6—Church Finance and Stewardship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Stewardship Promotion:

The growing number of requests from Circuits for assistance in conducting Stewardship campaigns lead the Committee to seek help from the Department of Stewardship Promotion in the Victoria and Tasmania Conference. During the year, Mr Milton Gloster, Director of the Department, spent three weeks in New Zealand conducting "planning meetings" with circuits and also meeting with the Committee to discuss future policy. The Australian Department agreed to the loan of two directors, who between them will cover the period July 1961 to September 1962. As a result eleven circuits will have Australian directed canvasses during this period.

The assistance thus gained from the Australian Church will greatly relieve the pressure of this work in New Zealand, but it is in the nature of a temporary measure. We must be equipped to continue the service to our circuits. This experience has clearly demonstrated that the immediate need of circuits is for lay field men conducting canvasses rather than for a full time Executive Officer and the pressure from circuits is for the Church to make such field workers available for canvasses and review canvasses within the Connexion. The experience of the Committee has been reinforced by the testimony of the Australian Church—that the work of Stewardship Promotion is constant. It requires a very faithful follow up ministry; it is linked to the training of lay pastors and is not separated from full commitment but is an integral part of the total evangelistic task. To this work there is no end and it is envisaged that at least two field workers would be required, possibly three. One difficulty in New Zealand is the lack of one centre of population where a Director would be able to work considerable periods from home base. Having more than one director would reduce the problem although finally considerable periods of time will be spent away from home. Conditions of employment must therefore take these factors into consideration.

One Director will have a measure of administrative responsibility with regard to planning work with Circuits and also with the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee. His work in connection with the Budget will not be undue because of the Committee's approved policy of working with a Budget Treasurer.

Recommendations for the implementation of this policy are appended to this report.

The Connexional Budget:

The Committee has watched carefully the response to the Budget and has worked through District Financial Secretaries and District Chairmen. To the 27th June, 1961, there were 32 circuits that had short paid monthly assessments and 15 circuits that had at least one month unpaid in the first three months of the budget. The response so far is for

February	.....	.....	92.3% of the total
March	.....	.....	91.5% of the total
April	.....	.....	86 % of the total

It is too early to forecast the result of the first year's operation although a closer figure will obviously be available at Conference. Every endeavour should be made to reach the assessment. Some circuits have done this at considerable sacrifice and others, few in number, have given local demands undue preference. The Committee will be satisfied only when the Church reaches the figure which Conference deemed a minimum budget.

The receipt of lodgements in three centres and distribution of monies to the funds concerned have caused very heavy administrative demands and the Committee is extremely fortunate in having the services of Mr G. Slater as Budget Treasurer.

The District Budget assessments which run through to the 30th June, 1962, are being received by the Committee and these together with the second Budget dating from the 1st July, 1962 will be fully discussed by a special meeting of the Committee of Detail early in October and will be reported direct to Conference.

At present circuits are expected to pay their assessments due each month by the 15th of the following month. Nearly two-thirds of the circuits are paying in the month in which the amount is due. It would greatly assist the bookkeeping and also hasten the disbursement to Departments and Funds if this could be the universal practice.

General:

During the year the Rev. E. S. Hoddinott relinquished the Chairmanship of the Committee after leading it through some crucial years of development. Mr Hoddinott continues as a member of the Committee. Mr E. G. Heggie, the former Convener of the Committee, has been elected Chairman and this is a very satisfactory arrangement.

The Christian Education Department made available to the Committee the secretarial services of Miss Molly Rowe, who has served for one year under the Order of St. Stephen. Miss Rowe has rendered outstanding service and the Committee is grateful to the Department and to Miss Rowe for her loyal and sacrificial service.

As the Rev. J. A. Penman's period of service as Executive Officer draws to a close, the Committee wishes to record its thanks to the Home Mission Board and the Conference for making him available at such a crucial time in the Committee's work. Mr Penman's contribution during the period has been outstanding and the Committee desires to thank him for this and also for his ready co-operation in fulfilling an extensive travel programme.

E. G. HEGGIE, Chairman.

J. A. PENMAN, Executive Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Report of the Budget Treasurer be received and adopted.
3. That Conference reaffirm the desirability of appointing a layman to be Executive Officer of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee.
4. That Conference authorises the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee to nominate to the President a layman for appointment as Executive Officer of the Committee.

5. That the remuneration for the Executive Officer be a suitable salary and expenses.

6. That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee be empowered to employ as required during the year, other suitable men as stewardship field directors who shall be full time in the field and supported by payments for their services.

7. That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee be empowered to make a suitable charge to Circuits employing Directors.

8. That the Connexional Budget for the period 1st July, 1962, to 30th June, 1963, amounting to £135,360, be approved.

9. That the District assessments for the 2nd Connexional Budget as printed be approved.

10. That in view of the fact that the amount allocated to the Church Extension Fund has been reduced from £30,000 to £24,000, Resolution (8) of the 1960 Conference (p. 215) be amended to read "That in the event of the full amount of the Connexional Budget not being raised, any deficiency shall be shared pro rata by all Departments and Committees, with the exception that the amount provided for the Supernumerary, Contingent Removal Expenses and Children's Funds shall be met in full."

11. That the present Budget run on for the extra five months to 30th June, 1962 with no change in District assessments, but that Districts be empowered to review Circuit assessments where this is necessary.

12. That the amount included in the Budget for the run on of five months under the heading of Church Extension be designated for the Church Extension Appeal and that the total amount be made available for direct grants to new causes.

13. That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee report each year to Synods on the overall response to the Connexional Budget.

14. That the publicity for 1962 include four bulletins as follows:

1. March-April—Home Missions and Church Extension.

2. June-July—Department of Christian Education.

3. September—Overseas Missions Department.

4. November—Social Services (including Children's Homes)

and that each bulletin relate the publicity to the Connexional Budget.

15. That the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee take the initiative in consulting the Departments concerned with a view to co-ordinating the publicity issued.

16. That the attention of District Synod Standing Committees be drawn to their responsibility constantly to review the progress of Connexional Budget payments in their District and the need for District Financial Secretaries to work in close liaison with the National Committee and the Circuits.

17. That payments to the Connexional Budget be made by the end of the month in which they become due.

18. That the balance of the General Connexional Appeal handled by the Central Finance Committee and now transferred to the Miscellaneous Causes Fund administered by the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee be handled as follows:—

(a) The sum of £500 to be paid to the N.Z. Council for Christian Education towards fulfilment of the resolution of Conference, 1960 Minutes, p. 88, and that the question of any balance due be referred to the Department of Christian Education for report to Synods and Conference 1962.

(b) That the balance of £993 become a Contingency Reserve of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee.

19. That the sum of £357 be paid from the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee Contingency Reserve to the Committee to compensate for the reduction in the amount included for the Committee in the Second Connexional Budget.

20. That Circuits be required to send copies of Quarterly Financial Statements to the Chairman of the District.

21. That grants to Church committees and other organisations through the Home Mission Fund, Overseas Missions Fund, Miscellaneous Causes Fund and the Contingent Fund be co-ordinated so that they are financed from one source only.

22. That the question of the payment of travelling expenses to those attending District Synod Standing Committee meetings be referred to the Contingent Fund Advisory Committee of Conference for report.

23. That the name of the Contingent Fund be reconsidered with a view to removing the present confusion with Contingencies in the Connexional Budget.

24. That the Law Revision Committee be requested to make provision for the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee to be represented at Conference.

25. That the Committee of Detail (1960 Minutes, p. 207) be amended as follows:—

(a) Delete 2 Treasurers of Mission Departments.

(b) Add Budget Treasurer, One Representative of the M.S.S.A., One Contingent Fund Treasurer.

26. That the following be referred to the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee for consideration.

That in view of the Connexional budget system now in operation:

(a) Consideration be given to the making of film strips and tape recordings concerning Connexional work: these to be made available for use in Circuits.

(b) Publicity and appeal literature be co-ordinated in one annual publication.

27. Conference expresses its conviction that in a rapidly growing country, the Church is confronted with a widening opportunity and thereby faces an inevitable increase in costs. Conference believes that the capacity of Circuits to give to the essential Mission of the Church has yet to be fully developed and urges Circuits to accept the challenge of the day and look upon the Connexional Budget as a minimum standard of giving.

28. Conference records its appreciation of the work of the Rev. J. A. Penman as Executive Officer of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee in the initial stages of establishing the Connexional Budget and in commending to Circuits the principle and methods of Stewardship. The success of the Budget can be attributed partly to his advocacy.

29. The Conference warmly thanks the Treasurer, Mr G. G. Slater, for his efficient and kindly attention to the large amount of detailed work involved in implementing the Connexional Budget and acting as Treasurer.

30. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 5 herein.

CHURCH FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
SECOND CONNEXIONAL BUDGET
1st July, 1962 to 30th June, 1963

Fund.	£	£
Home and Maori Mission Department		31,067
Overseas Missions Department		30,000
Department of Christian Education		5,830
Children's Fund		4,000
Deaconess Board		785
Removal Expenses Fund		4,000
Contingent Fund		7,525
Trinity Theological College		6,960
Children's Homes:		
Auckland		2,300
Masterton		1,500
South Island		2,600
Social Services		3,050
Church Extension		24,000
Church Finance and Stewardship Committee		1,143
Miscellaneous Causes Fund:		
(a) National Council of Churches		375
(b) N.C.C. Commission on T.V.		400
(c) N.Z. Council for Christian Education		400
(d) N.C.C. Prison Chaplains		50
(e) Armed Forces Chaplaincy		100
(f) New Zealand Alliance		200
(g) National Society of Alcoholism		25
(h) Religious Film Society		100
(i) University Chaplains:		
Auckland	£150	
Wellington	£100	
Christchurch	£100	
		350
(j) Local Preachers' Association		60
(k) Spiritual Advance Committee		210
(l) Board of Publications		105
(m) Overseas Travel Fund		525
		2,900
Contingencies		500
		128,160
Supernumerary Fund		7,200
(to be added to Districts according to Stationing)		
BUDGET TOTAL		£135,360

NOTE: £7,200 Supernumerary Fund is on new basis of £36 p.a. but is the 1961 stationing. The second budgets cannot be compared with the first for expenditure is for a 17 month period. Additional staff etc. commences 1st February, 1962, but the present budget at a lower rate continues to 30th June, 1962.

DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

District	£
Northland	4,752
Auckland	25,992
South Auckland	16,188
Taranaki-Wanganui	10,896
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	14,208
Wellington	15,756
Nelson-West Coast	8,124
North Canterbury	21,000
South Canterbury	7,536
Otago-Southland	10,908
TOTAL BUDGET	£135,360

QUESTION LIX.—Who are Members of the Standing Committees?

A. Committee of Privileges:

The President, Vice-President and Secretary, Connexional Secretary, and the President's Legal Adviser, Revs. C. O. Hailwood, E. S. Hoddinott, R. Thornley, Messrs S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey, N. P. Alcorn, A. E. Hurley.

Committee of Exigency:

Wellington members of the above Committee.

B. President's Committee of Advice:

Ex-President (Rev. B. M. Chrystall), President-Elect (Rev. R. Thornley), Secretary of Conference (Rev. A. R. Penn), Connexional Secretary (Rev. H. L. Fiebig), Vice-President (Mr E. A. Humphries), Ex-President (Mr H. de R. Flesher), Revs. R. F. Clement, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, S. G. Andrews, Messrs L. W. Peak, F. M. Souster, G. C. Riddell and R. T. Garlick, K. J. Rosser, J. C. Chappell. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?

NORTHLAND:

All circuit ministers including Northern Maori and Rev. E. Te Tuhi and any Pastors appointed to circuits, Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliff, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court, R. M. Salmon, J. Keightley, Lionel Hayes, Mrs Williams, Messrs W. Wotherspoon, G. Ferguson, J. T. Williams, Tawai Kawiti, Messrs A. G. Kelly and R. Howard.

AUCKLAND:

All ministers in active work in the District, plus a lay representative of each Circuit and major Department. Secretary, Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore.

FRANKLIN SUB-COMMITTEE:

All ministers in active work in the Area, plus a lay representative of each Circuit. Secretary, Rev. A. Jolly.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Superintendent ministers of all Circuits (including Maori Circuits) in the District. Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, F. J. E. Baillie, B.A., B.Sc., S. V. Leach, I. J. Baker, H. Roberts, P. Rushton, J. Davys, R. E. Williams, W. F. Walters, D. H. Payne, K. Bacme.

TARANAKI DISTRICT:

Chairman of District and Circuit Ministers, Messrs K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, W. H. King, J. P. Harding, W. Greenwood, A. L. Fox, P. C. Hill, A. T. Hughson and S. C. Graham.

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT:

Chairman of District, Revs. G. L. Bennett, Wm. C. Jenkin, J. A. Daglish, K. C. Griffith, Messrs W. S. Thrush, A. Catran, M. Whitlock, S. Laurenson, N. Dixon and H. Queree.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

The Ministers and Home Missionaries together with Sister Dorothy Pointon, Messrs W. G. Holloway, L. A. Cotter, A. Olsson, F. Ansell, J. R. Grigg, R. E. Osborne, B. F. White, V. Rotherham, I. G. Baber, W. T. Pratt, Mrs D. McIvor (W's. G.), Mrs Sandford, (M.W.M.U.), Mr H. W. Wood (M's. F.), Mr R. Harford (L.P's.), Mr R. A. Currie (D.Y.C.).

HAWKES BAY SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers of the Napier, Hastings, Gisborne, Wairoa and Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuits with two lay representatives from each of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, and one from each of the other circuits; together with a representative each from the M.W.M.U., Guild Fellowship, Local Preachers' Association, Gisborne-Wairoa Sub-District of the D.Y.C. and Hawkes Bay Sub-District of the D.Y.C. Chairman, Rev. Dr. D. Dudley; Secretary, Rev. C. G. Brown. (To meet at least Quarterly).

WELLINGTON:

All ordained Ministers, one lay representative from each Circuit in the District, a representative from each District organisation, and all Conference officials.

NELSON:

The Ministers of Nelson, Waimea, Blenheim, Moteuka Circuits. Messrs R. C. A. Marshall, A. F. Thomas, S. V. Everett, J. S. White, C. G. Parker, V. Smart, A. C. Barrington, D. H. Williams, H. R. Holland (Financial Secretary), Mesdames L. G. White, M. R. Best, M. V. Humphreys, J. Trathen.

WEST COAST SUB-COMMITTEE:

Ministers of the Greymouth, Westport, Reefton and Hokitika Circuits. Messrs R. G. Cant, J. N. Leadley, F. Lindbom, T. Steele, L. McDonald.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

The Superintendent Minister of each circuit in the District, the Chairman of the D.Y.C. (if he is a minister), the Secretary of the District, the Financial Secretary and the Rev. C. H. Raynor, Messrs J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, N. G. Hillary, C. M. R. Manhire, D. A. White, B. A. Caygill, J. E. Horrell, E. Ridgen, P. A. le Brun, A. C. Bowis, F. Bartley, N. P. Alcorn, E. J. Legg. The President of the North Canterbury Guild Fellowship, the President of the M.W.M.U., the President of the Local Preacher's Association and another layman from the North Canterbury area.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

All Ministers and Probationers of the District. Messrs K. Fowke, T. Wakelin, G. T. Lill, O. Neutze, R. Cone, F. Prestidge. One from Banks Street, M. A. Bull, W. Simmons, M. E. Hayman, L. R. Hill, District Financial Secretary, District Property Secretary. Secretary of Synod Standing Committee, Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs. A. J. Johnston, W. K. Abbott, D. B. Gordon, W. Green, A. J. Handyside, E. Heppelthwaite, D. L. Kitchingman, W. J. Morrison, R. E. Patchett, I. C. E. Ramage, W. J. Reddihough, L. Shapcott, J. H. Thompson, Mrs E. R. Patton, Misses C. H. Kane, L. Hetherington, Messrs J. Angell, E. W. Ashby, C. Chirnside, A. J. Ganderton, A. H. Harman, L. A. Hayward, S. S. Holden, H. H. Johnston, I. A. Skene, A. L. Stanton.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COMMITTEE:

Ministers and Probationers, Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs E. A. Humphries, L. H. Allott, Geo. Nicol, W. G. Coventry, E. McCulloch, R. V. McLean.

QUESTION LXI. (a)—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?

Law Revision Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

The Committee submits its report on its recommendations on the various matters referred to it by the Conference.

1. Church Finance and Stewardship Committee:

Representation of Committee at Conference. (1960 Minutes, page 79).

Resolution:

That Section 359 page 70 be amended by adding the following after (4) Fire Insurance Fund:

4a. Church Finance and Stewardship Committee in event of no Minister being appointed an officer thereof.

2. Department of Christian Education:

Status of Lay Field Representatives (1960 Minutes, page 89).

The Committee has been in consultation with the Board of Christian Education on this matter during the year.

3. The Overseas Mission Department:

The Committee and the Overseas Mission Board have been considering the revision of the Department's Constitution during the year and the Board is submitting a draft revised constitution to Conference this year.

4. Membership Transfers:

Resolution 2 1960 Minutes, page 220.

Last year the Committee reported that when considering the drafting of a question relating to the sending out and acknowledgement of membership it saw practical difficulties in the working of such direction. In 1956 Conference decided (1956 Minutes, page 196) that all membership 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. Such an examination should disclose the position in regard to membership transfers. Therefore in the opinion of the Committee there is no need for a question as has been suggested. However the Committee considers that there should be a specific reference to the examination of the rolls and Circuit Schedules in the agenda for the March Meeting of the Ministerial Committee.

Recommendation:

That this section be received only.

5. Standing Orders of Conference:

Resolution 3, page 222.

The Committee has been directed to review the procedure for Conference in the presentation of Reports through Committees of Details, with special reference to those Synod recommendations on which "No Recommendation" is made.

All reports from Boards and Committees are submitted to the Synods. A Synod has no power to alter a Committee's report but it can make recommendations thereon or can submit resolutions relating to matters the subject of such report. The report of a Board or Committee together with each Synod's recommendations or resolutions relating thereto are then submitted to the appropriate Committee of Detail of Conference.

Each Committee of Detail is carefully selected. It comprises a cross section of the whole church. There is always at least one representative Ministerial or lay from each District on it. The purpose of the Committee is to carefully review any report and recommendation and resolution on same and submit its judgement on the same to the Conference. The Committee thus gives the Conference a lead and can therefore expedite the passage of the report through Conference.

Sometimes questions are raised which seem to indicate that some Synods are not satisfied that the recommendations and resolutions have received due consideration by the Committee of Detail.

The Chairman of the District or his nominee can always ask that he appear before Committee of Detail to explain or give information relating to any District recommendation or resolution. Should the Chairman or convener of the Committee of Detail consider that the Committee has not sufficient information he should ask that a representative of the District appear before the Committee. Any member of the Committee can suggest the calling of a representative from the District to give information or make a statement concerning the District's recommendation or resolution. Thus if the matter is properly handled the Committee of Detail should have all information it needs to give a lead to the Conference.

Any member of Conference is still free to move his District's recommendation or resolution if he so desires.

The Committee considers that the procedure now in use is adequate. Representatives of Districts have ample opportunities to put the case for the District or any matter before the appropriate Committee of Detail and the Conference.

If a convener of a Committee of Details reports to Conference that his Committee has "no recommendation to make" in a certain matter, then there is nothing before the Conference unless such matter is raised as a motion by a member of Conference.

6. Revision of questions 25 to 28 of Conference Agenda (1960 Minutes, page 38.):

The Committee have considered the wording of this question and recommend as follows:—

25. (a) Do we sanction the amalgamation alteration or division of any District Circuit or Home Mission Station or do we originate any proposal having reference thereto?
- (b) What new Districts, Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now constituted?
26. (a) Do we sanction any change in the status or staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?
- (b) To what Circuits are additional preachers to be appointed?

- (c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?
27. —as is now.
28. What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a married Minister?

7. Representation of Union Churches in Lower and Higher Courts:

In view of the meeting called for November by the Joint Standing Committee when representatives of Union Churches are to consider the constitution for Union Church, it was decided with the approval of the convener of our Church Union Committee to take no action this year.

8. The Committee:

It is with great regret that the Committee records its sense of loss brought about by the sudden death of Rev. H. J. Odell. He took a great interest in the work of the Committee and has served the Church well.

The Committee nominates Dr W. G. Slade as a member of the Committee.

H. deR. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted except Section 4 which was received only, and Section 7 which was adopted as information.

That the following be referred to Law Revision Committee for consideration: "That the Lay Secretary and Financial Secretary of the Synod Standing Committee be representatives to Synod and Conference."

QUESTION LXI.—(b) Who is appointed the President's Legal Adviser?

That thanks be expressed to Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., and that he be reappointed.

QUESTION LXII.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

10th World Methodist Conference: It is anticipated that a party of thirteen, led by the President, will be representing the Methodist Church of New Zealand, at the 10th World Methodist Conference and associated meetings, at Oslo in August this year. Considerable help has come through the Women's Guild Fellowship towards the expenses of their representative to the World Federation of Methodist Women, Mrs R. Dudley. This has made it possible to cover the basic expenses of all supported representatives at Oslo, and at New Delhi, through the Ecumenical Travel Fund.

World Council of Churches: The delegates of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to the 3rd Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, Rev. G. R. H. Peterson and Rev. E. C. Leadley, are planning to leave New Zealand immediately after Conference, in November, 1961.

The responsibility will rest equally with the delegates themselves and with the whole Church to ensure that the experience of both world conferences is passed on to the Church. The convener of this committee will be glad to receive enquiries concerning the availability of delegates as speakers to Church gatherings.

East Asia Christian Conference: The Methodist Church of New Zealand is entitled to one representative at the meeting of the East

Asia Christian Conference which will be held at Bangalore shortly before the W.C.C. 3rd Assembly. Rev. Rua Rakena will be attending the 3rd Assembly at New Delhi as a special visitor nominated by the National Council of Churches in New Zealand. The opportunity has therefore been taken to nominate Mr Rakena as the representative of our Church to the EACC. This meets the expressed wish of our last Conference to see strong Maori representation from the New Zealand Churches at this meeting.

Some twenty free places in theological institutions throughout the region have been made available under the EACC scheme. Some of these are in New Zealand, but none is as yet listed for our Theological College.

Methodist Relief Fund: Information has been received by the committee concerning the working of this fund in England. The fund is under the direction of the Department of Christian Citizenship. It seeks to help in cases of emergency or distress directly affecting Methodists, and also cases where there are Methodists engaged in the service of relief. The outstanding value of the fund is that it is there when needed. Help can be on the way to a distressed area within 24 hours.

The existence of the fund is made known through the Church paper, and in visits of the officers of the Department to churches. Funds are received in various ways, sometimes as the result of appeals for specific areas of need. However the fund is not given high pressure advertising such that it would be competitive with the Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service of the British Council of Churches. The Methodist Church raises at least five times as much for the Ecumenical Fund as it does for its own.

It is the opinion of the committee that there would be a place for such a fund in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and a resolution is appended.

N.C.C. Maori Section: The noteworthy events in the programme this year have been: a reception given to Bishop Sobrepna by a representative gathering; the Annual Meeting at Ohope where a splendid illustrated report of the Fraternal visit to Indonesia was given, as well as two outstanding papers on the Person and Work of Christ, by Dr. J. J. Lewis; the submission of evidence to the Commission on Education relating to the value of Maori Schools; consideration of the need for co-ordinated and intensive research into race relations in N.Z.

The Section wishes this year to emphasise its concern on the subject of Church Union. It prepared a further statement on Unity, stressing the urgency of this matter in the Maori field. The divisions weigh heavily upon the hearts and consciences of Maori Church leaders, who can surely be understood if they tend to be impatient of the seemingly ultra-cautious approach of the parent churches to this matter of unity. Perhaps nothing would encourage the Maori membership of the three Churches more than real evidence that their parent Churches were acutely aware of the difficulties which the Maori Missions face because of their divisions.

That this is a matter of living and not just academic concern is revealed by—

- (a) The setting up of a Church Union committee within the section to study all aspects of division and unity;
- (b) the unanimous desire to stand together as one team before the people in the proclamation of the Gospel (efforts to arrange special Missions along this line have been thwarted by considerations outside the Maori field);

- (c) the unhesitating willingness of the Section to consider seriously a request from the Presbyterian Maori Synod that it be given a wider area of responsibility in the field;
- (d) the investigation being made into ways and means of initiating Maori Section activity in local areas;
- (e) practical co-operation in such matters as: the preparation and distribution of Daily Bible Reading Notes in Maori; the administration of the Whanaungatanga Hostel in Rotorua; the setting up of the Maori Christian Temperance Society.

Maori Representation on N.C.C.: The committee has considered this matter, and feels that the time has come to take action to ensure some Maori representation from our Church on the N.C.C. An appropriate resolution is appended.

National Council of Churches: The N.C.C. convened a consultation of the Churches and other interested bodies on the work of the Church in the University. Our Church was represented by Rev. W. F. Ford and Rev. B. A. Walker.

A Theological Students' Conference in May was attended by some 60 students including one Methodist.

The Christmas Appeal this year reached its target, and now exceeds £36,000. The work in Inter-Church Aid that this money makes possible is of great value in terms of help to the distressed and needy, and witness to the growing unity of the Churches in love and service.

Chaplaincy: The Prison Chaplaincy Service has continued to establish itself during the year. One further full-time chaplain, the Rev. W. Eisner, has been appointed, as well as one additional part-time chaplain. The total strength of the chaplaincy service is now six full-time and nine part-time chaplains. These are representative of six of the constituent bodies of the N.C.C.

One particular feature of the year's work has been an experiment with missions in three of the major institutions. These missions were outstandingly successful, and the authorities have asked that in future they be regarded as a regular feature of the religious programme in prisons.

Women's Committee of the N.C.C.: It is with pleasure that the Women's Committee reports the formation of three new Branch Women's Committees during the year, at Hamilton, Stratford, and Hawera, bringing the total to fifteen. Hamilton has begun with much enthusiasm, while the women in Stratford and Hawera are to be commended for their initiative as there is no local branch of the N.C.C. in either of these places. Tentative enquiries from Feilding, Greymouth, Eltham, and Foxton, give promise of further committees. Ecumenical Schools or Fellowship days with increased attendances and interest have been held in most areas. Two branches have provided scholarships for Indonesian students and contributed generously towards Bibles for Indonesia.

The World Day of Prayer was a special observance this year because of its 75th anniversary, and reports indicate a considerable increase on last year in numbers of services, numbers attending, and offerings received. 22,400 orders of service were distributed by the Committee. As a tangible result of this outstanding day, the Formosan project supported by the N.C.C. will benefit by £1,642, and the B. & F. Bible Society by £709, excluding £234 handed to local agents. Mrs C. C. Holland ably represented New Zealand at Hong Kong Prayer Fellowship, one of seven in different parts of the world, for this year's special celebration.

The Literature Committee is arranging a revision of the Study "Knowing One Another," still in demand, to bring it up to date, and to include studies on the Greek Orthodox Church, and the Church of the Cook Islands.

Youth Committee of the N.C.C.:

More than 1500 young people representing all member churches and constituent organisations of the YCNCC met at Lower Hutt from 27th December 1960 to 4th January 1961, for the inspiration of the **Third Ecumenical Youth Conference**. Those present included 25 Australians as well as representatives from other Asian countries, and the whole Conference with its theme "One Lord—One World" was under the very able guidance of the Rev. Alan Brash as Chairman. The two overseas guest speakers—the Rev. Alan Booth of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs in London and the Rev. Philip Potter, now Secretary for Africa and the West Indies of the Methodist Missionary Society of Great Britain, as well as other speakers, dozens of group leaders, more than one hundred study leaders, and the hard-working members of the local committee, all gave of their utmost and as a team made it possible for those present not only to understand more completely what the ecumenical movement is about, but to experience in study, worship, recreation and common living the unity which is in Christ and which transcends our denominational divisions. A significant feature of the Conference was the concern of its members to help alleviate the suffering of so many in Asia today. An offering received at the Sunday evening service totalled £1100 and in the six months following Conference a further £1000 was contributed by these same young people to assist Student Work and Vocational Training of young people in Hong Kong. The giving will not end here, nor in this manner alone, for many present at Lower Hutt have resolved that they will give of their services in these undeveloped countries if the opportunity is presented to them.

The brief visit to N.Z. of **Dr. Nelson Chappel**, General Secretary of the World Council of Christian Education, in October 1960, was appreciated particularly by Directors and workers in the Christian Education field.

The Rev. Philip and Mrs Potter addressed public meetings in ten centres in N.Z. during December, and were greeted with large and enthusiastic audiences, grateful for the opportunity to meet such distinguished Christians and to hear the challenge presented by Mr Potter.

As part of its Inter-Church Aid programme this year, the Youth Committee brought Miss Ruth Soong, a vital and talented young Christian worker of the Mandarin-speaking Church of Christ in Kowloon, Hong Kong, to N.Z. for a period of three months commencing with the Ecumenical Youth Conference. During an extensive tour Miss Soong addressed dozens of groups and it is estimated that she spoke to at least 7000 people during this time. The Youth Committee believes that a project such as this has much to commend it and certainly brings to a great number of people a wider understanding of conditions in neighbouring countries.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

EVAN R. LEWIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted, except for Section on "Methodist Relief Fund" which was received only.

2. That the following grants be authorised:
£375 to the budget of the N.C.C.
£145 to the W.C.C. through the N.C.C.
£25 to the World Methodist Council.
£15 to the Ecumenical Committee.

3. That the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal be commended to the circuits over the signature of the President.

4. That the representatives on the following committees be—
N.C.C.: Revs. J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, R. Thornley, R. Rakena;
alternate if required to be nominated by the Ecumenical Committee.

Women's Committee: Mrs J. R. Maddren, Mrs A. Pratt, Mrs H. Matthews, Mrs L. Haycock corresponding member.

Youth Committee: Mr C. Couch, Rev. J. D. Grocott.

Maori Section: Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. Rogers, H. A. Darvill.

Council of the Religious Film Society: Revs. G. I. Laurenson, A. Jolly, Mr Sydney Eady, Miss M. Astley.

5. That Dr. R. Dudley be thanked for his long and valued service to our Church as its representative on the N.C.C.

6. That the Conference refer the proposal to establish a Methodist Relief Fund and the recommendations relating to it, to the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee to consult with the Ecumenical Committee for examination and report to Synods and Conference of 1962.

7. The Conference is grateful to the Maori Section of the N.C.C. for moving with vigour and enthusiasm, and giving an adventurous lead towards unity in the Church; that Conference assures them of the concern of the Methodist Church of N.Z. at the problems which face them because of the disunity of the Churches, and of the desire of our Church to continue conversations with other communions with a view to union or closer co-operation; and that the President convey this to the Maori Section of the N.C.C. on behalf of our Church.

8. That Conference request the Committee to take steps to educate the Church in the concern of our Maori people for the unity of the Church.

9. That Conference ask the Joint Standing Committee to conduct mutual discussions with representatives of the Maori Section of the N.C.C. on their joint concern for the unity of the Church.

10. That the Ecumenical Committee be directed, when recommending Methodist appointments to the N.C.C., to ensure as far as possible that there is an adequate Maori representation.

11. That the question of increasing the Maori representation amongst Methodist members of the Maori Section of the N.C.C. be referred to the Home and Maori Mission Department for consideration and report.

12. That the Ecumenical Committee be asked to investigate the possibility of regular participation by New Zealand Ministers and Churches in the Ministerial exchange programme of the World Methodist Council, and that the Committee consider and report to Synods and Conference how such exchange visits might be organised, financed and used to the best advantage of the Church.

13. The Conference express congratulations to Rev. R. Thornley on his becoming President of the N.C.C.

14. That the Committee for 1962 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, 1961

The Committee has held regular monthly meetings during the year, and has to report on the following matters:—

Order for Sacrament of Baptism:

As directed by Conference, 1960, the Exhortation has been edited. The order is now in the hands of the Connexional Secretary for printing.

Order for Confirmation:

The draft order was studied by all March Synods. A number of important questions were raised, e.g., the relation of baptism to confirmation; baptism of adults as reception into membership; the proper form for the act of confirmation, etc.

The Committee is not ready to report to the Synods. It asks leave to continue its work, and suggests that a fresh draft of the order be submitted to March Ministerial Meetings, 1962.

Methodist View of Episcopacy:

A statement drafted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Lewis was amended and adopted in the following form:—

1. The Methodist Church believes that the ministry of Word and Sacraments is a gift of God to the Church.

2. Episcopacy is a form of ministry that emerged within the first century of the Christian Church. In the New Testament "episcopos" and "presbuteros" are equivalents. In the controversy and heresy of the post-apostolic period episcopacy became clearly visible as a distinct order, and was entrusted with the leadership of Christian communities and the maintenance of fidelity to the apostolic tradition.

3. Continuity resides in the living Church. According to the original doctrine, apostolic succession is distinct from episcopacy. Only on his appointment to a recognised see, did a bishop receive the succession, the succession guaranteeing not the transmission of a grace of orders but of the apostolic tradition of the Church. Not until the third century did the idea emerge that succession is the personal possession of a bishop.

4. We believe that those ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacraments in the Methodist Church are in the apostolic succession inasmuch as they belong to and represent a Church wherein their spiritual ancestry reaches back through a numberless multitude of saints linked in an unbroken chain to the company of our Lord Himself, and inasmuch as this ministry, called and empowered by the Holy Spirit, has been attested and confirmed over the generations. The Methodist Church believes that her ministry along with those of other Communions, has been raised up and blessed by the one Lord of the Church.

5. The Methodist Church believes further that tradition, embodying the story of the work of the Holy Spirit within the Church together with the Church's response in worship, faith and order, is always subordinate to Scripture and is never finally regulative. Under the Word of God, the Church is always under reformation.

6. The Methodist Church believes that the Spirit of God is free to shape worship and order and, if need be, to raise up new orders

of ministry. But she also believes that the faith and order which express the mind of Christ will manifest unity and continuity with the apostolic life and tradition.

7. The Methodist Church does not in principle oppose episcopacy as a method of Church government, the American Methodist Church, her largest Connexion, being episcopal. She claims that in other Methodist Connexions episcopal functions are discharged through the Conference and through representative officers, the President, Chairman of Districts, Superintendent Ministers. She recognises the fact that episcopacy is the possession of the larger proportion of Christendom. She acknowledges that it may be that God is calling her to accept in some form of episcopal ministry an enrichment of her own inheritance.

8. The Methodist Church of New Zealand, if it accepted a form of episcopacy, would seek its original spiritual purpose of pastoral oversight, of building up the Church and of representing the Church's unity and universality. Such an episcopacy would permit the full co-operation of "the presbyterate and the congregation of Christ's faithful people." We understand that episcopacy in the Church of the Province of New Zealand is constitutional.

9. The Methodist Church would seek the freedom of interpretation which she understands is enjoyed by Anglicans within their own Communion.

Church Union—Statement of Faith:

The committee appointed Revs. E. W. Hames and Dr. J. J. Lewis as Methodist representatives on the joint committee, with Rev. J. Silvester as substitute.

Exposition of Order for Baptism:

The committee has consulted with the Board of Publications. It is of the opinion that the publication of a new booklet is not warranted at the present time, and has suggested to the Board that the booklet by the Rev. W. T. Blight be revised and reprinted.

Orders for Induction of Minister and Deaconess:

An outline for Order for Induction of a Minister has been agreed upon, and a draft is being prepared by the Rev. L. G. Hanna. It is intended to prepare the Order for Induction of a Deaconess in conjunction with this.

Chairmanship of Meetings:

This question has been studied by the committee, which found itself substantially in agreement with the Report of the Law Revision Committee, Mins. of Conference 1960.

Gown for Vice-President:

The committee has given consideration to an alternative emblem for the Vice-President, namely the insignia of office worn by the Vice-President of the British Conference. The authorities of the British Conference have been consulted and there is no objection to the insignia being adopted to New Zealand needs.

The committee seeks the guidance of the Synods. Do they consider this suitable?

Status of Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in Conference:

The Committee has no progress to report.

Liaison with British Faith and Order Conference:

During the year contact has been established with the Faith and Order Committee of the British Conference. The exchange of statements, etc., produced should prove helpful.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. SILVESTER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted with the exception of Section "The Methodist View of Episcopacy," which is given general approval and referred to March Ministerial Committees for study.

2. That the committee be granted permission to continue its work on the Order for Confirmation, and that a fresh draft be submitted to the March Ministerial Committees, 1962.

3. That the Committee be granted leave to continue its work on:
Order for Confirmation.

Orders for Induction of a Minister and a Deaconess.

Status of Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in Conference.

Handbook of Doctrine and Polity.

4. That a grant of £5 be made from the Contingent Fund to the Faith and Order Committee.

5. That the booklet "The Sacrament of Baptism—What does it Mean?" written by the Rev. W. T. Blight be revised, and that the questions which parents are required to answer be included.

6. (a) That an insignia of office be provided for the Vice-President.

(b) That a replica of the insignia be provided for each Vice-President at the end of his year of office.

7. That the following be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration: That the Faith and Order Committee give consideration to the relationship of ordained ministers, other than those appointed to Circuits or Church institutions, to the legislative functions of the Church in Synod and Conference.

8. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION LXIII.

2—Radio and Television Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1961

Following the Conference Commission on Radio and Television, the Committee has been considering the following matters:

1. The forming of a research panel to work in conjunction with the committee to promote the Methodist contribution to Radio and Television.

2. The possibility of planned programming of the evening broadcasts from the four main centres. This planning to be done in co-operation with the four district committees involved.

Two main considerations guiding us here are:

(a) That these broadcasts should be thought of as expressing the mind of the Methodist Church, and specifically aimed at those outside the fellowship of the Church.

(b) The desirability of a planned variety of approach to include men in the Connexion who do not normally broadcast, but whose contribution would bring a sense of the breadth of the Church's approach to its Mission. Studio Broadcasts, one at least from the four centres, on pre-arranged themes.

Worship programmes.

Central Religious Advisory Committee:

Under the general supervision of the C.R.A.C., four National Church Evening Services will be broadcast during 1961. The four major denominations have undertaken responsibility for the

broadcasts as follows: January (Methodist), April (Roman Catholic), July (Presbyterian), October (Church of England).

The attention of all engaged in religious broadcasting is drawn to the revised Guiding Principles for Religious Broadcasting. The full co-operation of the N.Z.B.S. is offered to encourage and achieve worthy standards of broadcasting.

On Easter Sunday, 1961, there was commenced a new series of Sunday morning devotional services from X Stations and 2ZA, these services being of 20 minutes' duration.

Over a network of six stations a Combined Link of Children's Sunday Services was conducted for the months of May, June and July as a co-operative effort of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

As new Radio Stations, such as 1ZD, Tauranga, are opened, time for religious broadcasting is made available.

Men doing broadcasts may secure from local stations copies of three lectures for Radio Schools by Peter Cape, on Radio and Religion.

N.C.C. Commission on Television:

On 21st November, 1960, inter-Church negotiations came to the point of action in the formation of the National Council of Churches Commission on Television. The Commission is composed of officially appointed representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches, the Church of Christ, the Salvation Army, the Society of Friends and the Assemblies of Brethren; and is a constituent section of the National Council of Churches.

The function of the Commission is:

1. To represent the constituent Churches and Societies in their dealings with the Broadcasting authorities in Television matters.
2. To act for the constituent Churches and Societies in the field of Television programmes, in all aspects of programme selection and presentation, and in planning and co-ordinating the use of materials.

At the meeting in November, the Commission appointed the Rev. R. Thornley as its first Chairman, with an Executive Committee composed of the Chairman, the Rev. J. E. Simpson (Baptist), and Commissioner A. J. Gilliard (Salvation Army). Two co-directors were appointed to do the work of the Commission, the Revs. G. E. Dallard (Presbyterian), and Canon A. C. F. Charles (Church of England).

Since Christmas Day, 1960, the directors have presented religious programmes every Sunday and on special occasions (Anzac Day and Good Friday), on Channel 2 (Auckland), and on Channels 1 (Wellington) and 3 (Christchurch) since the commencement of transmission in those places. Approximately half the programmes have been live from the studio, and half film, from B.B.C. and other sources.

Future planning includes religious programmes of all types, epilogues, panel discussions, interviews, studio services. Live transmissions from Churches will come, but not just yet.

Television provides the Church with a valuable means of communicating the Gospel, not through word only, but so that people may see. It will depend on us how effectively we can follow our Lord's example in using the common things of everyday life to reveal the Father's love.

R. THORNLEY, Chairman.

I. REID, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON RADIO AND TELEVISION

(See Minutes of Conference 1960, p. 238)

Under the Chairmanship of the President, the Commission met at Takapuna on 9th May, 1961.

After a free ranging discussion of the whole field of religious radio and T.V., the Commission came to the following conclusions:

The Commission reaffirmed the report of the Radio Committee published in 1949 Minutes, p. 174, as it sets forth the principle purpose of religious broadcasting.

This report may be summarized as follows:

1. Radio is to be seen as an evangelising medium, and as a method of restating the Gospel in terms of the experience of this age.

2. This poses certain technical problems: Many church buildings are unsuitable for broadcasting because of acoustic difficulties. The normal service if addressed to a local congregation, loses its impact on the listener. Radio requires an intimate conversational technique, both in writing and delivery.

In the light of the above it was recommended that those conducting morning devotionals of broadcasting sermons cultivate a direct, informal, person to person approach: that good music and poetry be used as an integral part of such broadcasts: that from time to time Brains Trusts, Open Forums and dramatisation should be used (after having been first scripted and approved).

Where the more normal service is broadcast, it is recommended that from time to time different voices be used for the reading of the lessons, and that some pulpit discussions be included.

Some sermons might be recorded in the studio and used over the air.

OUR METHODIST POSITION:

The Commission agreed that it should not recommend that Methodist broadcasts be used to promote any specifically Methodist purposes.

A. Radio: It was agreed (a) that no supervisor could adequately cover the whole field of Methodist broadcasting, but that there is a need for some central authority to inform the local committees and to co-ordinate their work, and (b) that the local Radio Committees should exercise discretion and care in planning broadcasting and selecting broadcasters.

It was agreed to recommend to Conference that the Convener of the Radio and Television Committee should exercise the functions of a supervisor of Methodist broadcasting, with the responsibility for ensuring that the decisions of Conference and the directions of the Radio and Television Committee and the C.R.A.C. be carried out.

B. Television: The Commission was in full agreement with the present policy by which all religious Telecasting is being conducted on an ecumenical basis under the N.C.C. Commission on T.V.

It was reported that the Methodist Church may be asked to appoint two representatives to the N.C.C. Commission on Television. In that event, the Methodist representation should be so increased.

The Directors of the Commission on Television should be assisted by active local advisory Committees, and it was recommended that the convener of the local Methodist Radio Committee should normally represent our church on such an inter-church committee.

The local Methodist Radio Committees should be charged with the responsibility of adding religious Television to their order of reference.

SELWYN DAWSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Contingent Fund make a grant of £20 to the Radio and Television Committee.
3. That a Grant of £400 be made from the Contingent Fund to the Budget of the N.C.C. Commission on Television.
4. That the Methodist representatives on the N.C.C. Commission on Television be Rev. R. Thornley and Rev. I. Reid.
5. That the Convener of the Methodist Radio and Television Committee carry out the duties of supervisor of Methodist broadcasting and telecasting.
6. That a sub-committee of the Methodist Radio and Television Committee be formed to conduct research on programme material resources, and to establish a library of such material for use within New Zealand.
7. That the principle be re-affirmed that Sunday evening broadcasts should be directed primarily to those listeners who are not familiar with the worship and terminology of the church, and that it be the responsibility of the Methodist supervisor to co-ordinate such services.
8. That the local Methodist Radio Committees add Religious Telecasting to their order of reference, and that Synod Standing Committees appoint Methodist representatives to the local inter-church committees formed to advise and assist the Directors of the N.C.C. Commission on Television.
9. That the Reed Trust proposal to publish a Radio Hymn Book be given general approval.
10. That the Committee for 1962 be as printed on page 7 herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Tongan Hurricane Relief:

That Conference express its appreciation to those Circuits which generously supported the Tongan Hurricane Appeal and commends this and similar appeals to the sympathetic and generous attention of all Circuits.

Appreciation to Governor-General:

Conference conveys its deep appreciation to His Excellency, Lord Cobham, for his outstanding Christian leadership and contribution to the Christian emphasis in life during his term of office.

Conference Representation:

That the following be referred to the Church Council:—

That in the interests of efficiency and economy Conference be asked to give further consideration to the possibility of limiting representation at the Annual Conference.

Conference Travelling Expenses:

That the following be referred to the Contingent Fund Consultative Committee:—

That the full travelling expenses of representatives to the Annual Conference be paid by the Church through the Contingent Fund.

Methodist Peace Fellowship:

That Conference re-affirm the decision of last Conference, that

members linked in a Peace Fellowship be permitted to use the word "Methodist" in its title.

Nominations for Vice-President:

That the names of those nominated as Vice-Presidents be made known to the Conference prior to the vote; that this be referred to the Secretary of Conference.

Parsonage Allowances:

That the Welfare of the Church in consultation with the Women's Guild Fellowship investigate the desirability of amending the amount paid as Parsonage Allowance and determine the best method of making the payment.

QUESTION LXIV.—

- (a) When Shall the District Synods be held?

During the week ending 25th August, 1962.

- (b) When and Where Shall the Next Conference be held?

On Wednesday, 31st October, 1962, in the Durham Street, Church, Christchurch.

E. CLARENCE LEADLEY, President.
ERIC A. HUMPHRIES, Vice-President.
ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary.

Auckland, November 9th, 1961.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1961

THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Page 138, Sub-section 42 is hereby amended by deleting the words "In case" and substituting therefor the words "In the case of" and inserting the word "who" after the word "Minister".

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Add the following:—Sub-section 42A. In the case of a woman Minister who marries and is left without appointment the Board under actuarial advice shall compound her claims upon the Fund by the payment of a lump sum and thereupon her interest in the Fund shall cease and determine.

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Page 140, Sub-section 49 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(49) The following persons shall have no claim upon the Fund:—

(a) The wife of a Minister who marries while he is a Supernumerary.

(b) The husband of a woman Minister (except in his own right as a Minister).

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

Page 145 add the following:—

15 (a) (1) A woman Minister who marries and is left without appointment shall not contribute to the Fund during the period for which she is left without pastoral charge.

(2) A woman Minister who marries and is left without appointment shall be entitled to a refund of the amount standing to her credit in the books of the Fund and upon receiving such amount her connexion with the Fund shall cease and determine.

(3) The husband of a woman Minister shall have no claim on the Fund (except in his own right as a Minister).

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Sub-paragraph 16 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

16. On request a certificate shall be issued to a Minister showing the amount standing to his credit.

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

DEACONESS RETIRING FUND

Page 147 add the following:—

18 (a) On request a certificate shall be issued to a Deaconess showing the amount standing to her credit in the Fund.

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND

Page 149, Sub-section (19) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(19) On request a certificate shall be issued to a Home Missionary showing the amount standing to his credit in the Fund.

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE

Page 70, Section 359 add the following after (4) Fire Insurance Fund:—

4a. Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, in the event of no Minister being appointed an officer thereof.

(1961 Minutes, Page 207)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Page 75, Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing (25) to (27) inclusive and substituting the following therefor:—

25. (a) Do we sanction the amalgamation alteration or division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station or do we originate any proposal having reference thereto?

(b) What new Districts, Circuits, or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

26 (a) Do we sanction any change in the status or staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?

(b) To what Circuits are additional preachers appointed?

(c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

27. What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now constituted?

28. What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a married Minister?

(1961 Minutes, Page 208)

RESOLUTION OF CONFERENCE

Resolution of Conference affecting the Laws and Regulations, the final form of which has to be settled before being formally included in the Law Book.

INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS

(1) INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS

Section VII relating to appointment of Ministers has been altered considerably by the Resolution passed at 1961 Conference. For the resolution see 1961 Minutes, Page 73.

(2) CONSTITUTION OF DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Section 503 Law Book, Pages 101-106 will be replaced by the new constitution approved by the 1961 Conference. The final form of this will now be settled by the Law Revision Committee.

For constitution as approved, see 1961 Minutes, Page 87 to 91.

(3) OVERSEAS MISSION DEPARTMENT

The new constitution which affects Section 504 Law Book, Pages 106-111, received the general approval of the 1961 Conference which referred the same to the Law Revision Committee for final drafting.

For draft constitution see 1961 Minutes, Page 142.

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)

Page 106, Section 3, **OVERSEAS MISSION DEPARTMENT.**

The name of "The Foreign Missionary Society" shall be changed to the "Overseas Missionary Department."

(1960 Minutes, Page 156)

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.)

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.

(1959 Minutes, page 222)

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.)

Ministerial Duties

(b) Superintendents of Circuits.

Page 26, Section 154 (t) is hereby amended by adding after the words "Circuit Stewards" the words "personally or by deputy."

(1960 Minutes, Page 221)

Page 26, Section 154 (bb) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and that an audited financial statement be submitted to the annual meeting thereof."

(1960 Minutes, Page 222)

District Financial Secretary

Page 27, Section 158 is hereby repealed.

(1960 Minutes, Page 221)

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.)

Vice-President of the Conference

Page 39, Section 221 is hereby amended by adding after the word "Privileges" the words "the Synod Standing Committee in his District."

(1960 Minutes, Page 79)

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

Page 41, Section 236 is hereby amended by deleting the word "twelve" in the second to last line thereof and substituting therefor the word "eighteen."

(1960 Minutes, Page 220)

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)

Page 68, Section 351 is hereby amended by adding after the words “Chairman of Committee the following sentence. “The Vice-President of the Conference shall be ex officio an additional member in his District.”

(1960 Minutes, Page 79)

Duties

Page 68. Add the following sections:

354a. 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)

Page 68 — Add the following:—

Section—III District Financial Secretary

Section 355a. When deemed necessary a Financial Secretary to a District may be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Chairman. He shall keep the District accounts.

(1960 Minutes, Page 221)

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 after (4) Fire Insurance Fund:—

4a. Church Finance and Stewardship Committee, in the event of no Minister being appointed an officer thereof.

(1961 Minutes, Page 207)

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?"

(1956 Minutes, page 195)

Page 75, Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing (25) to (27) inclusive and substituting the following therefor:—

25 (a) Do we sanction the amalgamation alteration or devision of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station or do we originate any proposal having reference thereto?

(b) What new Districts, Circuits, or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

26 (a) Do we sanction and change in the status or staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?

(b) To what Circuits are additional preachers appointed?

(c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

27. What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now constituted?

28. What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a married Minister?

(1961 Minutes, Page 208)

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?"

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 138, Sub-section 42 is hereby amended by deleting the words "In case" and substituting therefor the words "In the case of" and inserting the word "who" after the word "Minister".

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Add the following:—Sub-section 42A. In the case of a woman Minister who marries and is left without appointment the Board under actuarial advice shall compound her claims upon the Fund by the payment of a lump sum and thereupon her interest in the Fund shall cease and determine.

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Page 139, Section 46 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(46) (a) The annuity payable to the widow of a Minister who has been made a supernumerary shall be according to the scale in force for the time being but shall be only for the years for which her husband has paid his subscription.

(b) The annuity payable to the widow of a Minister who dies in the active work shall be according to the scale in force for the time being and shall be for the years of service that her husband would have given had he lived to age 65.

Sub-Section 47 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(47) If the widow of a Minister re-marries any annuity being paid to her by the Board shall cease three months after the date of such marriage, provided always and it is hereby declared that the repeal of the previous sub-para. 47 shall not affect any annuity being paid to such a widow at the date of such repeal.

(1960 Minutes, Page 142)

Page 140, Sub-section 49 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(49) The following persons shall have no claim upon the Fund:—

(a) The wife of a Minister who marries while he is a Supernumerary.

(b) The husband of a woman Minister (except in his own right as a Minister).

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Page 140, Sub-Section 50 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(50) A Minister on becoming a Supernumerary shall be entitled to receive a furniture grant of such amount as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.

The widow of a Minister who dies in the active work shall receive a furniture grant based on the years of service her husband would have received had he survived to age 65.

(1960 Minutes, Page 142)

Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund

Page 144, Sub-section 9 of Section 512 is amended by adding after the words "35 years' service" the words "or 5 years prior to reaching the retiring age of 65 years." (1953 Minutes, page 117).

Page 145 add the following:—

15 (a) (1) A woman Minister who marries and is left without appointment shall not contribute to the Fund during the period for which she is left without pastoral charge.

(2) A woman Minister who marries and is left without appointment shall be entitled to a refund of the amount standing to her credit in the books of the Fund and upon receiving such amount credit in the books of the Fund and upon receiving such amount her connexion with the Fund shall cease and determine.

(3) The husband of a woman Minister shall have no claim on the Fund (except in his own right as a Minister).

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Sub-paragraph 16 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

16. On request a certificate shall be issued to a Minister showing the amount standing to his credit.

(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Deaconess Retiring Fund

Page 147 add the following:—

18 (a) On request a certificate shall be issued to a Deaconess showing the amount standing to her credit in the Fund.
(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund

Page 149, Sub-section (19) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(19) On request a certificate shall be issued to a Home Missionary showing the amount standing to his credit in the Fund.
(1961 Minutes, Page 132)

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.

1. 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 Sub-section (10) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(10) (a) Unless Conference shall otherwise determine by a vote of a majority of those present, no person shall speak for more than three minutes at any time in any debate of the Conference, provided always that the mover of a motion when introducing such motion may speak for five minutes.

(b) Nothing contained in the preceding sub-paragraph shall apply to or prevent any explanation in response to a question being made with the consent of the President by any member moving the adoption of any report and such explanations shall not be deemed to be speeches within the meaning of this paragraph.

(1960 Minutes, Page 220)

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 1961 CONFERENCE TO THE CHURCH

The Conference sends its greetings to all the members of the Church, in New Zealand, the Solomons and in New Guinea.

Held at Auckland, in lovely weather, the Conference ran smoothly, thanks to the united efforts of all who had prepared for it.

The Devotional life was of a high order. The highlight was the great service of worship, when the Town Hall and Concert Chamber were filled to overflowing.

Christian Hope:

The Conference was held against a background of world unrest, organised evil and blatant materialism. But the Rev. J. Penman struck the right note in his devotional talks on Hope. The Rock of Hope, The Encounter of Hope, The Agony of Hope, and its Final Victory. The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth and the final victory is with Him.

However, the Conference firmly believes that it is the duty of every Christian to work with God for the fulfilment of His purposes, and sets before our people a comprehensive programme for personal spiritual growth, the salvation of others, and social progress. In particular it urges the use of the study booklet on Peace and War, and support for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Mission and Missions:

We rejoice that there is a wide-spread interest in both teaching and evangelistic missions.

The liveliest debate of the Conference centred around the proposal to invite Dr Billy Graham back again. Some felt that we ought to be our own evangelists. But all were concerned to evangelise. It was therefore agreed to work in the National Council of Churches for a nation-wide crusade, and also to join with the N.C.C. in an invitation to Dr Graham to return at some time.

Certainly the Priesthood of all Believers involves us in Mission. One speaker mentioned that the declining number of men in the Church, and pleaded that men should win men.

The ex-Vice-President in his address at the Conversation on the Work of God said that many ministers were failing in their pastoral visitation. Unfortunately this is true. It hurts to hear of folk who are active in the work of the church and who have not had the minister in their homes for years. We recognise that more time is being given by ministers to pastoral counselling and that purely "social" visits are to some degree a waste of time, but it is still true that a home-going minister makes a church-going people.

At the same time, our folk are challenged to work in the lay pastorate, and in mission through friendly encounter with the "outsider." It is here that our layfolk have also sadly failed.

All this is reflected in the net increase of only 367 senior members for the year ending June 1961, bringing the total to 31,674.

In our Overseas work, we rejoice in the first baptisms at Tari, and are saddened to know of the defections from the Solomons church through the Eto movement.

Things Ecumenical:

There was a strong ecumenical note at Conference. We heard wonderful addresses by the ex-President and Mrs Winifred Dudley on the World Methodist Conference at Oslo. Dr Leslie Cooke of the W.C.C. Department of Inter-Church Aid spoke on refugee problems.

Bishop Raines, president of the United States Board of Missions, working in 45 countries, gave a powerful message. Representatives of the churches with which we are seeking either union or greater unity were present at Conference. All this against the background of the Third Assembly of the W.C.C. at New Delhi.

We were shamed to receive from the Maori section of the N.C.C. a strong plea for Church Union. Our divisions weigh heavily on the hearts and consciences of Maori church leaders, who cannot understand our over-cautious approach to union. Our Church must heed this plea. At the same time, we would urge that our Maori people adhere firmly to the main doctrines of the Faith, and refuse to be drawn easily into splinter groups and sects, as often happens.

There was much joy at the appointment of the Rev. Rua Rakena as the Assistant Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions.

Youth:

Our Youth figures give us no cause for complacency. Beginners and Primary Department show an increase of 307 for the year, but the Junior and Intermediate sections show a decrease of 551. Against this loss, the Bible Classes show an increase of 502.

However, we have moved into the wider field of Christian Education, where the Family Church programme, or Christian education for the whole family, is the aim. History was made at Conference with the adoption of the new Constitution of the Department of Christian Education. We expect to see a rapid rise in the number of Family Church schools.

The Ministry:

The stationing of ministers was not such a strain this year, for none went out as supernumeraries, and we received 12 men into the work on probation, from College. But there are still gaps to fill on the station sheet. There has been a slight improvement in the number of young women offering for Deaconess work, and three candidates were accepted.

By unanimous vote, Dr D. O. Williams was designated as Principal of the Theological College, in place of Rev. E. W. Hames, who retires next year, after giving wonderful service. Dr Williams is eminently suited for this work, and his special emphasis on Pastoral Counselling will be invaluable to the ministry trained under his hands. The Rev. J. A. Zeisler, M.A., B.D., will give invaluable help as tutor at the College.

That Budget!

Conference calls on all Methodists to get solidly behind the Budget figure of £135,360. This is a little higher than last year, but it is still well within our capacity. Let it be emphasised that Stewardship is an expression of Holiness, and that the real Christian is always rich enough to give generously to the Lord whom he loves.

Most Circuits are making valiant efforts to keep up their full payments to the budget. It is essential that this is done. Any deficiency will have to be shared by the main divisions of the Church's work on a pro rata basis.

No one has a right to be dismayed at the state of the world or to ask, "What is the Church doing?" unless he asks and faces honestly the question, "What am I doing?" If we offer to God only our bits and pieces of service and money, we justify the jibe of a Communist who said, "You Christians are trying to save the world on left-overs."

"Rise up O men of God,
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of Kings."

E. CLARENCE LEADLEY, President.

ERIC A. HUMPHRIES, 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 Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	Sir Donald Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	Frank Penn, N.D.H.(NZ)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Auckland†	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington§	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick, M.V.O.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence F. Buxton	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.	Philip A. LeBrun, J.P.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
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
Invercargill	1960	Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.	Hubert de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.	Athol R. Penn
Auckland	1961	E. Clarence Leadley	Eric A. Humphries	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.)
 „ Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)
 „ Hunt, George P. (Sup.)
 „ Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 (Fellow of Trinity College)
 (Sup.)</p> <p>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—Cottom, Harry (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)
 „ Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)
 „ Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)
 „ Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)
 „ Hopper, Artheur (Sup.)
 „ Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)
 „ Rowe, William (Sup.)
 „ Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B., (Sup.)
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)
 „ Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1914—Werren, Samuel J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)
 „ Olds, E. Thomas (Sup.)
 „ Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
 (Toronto) (Sup.)</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)
 „ Fordyce, Robert E. (Sup.)
 „ Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)
 „ Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)
 „ Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
 (Melb.) (Sup.)
 „ Chambers, Ernest B. (Sup.)
 „ Dennis, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 (Sup.)
 „ Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)
 „ Parker, James W. (Sup.)
 „ Skuse, Thomes, E.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)
 „ Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1922—Brooks, Leslie A. G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)
 „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.</p> <p>1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.)
 „ Bateup, Frank (Sup.)
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S. (Sup.)
 „ Taylor, Cecil R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.
 „ Harris, G. Raymond
 „ Voyce, A. Harry (Sup.)</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.
 „ Laurensen, George I.
 „ Penn, Athol R.
 „ Raynor, Ivo M.
 „ Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.)
 „ Utting, Harry V.</p> <p>1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.
 „ Hailwood, Charlie O.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Draper, Joseph C. (Sup.)
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D.
 (Mt. Union, U.S.A.)
 „ Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A.,
 B.D.</p> <p>1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*Continued*

- 1931—Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D.
(Dickenson, U.S.A.) F.R.E.S.
" Greenslade, William W. H.
" Moore, William E.
" Payne, Herbert W.
" Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D.
- 1932—Day, Reginald
" Hickman, D. J. Donald (Sup.)
" 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 (Temp. Sup.)
" 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.)
" Hoddinot, 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.
" Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.,
B.Com.
- 1942—Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.) Ph.D., (London)
" Morrison, William J., M.A.
" Rogers, Ranginohooa
" 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
" Campbell, M. Jackson
" Clements, Leslie C.
" Divers, W. Lloyd
" Hall, Allen H., M.A.
" Parker, Francis H.
" Riseley, Benjamin H.
- 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.)
" Hopkins, George C.
" Keightley, Clifford J.
" Olds, J. Stanley
" Ramage, Ian C., E. M.A.
- 1950—Clark, Colin D., M.A.
" Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.
" Ramsay, Phillip D.
" Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,
B.D.
" Woodfield, Frank H.
" Woodfield, Owen T.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST--Continued

- 1951—Besant, H. David, B.A.
 " Burrough, Amos W.
 " Carter, George, 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.
 " LeCouteur, E. Raymond
 " Craig, Hughan M.
 " McKay, Archibald W.
 " Newman, Alan
 " Osborne, John H., B.A.
 " 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., B.A.
 " Tahere, Te Awa W.
 " Trebilco, David L.
 " Watson, Alexander C.
- 1955—Abbott, William K.
 " Bennett, Trevor L.
 " Cable, William 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.
 " 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, John R.
- 1959—Barker, Peter S
 " Bowen, Lewis A.
 " Dine, Mervyn L.
 " Gibson, Roger M.
 " Goudge, Stanley R., B.A.
 " Greening, G. Kingsley
 " Griffith, Keith C.
 " Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Ms.
 " Kitchingman, David L., B.A.
 " Morrison, William
 " Noble, Dorothea, B.A.
 " Salter, Lawrence E.
 " Widdup, Robert W.
- 1960—Brazendale, Graham
 " Grundy, Albert W., M.A.
 " Christian, Owen L.
 " Conway, James H.
 " Gust, Warwick, B.A.
 " Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A.
 " 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.
- 1961—Edwards, Bruce W.
 " James, Russell E.
 " Langley, John E.
 " Marshall, C. Russell
 " Sides, Brian W.
 " Taylor, A. Kerry
 " Wallace, William L., B.A.
- 1962—Currie, John B.
 " Hawkey, Graham G.
 " Hight, Arnold C.
 " Hines, David L.
 " Hollman, Derek G.
 " Hopkins, George C.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*Continued*

- 1962—Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B.
 „ Jones, Barry E.
 „ Pomeroy, Harold C.
 „ Robertson, Ian H.
 „ Rutherford, Maynard G.
 „ Waine, Frederick G.
 „ Wakeling, Walter J. D.
 „ Woodley, Alan K.

Maori Minister—

- 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)

Solomon Islands District Ministers—

(including Tongan and Fijian missionaries)

- 1944—Piani, Timothy
 „ Taufu, John
 „ Palavi, Daniel
 1950—Vula, Aisake
 1955—Bitibule, John Veo
 „ Baudromo, Iliesa
 1957—Pataaku, Samson
 „ Zio, Joel
 1960—Raturoba, Sakeo
 1961—Bongbong, J. Francis
 „ Boseto, Leslie
 1962—Mosusu, Moses
 „ Rotoava, Job

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 Overseas Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

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| 2. H.M.—Home Missions | O.M.—Overseas 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	.. 5	Abbott, William K., 81 Johnson Street, Milton	.. 137
1944	.. 1	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 112, 13th Ave., Tauranga	.. 45
1956	.. 4	Andrews, Robert S., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.. 112
1943	.. 11	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	O.M.
1947	.. S	Attwood, A. Francis, High Street, Katikati (1959)	.. 35
1924	.. S	Bailey, John H., Hill St., Warkworth, Northland (1956)	.. 40
1949	.. 1	Baker, Edward, King Edward Street, Eltham	.. 58
1953	.. 3	Baker, Frederick J. K., 33 Clothier St., Putaruru	.. 43
1959	.. 1	Barker, Peter S., 1060 Heaphy Tee., Claudelands, Hamilton	.. 40
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	.. 32
1941	.. 8	Bell, Charles H., B.A., Tainui Street, Matamata	.. 42
1957	.. 6	Bell, G. Basil W., 56 Foyle Street, Bluff	.. 144
1944	.. 6	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., 100 West Street, Feilding	.. 79
1956	.. 5	Bennett, George L., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	.. 64
1955	.. 4	Bennett, Trevor L., Willowby, No. 4 R.D., Ashburton	.. 129
1949	.. 1	Benny, T. Ralph, 63 Tukapa St., Westoun, New Plymouth	.. 55
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur A., 29, 13th Ave., Tauranga (1950)	.. 45
1951	.. 5	Besant, H. David, B.A., 36 Kings Road, Panmure, Auckland, E.2	.. 15
1954	.. 2	Billinghurst, Noel D., Kapiti Road, Paraparamu	.. 99
1907	.. S	Blair, Charles, 7 Hackthorne Road, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, 2 (1947)	.. 109
1923	.. S	Blakemore, Albert, Leigh Haven, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2. (1946)	.. 17
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)	.. 20
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 98 13th Ave., Tauranga (1930)	.. 45
1930	.. 3	Blight, J. Montgomery, Ashhurst	.. 78
1917	.. S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch, 5 (1957)	.. 109
1959	.. 4	Bowen, Lewis A., 29 Rimu St., Helensville, Auckland	.. 29
1955	.. 1	Boyd, Edward P., C/o J. P. Boyd, 709 York St., Hastings	.. 70
1960	.. 3	Brazendale, Graham, Hikurangi, Northland	.. 5

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. S	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 3 Heather Place, Melville, Hamilton (1959)	.. 39
1957	.. 4	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., Methodist Mission, Keesu, Teop, Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea	.. [10]
1943	.. 2	Brown, Clifford G., 45 Gloucester Street, Greenmeadows, Hawkes Bay	.. 69
1916	.. S	Brown, George E., 611 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Blockhouse Bay, Auckland (1956)	.. 17
1941	.. 4	Brown, Harold K., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, 1	.. 115
1924	.. 3	Brown, Hubert G., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, 1	.. 111
1910	.. S	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951)	.. 83
1951	.. 1	Burrough, Amos W., Box 12, Ruawai, Northland	.. 8
1949	.. 1	Burt, Douglas H., 8 Marion Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland	.. 13
1949	.. S	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Lupin Rd., Otaki	.. 98
1944	.. 6	Bycroft, Leslie F., 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 125
1955	.. 2	Cable, Wilfred J., 18 West Road Northland, Wellington	.. 85
1947	.. 1	Campbell, M. Jackson, 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, 2	.. 114
1931	.. 2	Carr, Thomas H., 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	.. 26
1931	.. 3	Carr, W. E. Allon, 42 Malfroy St., Rotorua	.. 44
1951	.. 12	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., Methodist Mission, P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1917	.. S	Chambers, Ernest B., 95 Fitzroy St., Dunedin, S.W.1 (1956)	.. 134
1944	.. 2	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 98 North St., Timaru	.. 124
1960	.. 1	Christian, Owen L., 30 Kelso St., Tokoroa	.. 43
1933	.. 4	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 33 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	.. 62
1937	.. 3	Churchill, John, 37 Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 49
1950	.. 3	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 19 Regent Street, Hawera	.. 59
1942	.. 6	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	.. 11
1947	.. 7	Clements, Leslie C., 5 Rodrigo Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington	.. 84
1958	.. 3	Climo, Frederick J., Paparoa	.. 9
1951	.. 3	Clucas, Ivan J., 67 Searman Street, Waimate	.. 126
1939	.. 3	Cochrane, Herbert A., 15 Verran Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch, 5	.. 116
1915	.. S	Cooke, Percy I., 528 Te Atatu Rd., Te Atatu, Auckland (1952)	.. 18
1960	.. 3	Conway, James H., Neville Street, Warkworth, Northland	.. 31
1905	.. S	Copeland, Fred., 40 Abbotleigh Ave., Te Atatu Auckland (1947)	.. 18
1949	.. 14	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)	.. 104
1909	.. S	Cottom, Harry, Springston, R.D. Canterbury (1949)	.. 118
1953	.. 4	Craig, Hughan M., Kohukohu, Hokianga	.. 3
1943	.. 5	Cramond, George W., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 130
1957	.. 1	Cropp, James F., Munda, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1962	.. 1	Currie, John B., C/o Epuni Methodist Church, Brees St., Lower Hutt	.. 90
1933	.. 4	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Cuba Street, Marton	.. 67
1941	.. 18	Darvill, Harold A., 107 Waihi Road, Hawera	.. H.M.
1940	.. 2	Dawson, John B., B.A., 801E Queen St., Hastings	.. 70
1943	.. 1	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 54 Chester St.W., Christchurch, 1	.. 109
1932	.. 4	Day, Reginald, 62 Albert Street, Pahiatua	.. 75
1917	.. S	Dennis, John, 8 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.. 20
1929	.. 5	Dickens, Charles E., 82 Murray Place, St. Albans, Christchurch, 1	.. 116
1954	.. 2	Dickie, Arthur W., 41 Newall Street, Kawerau	.. 54
1959	.. 1	Dine, Mervyn L., Ngaruahoe St., Inglewood	.. 68

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1947	.. 2	Divers, W. Lloyd, 5 Chapman St., Invercargill	.. 141
1940	.. 6	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A. B.D., P.O. Box 2500, Wellington	.. 90
1944	.. 3	Dorrian, A. Peter, 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, 1	.. 111
1930	.. 8	Draper, Joseph C., 203 Glenfield Road Birkenhead (1959)	.. 21
1935	.. 5	Duder, Clifford L., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	.. 32
1931	.. 3	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 151 Kennedy Rd., Napier	.. 69
1954	.. 5	Eastwood, Eric R., 22 Donegal St., Cromwell	.. 146
1952	.. 3	Edmonds, David W., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, 1	.. 110
1961	.. 2	Edwards, Bruce W., Ohura	.. 53
1948	.. 1	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., Private Bag 600, National Park	.. 62
1911	.. 8	Enticott, Walter J., Kumeu, Auckland (1948)	.. 18
1943	.. 12	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch, 1	.. 110
1924	.. 17	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, 1	.. C.S.
1919	.. 8	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch, 8 (1948)	.. 109
1948	.. 6	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 16 Duncan St., Tawa, Wellington C.E.D.	.. 55
1916	.. 8	Fordyce, Robert E., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (1956)	.. 122
1957	.. 1	Fowler, Irwin J., 46 Matthias St., Darfield, Canterbury	.. 111
1911	.. 8	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside, Christchurch, 6 (1941)	.. 6
1937	.. 1	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 149 Kamo Rd., Whangarei	.. 2
1949	.. 8	Garner, William M., Whangaroa, North Auckland (1957)	.. 35
1952	.. 2	George, R. Leslie, Tauranga Road, Waihi	.. 101
1952	.. 3	Gibson, Loyal J., 28 Oxford Street, Richmond, Nelson	.. 88
1959	.. 1	Gibson, Roger M., Middleton St., Johnsonville, Wellington	.. 46
1952	.. 2	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 16 Belvedere St., Te Puke	.. 73
1958	.. 2	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 230 High Street, Dannevirke	.. 23
1940	.. 1	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, S.E.	.. 143
1958	.. 5	Glen, Frank G., Methodist Parsonage, Ohai, Southland	.. 77
1934	.. 6	Goodman, George H., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.. 131
1950	.. 3	Gordon, Bruce, M.A., 56 Royal Tce., Dunedin, C.2.	.. 41
1959	.. 2	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 10 Onslow Road, Huntly	.. 100
1956	.. 4	Grant Ian D., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson	.. 133
1945	.. 4	Green Warren, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.	.. 28
1959	.. 3	Greening, G. Kingsley, Queen Street, Waiuku	.. 87
1940	.. 6	Greenslade, Lawrence, 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington E.2.	.. 13
1931	.. 6	Greenslade, William W. H., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.. 65
1939	.. 1	Grice, Reginald, 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2	.. 115
1959	.. 4	Griffith, Keith C., Taihape	.. 108
1928	.. 7	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton Christchurch, 1	.. 94
1943	.. 4	Grounds, Edmund D., The Manse, 24 Tyne St., Timaru	.. 115
1960	.. 3	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 131 Livingstone St., Hokitika	.. 37
1954	.. 4	Grundy, John, M.A., 274 High Street, Carterton	.. 90
1957	.. 2	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Cheshunt College, Cambridge, England	.. 55
1960	.. 3	Gust, Warwick, B.A., Waitoa, Waikato	.. 102
1928	.. 5	Hailwood, Charlie O., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	.. 104
1947	.. 1	Hall, Allen H., M.A., P.O. Box 5023, Auckland	.. 134a
1926	.. 7	Hall, James H., 9 Paynter's Ave., New Plymouth	.. Th. C.
1952	.. 1	Hall, John R., 82 Pah St., Motueka	.. 104
1923	.. 24	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland	.. 134a
1958	.. 2	Hamlin, R. John, R.N.Z.A.F., Woodbourne	.. 104
1952	.. 2	Handyside, Allan J., 149 Hillhead Road, Corstorphine, Dunedin	.. 134a

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1935	.. S	Hanna, L. Gordon, 20 Nogat Ave., Papatoetoe, Auckland (1960)	24
1960	.. 3	Hanson, E. Francis, B.A., 40a Henley Street, Westport ..	106
1916	.. S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1947)	15
1938	.. 2	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	95
1910	.. S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch, 2 (1951)	109
1926	.. 4	Harris, G. Raymond, 19 Schofield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland	11
1900	.. S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940) ..	126
1962	.. 1	Hawkey, Graham G., Apiti	81
1939	.. 5	Hayman, Leslie A.D., B.Agric.Sc., "Friendship House," (20a) Bueckburg, West Germany	84
1960	.. 3	Henderson, W. John, Methodist Parsonage, Rongotea ..	80
1954	.. 5	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 3 Delta St., Dunedin, N.W.1 ..	131
1932	.. S	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 37 Albert St., Ashburton (1960) ..	128
1948	.. 5	Hilder, Basil J., 18 Tennyson St., Opunake	61
1962	.. 1	Hight, Arnold C., 10 Freyberg St., Wairoa, Hawkes Bay ..	72
1962	.. 1	Hines, David L., 74 Main South Road, Christchurch, 4 ..	115
1912	.. S	Hinton, George B., 49 Roberta Ave., Beverley Hills, Auckland, E.1 (1949)	16
1938	.. 3	Hoddinot, Ernest S., C/- Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie P.O., Wellington	87
1962	.. 1	Hollman, Derek G., 4 Heath St. Mt. Manganui, Tauranga ..	45
1949	.. 1	Hopkins, George C., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga ..	4
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	70
1936	.. 3	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 304 Stanmore Rd., Christchurch, 1 ..	111
1962	.. 1	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 27a Selwyn Road, Howick, Auckland	15
1960	.. 3	Hornblow, Maxwell A., Main Road, Greytown	93
1960	.. 3	Horrell, C. Seton, Cavendish Street, Ashburton	128
1929	.. 2	Horwood, Leonard C., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	17
1949	.. 4	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Ms., 5 Mirona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington	89
1900	.. S	Hunt, George P., 215 Great South Rd., Manurewa, Auckland (1940)	13
1942	.. 5	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Riemenschneider St., Manaia	60
1961	.. 2	James, Russell E., Taupo	44
1932	.. 3	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 30 Church St., Te Aroha ..	36
1919	.. S	Jefferson, Alfred E., 118 Gray Ave., Papatoetoe (1954) ..	24
1932	.. 4	Jenkin, William C., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui ..	63
1934	.. 3	Johnston, Andrew J., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin ..	136
1943	.. 4	Jolly, Albert, 83 Kolmar St., Papatoetoe	24
1940	.. 2	Jones, Allan O., 66 Firth St., Hamilton East	40
1962	.. 1	Jones, Barry E., Cowal St., Broad Bay, Dunedin	135
1899	.. S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green St., Lower Hutt (1940)	90
1949	.. 9	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission, Nipa, via Mendi, Territory of New Guinea	[12]
1916	.. S	Kendon, Charles H., 99 Avondale Road, Greenmeadows, Napier (1954)	69
1929	.. 6	Kent, Arthur T., 32 Edmonton Road, Henderson	18
1924	.. S	Kings, Harry., 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956)	97
1959	.. 3	Kitchingman, David L., B.A., 24 Passmore Cres., Maori Hill, Dunedin	133
1957	.. 2	Kitchingman, Henry W., 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland	17

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1956	.. 3	Kitchingman, Owen, B.A., Wesley Tee., Te Kuiti	.. 51
1961	.. 2	Langley, John E., 176 West Tamaki Rd., Glen Innes, Auckland	16
1927	.. 2	Larsen, Norman P., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	.. 97
1927	.. 24	Laurenson, George I., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.. H.M.
1938	.. 4	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 226 Thames St., Morrinsville	.. 37
1930	.. 3	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	.. 1	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.. 23
1958	.. 5	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt	.. 90a
1942	.. 10	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., 134 Grafton Rd., Auckland	.. Th.C.
1939	.. 5	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 162 King St., Rangiora	.. 121
1935	.. 3	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Meyers Rd. Manurewa, Auckland	25
1957	.. 1	Mabon, John, 811 Pakawhai Rd., Hastings	.. 70
1960	.. 3	Major, Lewis H., 112 High Street, Masterton	.. 95
1961	.. 2	Marshall, C. Russell, 37 Hallswell Rd., Christchurch, 3	.. 114
1948	.. 15	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	.. W.C.
1934	.. 3	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 Chapel St., Papanui Christchurch, 5	.. 117
1946	.. 10	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [8]
1930	.. 5	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	100
1953	.. 2	McKay, Archibald W., 30 Matai St., Hamilton	.. 39
1960	.. 3	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., Parsonage, Otautau, Southland	143
1946	.. 3	Moore, Harry, 170 West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	18
1931	.. 3	Moore, William E., Ford St., Opatiki	.. 48
1959	.. 4	Morrison, William, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington S.2	.. 83
1942	.. 3	Morrison, William J., M.A., 80 Wesley Street, Dunedin	134
1960	.. 3	Mullan, David S., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.. 33
1918	.. S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood, Christchurch, 2 (1953)	.. 111
1953	.. 3	Newman, Allan, 12 Marsden Rd., Greymouth	.. 107
1954	.. 3	Newton, Alan H. V., 179 Regan St., Stratford	.. 56
1956	.. 2	Nicholls, Trevor L., Te Reinga Street, Kaitaia	.. 1
1959	.. 1	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 71 Copeland St., Lower Hutt	.. 90
1937	.. 2	Norwell, Leslie T., 46 Radley St., Woolston Christchurch, 2	112
1939	.. 2	Oldfield, Charles B., 45 High Street, Blenheim	.. 103
1910	.. S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 3 Masters Ave., Hillcrest, Hamilton (1951)	.. 40
1915	.. S	Olds, E. Thomas, 28 Bannerman Rd., Auckland W.2 (1957)	11
1949	.. 7	Olds, J. Stanley, 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	.. 142
1946	.. 4	Olds, Norman W., 19 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland	.. 20
1951	.. 4	Olds, O. McLennan, 2 Westend Rd., Herne Bay, Auckland W.1	.. 14
1933	.. 30	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., Box 5104, Auckland C.1.	.. 12
1953	.. 1	Osborne, John H., B.A., Arney St., Paeroa	.. 34
1947	.. 6	Parker, Francis H., 11 Redwood St., Upper Hutt	.. 91
1918	.. S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Rd., Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3 (1950)	.. 16
1929	.. 11	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3	13
1930	.. 10	Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	.. 11

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1933	.. 3	Patchett, Ralph E., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh Dunedin	135
1931	.. 2	Payne, Herbert W., 77 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland	22
1955	.. 2	Peart, Cuthbert F., C.F., 25 King Street, Whakatane	47
1952	.. 1	Penman, John A., B.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, N.2	20
1927	.. 2	Penn, Athol R., 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	15
1938	.. 1	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Liverpool St., Hamilton	39
1960	.. 3	Peterson, Frederick D., No. 3 R.D., Wellsford	10
1925	.. 3	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 235 Karori Rd., Karori, Wellington	85
1962	.. 1	Pomeroy, Harold C., C/o 83 Kolmar St., Papatoetoe	24
1943	.. 8	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch, 8 (1948)	112
1954	.. 1	Rakena, Ruawai D., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.W.2	[2]
1949	.. 2	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 890 George Street, Dunedin	134
1950	.. 5	Ramsay, Phillip D., C.F., 100 Waiwhetu Rd., Lower Hutt	90
1901	.. 8	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 43 Maungawhau Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3(1941)	16
1951	.. 3	Raynor, Charles H., 23 Aynsley Tce., Opawa, Christchurch, 1	112
1927	.. 6	Raynor, Ivo M., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington N.4	88
1957	.. 2	Reddihough, John W., 78 Church Street, Mosgiel	134
1960	.. 3	Reid, Andrew G., Okato, Taranaki	61
1952	.. 2	Reid, Ian W., 298 Adelaide Road, Wellington	86
1911	.. 8	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston, Canterbury (1948)	119
1955	.. 5	Rigg, Frank S., 81 Yule Street, Wellington, E.3	87
1947	.. 3	Riseley, Benjamin H., 75 Taranaki St., Wellington	84
1962	.. 1	Robertson, Ian H., Mace St., Reefton	104
1942	.. 8	Rogers, Ranginohora, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.1	[2]
1960	.. 3	Roke, Charles E., P.O. Box 400 Hamilton	[3]
1911	.. 8	Rowe, William, 60 The Esplanade, Paremata, Wellington (1949)	89
1951	.. 5	Ruck, Idris J., 39 Strathavon St., Miramar, Wellington E.4	87
1954	.. 1	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., 31 Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	89
1957	.. 3	Russell, Kenneth H., 37 Mouatt Street, Waitara	56
1962	.. 1	Rutherford, Maynard G., 123 Waimea Rd., Nelson	100
1906	.. 8	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier (1943)	69
1916	.. 8	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1955)	17
1959	.. 1	Salter, Lawrence E., Graham Ave, Te Atatu, Auckland	18
1956	.. 4	Scammell, Bruce, Taitua, St., Taumaranui	52
1957	.. 3	Scarr, Geoffrey E., 128 Vogel St., Palmerston North	76
1950	.. 6	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland S.E. 2	16
1912	.. 8	Scrivin, Arthur H., "Roviana" 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1952)	15
1903	.. 8	Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	12
1945	.. 1	Shapcott, Leonard, 43 Queen St., Cambridge	43
1952	.. 6	Shaw, Harry I., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	92
1946	.. 5	Shepherd, Trevor, Park Ave., Oxford	123
1944	.. 1	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland N.5	20
1961	.. 2	Sides, Brian W., Bombay, Auckland	27
1927	.. 1	Silvester, A. Wharton E. (M.M.) 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch, 7	111
1938	.. 4	Silvester, John M.A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.1	19
1918	.. 8	Shuse, Thomas, E.D., No. 2 R.D., Kumeu, Auckland (1956)	18
1915	.. 8	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 198 Clyde Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, 5 (1957)	109
1952	.. 2	Spindler, Sydney J., 19 Hillside Cres., Mt. Eden, Auckland	12

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1951	.. 4	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	76
1953	.. 3	Stubbs, David G., Robinson Street, Foxton	.. 83
1955	.. 6	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 15 Ward Street, Te Kuiti	.. [4]
1954	.. 1	Tahere, Te Awa W., Waima, Hokianga	.. [1]
1961	.. 2	Taylor, A. Kerry, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	.. 82
1924	.. S	Taylor, Cecil R., 23 Garreg Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, 5 (1955)	.. 116
1957	.. 5	Taylor Phillip F., Methodist Mission, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea	.. [9]
1911	.. S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., Otarei Aratapu, Nth. Wairoa (1954)	H.M.
1941	.. 3	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 120 Colombo St., Christchurch, 2	113
1946	.. 4	Thompson, George, R, E.D., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville	.. 7
1951	.. 4	Thompson John H. 12 Barr St., Balclutha	.. 138
1955	.. 1	Thornicroft, Neville, Geraldine	.. 127
1935	.. 6	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4	84
1908	.. S	Tinsley, Robert B., Kereone Rd., Morrinsville (1949)	.. 37
1951	.. 2	Toothill, Harry W., 50 Cleveland Rd., Papakura, Auckland	25
1954	.. 5	Trebilco, David L., 84 Hackthorne Rd., Cashmere Christchurch, 2	.. 109
1952	.. 3	Trebilco, George R., 42 Melanesia Rd., Kohimarama, Auckland	.. 16
1927	.. 3	Utting, Harry V., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 120
1926	.. S	Voyce, A. Harry, 29 Prospect Terrace, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.. 20
1962	.. 1	Waine, Frederick G., 58a Scotland St., Roxburgh	.. 145
1962	.. 1	Wakeling, Walter J. D., 12 Gilberthorpe Rd., Islington, Christchurch	.. 118
1956	.. 4	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., 106 Rata St., Lower Hutt	.. 90
1912	.. S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	.. 16
1961	.. 2	Wallace, William B.A., 3 Scotia St. Port Chalmers, Dunedin	132
1945	.. 7	Watson, Alexander C., Methodist Mission, Box 36 Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1939	.. 4	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., Otorohanga	.. 50
1914	.. S	Werren, Samuel J., 17 Murray Street, Maeroa, Hamilton	.. 39
1938	.. 1	Whitfield, Harris, E.D., 12 DeMerle St., Kaikohe	.. 2
1959	.. 2	Widdup, Robert W., Kiwi Road, Beach Haven, Auckland, N.5	.. 21
1931	.. 16	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland C.3	Th.C.
1943	.. 3	Williams, J. C. Aldwin, 463 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne	.. 71
1942	.. 7	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Shirley Rd., Shirley, Christchurch, 1	119
1935	.. 6	Witheford, Arthur R. B.A., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	.. 128
1953	.. S	Woodnutt, Alfred G. 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	.. 55
1950	.. 4	Woodfield Frank H. Springston No. 4 R.D., Christchurch	118
1950	.. 4	Woodfield, Owen T., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.. 119
1962	.. 1	Woodley, Alan K., 314 Ormond Rd., Gisborne	.. 71
1955	.. 2	Wood, Ronald H., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill	.. 141
1941	.. 1	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 5 William St., Gore	.. 139
1956	.. 1	Ziesler, John, M.A., B.D., Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.

MAORI MINISTER

1941	.. S	Kukutai, Ngatoto, Gibsons Road, Tuakau (1954)	.. 2
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SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT MINISTERS

(including Tongan and Fijian missionaries)

1955	.. 3	Bitibule, John V., Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands	
1955	.. 2	Buadromo, Iliesa, Munda, British Solomon Islands	
1944	.. 2	Palavi, Daniel, Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands	
1957	.. 3	Pataaku, Samson, Buin, Territory of New Guinea	
1944	.. 3	Piani, Timothy, Munda, British Solomon Islands	
1944	.. 16	Taufa, John, Kieta, Territory of New Guinea	
1950	.. 9	Vula, Aisake, Munda, British Solomon Islands	
1957	.. 6	Zio, Joel, Munda, British Solomon Islands	
1961	.. 2	Bongbong, J. Francis, Tearaka, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea	
1961	.. 2	Boseto, Leslie, Rarongo Theological College, Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea.	
1960	.. 1	Raturoba Saker, Choiseul, B.S.I.P.	
1962	.. 1	Rotoara, Job, P.O. Gizo, B.S.I.P.	
1962	.. 1	Mosusu, Moses, Buka, P.O. Sohano, T.N.G.	

HOME MISSIONARIES

Entd.	Names and Addresses	Years
1917—	A. L. Witheford, (Retired) 14 Claude St., Claudelands, Hamilton	28
1919—	J. W. Bayliss, (Retired) Awaroa Road, Henderson, Auckland	24
1922—	C. Robinson, (Retired) 108 McGrath Street, Napier	11
1924—	R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah Street, Motueka	11
1924—	W. H. Wilson, (Retired) 19 Rangitoto Tee., Takapuna, Auckland N.2	24
1928—	R. Coombridge, (Retired) Kerikeri Central, Northland	12
1939—	H. R. Wright, (Retired) 7 Tor St., Westown, New Plymouth	3
1940—	W. J. Bryant, (Retired) James Street, Whakatane	7
1941—	T. Steele, (Retired) Dick Street, Reefton	5
1948—	H. Prowse, (Retired) 34 Harris Street, Marton	4
1952—	F. L. Johnson (Senior Home Missioaary) Westgate St., Ngaruawahia	4
1956—	F. E. Trim (Retired), Durham St., Rangiora	2
1961—	A. E. Tardif (Senior H.M.), 77 Grey Street, Woodville	2
1958—	D. I. Robertson (Retired), Onetangi P.O. Waiheke Island, Auckland	4

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1959—	Paul A. Garside, Silverdale, Auckland	1
1960—	Ronald E. Fields, P.O. Box 11, Woodend, Canterbury	3
1960—	David H. Ansell, 22 Clarke Street, Kamo, Northland	3
1960—	K. J. Keall, 135 Queen Street, Northcote, Auckland	1
1961—	Henry D. Kelly, B.A., 82 Auckland Street, Picton	2
1961—	David Armstrong, P.O. Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	2
1962—	W. F. Browne, Stanley St., Eketahuna	1
1962—	Owen P. Davies, Norsewood, Hawkes Bay	1
1962—	Ronald W. Ferguson, Norwood St., Newfield, Invercargill	1
1962—	Colin C. Jamieson, 78 High Street, Blenheim	1
1962—	Donald Prince, C/o P.O. Box 196 Dargaville	1
1962—	E. T. Simpkin, Methodist Parsonage, Russell, Bay of Islands	1
1962—	J. W. White, 17 Iti Street, Otaki	1

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

Thomas Walker, Pagitt Street, Coromandel
 Rev. W. M. Isitt, 259 Old Taupo Road, Rotorua
 Derek G. Laws (Non-resident Student of Trinity College) 1 Waterview Road, Mangere, Auckland, S.E.5.
 Napi Waaka, (non-resident Student of Trinity College) 519a Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.1.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Addresss	Years
1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland ..	35
1930—	Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired)	6
1932—	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	15
1934—	Huru Wiperi, 5 Aroha Avenue, Morningside, Auckland, S.W.1 (retired)	6
1936—	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato	17
1937—	Roi Moke, Atoea Harbour, via Kawhia	11
1938—	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	25
1938—	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Ave., Tamaki, Auckland ..	9
1940—	Wiremu Tonga, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	5
1942—	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	21
1945—	Tame Ponui, Kopaki P.O., King Country	14
1946—	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country ..	17
1946—	Tumu Te Huia, C/o 60 Churchill Avenue, Maeroa, Frankton Junction	17
1946—	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau, Waikato	17
1946—	Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	17
1947—	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	16
1948—	Nguru Winikerei, Marokopa, King Country	15
1950—	Hotai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167, Kaikohe, Northland ..	15
1950—	Te Iwikau Waaka, R.D. No. 4, Rotorua	13
1951—	Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamutu ..	12
1952—	Matene Hori De Thierry, Pukekohe	11
1952—	Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato	11
1952—	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Avenue, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland ..	11
1952—	J. Hatoitoi Pihama, Higgins Rd., Frankton Junction	11
1952—	Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Road, Onerahi, Northland ..	11
1952—	Tutu Keepa, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia	11
1954—	Alexander Graham Kahui, 1 Croal Crescent, Ngaruawahia ..	9
1954—	Te Akonga Pihama, 5 Mission Street, New Plymouth	1
1955—	Wera Couch, Rapaki, Lyttelton	8
1957—	Taipua Te Uira, C/o Private Bag, Kawhia	6
1958—	Himiona Waata, No. 3 R.D., Hikurangi	5
1960—	Matu Makiha, Taheke, Hokianga	3
1960—	Hoera Whakaari Hakopa, Whatawhata, Waikato	3
1962—	Herehere Maihi Maaka, Mill Rd., Kawakawa	1
1962—	Robert Taka, C/o Post Office, Kaeo, Northland	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, Rangiatea Maori Girls Hostel, South Rd. Spotswood, New Plymouth.
1939—	Sister Dorothy Pointon, P.O. Box 36, Halcome
1943—	Sister Anne Wilson, P.O. Box 172 Hawera
1944—	Sister Ruth Hilder, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti
1945—	Sister Jean Miller, 38 Haverstock Rd., Auckland, S.W.2
1946—	Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, 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, C/o 37 Bank St., Te Awaumutu

- 1955—Sister Kathleen Rogers, Taheke, P.O. Hokianga
 1956—Sister Lorraine Flowers, Yirrkala, North Australia
 1957—Sister Beverley Taylor, 89 Rose Rd., Auckland, W.2.
 1958—Sister Mary Sealey, P.O. Box 9, Otorohanga
 1960—Sister Gladys Thomas, 3 Waverley Flats, 5 Ruahine St., Trentham, Upper Hutt.
 1960—Probationer Pamela Beaumont, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 1960—Sister Norma Yarr, C/o Post Office, Dargaville
 1960—Sister Joan Wedding, C/o Maori Mission Centre, Airdale St., Auckland
 1962—Probationer Graewyn Hammond, C/o P.O. Box 400, Hamilton
 1962—Probationer Edna Jenkin, C/o P.O. Box 400, Hamilton

MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Ada Lee, Kihili, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Myra Fraser, Munda, British Solomon Islands
 Sister June Hilder, Skotolan, Buka, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Norma Graves, Kekesu, Teop, 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, P.O. Box 5023, Auckland
 Sister Mary Addison, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Audrey Highnam, Choiseul, Gizo, B.S.I.P.
 Sister Lesley Bowen, Kekesu, Teop, Shoano, T.N.G.
 Sister Patricia Jacobsen, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Kathleen Shaw, Kekesu, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea
 Miss Joyce K. Rosser, Mendi, via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea
 Sister Gladys Larkin, Munda, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Beryl Grice, Choiseul, B.S.I.P.
 Sister Patricia Hulks, Buka, Sohano, T.N.G.

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, M.B.E., 34b Grange Rd., 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. Ramarama, Auckland South
 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
Batley, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew	Cumberland, England	1812	1831	1st May, 1893	Oxford, Nth. Cantby.
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Seardsdale, 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.
Burnett, Oswald	Woodend, Nth. Canterbury	1888	1914	4th March, 1960	Christchurch
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.	Kaiapoi	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.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington

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Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
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
Gatman, William	Hull, England	1884	1919	21st September, 1960	Auckland
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
Handy, Francis J.	Birmingham, England	1900	1928	20th January, 1961	Otahuhu

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Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1887	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Haylock, Donald C.	Bradford, England	1913	1946	30th July, 1954	Auckland
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	Whirinaki
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Otahuhu
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	—	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis	London	1855	1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jack, J. Francis	Palmerston South, N.Z.	1893	1922	8th September, 1961	Auckland
James, Benjamin, J.	Victoria	1874	1903	20th July, 1955	Christchurch
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jones, T. Francis	South Wales	1853	1882	16th May, 1943	Auckland
Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D.,	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D. F.R.E.S.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.			1880		Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawrence, Frederick B.,	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

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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	1851	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1848	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1903	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1898	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
McArthur, John D.	Christchurch	1880	1909	3rd March, 1961	Blenheim
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

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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
Odell, Henry J.	New South Wales		1915	16th March, 1961	London
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
Orchard, Hector C.	Geelong, Australia	1884	1920	16th May, 1957	Dunedin
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Victoria	1873	1902	29th June, 1956	Auckland
Parker, Frederick John	Dunedin	1892	1917	15th November, 1959	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 Warana	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, Rakana 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

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Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richards, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7th March, 1957	Christchurch
Richards, Raymond	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, Victoria	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	Wellington
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.		—	1850	July, 1883	
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Roberts, Charles M.	Henderson, Auckland	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	Orehunga
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
Spencer, Herbert	Lancashire, England	1881	1923	15th September, 1961	Wanganui
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui

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Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Christchurch
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingarua (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	—	1911	January, 1937	Waikare
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

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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

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON)—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30.6.61
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Sundry Creditors				Sundry Debtors	6,194	13	5
Capital Account (1.7.60)	7,866	13	11	Less Sales in Advance	3,802	8	2
Transferred to Dept. of Christian Education	1,600	0	0	Stock in Hand—			
	6,266	13	11	Trade	2,100	0	0
Profit for Year	2,556	19	11	Printing and Stationery	100	0	0
	8,823	13	10	Equipment			
	£9,462	13	2	Cash in Hand			
				National Bank of New Zealand			
					2,200	0	0
					700	12	0
					6	7	6
					4,163	8	5
					£9,462	13	2

TRADING ACCOUNT

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Stock (1.7.60)	2,250	0	0	By Sales	17,368	10	8
Purchases	11,492	17	7	Sales in Advance	3,312	12	1
Sales in Advance	3,802	8	2	Stock (30.6.61)	2,100	0	0
Gross Profit	5,235	17	0				
	£22,781	2	9		£22,781	2	9

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To General Expenses	157	1	8	By Gross Profit	5,235	17	0
Printing and Stationery	246	16	7	Interest	70	16	0
Postages	278	11	2				
Salaries	1,730	10	6				
Depreciation	177	13	2				
Rent	159	0	0				
Net Profit	2,556	19	11				
	£5,306	13	0		£5,306	13	0

D. M. HAY, Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Accounts for Year Ended June 30th, 1961.

General Account

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance Forward	11	8 4	Presentation Book Purchases	19	14 11
Interest General Purposes Trust Board	31	10 0	President's Travelling Expenses	2	8 6
Grant G.P. Trust Board	60	0 0	Otago Daily Times Co., Printing	64	15 0
Bank Interest	5	14 9	Cheque Book		5 0
Interest Government Stock	23	15 0	Epworth Press, London	1	3 2
			Postage, etc.	6	2 10
			Balance	37	18 8
	£132	8 1		£132	8 1

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
General Account	437	18 8	National Bank Benevolent Fund A/c.	150	0 0
Benevolent Fund Account	1150	0 0	Balance General A/c.	37	18 8
			Investments—Govt. Stock	500	0 0
			General Purposes Trust Board	900	0 0
	£1587	18 0		£1587	18 8

Audited and found correct.
Dunedin, 10th July, 1961.

G. E. HICKIN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Auditor.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Statement for Year Ending 30th June, 1961.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance P.O.S.B. 30/6/60	.....	.....	21 18 5	Newsletters, Postages	.....	.....	4 13 4
Interest	.....	.....	13 8	Cyclostyling	.....	.....	3 10 0
Affiliations	.....	.....	29 7 0	Willis & Aiken, Printing	.....	.....	2 4 0
Auckland Meeting	.....	.....	2 6 6	Simon Printing Co., Printing	.....	.....	4 0 0
				Envelopes, 1 packet	.....	.....	16 9
				Stamps	.....	.....	1 15 11
				South Auckland Dist. Exchange	.....	.....	15 0
				Balance, P.O.S.B. 30/6/60	.....	.....	36 10 7
			<u>£54 5 7</u>				<u>£54 5 7</u>

Audited and found correct,
27th June, 1961.

M. O. BONIFACE, Regd. Accountant.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1961.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance as at 1st July, 1960	---	27	19 1	House Imprest A/c.	---	300	0 0
General Purposes Trust Board	---	1200	0 0	House & Service	---		
Probert Trust Board	---	1500	0 0	(Divinity Students' Fees)	---	2569	5 0
Contingent Fund	---	1680	0 0	Stipend and Allowances	---	2660	10 0
Emsly Trust	---	134	18 0	Tutor's Fees & Expenses	---	87	0 0
Budget Contribution	---	1935	0 0	Bursaries	---	204	0 0
Prince Albert College	---	200	0 0	Connexional Charges	---	316	5 4
Pitt Street Church	---	100	0 0	Rates	---	95	1 7
Hamilton Church	---	50	0 0	Insurance	---	157	18 1
Home Mission Department	---	75	0 0	Repairs and Maintenance	---	213	16 8
Foreign Mission Department	---	75	0 0	Furnishings	---	48	0 0
Friends of Trinity House	---	69	15 3	University Fees	---	373	5 9
Administration Charges	---	500	0 0	Fence	---	10	0 0
House & Service Insurance	---	157	18 1	Rent Board Room	---	14	0 0
Rates	---	95	1 7	Legal Expenses	---	57	13 0
Rents	---	14	0 0	Publicity	---	8	0 0
				Theological Students' Conference	---	25	0 0
				Printing & Stationery	---	9	10 0
				Bank Interest & Charges	---	20	14 9
				Sundry Expenses	---	19	11 7
				Library Fund	---	50	0 0
				Balance as at 30th June, 1961	---	575	0 3
		£7814	12 0			£7814	12 0

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1961.

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I have examined the books, vouchers and bank state-ments of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Coun-
cil, have compared them with the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1961, and certify that, in my opinion, the
Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of the Council as at that date.

21st August, 1961.

E. P. SALMON, F.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1961.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance Brought Forward	139	1 6	Travelling	50	7 10
Home Mission Fund	25	0 0	Tolls and Postages	18	18 7
Contingent Fund	25	0 0	Stationery	16	6 7
General Purposes Trust Board	160	0 0	Prayer Cell Expenditure	17	17 10
Bank Interest	4	17 0	Transferred to Overseas Visitors' Fund	100	0 0
Miscellaneous Receipts	12	19 8	Subsidy 1961 Lenten Leaflet	20	0 0
			Miscellaneous	8	10 0
				232	0 10
			Credit Balance	134	17 4
	£366	18 2		£366	18 2

Reconciliation:

Bank Balance	134	17 4
Cash Book Balance	134	17 4

OVERSEAS VISITORS' FUND.

INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance Brought Forward	195	2 7	Nil		
Princ. F. Geeves' Visit:					
Income from Circuits (additional)	27	4 0			
Transferred from S.A.C. General Account	100	0 0			
Bank Interest	4	18 10			
	£327	5 5	Reconciliation:		
			Bank Balance	327	5 5
			Cash Book Balance	327	5 5

Audited and found correct,

L. W. TAYLOR & D. A. TAYLOR, Auditors.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1961.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
House Supplies	.....	1120	11 0	Hostel Receipts	.....		3432	12 3
Lighting & Heating	.....	296	18 9	Rents	.....		464	0 0
Wages & Salaries	.....	1649	0 10	Grants—Home Missions	.....	100 0 0		
Telephone	.....	19	10 0	Foreign Missions	.....	25 0 0		
Repairs	.....	329	6 7	Contingent Fund	.....	125 0 0		
Rates	.....	191	9 5				250	0 0
Advertising	.....	6	0 0	Interest	.....		37	0 7
Printing & Stationery	.....	53	11 5	Excess of Expenditure over Income	.....		115	1 5
Students Lectures	.....	8	6 0					
Travelling & Honorarium	.....	121	18 8					
Library	.....	30	8 5					
Depreciation	.....	100	0 0					
Insurance	.....	71	13 2					
Transfer to Property Reconstruction A/c. (Part of Rents received)	.....	300	0 0					
		£4298	14 3				£4298	14 3

FURNITURE RENEWALS ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Cash Payments	—	412	4 1	Balance, 31/5/60	—	229	2 9
Sundry Creditor	—	100	0 0	Interest	—	7	0 0
Balance	—	93	19 4	Donations from Guilds	—	370	0 8
		£606	3 5			£606	3 5

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1961.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			203 11 0	Freehold Property	5000	0	0
Grants in Advance			20 16 8	Furniture	754	0	0
Trainees' Allowances			3 18 4	Aga Cooker, Gas Stove	138	12	0
Trainees' Emergency Fund			5 5 0	Refrigerator	90	0	0
Sister Lena Button Fund			7 10 10	Electric Cylinder	259	0	0
Furniture Renewals			93 19 4	Electric Toaster	30	4	10
Property Renewals			1721 11 6				
Maori Library	52	15	9		6271	16	10
Less Purchases	3	3	6	Less Depreciation Reserve	3083	6	8
			49 12 3				3188 10 2
Chapel Fund	27	7	6	P.O.S.B.			1006 15 2
M.W.M.U.	100	0	0	General Purposes Trust			36 4 2
Donations	2	17	6	Bank of New Zealand			736 0 5
			130 5 0	Cash			20 0 0
Accumulated Funds	3201	14	7	Sundry Debtors			335 13 4
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	115	1	5				
			3086 13 2				
			£5323 3 1				£5323 3 1

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.
H. T. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.N.Z.,
A.C.I.S., Auditor.

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THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1960.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—								Land, Buildings and Improvements—							
State Advances Corporation								Paeata		138182	0	0			
Suspensory Loan		200	0	0				Maurice Harding Park		10958	0	0			
Trade Accounts		1398	1	5	1598	1	5	Waikowhai Park		18855	18	5			
Scholarship Funds—								Grafton		19407	19	6			
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston		2000	0	0				Hobson County		10	0	0			
George Winstone		1000	0	0									187413	17	11
Stephen James Ambury		1000	0	0				Plant and Equipment—							
War Memorial Fund (Maori)		384	10	0				Farm Machinery		772	0	0			
		4384	10	0				Motor Vehicles		1183	0	0			
Undistributed Income		50	0	0	4434	10	0	Furniture and Equipment		13159	0	0			
Funds—													15114	0	0
Building		2054	14	0				Stock on Hand—							
Furnishing		3	0	0				Livestock		2452	10	0			
Blacklock Library Bequest		150	0	0				Produce and Sundries		1910	5	10	4362	15	10
Library Book Fund		125	0	0	2332	14	0	Sundry Debtors:		8121	7	3			
Capital Account—								Less Reserve for Bad Debts		150	0	0	7971	7	3
Balance as at 1/1/60		207857	2	3				Scholarship Funds Investments—							
Net Rents New Subdivision								N.Z. Government Stock							
Waikowhai		1174	18	11				(Maturity Value £3400)		3384	10	0			
Donations Received		14	15	0				Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd.		1000	0	0	4384	10	0
College Building Fund Interest		51	5	0				(1000 Shares of £1 each fully paid)							
Grafton Property Lease Conversions		9251	2	0				General Investments—							
Profit on Sale of N.Z. Co-op. Dairy Shares		5	6	2				College Building Fund, Dominion Investment & Banking Association		5043	15	0			
Bonus Issue Shares Auckland Co-op. Milk Producers		214	0	0				Auckland Savings Bank		1007	10	0	6051	5	0
Transfer from Chapel Organ Fund		1308	12	10											
Excess Income over Expenditure		178	18	3	220056	0	5								

Shares—Auckland				
Co-op. Milk Pro-				
ducers' Ltd.			215	0 0
Bank of N.Z.—				
Current Accounts	9672	12	3	
Less New Sub-				
division A/c.	6764	2	5	
			2908	9 10
				9174 14 10
				<u>£228421 5 10</u>
				<u>£228421 5 10</u>

G. C. B. MINOGUE, F.P.A.N.Z., A.C.L.S., General Secretary.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

AUDITOR'S 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, 1960 as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors of the Board, Messrs Peak, Kirker & Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on Hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

AUCKLAND,
31st January, 1961.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE, CAMERON & CO.,
Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Working Expenses:				Sundry Income:			
Administration Charges ..	719	10	0	Commission	373	11	1
Audit Fee	56	10	0	Commission	61	4	2
Stationery & General Expenses	182	19	11				
Govt. Earthquake Premium ..	17	14	9				
				Interest Earned:			
Interest on Deposits			976 14 8	P.O. Savings Bank	112	10	8
Fund Disbursements:			2,075 3 5	Bank of New Zealand ..	160	5	11
Annuities	11,241	0	11	Mortgages	5,268	4	5
Furniture Grants	335	0	0	Debentures and Govt. Stock ..	1,863	2	3
			11,576 0 11	Arrears of Subscriptions ..	26	8	9
Appropriations:							
Investmt. Fluctuation Reserve	200	0	0	Property Income			7,430 12 0
Building Depreciation Reserve	500	0	0				3,925 0 8
Building Maintenance Reserve	400	0	0	Fund Contributions:			
			1,100 0 0	Circuit Levies	5,538	0	0
Balance Transferred to Accumu-				Personal Subscriptions ..	3,736	0	0
lated Funds			5,336 8 11				9,274 0 0
			£21,064 7 11				£21,064 7 11

A contract for Property Maintenance was entered into prior to June 30th, 1961, and of the £1600 balance due on this contract, provision has been made in the above accounts to the extent of £800 in the Property Maintenance Reserve.

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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, 1961.

CAYGILL, HIBBEARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
31/8/1961.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BENEVOLENT BRANCH
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s d		£	s d
To Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expenses	2	10 0	By Balance as at 30th June, 1960	31	18 5
Grants	25	0 0	Donations	38	8 0
Balance as at 30th June, 1961	100	5 11	Interest	57	9 6
	£127	15 11		£127	15 11

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s d		£	s d
Capital Account	1,400	0 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	1,500	5 11
Revenue Account	100	5 11			
	£1,500	5 11		£1,500	5 11

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as as 30th June, 1961.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
31/8/61.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Withdrawals	881	14	8	By Balance as at 30/6/60	27,447	11	10
Forfeitures	53	10	0	Personal Subscriptions	1,448	5	11
Balance as at 30/6/61	29,258	7	0	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	452	0	0
				Interest to Contributors' A/c.	845	13	11
	£30,193	11	8		£30,193	11	8

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Balance as at 30/6/60	306	12	10	Forfeitures	53	10	0
Interest to Contributors	845	13	11	Interest on Deposits & Investments	1,139	7	8
Administration Charges	95	10	0	Balance as at 30/6/61	83	3	9
Stationery & General Expenses	28	4	8				
	123	14	8				
	£1276	1	5		£1276	1	5

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Personal Accounts	29,258	7	0	Debentures & Government Stock	7,295	0	0
				Debenture Interest Accrued	47	14	8
				Deposit A/c.—Supernumerary Fund	21,832	8	7
				Revenue Account Deficit	83	3	9
	£29,258	7	0		£29,258	7	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, 1961.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
31/8/61.

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REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
31/8/61.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND
CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s d		£	s d
To Retiring Allowances and Withdrawals ..	2,249	17 9	By Balance as at 30/6/60 ..	18,548	16 7
Benefits Surrendered ..	2	5 0	Contributions:		
Home Mission Board Contributions Refunded ..	2	5 0	Personal	777	10 0
Foreign Mission Bd. Contributions Refunded ..	25	0 0	Circuit	201	0 0
Balance as at 30/6/61	19,071	4 5	Home Mission Board ..	207	0 0
			Foreign Mission Board ..	507	5 0
			Bonus Allow. ex M.W.M.U. ..		1,692 15 0
			Interest		400 0 0
					709 0 7
	£21,350	12 2		£21,350	12 2

REVENUE ACCOUNT

To Interest to Contributors' A/c.	709	0 7	By Balance as at 30/6/60 ..	504	13 3
Bonus Distribution	400	0 0	Bonus Allowance ex M.W.M.U. ..	400	0 0
Office Expenses:			Interest	850	12 6
Administration Charges ..	75	0 0	Benefits Surrendered		2 5 0
Audit Fee, Stationery and ..					
General Expenses ..	12	19 9			
		87 19 9			
Balance as at 30/6/61 ..		560 10 5			
	£1,757	10 9		£1,757	10 9

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Personal Accounts	19,071	4 5	Debentures and Government Stock	1,800	0 0
Capital Account	2,500	0 7	Debenture Interest Accrued	15	4 1
Revenue Account	560	10 5	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	20,316	11 4
	£22,131	15 5		£22,131	15 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1961.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
31/8/61.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s d			
To Interest on Trust Accounts	2,659	19 2	By Interest Earned	3,256	16 11
Authorised Appropriation	450	0 0	Commission	112	0 2
Stationery and General Expenses	148	16 5			
Excess Income over Expenditure	110	1 6			
	<u>£3,368</u>	<u>17 1</u>		<u>£3,368</u>	<u>17 1</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s d		£	s d
Personal and Church Trusts	63,378	15 8	Current Assets:		
Connexional Trusts	1,643	14 6	Bank of New Zealand	612	4 10
			Supernumerary Fund Deposit	9,711	5 0
T. W. Newbold Trust:					
Capital A/c. as at 30/6/60	9,489	3 4			10,323 9 10
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	364	0 10	Sunday Debtors and Accruals:		
			Personal Trusts	25	9 3
Winstone Memorial Fund:			Winstone Trusts	262	9 10
Permanent Capital at 30/6/60	29,247	1 4	Inter. Accrued on Mortgages	172	13 9
Plus trans. from Revenue A/c.	530	5 2	Inter. Accrued on Debentures	488	2 1
					948 14 11
			Investments:		
Grants Capital at 30/6/60	8,002	9 11	Debentures & Govt. Stock	62,236	5 6
Plus Revenue Less Grants	1,049	15 9	Less Investmt. Fluctuation Res.	1,055	6 3
					61,180 19 3
General Purposes Trust Board			Mortgages	17,974	4 1
Capital Account:			Loans to Trusts against Dep.	3,517	2 8
Balance as at 30/6/60	1,474	19 5	Advance to Removal Exps. Fd.	700	0 0
Plus Revenue	110	1 6			83,372 6 0
			Freehold Property:		
			Winstone Trust		20,645 16 8
	<u>£115,290</u>	<u>7 5</u>		<u>£115,290</u>	<u>7 5</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1961.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.
31/8/61.

CHURCH FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ending 30th June, 1961

RECEIPTS

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Bank of New Zealand	5269	16	6				Secured Advances	9003	7 11
Add, Interest Accrued	64	18	9						
				5334	15	3			
Loans at Call:									
Foreign Mission Dept. ...									
Dept. of Christian Education	750	0	0						
Wellington Charitable and Educational Endow. Trust	1000	0	0						
Wesley Church Social Services Trust Board	1000	0	0						
				2750	0	0			
Accumulated Funds:									
Balance, 30th June, 1960 ..	804	5	10						
Add, Excess of Income over Expenditure	114	6	10						
Balance, 30th June, 1961 ..				918	12	8			
				£9003	7	11			£9003 7 11

(Sgd.) R. THORNLEY, Chairman.

D. TAYLER, Treasurer.

I report that I have examined the Books, Accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Transport Board for the year ended 30th June, 1961, 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.

J. B. STEEL, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

WELLINGTON, 7th September, 1961.

Hon. Auditor.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1961.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Union Revenue Accounts:									
Combined Account	12,268	2	2						21,098 1 3
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Account	1,365	6	5						1,000 0 0
Stamp Fund	1,485	18	8						2,159 6 7
Legacy Account	50	0	0						4,500 0 0
				15,169	7	3			
Kurahuna:									
Revenue Account	2,127	0	7				6,937	18	0
Maintenance, Stall & Legacy A/cs	894	0	6				23	6	0
Emergency Fund	1,112	1	6						
Hostel Bequest Account	500	0	0				6,914	12	0
Capital & Depreciation Account	1,393	6	2				340	0	0
Capital (Property & Furniture)	7,254	12	0						
				13,281	0	9			7,254 12 0
									4,000 0 0
Smethurst:									
Revenue Account	1,121	8	4						
Investment Account	4,000	0	0						
Capital (Property & Furniture)	4,000	0	0						
				9,121	8	4			
Special Funds:									
Home Mission Capital Fund	870	18	8						
Solomon Islands Capital Fund	803	4	5						
Solomon Islands Girls' School A/c	1,666	0	5						
Solomon Islands Doctor Fund	100	0	0						
				3,440	3	6			
				£41,011	19	10			£41,011 19 10

I have examined the accounts of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand and have received all the information and explanations required. Deposits with the General Purposes Trust Board have been accepted by certificate of title from that Board. In my opinion the above accounts show the true and correct position of this organisation as at 31st August, 1961.

HELENA I. HENDRA,
Treasurer.

8th September, 1961.

W. T. WALTON, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Directors' Salaries	1806	2	4	By Contributions	5717	0	2
Office Salaries	998	4	1	Bookroom Grant	1600	0	0
Rent—Office Space	159	0	0	Duplicating Services	58	13	6
Property Expenses	77	5	2	Film Hire	15	0	4
Connexional Charges	136	8	10				
Grants—D.Y.C.'s, etc.	137	0	0				
Travelling Expenses	805	0	2				
Christian Education Handbook	340	3	10				
Home Sunday School, Bible Class	317	18	0				
Depreciation	449	15	3				
Printing and Stationery	729	16	10				
Postages	137	14	11				
General Expenses	324	8	3				
Order of St Stephen	29	0	0				
Religious Film Society	100	0	0				
Interest	41	2	2				
Leadership Training	83	4	9				
Youth Conference	8	9	0				
Missionary Education	17	13	1				
Excess Income over Expenditure	692	7	4				
	£7390	14	0		£7390	14	0

D. M. HAY,
Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors				598	18	1	P.O.S.B.:						
Home Mission Board Loan							Special Appeal Fund	517	12	9			
(secured by mortgage on Wel-							Car Fund	432	16	0			
lington property)				1378	6	3	Special Purposes Fund	173	18	9			
Special Reserves:							New Ventures Fund	631	3	6			
Special Appeal	1718	18	2				Furniture Fund	291	19	8			
Car Fund	432	16	0								2047	10	8
Special Purposes	673	18	9				Department Alterations				973	3	6
Missions, Overseas	153	15	0				Sundry Debtors				172	7	4
Home and Maori	165	6	6				Wellington Property				5852	15	11
New Ventures	631	3	6				Wellington Furniture				805	2	3
Parsonage Furniture	291	19	8				Equipment				860	7	10
Work and Witness	10	0	0				Films				77	12	11
Auckland Holiday Camp	38	15	4				Loan to H.M. Transport Trust						
				4116	12	11	Board (special appeal invest-						
Accumulated Fund (1/7/60) ..	5340	2	2				ment)				750	0	0
Add Excess Income over Exp.	692	7	4				Stock (printing and stationery)				200	0	0
				6032	9	6	Cash in Hand				8	15	6
							National Bank of New Zealand				378	10	10
				£12,126	6	9					£12,126	6	9

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1961

RECEIPTS							PAYMENTS						
	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d			
Cash in Bank as at 30th June, 1960				56	7	2	Advertising in N.Z. Law Journal	89	5	0			
Levies Received from Members:							Grant towards Travelling expenses to						
Home Missions Department ..	10	0	0				Annual Conference	50	0	0			
Auckland Central Mission ..	10	0	0										
Auckland Methodist Orphanage	10	0	0										
Masterton Children's Home ..	10	0	0										
Wesley Church (Wellington Cen-							Cash at Bank of New South Wales as at						
tral) Social Services Trust ..	10	0	0				30th June, 1961.	22	7	7			
Christchurch Central Mission ..	10	0	0										
South Island Orphanage ..	10	0	0										
Dunedin Central Mission ..	10	0	0										
				80	0	0							
Further Grant towards cost of													
M.S.S.A. Brochure published													
last year				23	5	10							
Interest				1	19	7							
				£161	12	7							

28.8.1961.

ROBERT THORNLEY.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TIMES
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1961.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Printing and Publishing	3094	15	0	Subscriptions			3911 16 1
Addressograph Plates	24	15	11	Advertising	1128	5 10	
Process Blocks	37	5	7	Less Unexp. Values	343	3 6	
Distribution Charges	700	12	10				784 17 4
Exchange		13	3	Contingent Fund Grant ..			175 0 0
Agents' Commission	112	0	7	Bank Interest			17 15 8
Editors' Honoraria, Expenses and				Deficit			36 3 0
Contributors' Fees	212	10	2				
Office Expenses:							
(Postages, Stationery, Exchange,							
Tolls, etc.)	242	18	9				
Authorised Appropriation	500	0	0				
	£4925	12	1				£4925 12 1

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TIMES
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1961.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s d		£	s d
Advertisements (Unexp. Value) ..	343	8 6	Sundry Debtors		
Subscriptions prepaid	150	1 6	Subscription in Arrear	400	6 0
Agents' Commission Provision ..	12	3 6	Adverts. in Arrear ..	254	9 1
Suspense Account	23	17 7	Accum. deficit as at		
Sundry Creditors	1001	13 10	30/4/60	664	2 8
Contingent Reserve Account ..	500	0 0	Deficit transferred from		
			Revenue Account ..	36	3 0
				<hr/>	
			Bank of N.Z.	700	5 8
				676	4 2
				<hr/>	
	£2031	4 11		£2031	4 11

H. L. FIEBIG, B. BASCAND,
TREASURERS.

23.5.61.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1961

To Loans as at 31/5/60	£	s.	d.	By Loans repaid	£	s.	d.
Loans Advanced	71,914	11	5	Loans as at 31/5/61	10,723	9	1
	25,550	0	0		86,741	2	4
	£97,464	11	5		£97,464	11	5

SITES FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

To Grants—	£	s.	d.	By Contributions—Home Mission Dept.	£	s.	d.
Tawa Church	150	0	0	Interest	150	0	0
Paekakariki	150	0	0	Balance	26	2	2
Motueka	100	0	0		259	7	10
Makarau	35	0	0				
Stationery and General Expenses		10	0				
	£435	10	0		£435	10	0

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

To Administration Costs	£	s.	d.	By Working Expenses	£	s.	d.
Stationery and General Expenses	600	0	0	Trust Contributions	526	5	6
Balance to Capital Account	185	2	7	Hymn Book Commission	180	0	0
	350	3	6	Bank of New Zealand and P.O.S.B. Interest	215	18	2
	£1135	6	1		213	2	5
					£1135	6	1

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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to their correctness. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st May, 1961.

H. T. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.
R. H. SHERRIS
Auditors.
June 22, 1961

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1961

RECEIPTS						PAYMENTS							
	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
To Balance Forward				488	1	7	By Rates	50	14	9			
Cash in Hand				17	0	0	Purchase Section	300	0	0			
Rentals	1692	15	8				Printing and Stationery ..	5	14	0			
Noting Fees	4	14	6				Renovations, Painting, etc.	79	7	6			
Mission Hill Dwelling ..	91	0	0				Interest on Advances ..	135	1	4			
Bank Interest	15	8	8				Land Tax	382	18	4			
				1803	18	10	Postages and Petties	12	14	0			
							Secretary	125	0	0			
							Sundries	18	15	3			
							Insurances	9	7	8			
							Grant to Rangiatea Trust	750	0	0			
							Audit Fee (2 years)	14	14	0			
											1884	6	10
							Balance Bank of N.S.W. ..				424	13	7
				£2309	0	5					£2309	0	5

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 1961. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked and the vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective Lessees' Accounts and found these in order.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.
 New Plymouth, 28th July, 1961.

G. V. DUFF, Auditor.

THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovation:				Rent			7,097 12 9
No. 1 Block	314	17	2	Interest:			
No. 2 Block	136	9	9	Bank of New Zealand	23	14	4
No. 3 Block	24	8	0	N.Z. Government Stock	237	10	0
Cottages, etc.	125	3	10	Debentures	683	16	9
				P.O. Savings Bank	10	7	10
Insurance Premiums			600 18 9	Mortgage	51	0	0
Rates			227 5 0				1,006 8 11
Sundries:			120 7 10				<u>£8,104 1 8</u>
Audit Fee		12	12 0	Balance, 30th June, 1960		5,266	15 11
Land Tax		130	6 3	Surplus for the year		6,519	5 5
Sundries		19	10 11				
Secretary's Salary		250	0 0				
Commission on Rent, etc., Collected		223	15 6				
			636 4 8				
Surplus for the year			6,519 5 5				
			<u>£8,104 1 8</u>				
Appropriated to Building Renewal Fd.		1,500	0 0				
Paid to Theological College		1,500	0 0				
Balance, 30th June, 1961		8,786	1 4				
			<u>£11,786 1 4</u>				<u>£11,786 1 4</u>

Examined and found correct.
P. F. PRESCOTT,
A. R. MARTIN, Auditors.
19th July, 1961.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBART TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Capital Account	50,000	0	0	Freehold Properties: Great North Rd.—			
Deposit Account	5	0	0	Land	17,580	0	0
Income Account: Balance as at 30th June, 1961	8,786	1	4	Buildings	33,940	7	3
Building Renewal Fund	18,000	0	0				51,520 7 3
				Building Renewal Fund Investments:			
				Debentures—			
				Auckland City Council 5% 1/2/69	3,000	0	0
				Auckland City Council 5% 1/10/69	2,000	0	0
				Auckland Hospital Board 5% 1/11/69	2,000	0	0
				Auckland Hospital Board 5% 1/2/66	2,000	0	0
				Auckland Metro. Drainage Board 5% 21/6/64	3,000	0	0
				Mortgage—			
				W. P. Pennell 6% 1/12/63	1,000	0	0
				N.Z. Govt. Stk. 4½% 15/8/62-63	5,000	0	0
							18,000 0 0
				Mortgage:			
				W. P. Pennell 6% 1/12/63		700	0 0
				Post Office Savings Bank		23	10 1
				Registered Stock:			
				Auckland Transport Board (£1000) 4% 31/7/63	966	17	6
				Auckland Harbour Bd. 5% 10/8/70	2,000	0	0
							2,966 17 6
				Bank of N.Z. Current Account		3,501	2 6
				Cash in Hand		79	4 0
	£76,791	1	4				£76,791 1 4

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probart Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1961, 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, 1961 as shown by the Books.

P. F. PRESCOTT,
A. R. MARTIN, Auditors.
19th July, 1961.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

Govt. Valuation 30/11/69: Unimproved Value .. £42,252 0 0
Value of Improvements £57,700 0 0
£100,225 0 0

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Rates to 31st May, 1961	865	16	3	Rent Received			6,729 3 5
Repairs and Maintenance	386	1	6	Rates Received from Tenants ..			793 18 3
Insurance	133	10	6	Interest—Bank of New Zealand ..	109	9	7
Land Tax	207	5	10	Auckland Savings Bank ..	11	0	10
Salaries	106	10	0				120 10 5
Sundry Expenses	25	13	1				
			1,724 17 2				
Grant to Trinity College			200 0 0				
Gross Income over Expenditure ..			5,718 14 11				
			£7,643 12 1				£7,643 12 1

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Accumulated Funds:				Fixed Assets:			
Balance, 1st July, 1960	119,598	0	0	Queen St. Shop Properties—			
Add Excess Income over Expend. ..	5,718	14	11	Land	35,000	0	0
			125,316 14 11	Buildings	25,000	0	0
Sundry Creditors			12 10 0				60,000 0 0
				People's Palace Property—			
				Land	26,000	0	0
				Buildings	30,000	0	0
							56,000 0 0
							116,000 0 0
				Sundry Debtors			34 5 0
				Current Assets:			
				Bank of New Zealand	8,915	5	4
				Auckland Savings Bank	379	14	7
							9,294 19 11
			£125,329 4 11				£125,329 4 11

AUDITOR'S REPORT.—I hereby certify that I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Prince Albert College Trust. In my opinion the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet have been properly drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs as at 30th June, 1961.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.
P. DELLOW, Secretary.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH,
B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auckland, 2nd August, 1961. Hon. Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1961.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Grant to Rangiatea Trust	200	0	0	Rent	575	0	0
General Expenses	3	3	0	Interest on Depreciation Fund Investment	22	11	3
Interest (St. Ad. Mortgage)	111	0	1	Interest—Bank New South Wales	3	3	10
Depreciation Reserve A/c.	100	0	0				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	186	12	0				
	£600	15	1		£600	15	1

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1961.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
State Advances Mortgage	2712	6	11	Farm Property	15276	8	0
Less repaid	86	6	5	Less Depreciation Res.	500	0	0
			2626	0	6		
Loan Account	1125	0	0	Sundry Debtors		125	0
Less repaid	75	0	0	Bank N.S.W. Current A/c.		126	10
			1050	0	0		
Accumulated Fund	11761	8	4	Deprec. Fund Investment A/c.:			
Plus Excess Income over				P.O.S.B. A/c.	46	2	4
Expenditure	186	12	0	Local Body Loans	550	0	0
			11948			596	2
			£15,624			0	10
			0				
			10				

19th July, 1961.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

I certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Kai Iwi Mission Estate for the year ended 30th June, 1961, and in my opinion the above accounts and balance sheet show the true financial position of the Trust at 30th June, 1961.

10th July, 1961.

D. R. SMART, A.R.A.N.Z.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wages	5,450	2	6	By General Donations	63	0	6		
Groceries and Provisions	2,319	1	1	Auckland Savings Bank	150	0	0		
Repairs and Renewals	866	5	6	Churches	1,415	14	1		
Clothing and Drapery	945	17	8	Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies	34	12	6		
Fuel and Light	548	4	8	Collector	-	-	-		
Farm and Garden	376	18	3	Connexional Budget	816	0	0		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	226	8	11	Ladies Committee	125	0	0		
Medical and Dental	76	9	5					2,804	7
Stamps and Telephones	118	2	10	Auckland Orphanages United Council				1,275	0
Travelling and Truck Expenses	340	2	3	Maintenance	4,893	8	10		
Petty Cash	130	0	0	Maintenance—Govt. Subsidy	1,317	6	8		
Insurance	124	6	4	McKenzie Trust	350	0	0		
Rent—Office and Board Room	57	0	0					6,560	15
Rates	231	0	2	Interest				536	1
Audit Fee	21	15	0	Dividends				176	12
Sundry Expenses	93	7	5	Leasehold Ground Rents				2,423	8
School Fees	86	19	11	Insurance Claim				-	-
Depreciation—				Capital Account—Deficiency				367	18
Furnishings	386	0	0						
Motor Van	39	0	0						
Rotary Hoe	30	0	0						
Mt Roskill Buildings	750	0	0						
		12½	0						
	£13,944	1	11					£13,944	1

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MT. ROSKILL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital— as at 1st July, 1960	116,288	19	1	Properties—		
Add Bequests—				Epsom—Sections at valuation ..	10,500	0 0
Estates of:				Wesley—Sections at valuation ..	15,575	0 0
Faulkner, W. H.	892	15	3	Mt Roskill—		
Gray, Alex.	1,275	0	0	Land and Improvements ..	9,129	3 3
Hook, A. C.	103	0	0	Home ..	66,987	2 0
Holloway, Samuel	15	6	3	Superintendent's House ..	5,697	19 6
Mallach, J. C.	46	13	3		72,685	1 6
Reeve, J. F.	2,616	3	8	Less Depreciation ..	750	0 0
Reeve, Mary	200	0	0		71,935	1 6
Walters Farm Trust	50	0	0	Shares—		
White, E. M. I.	4,066	7	8	E. Astley and Sons Ltd. — 561		
	9,265	6	1	Ordinary Shares, 14/- at		
	125,554	5	2	Valuation ..	631	2 6
Less Revenue A/c—				New Zealand Government Stock		
Deficiency ..	367	18	0	(including investment of Endowment Legacies)		
	125,186	7	2	New Zealand Government Stock,		
Endowment Legacies—				£10,100 at cost ..	9,879	7 6
Eliza Gilmore Trust ..	1,000	0	0	Auckland Metropolitan Drainage		
M. Caughey Preston ..	2,000	0	0	Board Stock—at cost ..	700	0 0
John Rendell ..	200	0	0	Auckland City Council Stock—at		
	3,200	0	0	cost ..	2,000	0 0
F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund—				Auckland Hospital Board Stock—		
Capital ..	3,337	0	4	at cost ..	2,000	0 0
Add Surplus for Year ..	76	5	8	Investments: F. E. Finlay Holiday		
	3,413	6	0	Fund—		
Ground Rent received in advance	585	2	0	40 Milford Road ..	1,500	0 0
Sundry Creditors ..	440	5	4	Auckland City Council Stock at		
				cost (£500) ..	500	0 0
				Newmarket Borough Council De-		
				bentures, £500 at cost ..	500	0 0
				Auckland Metropolitan Drainage		
				Board Stock, £500 at cost ..	500	0 0
				Auckland Savings Bank ..	413	6 0
					3,413	6 0

Furnishings and Plant	..	..	2,960	0	0	
Add Additions	..	..	898	6	10	
			<u>3,858</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	
Less Depreciation	..	..	386	0	0	3,472 6 10
Motor Vehicles—						
Bedford Van	..	..	196	0	0	
Rotary Hoe	..	..	150	0	0	
			<u>346</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Less Depreciation	..	..	69	0	0	277 0 0
Stock on Hand	..	..				100 0 0
Payments in Advance and Sundry Debtors						325 19 4
Bank of New Zealand—						
Current Account	..	..	2,386	13	7	
" Mt Roskill	..	..	400	0	0	
Imprest Account, Mt Roskill	..	..	100	0	0	
			<u>2,886</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	
						£132,825 0 6
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board	..	..				510 0 0

AUDITOR'S REPORT: I have examined the books and accounts of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage for the year ended 30th June, 1961 and, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown in the books of the Trust.

R. T. GARLICK, Chairman.

R. K. STACEY, Secretary.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,

Public Accountant.

10th August, 1961.

Secretary-Manager: Mr R. K. Stacey. Treasurer: Mr P. Dellow.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1961.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	2445	12	10	By Contributions from Circuits			
„ Household Stores and Expenses	1516	6	1	(1960 Appeal)	1260	5	6
„ Repairs and Maintenance	1023	19	7	„ Connexional Budget—5 months	619	0	0
„ Alteration—Manager and Matron's Flat	525	16	0	„ Donations	75	17	0
„ Drapery and Clothing	1057	1	9	„ Maintenance	1582	6	6
„ Advertising	3	15	0	„ Social Security Benefits	1244	13	6
„ Fares of Children	54	3	8	„ Government Capitation	803	16	8
„ Farm Expenses	120	0	7	„ J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	200	0	0
„ General Expenses	71	9	5	„ Masterton Lands Trust—			
„ Heating and Lighting	491	3	4	School Requisites Grant	35	0	0
„ Insurance	41	4	4	„ Income from Estates	239	8	0
„ Maintenance—Children Boarding Out	—	—	—	„ Interest	804	2	4
„ Motor Car Allowance	200	0	0	„ Wellington Board—Grant			
„ Manager's Disbursements	118	0	0	of ½ Share of Income	1239	19	8
„ Optical and Dental	24	2	0	„ Farm Income	146	5	2
„ Postages and Telephones	33	5	10	„ Transfer from Police Charity Fund	119	9	2
„ Rates	98	2	4				
„ Secretary's Expenses	25	0	0		8370	3	6
„ Recreational Expenses and Music				Excess of Expenditure over Income	88	0	2
Tuition	119	9	2				
„ Stationery and School Requisites	171	15	9				
„ Travelling Expenses	5	4	3				
„ Depreciation	312	11	9				
„ Excess (1960)	—	—	—				
	£8458	3	8		£8458	3	8

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDRENS' HOME

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1961.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds:				Land and Buildings vested in Wellington Board (£17894/1/8)			
Balance at 1st July, 1960	28980	7	10	Laundry Installation	1191	10	9
Add Government Subsidies	533	0	0	Depreciation	119	10	9
Transfers from Policy Charity Fund	165	10	0				
Legacies—Est. A. L. McEwen	10	12	0	Furniture and Equipment	827	0	0
Est. M. J. Perry	200	0	0	Additions	139	1	0
Est. D. L. Craig	190	2	6				
Est. S. G. Breach	900	0	0	Depreciation	966	1	0
Est. J. Garratt	200	0	0		179	1	0
			26179	12	4		787
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	88	0	2	Implements	48	0	0
				Addition	44	0	0
			26091				
Police Charity Fund:	331	18	3	Depreciation	92	0	0
Further Donation	295	0	0		14	0	0
Interest	10	15	1				
			637				78
Less Expended	285	4	2				0
							0
			352				9
Newcombe Trust			15				2
Sundry Creditors			387				0
			£26846				3
							4

J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z., Treasurer.

G. G. SADLER.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home for the year ended 30th June, 1961 and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Home as at 30th June, 1961 and the results of its transactions for the year ended at that date.

Masterton,
15th August, 1961.

R. R. DENE, Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1961

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s d		£	s d
To Salaries and Wages	5081	14 8	By Interest Received	3	13 10
House Supplies	2041	17 0	Donations and Collections	2478	8 7
Drapery, Clothing, etc.	1273	18 0	Combined Orphanage Appeal	1509	0 0
Lighting and Heating	993	8 5	Donation, Mackenzie Trust	191	0 0
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance ..	295	15 5	Maintenance Fees	5987	16 2
Stationery, Stamps & General Expenses	599	5 9	Miscellaneous Receipts	20	15 6
Insurances	72	9 0	Deficit	2234	17 1
Board and Residence Payments	338	2 6			
Travelling Expenses	159	6 10			
Rates	181	19 1			
Grounds	28	14 9			
Miscellaneous Expenses	773	18 9			
Bank Interest	12	12 0			
Depreciation Written Off (this includes £32/9/0 on van)	572	9 0			
	£12,425	11 2		£12,425	11 2

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SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenses and Commission Account	37	10	6	By Interest Earned	1,511	10	6
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	50	0	0	Bank Interest	71	18	5
Legacies transferred to Capital Account	2,964	8	6	Legacies Received	2,964	8	6
Balance to Income Account	1,495	18	5				
	£4,547	17	5		£4,547	17	5

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1961

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve ..	1,053	6	8	Mortgage Investments	13,118	11	4
Plus further provision	50	0	0	Plus Accrued Interest	133	13	10
					13,252	5	2
South Island Methodist Orphanage (Balance of Renovations and Improvements Fund)				Debentures and Govt. Stock ..	16,878	17	6
				Plus Accrued Interest	165	15	1
					17,044	12	7
Capital Account	33,059	11	10	Secured Deposit Stock:			
Less Renovations and Improve- ments Fund	4,000	0	0	N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. ..		350	0
	29,059	11	10	Pref. Shares, St Elmo Courts ..		500	0
Plus Legacies	2,964	8	6	National Savings		1,862	4
	32,024	0	4	Deposit P.O. Savings Bank ..		45	9
Plus Net Revenue for Year	1,495	18	5	Bank of New Zealand		1,397	14
	33,519	18	9	Sundry Debtors		36	0
Less Transfers	1,500	0	0				
	32,019	18	9				
	£34,488	5	5		£34,488	5	5

Christchurch, 7th June, 1961.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s	d		
Balance as at 30th September, 1960:				Grants to Ministers:	
Cash at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington ..	42	15	3	For six months ended 30/6/61	1967 10 0
District Levies for January, 1961 ..	308	6	8	Sundry Expenses:	
Payments Received from Connexional Budget Treasurer ..	1685	0	0	Exchange ..	2 13 0
Interest as allowed by Bank of N.S.W. ..	1	0	1	Cheque Book ..	10 0
					3 3 0
				Balance as at 30th June, 1961:	
				Cash at Bank N.S.W., Wgtn. ..	66 9 0
	£2037	2	0		£2037 2 0

Audited and found correct.

28.8.1961.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

ROBERT THORNLEY,

T. M. PACEY,

Hon. Treasurers.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1961.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Administration Costs	900	0	0	By Premiums and Commission	4283	0	7
Stationery and General	227	0	4	Mortgage Interest	294	9	3
Balance to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account	5836	15	10	Mortgage Interest accrued	130	12	2
				Debenture Interest	1591	6	5
				Debenture Interest accrued	526	11	6
				Deposit Interest	137	16	3
	£6963	16	2		£6963	16	2

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT AS AT 31st MAY, 1961

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Fire Loss Reserve	5385	9	8	By Balance as at 31.5.60	105	8	4
Recommended Grant	452	0	0	Transfer from Revenue Account ..	5836	15	10
Balance forward	104	14	6				
	£5942	4	2		£5942	4	2

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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, 1961.

F. M. SOWDEN, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.

13th July, 1961.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Salaries		3168 7 2	By Appropriations	3925 0 0	
Office Rent		150 0 0	Registration Fees	67 4 0	
Connexional Charges etc.		159 10 0	Board Room Rents	58 12 6	
Telephone and			Duplicating	15 0	
P.O. Box Charges		71 3 0	Bank Interest	16 13 2	
Stationery & General Exs.		137 2 4			
Office Equipment					
Reserve A/c.		75 0 0			
Salaries Reserve Account		75 0 0			
House Property—					
17 Merivale Lane—					
Rates	44	11 1			
Insurance	8	10 8			
Repairs & Furnishings etc.	53	9 9			
Interest	48	0 0			
		154 11 6			
Surplus		77 10 8			
	£4068	4 8		£4068	4 8

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1961

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund—			Bank of New Zealand	521	16 5
House Mortgage	1600	0 0	House Property—17 Merivale Lane	2621	12 5
Less reduction	100	0 0	Furniture	599	12 0
		1500 0 0	Office Equipment	570	13 8
Provision & Reserves—					
Depreciation—Merivale					
Lane Property	688	5 7			
Salaries Fluctuation Reserve	396	12 5			
Office Equipment Reserve	320	0 0			
		1404 18 0			
Capital Account—					
Balance as at 31/6/60	1331	5 10			
Plus Excess Income over					
Expenditure	77	10 8			
		1406 16 6			
		£4313 14 6			£4314 14 6

I report that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended the 30th June, 1961. 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, 1961.

H. L. FIEBIG,

H. deR. FLESHER, Treasurers.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,

A.I.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., Auditor.

24th AUGUST, 1961.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS at 30th JUNE, 1961

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Church Finance & Stewardship Committee—							Sundry Debtors	199	0	0
Levies Prepaid				2333	6	8	Post Office Savings Bank	24	19	9
Capital—							Bank of New Zealand	2117	4	5
Excess of Income over Expenditure	586	4	9							
Less Balance 1st July, 1960	578	7	3							
					7	17	6			
				£2341	4	2		£2341	4	2

W. E. CLOTHIER,
H. L. FIEBIG, Treasurers.

Audited and found correct,
F. M. SOWDEN, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

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EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses, less Refunds	—	3318	5	10	Circuit Levies	—	3987	18	6
Exchange, Postages, etc.	—	13	3	6	Interest	—	4	4	7
Interest	—	74	9	0					
Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	586	4	9					
		<u>£3992</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£3992</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS,
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st July, 1961

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Stocks of Booklets and Paper, 1/8/60				444	9	2	Sale of Booklets and Papers ..				966	5	8
Printing Booklets, etc.:							Grants—Spiritual Advance Committee	20	0	0			
"What Does It Mean" ..	21	5	0				Contingent Fund ..	50	0	0			
"Conference Reports" ..	82	17	6				Home Mission Fund ..	55	0	0	125	0	0
"Advent" Leaflets ..	68	15	0										
Prayer Manuals ..	140	2	6				Interest—Auckland Savings Bank ..	7	10	7			
"Lenten" Leaflets ..	150	0	0				Nat. Bank of N.Z. ..	18	7	3	25	17	10
"Modern War" ..	48	15	0										
	511	15	0										
Duplicating Paper and Supplies ..	401	9	9	913	4	9							
				1357	13	11							
Less Stock of Booklets and Paper, 31st July, 1961 ..				327	18	7							
Cost of Sales ..				1029	15	4							
Petty Cash, Postages, Sundry Exp.				59	0	11							
Travelling Allowance ..				10	0	0							
Rent of Storeroom ..				13	0	0							
Total Expenditure ..				1111	16	3							
Excess Income over Expenditure ..				5	7	3							
				£1117	3	6					£1117	3	6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1961

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
Accumulated Funds:					Cash at National Bank N.Z.				
Balance—1st August, 1960	..	1401	16	7	..	742	9	7	
Plus Income for Year	..	5	7	3	..	258	13	5	
Balance 31st July, 1961	..				..				1001 3 0
				1407 3 10					327 18 7
									55 16 9
									22 5 6
				£1407 3 10					£1407 3 10

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
 Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct:

R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
 Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF CONNEXIONAL GENERAL APPEAL
for period 1st July, 1960, to 30th September, 1961.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance forward	.....	2292	8 6	Distribution:			
District Contributions:				Trinity College	1960	1200	0 0
Northland	.....	128	17 6	National Council of Churches	"	375	0 0
Auckland	.....	541	0 10	Council of Christian Education	"	275	0 0
South Auckland	.....	369	2 0	Armed Forces Chaplaincy	"	100	0 0
Taranaki	.....	97	14 3	N.Z. Alliance	"	200	0 0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	.....	192	18 0	National Society on Alcoholism	"	25	0 0
Wellington	.....	318	17 10	Local Preachers' Association	"	60	0 0
Nelson	.....	171	2 0	Spiritual Advance Committee	"	160	0 0
North Canterbury	.....	286	5 10	University Chaplains:			
South Canterbury	.....	152	18 0	Wellington	"	100	0 0
Otago-Southland	.....	306	8 0	Canterbury	"	100	0 0
				Hospital Chaplains:			
				Auckland	1959	87	0 0
					1960	198	0 0
				Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	"	65	0 0
				Wellington	"	50	0 0
				North Canterbury	"	200	0 0
				Otago-Southland	1959	13	0 0
					1960	35	0 0
				Office Expenses		31	0 9
				Balance in hand		1493	12 0
		<u>£4,767</u>	<u>12 9</u>			<u>£4,767</u>	<u>12 9</u>

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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 1961, and in my opinion the above Account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the Fund at that date.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auckland.

Printing Synod Agendas	188	8	5
" Membership Certs.	116	6	1
Binding Book of Laws	44	10	0
General Printing	32	11	0
Pastoral Roll Cards	78	12	0
Baptismal Cards	79	3	5
University Expenses	17	8	0
Examination Committee Expenses	46	0	6
Special Course Trinity College	377	0	0
Church Union Expenses	278	0	0
Auckland Standing Comtte. Expes.	117	19	5
Otago-Southland Travel. Supervisors	62	19	9
General Connexional Travel	124	4	1

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" Grants—			
Trinity Theological College	1120	0	0
Connexional Secretary	400	0	0
Deaconess Institute	375	0	0
Methodist Times and Editor's Exp.	200	4	6
Overseas Travel Fund	500	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
Public Questions Committee	25	0	0
World Council of Churches	145	4	0
World Methodist Council	25	0	0
Ecumenical Committee	25	0	0
Wesley Historical Society	10	0	0
Temperance Committee	10	0	0
Radio Committee	20	0	0
Faith and Order Committee	5	0	0
Sub Religious Film Society	4	0	0
Spiritual Healing Committee	10	0	0
Finance and Stewardship Comtte.	75	0	0
Publications Committee	50	0	0
Internal Affairs Committee	30	0	0
Nat. Cl. Churches Comssn. on T.V.	400	6	6

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Exchange and Bank Charges			
" Balances held by Chairmen—			
Northland	16	19	10
Auckland	37	3	8
South Auckland	23	6	7
Taranaki-Wanganui	22	16	7
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	50	0	0
Wellington	30	18	3
Nelson	69	15	6 Dr.
North Canterbury	73	13	11
South Canterbury	10	16	10
Otago-Southland	40	8	2

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Balance Bank of New Zealand ..

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(Incorporated under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Act)

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1961

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AUDITORS' REPORT

NEW PLYMOUTH, 11 August, 1961.

MORINE AND JAMES,
Auditors.

MAORI MISSION

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1961

	NORTHLAND	AUCKLAND	SOUTH AUCKLAND	KING COUNTRY	TARANAKI	TOTALS for 1961	TOTALS for 1960	INCREASES	DECREASES
General—									
Number of Churches ..	13	3	..	1	1	18	16	2	..
Other Preaching Places ..	18	23	56	35	16	148	145	3	..
Parsonages ..	1	2	2	2	1	8	8	..	..
Ordained Ministers ..	2	2	1	1	2	8	8	..	..
Home Missionaries (full time)	..	2	3	1	..	6	8	..	2
„ (part time or Honorary)	8	1	10	7	1	27	24	3	..
Deaconesses ..	1	5	5	2	3	16	15	1	..
Local Preachers ..	1	2	6	..	..	9	11	..	2
Membership—									
Members in full status ..	497	489	180	493	303	1962	4180	..	2218
Number received in reception									
Services during the year ..	21	6	4	..	..	31	..	31	..
Methodist Adherents ..	237	327	4812	366	264	6006	..	..	..
Youth—									
Regular Sunday Schools									
Weekly ..	3	14	21	..	2	40	..	..	..
Fortnightly ..	2	2	28	1	16	49	..	..	..
Monthly ..	33	1	20	12	..	66	..	..	..
Totals ..	38	17	69	13	18	155	151	4	..

Sunday School Scholars ..									
Weekly	39	228	267	..	30	564	..	..	..
Fortnightly	29	27	326	75	311	768	..	..	..
Monthly	469	4	150	241	..	864	..	..	..
Totals	537	259	743	316	341	2196	1976	220	..
Bible Classes—									
Weekly	5	1	6	..	..	12	..	..	..
Fortnightly	1	1	..	1	8	11	..	..	..
Totals	6	2	6	1	8	23	22	1	..
Bible Class Members—									
Weekly	54	5	82	..	..	141	..	..	..
Fortnightly	15	10	..	21	103	149	..	..	..
Totals	69	15	82	21	103	290	254	36	..
Pastoral Care—									
Number of Families ..	254	519	998	433	423	2627	2714	..	87
Number of Persons ..	1481	1761	4992	2315	1780	12329	10917	1412	..
Regular Womens' Organisations—									
Fellowships and Guilds—									
Weekly .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Fortnightly .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Monthly	13	4	..	1	2	20	..	..	..
Totals	13	7	..	1	2	23	..	..	..
Number of Members ..									
Weekly .. ..	..	22	..	..	..	22	..	..	..
Fortnightly .. ..	..	10	..	..	..	10	..	..	..
Monthly	88	34	..	10	30	162	..	..	..
Totals	88	66	..	10	30	194	..	..	..
Devotional									
Fortnightly .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Monthly .. ..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	..	..	4	1	..	5	..	..	..
Number of Members ..									
Fortnightly .. ..	..	..	..	6	..	6	..	..	..
Monthly .. ..	..	..	20	..	..	20	..	..	..
Totals .. ..	..	..	20	6	..	26	..	..	..

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1961

	Buka	Teop	Kieta	Buin	Choi-seul	Vella	Rovi-ana	Total
Churches ..	33	34	21	52	36	31	32	239
Other Preaching Places	3	4	4	1	2	0	2	16
European Ministers	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	7
Doctor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sisters	2	3	0	3	2	2	1	13
Lay Missionaries ..	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4
Lay Workers ..	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Native Ministers ..	0	1	1	1	1	2	4	10
Native Agriculturists	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Catechists ..	5	4	2	5	8	5	3	32
Pastors	9	18	4	0	0	0	4	35
Pastor-Teachers ..	23	5	10	0	41	37	24	140
Teachers	7	19	6	0	24	22	43	121
Medical Assistants	3	2	2	0	2	7	16	32
Local Preachers ..	14	18	8	0	40	139	40	259
Class Leaders ..	16	0	4	0	0	2	0	22
European Members	4	5	0	8	4	2	15	38
„ Youth Roll ..	3	0	0	2	2	0	20	27
„ Adherents ..	23	0	0	0	0	0	4	27
Native Members ..	1116	395	596	1031	1720	639	1427	6924
„ Youth Roll ..	936	435	525	858	1795	1443	1574	7566
„ Adherents ..	462	1068	250	1489	426	827	874	5396
Sunday Schools ..	25	14	17	38	32	29	23	178
„ „ Scholars	678	300	438	468	937	894	848	4563
Day Schools ..	21	10	6	39	36	31	33	176
„ „ Teachers	43	25	19	66	70	22	67	312
„ „ Scholars ..	725	502	307	901	1279	1066	1330	6110
Members & Adherents	2544	1903	1371	3388	3947	2911	3914	19978

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August, 1961 (excluding properties on the mission field)

LIABILITIES

Solomon Islands District :

Circuit Balances	1,578	
Sundry Creditors	14,888	
Personal Balances	255	16,721

Solomon Islands Church Building Funds	2,746	
Sundry Creditors	280	

Special Funds :

Medical	33,875	
Medical Orderly	592	
Working Capital	25,995	
Vanes Bequest	500	
Boat Insurance	28,224	
Boat Replacement	500	
Fire Insurance	9,356	
Sickness & Accident	1,243	
South Sea Islands Catechists' Retiring Fund	108	
Solomon Islands Native Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund	428	
Solomon Islands Rehabilitation	6,687	
New Guinea Highlands Appeal	8,373	
New Guinea Highlands Agriculture	112	
Solomon Islands Jubilee	8,240	
Nicholson Memorial	151	
Don Alley Memorial	92	
Refrigerator Replacement	568	
Landrover Replacement	113	
Honiara Transport	403	
Skatolan Improvement	656	
Vella Lavella Special Funds	490	
Lepers' Fund	5,289	
Lepers' Trust Board Grant	6,641	
Lepers' Trust Board Hospital Dispensary Grant	4,060	
Lepers Relief Vessel Maintenance A/c.	3,454	
Lepers Relief Vessel Maintenance Reserve	5,000	
Mission to Lepers	354	

M.W.M.U. Funds :

Solomon Islands Girls' School Equipment	406	
Vella Lavella and Roviana Hostels	62	

ASSETS

Solomon Islands District

Cash in Hand and in Bank	11,122	
Sundry Debtors	2,260	
Stock	20,251	33,633

Boats	27,000	
Solomon Islands District Account	65,592	
Sege Plantation Lease	312	

Investments :

N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	49,142	
Local Body Stock & Debentures	33,300	
Shares & Stock	5,214	
Savings Banks and National Savings	14,765	
Commonwealth Savings Bank	428	
Loans at Call	8,750	

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Medical Fund	33,875	
Medical Orderly	592	
Working Capital Account	25,995	
Vanes Bequest	500	
Boat Insurance Fund	28,224	
Lepers Relief Vessel Maintenance Reserve	5,000	
Fire Insurance Fund	9,356	
Sickness & Accident Fund	1,243	
South Sea Islanders' Retiring Fund	108	
Solomon Islands Native Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund	428	
General Investments	6,278	111,599

Residence, General Secretary	1,380	
Projectors and Tape Recorder	97	
Motor Car	602	
Sundry Debtors	453	

Stocks :

Maps	30	
Stationery, etc.	214	244

Papua—New Guinea Highlands District A/c. ..	1,543	
Cash	4,166	

Choiseul Dormitory	131	
Buka Dormitory	293	
Girls' Dormitory, Kokengolo	7	899
Teacher Training		1,939
Building & Equipment Fund		9,046
Sale of "Blue Lagoon" A/c.		1,353
Overseas Scholarship Fund		104
New Guinea Teachers' Special Grant		698
Solomon Islands Film and Hire A/cs.		50
Tonga Relief Appeal		3,378
Solomon Islands Tonga Relief A/c.		160
Fraternal Workers' Fund		33
New Guinea Highlands—Solomon Is. Contributions		1,405
M.W.M.U. Translation		100
Boat Reserve Account		27,000
Solomon Islands District Reserve		2,492
Capital Investment Fund		15,587
Exchange Account		3,669
Accumulated Fund		7,457
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	£246,621	

£246,621

G. S. GAPPER
Treasurer

We hereby Certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Overseas Missions Department, 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 Department as at 31st August, 1961. Islands assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having been entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

Auckland,
26th October, 1961.

(Sgd.) Macky & Frear,
Public Accountants and Auditors.

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st JULY, 1961

RECEIPTS

	£	£
BALANCE AT 31st JULY, 1960:		
Legacies for Disbursement ..	1,233	
Removal Expenses Fund ..	50	
H.M. Training Conference ..	108	
Picture Department ..	113	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust ..	363	
		1,867
LEGACIES received during the year ..		1,014
CIRCUIT INCOME:		
Northland ..	415	
Northland Maori ..	184	
		599
Auckland ..	3,450	
Auckland Maori ..	162	
		3,612
South Auckland ..	2,351	
South Auckland Maori ..	241	
		2,592
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	1,789	
Taranaki-Wan. Maori ..	76	
		1,865
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	2,299	
Wellington ..	2,625	
Nelson ..	441	
North Canterbury ..	1,223	
South Canterbury ..	208	
Otago-Southland ..	725	
		16,189
1960 Appeal ..		15,680
1961 Appeal ..		509
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET , six months ..		14,425
SUNDRY INCOME ..		124
DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS, etc. ..		77
M.W.M.U. ..		4,000
Smethurst Interest ..		130
Duplicating and Typing ..		48
H.M. Removal Expenses Fund—Circuit Levies ..		10
Picture Department—Grant ..		75
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust—Share of Income ..		204
Refund on account of previous year ..		96
Sundry Receipts ..		1
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD ..		2,489

Carried Forward .. 40,749

PAYMENTS

	£	£
DEBIT BALANCE AT 31st JULY 1960:		
General Account ..		6,230
LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:		
Christchurch Central Mission for Rehua Meeting House ..	100	
Motueka Trust ..	100	
Matiere Trust ..	50	
Massey Trust ..	200	
Corsorphine Union Manse ..	250	
Waikato Maori Circuit ..	30	
Ohai Parsonage ..	100	
Islington Parsonage ..	100	
Russell Parsonage Loan ..	40	
		970
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST GRANTS		
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands ..	50	
Birkenhead ..	50	
Putaruru ..	50	
Rotorua ..	50	
Taihape ..	25	
Wairoa ..	20	
Upper Hutt ..	50	
Cromwell-Alexandra ..	35	
Western Southland ..	33	
		363
MAORI MISSION:		
(a) To Maori Mission Account:		
Stipends ..	13,584	
Travelling ..	2,365	
Maori Ministers' Car A/cs. ..	1,008	
Deaconess Car Accounts ..	1,343	
Circuit Expenses ..	566	
Rent, Mission Hill ..	137	
(b) European Minister in Maori Work:		
Stipend ..	715	
Travelling ..	266	
		981
Investment Funds Board—		
Rents (7) ..	850	
Connexional Charges ..	351	
(c) Maori Work General:		
Subsidy, Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel ..	200	
Kakaraea Church, Special Grant ..	400	
Maori Section N.C.C. ..	40	
South Island Travelling ..	100	
Contingencies ..	100	
		22,025

CIRCUIT GRANTS:

Northland District:

Whangaroa-Bay of Islands ..	338
Hikurangi ..	145
North Hokianga ..	175
	658

Carried Forward .. 32,966

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Brought Forward	40,749	Brought Forward	32,966
		CIRCUIT GRANTS—cont.	
		Auckland District:	
		North Waitemata	100
		Kaipara	50
		Whangaparaoa	75
		Bombay-Tuakau	87
		Auckland West	50
		Birkenhead	150
		Orakei	75
		Onehunga	150
		Auckland South	125
			862
		South Auckland District:	
		Coromandel	18
		Kawhia	45
		Taumarunui	95
		Ngaruawahia	75
		Hauraki Plains	88
		Te Kuiti	70
		Putaruru	350
		Opotiki	83
		Ohura	50
		Huntly	112
		Kawerau	75
		Rotorua	437
			1,498
		Taranaki-Wanganui District:	
		Marton	43
		Inglewood	105
		Raetihi-Ohakune	75
		Taihape	87
		Waitara	50
			360
		Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:	
		Apiti	110
		Wairoa	95
			205
		Wellington District:	
		Paparaumu	162
		Wainuiomata	75
		Upper Hutt	255
		Porirua	125
			617
		Nelson District:	
		Reefton	25
		Hokitika	50
			75
		North Canterbury District:	
		Woolston-Lyttelton	125
		Springton	140
		Christchurch Central Mission	100
			365
		Otago-Southland District:	
		Waikouaiti-Palmerston	50
		Cromwell-Alexandra	78
		Dunedin South	110
		Corstorphine Union	200
		Dunedin West	100
		Roxburgh	95
		Dunedin North	38
		Western Southland	108
		Port Chalmers	52
			831
Carried Forward	40,749	Carried Forward	37,779

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		£
Brought Forward	40,749	Brought Forward	37,779
		MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS:	
		Board of Publications	55
		Methodist Social Services Association	30
		Wesley Circulating Library	25
		Picture Department	75
		Colportage Society of Otago-Southland	13
		Deaconess Institution	100
		Deaconess Students	67
		Church Sites Fund	400
		Spiritual Advance Committee	25
		Trinity Theological College	75
		Ministerial Supply Expenses	50
			915
		RETIRING FUNDS:	
		Deaconess	272
		Home Missionaries	101
			373
		OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES:	
		Office Salaries	682
		Treasurer's Expenses	18
		Office Rent	186
		Expenses: Postage, Exchange, etc.	166
		Light and Power	33
		Telephones and Tolls	128
		Printing and Stationery	315
		Audit Expenses	12
		Interest on overdraft	120
			1,660
		SUNDRY PAYMENTS:	
		Annual Reports	504
		Deputation Expenses	389
		Share of Lotu	110
		E.L. and Fire Insurances	29
		Office Equipment	248
		Sundry Travelling	30
		Gratuities	29
		Staff Superannuation	17
		Sundries for Refund	120
		Sundry Expenses	29
			1,505
		CONNEXIONAL CHARGES	290
		GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:	
		Stipend	715
		General Allowance	50
		Travelling	248
			1,013
		ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:	
		Travelling	145
		RENT TO INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD—Two Parsonages	350
		PICTURE DEPARTMENT	28
		BALANCE 31st JULY, 1961:	
		Legacies for Disbursement	1,277
		Removal Expenses Fund	60
		H.M. Training Conference	108
		Picture Department	160
		E. W. Blackwell Trust	204
			1,809
DEBIT BALANCE GENERAL ACCOUNT, 31st July, 1961	2,398		
	£43,147		£43,147

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1961, 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.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

26th September, 1961.

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1961.

RECEIPTS	£	£
BALANCE, Bank of New Zealand, 31st July, 1960:		
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	139	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	598	
Capital	4,332	
	<u>5,069</u>	
Less Income Dr.	24	
	<u>1,171</u>	5,045
Balance Mission Property Trust		1,171
CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:		
Estate of the late J. Davidson	50	
" John Palmer	361	
" Walter's Trust	50	
" George Wilson	100	
" J. C. Prudhoe	462	
" M. H. Morley	518	
" Ada Woodward	200	
" A. L. McEwan	11	
" Harry Millin	100	
" F. M. Hoskin	774	
" May Adamson	100	
" C. D. Hornwall	3,194	
" W. N. Wallis	200	
Gift, Miss M. I. Dix	50	
Gift, Miss F. Dix	50	
Gift, Anonymous	1,000	
Increment on Shares	75	
	<u>7,295</u>	
Less Proportion for Disbursement	2,761	
	<u>4,534</u>	
LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT		2,761
REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS		4,391
REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGE		51
REPAYMENT, OPONONI		89
NEW LOANS AT CALL		3,975

PAYMENTS	£	£
INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:		
Through Mornington	3	
Through Invercargill	9	
Direct	2,460	
	<u>2,472</u>	2,472
LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT		2,761
CAPITAL INVESTED:		
New Special Loans	10,201	
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	4,700	
Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board Stock	2,300	
Auckland Transport Board Stock	900	
Post Office Savings Bank	1	
	<u>18,102</u>	18,102
PROPERTIES:		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	53	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	4,112	
Otorohanga Maori Centre	535	
Hawera Deaconess Cottage	589	
Hawera Maori Parsonage	17	
11 Kakariki Avenue	104	
28 Mt. Albert Road	10	
Taheke Deaconess Cottage	23	
Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage	92	
Tuakau Maori Parsonage	3	
Waima Maori Parsonage	3	
Mt. Wesley, Parsonage Site	225	
	<u>5,766</u>	5,766
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	260	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	160	
Loans at Call	3,280	
	<u>3,700</u>	3,700

INVESTMENTS MATURED:

N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	9,655
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NEW CAPITAL:

Sinking Funds	747	
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	404	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	2,140	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	325	
Dargaville Maori Centre	20	
Hawera Maori Centre	150	
Kawakawa Maori Centre	197	
Otorohanga Maori Centre	150	
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	150	
Hawera Deaconess Cottage	383	
Taheke Deaconess Cottage	150	
	<hr/>	4,816
Kinross St. Sales	213	
REV. & MRS. T. G. BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND	42	
E.M. & M.E. JONES TRUST: LOAN REPAYMENT	10	
GEORGE BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT	15	
THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND	5	
NET INTEREST AND RENTS	2,472	
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST: NET RENTS	1,070	
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS:		
Net Receipts	249	
	<hr/>	£40,564

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST—Expended	1,006
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INTEREST DISBURSED:

George Buttle Centennial Gift	15
Thomas Buddle Library Fund	5
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	20

BALANCES, Bank of New Zealand, 31st July, 1961:

Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	204
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	640
Kawakawa Maori Centre	1,521
Kinross Street Sales, on Account of Avondale Circuit	1,601
On Account of Capital	2,467
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	6,433
On Account of Maintenance	304
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	6,737

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THE METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1961

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	£	£		£	£	
CREDITORS:				CASH—Bank of New Zealand:			
Loans at Call		30,335		Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	204		
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund 31/7/61	598			T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	640		
Added during year	42			Kawakawa Maori Centre	1,521		
		640		Kinross St. Sales on account of Avondale Circuit	1,601		
Kawakawa Maori Centre		1,521		On Account of Capital	2,467		
			32,496		6,433		
SUNDRY FUNDS:				On Account of Maintenance	304	6,737	
George Buttler Centennial Gift Fund		300		INVESTMENTS:			
Thomas Buddle Memorial Library Fund		100		Memorial Gifts, Auckland Drainage Board Stock:			
			400	George Buttler Memorial Gift	300		
E.D. & M.E. Jones Trust Account		100		Thomas Buddle Library Fund	100		
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust		204				400	
RESERVES:				GENERAL:			
Working Expenses Maintenance		304		Mortgage	339		
Sinking Funds 31/7/60	7,019			Government Inscribed Stock	9,790		
Added during year	748			Debentures and Stock	8,300		
		7,767		Sundry Shares	12,812		
Investment Reserve		400		Post Office Savings Bank	32		
Loan Repayment Reserve		2,160				21,273	
			10,631	SPECIAL LOANS:			
MAORI CENTRES AND HOSTELS				Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	2,160		
Mortgages:				E.D. and M.E. Jones Trust (Wekaweka)	80		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	3,680					70,777	
Less repaid during year	260			PROPERTIES:			
		3,420		Parsonages, etc.		23,786	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	2,000			MAORI HOSTELS AND CENTRES:			
Less repaid during year	160			Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	24,653		
		1,840		Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	12,299		
Capital Receipts to date:				Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	11,953		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	13,800			Dargaville Maori Centre	2,058		
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	8,973			Hawera Maori Centre	2,395		
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	12,299			Kawakawa Maori Centre	501		
Dargaville Maori Centre	2,078			Otorohanga Maori Centre	3,207		
Hawera Maori Centre	2,372			Te Kuiti Maori Centre	799		
				Opunake Deaconess Centre	648		
						58,513	

Kawakawa Maori Centre	501		Mt. Wesley, Dargaville	1,821	
Otarohanga Maori Centre	425		Mt. Wesley Parsonage Site	1,429	
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	850		Kaeo	2,350	
Opunake Deaconess Centre	71		Kaeo Farm Development	120	
Hawera Deaconess Cottage	383		Opononi	878	
Hokianga Deaconess Cottage	25		Waima	100	
Dargaville Deaconess Cottage	10		Kawhia	100	
Taheke Deaconess Cottage	150		Raglan	50	
Kaeo Property Sales	1,410				6,848
Kinross Street Property Sales	1,601				
		50,208			
CAPITAL:					
Balance 31/7/60		83,692			
Add Legacies and Gifts	8,255				
Less Transfers for Disbursement	2,761				
		5,494			
		89,186			
Add Capital transferred from Mission Property Trust		5,109			
		94,295			
		<u>£188,334</u>			<u>£188,334</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, 1961.

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, 1961.

26th September, 1961.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1961

EXPENDITURE				INCOME	
	£	£	£		£
Debit Balance 31st July, 1960			79	Rent and Rates	1,848
Repairs	225				<u>1,848</u>
Rates	264				
Insurance	188				
Commission	93				
Legal Expenses	8				
	<u>778</u>				
Depreciation Reserve		275			
Net Income Carried Down		<u>795</u>			
		<u>1,848</u>			
Transferred to Capital			159		
Transferred to Maintenance Reserve			150	Net Income Brought Down	795
Transferred to Home Mission Fund			204		
Transferred to Investment Funds Board			203		
		<u>£795</u>			<u>£795</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1961

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	£		£	£
CAPITAL:			Buildings		10,000
Balance 31/7/60		11834	INVESTMENTS:		
Added during year:			National Savings Investment	1,374	
From Income	159		Post Office Savings Bank	22	
From Interest	91		Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority Stock	2,500	
		250	Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board Stock	2,500	
		12,084		6,396	
DEPRECIATION REVENUE:					
Balance 31/7/60		3,237			
Added during year:					
From Income	275				
From Interest	160				
		435			
		3,672			
MAINTENANCE RESERVE:					
Balance 31/7/60		466			
Added during year:					
From Income	150				
From Interest	24				
		174			
		640			
		£16,396			£16,396

I have audited the books and accounts of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust for the year ending 31st July, 1961. In my opinion the statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance sheet shows the position of the Trust's affairs according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of Accounts as at 31st July, 1961.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

SEAMER HOUSE ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1961.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£		
Boarding Fees	2,554	Dr. Balance 31/7/60	394
Home Mission Fund Grant	200	Salary of Matron	413
J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	100	Wages	366
Canteen Account	6	Provisions	723
Sundry Receipts—Monogram Account	1	Light and Heat	192
Staff and Boarders Furnishing Fund:		Cleaning and Laundry	21
Donations	25	Repairs and Maintenance	191
Less Payments	10	Rates and Insurance	223
	15	Interest on Loans	162
		Sundry Equipment	37
		Food Mixer	43
			80
		Telephones	12
		Deaconess Retiring Fund	9
		Sundry Expenses	21
		Balance Bank of New Zealand 31/7/61	54
		Add Petty Cash in hand	15
			69
	<u>£2,876</u>		<u>£2,876</u>

I have audited the books and vouchers of the Seamer House Account and certify that the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st July, 1961, is correct.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT



ESTIMATES

Income and Expenditure for the Connexional Year, 1962

INCOME

1. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS	2,000
2. M.W.M.U.:	
SISTERS' SALARIES	3,700
SMETHURST INTEREST	130
SPECIAL GIFT	400
3. EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST	204
4. MAORI CIRCUITS	1,000
5. MISCELLANEOUS, Outside the Church Budget (Camps, etc.)	300
6. CHURCH CONNEXIONAL BUDGET AT 1961 RATE:	
5 months	12,020
CHURCH CONNEXIONAL BUDGET AT 1962 RATE:	
7 months	18,123

£37,877

EXPENDITURE

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—	
Stipend	745
Travelling	250
Supernumerary Minister—	
Honarium	52
Travelling	100
Special Travelling	25
Home Missionaries (2), part-time—	
Travelling	104
General Circuit Expenses	50
Deaconess—	
Stipend	518
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess—	
Stipend	484
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess Supply—	
Stipend	440
Prov. for car	125
Connexional Charges (1 Minister)—	
2 Quarters Old Rate	30
2 Quarters New Rate	18
Parsonage Allowance	12½
Investment Funds Board—	
Rent for Parsonage, Waima	125
	<u>£3328½</u>

European Work

Hikurangi (M.P.)	75
Whangaraa-Bay of ls. (M.O.M., and 2 M.H.M.Ps.)	260
E.W.B.	20
North Hokianga M.O.M.	250
	<u>£605</u>

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister (Senior Maori Supt.)—	
Stipend	745
Travelling	250
Supernumerary Minister—	
Travelling	75
(Parsonage in lieu of honorarium)	
Non-Resident Student Supply—	
Stipend	604
Travelling	100
General Circuit Expenses	50
Deaconess—	
Stipend	563
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess Supply—	
Stipend	518
Travelling	25
Deaconess—	
Stipend	484
Prov. for car	125
Connexional Charges—	
One Minister:	
2 Quarters Old Rate	30
2 Quarters New Rate	18
Parsonage Allowance	12½
Investment Funds Board: Rent for Parsonages—	
Tuakau	150
Auckland	200
	<u>£4074½</u>

European Work

Auckland West (M.O.M.)	100
Auckland East (4th Agent Prob.)	130
E.W.B.	20
Takapuna for East Coast Bays	150
Birkenhead (3rd Agent)	230
E.W.B.	20
Onehunga (2nd Agent) (M.O.M. and M.H.M.P.)	200
Papatoetoe (Prob.)	80
E.W.B.	20
Waiuku (M.P.)	150
Auckland South (3 M.O.Ms.)	200
Henderson (2 M.O.Ms. and 1 M.P.)	120
Kaipara (M.O.M.)	150
Whangaparaoa (M.H.M.P.)	80
	<u>£1650</u>

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

(a) Waikato Circuit:

Minister (Hamilton)—	
Stipend	745
Travelling	250
Rent	175
Parsonage Allowance	12½
Home Missionary—	
Stipend	646
Travelling	75
Prov. for car	125
Home Missionary (half share with King Country Circuit)—	
Stipend	323
Travelling	38
Prov. for car	62½
Rent	39
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honarium	484
Travelling	75
Prov. for car	125
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honarium	104
Travelling	75
Home Missionary (part-time)—	
Honarium	100
For part-time Home Missionaries—	
Prov. for car	200
General Circuit Expenses—	
Phones, Travelling, etc.	200
Deaconess—	
Stipend	563
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess Probationer—	
Stipend	453
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess Supply—	
Stipend	453
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess Probationer—	
Stipend	453
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess—	
Stipend	563
Travelling Allowance	125

Deaconess (half time)—	
Stipend	281½
Travelling	62½
Hon. S.S. Teacher—Travelling	36
Investments Funds Board—Rent for Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	100
Connexional Charges (1 Minister)—	
2 Quarters Old Rate	30
2 Quarters New Rate	18
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	£7417

(b) King Country:

Minister—	
Stipend	745
Travelling	250
Parsonage Allowance	12½
Home Missionary (half time with Waikato)—	
Stipend	323
Travelling	38
Prov. for car	62½
Rent	39
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	25
Travelling	25
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	100
Travelling	50
Home Missionary Supply—	
Honorarium	25
Travelling	25
General Circuit Expenses	25
Deaconess—	
Stipend	518
Travelling	125
Deaconess—	
Stipend	563
Prov. for car	125
Connexional Charges (1 Minister)—	
2 Quarters Old Rate	30
2 Quarters New Rate	18
Investment Funds Board—Rent for Parsonages—	
Te Kuiti	200
Kawhia	125
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	£3449

European Work

Ngaruawahia (M.H.M.)	100
Coromandel	25
Hauraki Plains (M.P.)	105
E.W.B.	20
Kawhia for Travelling	45
Kawerau Trav. and Supply	50
Putaruru (M.O.M.)	280
E.W.B.	20
Putaruru, Tokoroa (M.O.M.)	480
E.W.B.	20
Opotiki (M.O.M.)	80
Rotorua for Taupo (M.P.)	425
Huntly (M.O.M.) R.B.	175
Te Awamutu, Deaconess Trav. . . .	25
Te Kuiti (M.Q.M.) Trav.	70
Ohura (M.P.)	110
Taumarunui (M.O.M.)	100
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	£2130

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister (Missionary in Maori Work)—	
Stipend	745
Travelling	250
Parsonage Allowance	12½
Hawera Parsonage (I.F.B.)	200
Home Missionary (New Plymouth)—	
Stipend	646
Travelling	225
Prov. N.P. Parsonage	150
Connexional Charges—	
2 Quarters Old Rate	60
2 Quarters New Rate	18
General Circuit Expenses	75
Deaconess—	
Stipend	563
Prov. for car	125
Deaconess—	
Stipend	563
Prov. for car	125
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	£3757½

European Work

Waitara (M.O.M.)	100
Taihape (M.O.M.)	230
E.W.B.	20
Marton (M.O.M.)	45
Inglewood (M.O.M.)	150
Raetihi-Ohakune Studt.—Supply . .	50
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	£595

HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Wairoa Circuit (M.P.)	40
Apti (M.P.)	20
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	£60

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Porirua (2 M.O.M.)	200
Paraparaumu (M.O.M.)	125
Upper Hutt—	
Deaconess	180
E.W.B.	20
Spec.	200
Wainui-o-mata Union Parish	150
Taita Union Parish	50
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	£925

NELSON DISTRICT

Reefton (P)	75
Hokitika (M.O.M.)	100
E.W.B.	25
Westport (M.P.)	100
(and for Parsonage R.B.)	
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	£300

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Woolston-Lyttelton (3 M.O.Ms.) . .	150
Riccarton (M.O.M. and P.)	200
Spreydon (M.O.M. and P.)	200
Springston (M.O.M. and P.)	150
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	£700

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Dunedin West (2 M.O.Ms.)	200
Cromwell-Alexandra (M.O.M.)	90
Western Southland (2 M.O.Ms.)	250
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	£540

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

Maori Work

South Island Deaconess—	
Honorarium	52
Expenses Allowance	26
Subsidy Auckland Maori Hostel	200
National Council of Churches Maori Section	48
Contingencies, half year	150
Deaconess Car Depreciation	150
Maori Workers' Conference	100
South Island Travelling	100
Maori Students for Ministry, School for Christian Workers	480
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	£1306

MISCELLANEOUS

Spiritual Advance Committee (half year)	12½
Board of Publications (half year)	27½
Church Sites Fund	400
Methodist Overseas Ecumenical Travel Fund (half year)	12½
Methodist Social Services Association	20
Colportage Society of Otago-Southland	37½
Wesley Circulating Library	25
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	£535

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

H.M. Deputation Expenses	400
Deputation Material—Visual Supplies	50
Picture Department—Plant replacement	50
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund Subsidies Estimate	156
Deaconess Retiring Fund Subsidies Estimate	546
Deaconess Trainees Allowance (half year)	52½
Workers' Compensation Insurance—Staff	40
Methodist Times Advertising	12½
Ministerial Supplies	100
Share of Lotu Printing	110

Interest and Bank Charges	100
Contingencies and Sundries	250
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	£1866½

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	745
General Allowance	50
Travelling	250
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	£1045

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	745
General Allowance	50
Travelling	250
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	£1045

EUROPEAN MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

See under Taranaki Circuit.

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES

For 2 Ministers—	
2 Quarters Old Rate	180
2 Quarters New Rate	36
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	£216

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Rent for two Parsonages	400
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	£400

OFFICE EXPENSES

Bookkeeping	
Secretarial Wages, etc.	650
Office Rent	190
Light, Postages and Sundries	180
Telephones and Tolls	100
Printing and Stationery	500
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	£1620

GRAND TOTAL— ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

£37,565

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1962

INCOME

From:	
Budget—	
5 months at £28850	12,020
7 months at £31067	18,123
Properties and Investments	2,000
M.W.M.U.—	
Sisters' Salaries	3,700
Smethurst Inter.	130
Special Gift	400
E. W. Blackwell Trust	204
Maori Circuits	1,000
Miscellaneous Income outside Budget	300
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	£37,877

EXPENDITURE

Maori Work	23,332½
Circuit Grants	7,505
General	6,727
Off Debit Balance of £2397/12/11 at 31/7/61	312
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	£37,877

NOTE:—

R.B. means referred to the Board for consideration during the year.

E.W.B. means portion of year's grant paid from Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust. Balance paid quarterly.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st August, 1961

EXPENDITURE

Solomon Islands Expenses:

Overseas Staff: Stipends and Allowances ..	16,977	
Local Staff	8,577	
British V.S.O. Workers	342	
Superannuation, Retiring & Repatriation Funds	746	
Native Ministers' & Catechists' Retiring Funds	42	
Lighting Account	661	
Education	2,848	
Circuit Travel	792	
Furniture Replacements	117	
Buildings	1,058	
Agriculture	84	
Sickness & Accident Fund	75	
Printing and Literature	157	
Stamps, Stationery & Cables	373	
Land Rents	120	
Fire Insurance	692	
Boat Insurance	400	
Overseas Travel	3,775	
District Travel	3,465	
District Engineer	3,045	
District Freights	439	
Medical	6,635	
	<u>51,420</u>	
Less reduction to N.Z. Currency	6,639	
	<u>44,781</u>	

Papua — New Guinea Highlands Expenses:

Stipends and Allowances	2,250	
District Expenditure	240	
General Expenditure: N.Z. Share	1,582	4,072

INCOME

Solomon Islands Contributions:

Roviana Circuit	1,174	
Vella Lavella Circuit	1,334	
Choiseul Circuit	2,428	
Buin Circuit	970	
Teop Circuit	1,096	
Buka Circuit	1,382	
Goldie College	75	8,459

Sales of Produce, etc.:

Vella Lavella Circuit	797	
Choiseul Circuit	75	
Buin Circuit	129	
Buka Circuit	397	
Goldie College	343	
Banga Lease	824	
	<u>2,565</u>	
Less Loss — Vataro	132	
	<u>2,433</u>	
Trading Account	478	2,911

Government Grants:

B.S.I.P. — Educational	1,250	
Native Teachers	132	
Territory of New Guinea Medical	922	
Educational	5,179	7,483

Sundry Income

Post Primary Schools	178
Interest	56
Refuelling Services	336

New Zealand Working Expenses :

General Administration :

General Secretary's Stipend and Allowance	792	
General Secretary's House Expenses	150	
General Secretary's Travelling & Car Expenses	294	
Connexional Charges	273	
Office Salaries	695	
Office Rent	202	
Printing & Stationery	91	
Office Equipment	15	
General Office Expenses	154	
Audit Fee	26	
Telephones	90	
Travelling, Annual Meeting	76	2,858

Publicity and Deputation

Annual Report	134	
Subsidy "Open Door" and "Lotu"	5	
Deputation Material	100	
Deputation Travelling	66	305

Miscellaneous

Deaconess Institution	25	
Trinity College	38	
"Methodist Times" Grant	20	
C.O.M.I.C.A.	33	
I.M.C. Projects Fund	50	
Interest on Loan & Overdraft	7	
Sundries	139	312

Depreciation

Projectors and Tape Recorder	75	
Motor Car	125	200

Balance carried to Accumulated Fund 2,265

£54,793

Meteorological Supervision	100	
Quarantine Fees	52	
Sundry	2	724

19,579

3,789

Less Reduction to N.Z. Currency

15,790

Papua—New Guinea Highlands :

Government Grants	258	
Interest on Appeal Fund	249	507

Leper Income Transferred		3,000
Medical Income Transferred		1,202

New Zealand Contribution :

Circuits	11,717	
Native Teachers	174	
Adoption of Leper Patients	182	
Sundry	9	12,082

Connexional Budget		17,208
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	3,700	
Methodist Women's Missionary Union Special	300	4,000

Interest		1,004
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£54,793

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1961

DISTRICT	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																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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TOTALS FOR 1961 ..	451	270	304	224	271	26	10	702	31307	629	827	2270	485	2407	467	31674	430	63	161	28556	3036	8186	10696	8670	6109	2921	1904	2347	1061	1123	912	807	514	341	45745	140500	159427	18	10	1156	18	4	32425	8	9	17	198	30690	9	4	15906	11	11	69301	10	8	89674	12	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1961.

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No. Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Number Recd. during the year.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Communicants	No. of Baptisms	PASTORAL CARE	
										New Members under 20 yrs.	New Members over 20 yrs.	Transfers from other N.Z. Circuits	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							No. of Families	No. of People
Mangonui	4	1	2	1	1	—	—	4	117	2	2	8	2	9	—	118	1	—	—	89	9	174	528
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	5	12	1	3	3	2	—	3	183	—	3	7	1	3	1	188	5	—	—	225	50	408	1375
North Hokianga	3	5	2	1	1	—	—	1	63	—	1	—	1	5	—	58	—	5	—	40	8	110	350
Hokianga	3	3	—	1	1	—	—	5	81	—	10	—	1	3	—	87	6	—	—	147	18	150	490
Hikurangi	1	6	1	1	1	—	—	1	50	—	—	4	1	3	—	50	—	—	—	30	11	101	290
Whangarei	4	5	4	2	1	1	—	13	307	12	12	34	7	16	10	332	25	—	—	300	34	360	1080
Dargaville	3	6	4	1	1	—	—	11	260	1	11	16	5	18	4	261	1	—	—	288	39	256	802
Ruawai	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	5	101	1	2	1	—	10	—	95	—	6	—	89	8	151	573
Paparoa	4	4	1	1	1	—	—	1	109	—	—	—	2	6	2	99	—	10	—	85	9	124	496
Port Albert	7	4	4	1	1	—	—	4	135	4	6	7	—	11	—	141	6	—	—	150	18	230	780
TOTALS	36	48	19	13	12	3	—	48	1406	20	47	77	20	84	17	1429	44	21	—	1443	204	2064	6764

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland Central	5	—	5	6	11	—	—	15	567	5	21	32	12	42	19	552	—	15	—	602	51	780	2210
Auckland Central Mission	1	1	1	3	3	—	—	2	210	3	3	2	—	8	6	204	—	6	10	225	13	199	780
Auckland South	5	1	4	3	4	1	1	12	499	7	26	29	4	37	6	514	15	—	12	638	62	789	2410
Auckland West	2	—	3	1	1	—	—	6	106	—	7	5	1	14	5	98	—	8	—	120	17	250	700
Auckland East	6	—	3	3	4	—	—	8	562	7	8	43	11	50	8	551	—	11	3	565	33	700	1450
Orakei	4	—	2	3	6	1	—	6	458	5	14	41	6	23	7	482	24	—	—	365	33	562	1548
Avondale	4	3	4	2	6	—	—	11	421	8	19	20	4	19	4	441	20	—	—	423	37	555	1672
Henderson	4	6	6	2	6	1	—	10	337	5	24	27	3	10	9	371	34	—	—	435	105	973	3920
Devonport	3	—	2	1	2	—	—	2	139	1	2	7	1	4	3	141	2	—	—	120	5	238	650
Takapuna	5	—	3	2	6	1	—	15	539	23	21	28	7	18	3	583	44	—	25	470	48	908	2469
Birkenhead	4	3	3	2	3	—	—	8	400	7	6	34	4	32	—	411	11	—	—	420	63	698	2320
Onehunga	4	—	6	2	1	1	—	5	252	—	13	12	5	21	16	235	—	17	1	256	11	467	1863
Otahuhu	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	2	152	10	5	19	5	9	—	172	20	—	—	200	12	160	344
Papatoetoe	2	2	2	2	3	—	—	8	353	10	3	23	4	17	4	364	11	—	—	310	27	485	1823
Papakura	3	1	2	2	2	—	—	2	277	14	1	45	8	22	7	300	23	—	2	280	42	459	1483
Pukekohe	5	3	3	1	2	—	—	5	260	4	7	12	5	10	3	285	5	—	5	250	16	260	680
Bombay-Tuakau	3	4	—	1	1	—	—	4	108	2	2	7	—	10	2	107	—	1	—	81	17	180	540
Waiuku	1	3	1	1	1	—	—	2	143	—	—	3	3	7	—	136	—	7	5	156	25	183	595
Kaipara	3	4	2	1	1	—	—	4	84	1	1	2	3	2	5	78	—	6	—	78	4	150	350
Whangaparua	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	3	81	1	7	2	2	13	—	76	—	5	—	80	6	130	417
Mahurangi	2	9	—	1	1	—	—	2	132	—	—	5	1	9	—	127	—	5	—	123	9	161	476
TOTALS	71	41	53	41	66	5	2	132	6080	113	190	398	89	377	107	6208	209	81	63	6197	636	9287	28702

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames	3	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	139	—	—	2	4	3	—	134	—	5	1	190	14	225	590
Hauraki Plains	3	4	1	1	1	—	—	1	61	2	2	4	1	11	—	58	—	4	—	80	8	90	310
Paeroa	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	62	—	2	6	—	9	1	59	—	2	—	56	9	95	295
Waihi	1	4	1	1	2	—	—	3	103	4	—	7	1	7	6	100	—	3	1	75	14	143	490
Te Aroha	3	1	2	1	1	—	—	2	219	4	7	9	1	29	5	204	—	15	—	200	10	200	530
Morrinsville	4	4	4	2	3	—	—	4	289	10	4	10	2	14	4	293	4	—	—	275	38	473	1580
Cambridge	3	2	2	1	1	—	—	6	168	—	1	10	4	2	—	173	5	—	—	120	14	180	450
Hamilton	5	1	3	2	4	—	—	7	547	12	7	42	8	30	1	569	22	—	—	583	65	699	1984
Raglan Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	450
Hamilton East	4	3	5	2	4	—	—	12	367	13	9	45	8	29	4	393	26	—	—	400	32	500	1577
Huntly	1	4	1	1	1	—	—	2	76	2	14	11	2	14	—	87	11	—	—	89	9	230	686
Matamata	3	3	2	1	1	—	—	2	216	—	5	10	—	20	1	210	—	6	—	200	36	230	749
Putaruru	1	4	2	2	2	—	—	2	124	1	3	19	—	11	—	136	12	—	—	90	40	508	2079
Rotorua	4	2	1	2	2	—	—	8	215	19	16	34	2	12	6	264	49	—	—	220	33	321	1004
Tauranga	4	5	1	3	5	—	—	16	387	4	3	46	7	15	1	417	30	—	—	440	55	626	1894
Whakatane	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	3	90	—	—	9	1	11	1	86	—	4	—	80	14	160	503
Opotiki	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	2	56	—	7	5	—	3	2	63	7	—	—	101	9	106	396
Te Awamutu	2	4	3	1	1	—	—	5	256	8	7	9	3	19	—	258	2	—	—	260	24	316	950
Otorohanga	1	6	1	1	1	—	—	2	108	5	2	2	2	4	9	102	—	6	—	61	9	95	361
Te Kuiti	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	80	—	1	5	3	7	2	74	—	6	—	50	13	200	375
Taumarunui	1	4	1	1	1	—	—	1	62	2	4	2	1	1	—	68	6	—	—	50	9	176	696
Ohura	3	4	1	—	1	—	—	1	49	—	—	3	1	6	—	45	—	4	—	60	11	100	300
Kawerau	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	2	22	—	4	5	—	1	—	30	8	—	—	15	6	57	204
Ngaruawahia	3	1	1	1	—	1	—	—	55	—	2	2	1	9	—	49	—	6	2	68	12	101	320
Kawhai	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	4	1	5	—	5	—	5	5	20	60
Coromandel	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	2	23	—	2	—	11	6	26	53
TOTALS	56	61	39	30	38	4	—	82	3852	86	100	297	52	271	46	3966	182	68	4	3774	495	5877	18886

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

New Plymouth	6	3	5	3	5	1	—	13	582	16	3	43	25	19	16	584	2	—	—	460	44	860	2500
Waitara	3	1	1	1	1	—	—	5	92	5	16	2	1	9	—	105	13	—	—	100	28	260	780
Stratford	7	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	174	—	4	3	3	7	1	170	—	4	13	120	9	250	800
Eltham-Kaponga	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	4	136	7	2	6	4	9	1	137	1	—	6	110	6	150	500
Hawera	4	—	1	1	1	—	—	7	259	—	3	17	3	15	4	257	—	2	—	212	14	304	1092
Manaia	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	82	3	3	—	1	9	2	76	—	6	5	60	10	112	376
Opunake	6	1	5	2	2	—	—	6	207	—	5	16	2	15	1	210	3	—	—	120	27	249	1121
Wanganui Central	1	—	1	1	2	—	—	4	275	9	—	9	3	10	4	276	1	—	—	290	14	316	900
Wanganui North	2	2	2	2	1	—	—	7	135	—	5	10	4	6	—	140	5	—	—	170	57	210	590
Wanganui West	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	3	111	3	5	3	—	11	2	109	—	2	—	125	14	225	565
Taihape	1	4	1	1	1	—	—	—	46	—	1	2	—	2	—	47	1	—	—	25	3	50	150
Raetihi-Ohakune	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	29	—	—	—	3	2	—	24	—	5	—	16	1	29	98
Marton	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	88	—	—	7	1	9	2	83	—	5	—	60	9	102	320
Inglewood	2	2	1	1	1	—	—	1	118	—	9	—	2	11	1	113	—	5	—	26	29	240	400
TOTALS	40	14	22	17	19	2	—	56	2334	43	56	118	52	134	34	2331	26	29	24	1894	215	3357	10192

GENERAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

NELSON DISTRICT

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Number Recd. during the year.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Communicants	No. of Baptisms	PASTORAL CARE	
										New Members under 20 yrs.	New Members over 20 yrs.	Transfers from other N.Z. Circuits	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							No. of Families	No. of People
Nelson	2	1	3	3	2	1	—	14	487	10	13	30	4	51	10	475	—	12	—	440	37	696	2114
Waimea	5	1	2	1	1	—	—	6	168	4	—	16	4	9	3	172	4	—	15	170	17	230	673
Motueka	2	2	3	1	1	1	—	7	127	—	1	6	1	8	—	125	—	2	—	110	8	160	500
Murchison	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	25	—	2	2	—	2	—	27	2	—	—	30	—	85	322
Blenheim	7	10	5	4	3	2	—	12	461	13	11	21	10	22	4	470	9	—	—	420	47	624	2100
Reefton	2	2	1	1	—	1	—	1	73	4	—	—	1	5	—	71	—	2	—	55	4	118	374
Westport	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	2	89	—	2	4	1	5	1	88	—	1	—	97	13	228	635
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	—	—	2	208	—	4	6	3	18	1	196	—	12	3	97	18	306	867
Hokitika	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	1	58	3	1	7	3	4	4	58	—	—	—	60	3	94	245
TOTALS	24	25	18	13	10	5	—	48	1696	34	34	92	27	124	23	1682	15	29	18	1479	147	2541	7830

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Durham Street	3	—	3	2	7	—	—	14	698	5	4	45	11	39	8	694	—	4	35	650	18	759	1975
Central Mission and Cambridge Tee. Church	2	1	2	3	2	—	—	4	151	—	1	4	4	17	19	116	—	35	—	126	5	195	545
Christchurch East	8	3	7	5	7	—	—	16	783	33	29	55	8	66	15	811	28	—	—	807	68	1445	4417
Woolston-Lyttelton	6	3	6	3	4	—	—	4	363	11	5	22	6	40	1	354	—	9	—	27	27	720	2067
Sydenham	1	1	2	2	1	—	—	5	206	—	3	3	4	11	1	196	—	10	—	200	3	230	580
Addington	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	6	142	—	6	9	3	6	3	145	3	—	—	160	11	150	400
Riccarton	5	1	4	2	2	—	—	3	290	6	—	38	6	20	4	304	14	—	—	285	40	650	2250
St. Albans	3	2	6	3	4	—	—	18	683	8	37	76	14	64	10	716	33	—	—	565	52	949	2945
Papanui	2	—	1	2	1	—	—	2	219	4	7	23	2	5	2	244	25	—	—	250	32	400	1200
Springston	7	—	4	2	2	1	—	6	147	5	9	9	3	5	6	156	9	—	—	130	18	268	911
Leeston	4	—	1	1	2	—	—	3	224	11	8	3	1	11	1	233	9	—	—	154	10	152	544
Kaiapoi	4	—	2	1	1	—	—	4	183	—	1	5	3	9	1	176	—	7	—	110	24	166	570
Rangiora	7	1	3	2	1	1	—	4	332	4	7	13	4	8	2	342	10	—	—	260	22	438	1381
Greendale	3	3	2	1	1	—	—	2	96	—	—	2	—	5	3	90	—	6	—	92	9	90	300
Oxford	4	—	3	1	1	—	—	6	130	—	—	2	1	8	2	121	—	9	—	118	1	100	342
TOTALS	60	15	47	31	36	3	—	498	4647	87	117	309	70	314	78	4698	131	80	35	3907	340	6712	20427

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru (Banks St.)	1	2	1	1	1	—	—	1	189	7	—	7	2	22	2	177	—	12	—	150	14	206	500
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	4	1	3	1	1	—	—	7	277	1	4	14	10	4	3	279	2	—	—	250	15	345	980
Marchweil Union Parish	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	2	66	1	4	2	1	6	—	66	—	—	—	66	9	115	450
Geraldine-Temuka	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	140	2	1	1	6	8	—	130	—	10	—	125	1	129	305
Ashburton	4	4	3	2	3	—	—	16	409	20	2	16	4	17	—	426	17	—	—	300	22	447	1415
Willowby	6	2	3	1	1	—	—	7	105	3	5	3	4	5	1	106	1	—	—	96	7	106	330
Oamaru	3	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	168	—	1	7	2	5	—	169	1	—	8	146	11	194	535
Waimate	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	206	9	—	3	2	9	—	207	1	—	—	210	8	220	655
TOTALS	23	11	15	9	10	—	—	34	1560	43	17	53	31	76	6	1560	22	22	8	1343	87	1762	5170

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)	2	2	1	2	2	—	—	5	230	—	9	21	3	23	27	227	—	3	—	200	10	322	721
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	6	—	4	2	2	—	—	5	131	—	—	129	5	13	5	237	106	—	—	135	11	330	1150
Port Chalmers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*55	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	—
Dunedin North (Glenhaven & Woodhaugh)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*68	—	—	—	—	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dunedin Nth. (Maori Hill)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*57	—	—	—	—	57	—	—	—	125	—	—	—	—	—
Dunedin West	5	1	2	2	2	—	—	5	—	11	3	169	—	—	—	183	183	—	—	130	23	285	590
Roslyn	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*91	—	—	—	—	91	—	—	—	91	—	—	—	—	—
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*32	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—
Dunedin South	5	1	4	3	3	—	—	8	285	1	1	88	6	19	—	350	65	—	—	300	18	547	1608
Mosgiel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*69	—	—	—	—	69	—	—	—	69	—	—	—	—	—
Corstophine Union Parish	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	26	—	—	3	—	4	—	25	—	1	—	20	—	40	70
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	3	—	1	1	1	1	—	2	209	4	4	19	2	26	—	208	—	1	—	158	23	239	707
Dunedin (Mornington)	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	2	158	—	—	2	4	14	1	141	—	17	—	125	6	200	580
Milton	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	48	—	—	—	—	3	10	35	—	13	—	37	6	50	112
Balclutha	2	2	1	—	1	—	—	5	141	4	1	3	3	6	—	140	—	1	—	89	15	169	539
Gore	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	107	—	—	6	2	4	3	104	—	3	—	74	14	121	488
Edendale	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	41	—	—	—	—	2	—	39	—	2	—	28	1	33	74
Invercargill Central	2	2	4	2	2	—	—	6	342	3	4	11	6	17	9	328	—	14	—	360	36	470	1240
Invercargill (St. Peters)	3	—	2	2	1	—	—	5	300	6	11	8	1	16	1	307	7	—	—	250	44	550	1600
Western Southland	7	5	3	2	2	—	—	6	163	11	17	12	2	7	5	189	26	—	—	175	22	294	915
Bluff	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	68	—	—	2	1	—	—	69	1	—	—	20	18	170	300
Roxburgh	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	44	1	—	2	1	1	—	45	1	—	—	50	2	75	134
Cromwell-Alexandria	3	3	2	1	1	—	—	1	65	—	1	4	—	7	1	62	—	3	—	55	10	151	533
Lawrence H.M. Station	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	1	3	1	19	—	5	—	15	1	20	48
TOTALS	50	20	28	22	23	1	—	53	2754	41	51	479	37	537	43	2708	389	435	—	2221	260	4066	11509

*PORT CHALMERS—This Circuit, except Waitaki, amalgamated with Dundas St.

*DUNEDIN NORTH (Glenhaven and Woodhaugh) These Preaching Places amalgamated with Dundas St.

*MAORI HILL amalgamated with Dunedin West Circuit.

*DUNEDIN WEST now includes Waitaki, ex Port Chalmers Circuit.

*ROSLYN—This Circuit now amalgamated with Dunedin West

*WAIKOUAITI-PALMERSTON—This Circuit amalgamated with Dunedin West.

*MOSGIEL—This Circuit amalgamated with Dunedin South

(N.B. For alterations in Circuits as above see Minutes of Conference, 1960, Page 37).

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961

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 Annual Stipend)	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Car Ownership Circuit C. 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	725 0 0		161 4 9	C	1343 17 7		47 0 2		
Whangaroa-Bay of Islands	713 6 8		259 15 9	M		206 16 7	1983 7 10		
	411 5 0		171 10 1	C					
	617 10 0		232 8 10	M					
	146 15 0		77 16 9	M					
North Hokianga ..	725 0 0		250 0 0	C		70 6 5	53 14 7		
Hokianga	725 0 0		288 9 7	C	3 19 5		58 4 7	997 10 11	
Hikurangi	592 14 5		128 0 0	M		750 3 0	65 18 11		
Whangarei	713 6 8		146 0 1	M		185 1 5	113 5 6		
	537 1 8		104 11 9	M					
Dargaville	712 6 8		264 0 0	M	1182 3 8		346 16 9		
Ruawai	713 0 0		279 0 0	M	210 0 4		546 9 1		
Paparoa	713 6 8		161 10 0	M		11 7 11	244 9 4	4 1 9	
Port Albert	705 0 0		300 0 0	M	196 15 1		389 13 7		
TOTALS.. ..	8745 12 9		2826 7 7		2936 14 1	1223 15 4	3849 0 6	1001 12 8	

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland Central ..	750 0 0	35 8 4	160 0 0	M	723 14 1		834 4 8	2028 9 5
	713 10 0		160 0 0	M				
	713 10 0		160 0 0	M				
Auckland Central Mission	800 0 0			M		2 1 4		
	750 0 0		120 0 0	M				
Auckland South ..	725 0 0		75 0 0	C		1462 6 10	1128 19 1	5781 1 5
	725 0 0		75 0 0					
	725 0 0		75 0 0	M				
	587 0 0		50 0 0	M				
Auckland West ..	712 19 10		99 14 8	M		19 14 5		3548 8 10
Auckland East ..	740 0 0		135 0 0	M	1749 0 0		1246 10 5	6020 16 11
	725 0 0		125 0 0	M				
	725 0 0		130 0 0	M				
	312 0 0							
Orakei	725 0 0	5 0 0	150 0 0	M	1155 0 3		385 10 8	
	725 0 0	5 0 0	145 0 0	M				
	725 0 0	5 0 0	135 0 0	M				
Avondale	720 0 0		140 0 0	M	572 17 11		420 3 9	
	720 0 0		78 0 0	M				
			156 0 0	M				
Henderson	725 0 0		180 0 0	M		2470 18 0	46 14 6	748 10 1
	725 0 0		150 0 0	M				
	194 0 0		150 0 0	M				
	60 0 0		100 0 0	M				
Devonport	725 0 0		80 0 0	M	240 18 3		238 14 1	330 0 0
Takapuna	725 0 0	36 0 0	180 0 0	M	64 0 0		226 18 10	377 10 11
	725 0 0	23 0 0	150 0 0	M				
Birkenhead	725 0 0		222 0 0	M	262 8 2		641 4 1	6823 7 0
	725 0 0		222 0 0	M				
Onehunga	725 0 0		120 0 0	M	155 3 2		364 12 11	3435 16 10
	587 0 0		120 0 0	M				
Otahuhu	725 0 0		156 0 0	M	20 14 3		53 13 3	
Papatoetoe	750 0 0		225 0 0	M	5 5		25 10 9	112 11 8
Papakura	745 0 0	12 10 0	185 0 0	M	632 16 2		659 9 1	2021 11 7
	745 0 0	12 10 0	156 0 0	M				
Pukekohe	755 6 0		263 16 10	M	1625 19 7			1276 0 10
Bombay-Tuakau ..	672 18 4		279 0 0	M	306 2 3		136 6 5	
Waiuku	700 0 0		220 0 0	C		181 0 1	226 3 10	
Kaipara	628 0 0		190 0 0	M		58 1 7		1191 16 5
Whangaparoa ..	725 0 0		180 0 0	M		77 19 4	20 10 1	878 16 7
Mahurangi	725 0 0		235 0 0	M		17 7	12 15 2	24 13 2
TOTALS	23930 14 2	134 8 4	5873 11 6		7508 19 10	4272 19 2	6668 1 7	34599 11 8

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames	713 6 8	20 0 0	100 0 0	M	41 1 10		150 11 3	1788 17 11
Hauraki Plains ..	568 13 2	14 10 0	225 5 4	M		50 2 8	134 12 1	1541 5 1
Paeroa	570 0 0	14 0 0			51 17 3		2 9 11	
Waihi	725 0 0	12 10 0	180 0 0	M	158 5 7		107 6 5	
Tr Aroha	732 0 0		240 0 0	M	86 8 11		305 3 10	
Morrinsville ..	733 6 8		180 0 0	M	623 13 6		275 4 10	448 0 10
	624 7 1		147 19 7	C				
Cambridge	725 0 0		144 0 0	M	224 9 5		124 18 11	
Hamilton	725 10 0	15 0 0	156 13 0	M	1057 5 0		5281 0 5	
	715 0 0	15 0 0	174 14 5	C				
	232 0 0		126 3 0	M				
Hamilton East ..	751 0 0		90 0 0	C	375 0 0		1065 4 6	
	725 0 0		95 0 0	M				
Huntly	718 0 4			C		42 12 1	5 12 1	
Matamata	755 0 0		250 0 0	M	30 5 2		71 1 5	
Putaruru	605 0 0		220 0 0	M		791 7 1		5726 13 11
	510 0 0		220 0 0	M				
Rotorua	725 0 0	26 0 0	200 0 0	M	124 3 6		780 3 4	566 4 7
	628 0 0		75 0 0	M				
	400 0 0		100 0 0	M				
Tauranga	725 0 0	25 0 0	122 0 0	M	23 0 3		480 16 0	172 10 0
	725 0 0		133 0 0	M				
	628 0 0		169 0 0	M				
Supply			122 0 0					
Whakatane	303 13 4		50 0 0	M	162 13 11			274 3 7
Opotiki	713 0 0		134 0 0	M	87 1 5		57 8 1	
Te Awamutu	721 13 4		262 0 0	M	244 12 0		70 19 4	
Otorohanga	725 0 0		300 0 0	C	11 4 0		161 2 7	1765 0 0
Te Kuiti	718 2 2		150 0 0	M		317 1 3		536 5 1
Taumarunui	713 0 0		198 0 0	M		76 12 9		33 18 8
Ohura	628 0 0		212 0 0	C	73 5 4		37 0 1	72 8 3
Kawerau			77 0 0	M	42 16 0		17 13 9	
Ngaruawahia ..	633 0 0		186 0 0	M	50 14 4		129 14 0	
Kawhia		45 0 0			76 8 7			
Coromandel		2 0 0			19 9 2		20 1 1	
TOTALS	20114 12 9	189 0 0	5040 0 4		3563 15 2	1277 15 10	9278 2 11	12925 7 11

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

New Plymouth ..	788 6 8		125 0 0	M	18 5 7		3756 3 5	
	713 6 8		75 0 0	M				
	713 6 8		135 9 11	M				
Waitara	724 6 1		242 15 6	M		17 19 6	56 17 1	987 12 5
Stratford	725 0 0		180 0 0	M	465 0 0		383 17 5	
Eltham-Kaponga ..	713 0 0		187 0 0	M	1365 18 7		292 4 4	
Hawera	713 6 8		156 0 0	M	27 7 6		387 14 3	
Manaia	705 0 0		168 0 0	M	123 6 11		39 5 10	
Opunake	713 6 8		107 4 8	C	390 9 10		253 10 1	388 2 8
	617 10 0		225 0 0	M				
Wanganui Central ..	784 13 4		108 0 0	M	536 13 11		1929 6 0	
Wanganui North ..	713 6 8		100 0 0	M	3 2 11		421 17 8	
Wanganui West ..	713 6 8		100 0 0	M	100 0 0			
Taihape	617 10 0		30 0 0	L/C	47 1 5		47 17 8	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..					67 6 7		342 15 7	
Marton	713 6 8		20 0 0	Cycle	6 7 4		200 4 9	
Inglewood	713 0 0		150 0 0	C	18 4 0			3851 1 8
TOTALS	11381 12 9		2109 10 3		3169 4 7	17 19 6	8216 13 5	5726 16 9

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Napier	750 0 0	25 0 0	156 0 0	M		116 11 10	704 10 3	123 9 6
	725 0 0	25 0 0	130 0 0	M				
Hastings	708 10 0	50 0 0	180 0 0	M	301 12 3			3217 9 11
	708 10 0	20 0 0	144 0 0	M				
Gisborne	733 6 8		139 1 8	M	117 1 10		12 7 10	
Wairoa	737 6 8		72 16 2	M	18 5 5		3 4	
Dannevirke	725 0 0		197 0 0	M		154 15 2		1971 17 2
Woodville	645 18 4	12 10 0	87 9 4	M	71 10 11		240 16 7	
Pahiatua	713 16 8		183 7 0	M	50 0 0		358 5 0	
Palmerston North (St.	721 13 4	45 0 0	158 0 0	M		3321 11 9		

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1961.

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 M. 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	713 6 8	26 0 0	175 0 0	M		42 6 9		1216 4 10	
	713 6 8	24 0 0	150 0 0	M					
	477 11 8		12 13 3	M					
Waimea	715 0 0		225 0 0	M		310 15 2		292 11 4	445 2 0
Motueka	713 6 8			M			47 19 10	60 4 6	
Murchison			82 13 2	M		157 16 3		80 3 3	
Blenheim	738 6 8		52 10 2	C		18 5		436 3 6	
	549 11 8		71 19 5	C					
	210 1 3		82 14 0	M					
Reefton	657 0 0					52 0 0			35 0 0
Westport	617 10 0	12 10 0	76 14 5	M		105 11 9		53 9 0	
Greymouth	711 13 4		210 0 0	M		194 19 0		33 6 4	154 18 9
Hokitika	617 10 0		32 10 0			8 4 10		38 17 3	
TOTALS	7434 4 7	62 10 0	1171 14 5			872 12 2	47 19 10	2211 0 0	635 0 9

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Durham Street	800 0 0	25 0 0	265 5 7	M		1129 2 2		895 5 4	67 17 6
	705 0 0		194 5 0	M					
Central Mission and Cambridge Tee. Church	763 6 8		Conf. rates	M				1928 0 6	
Christchurch East	713 6 8		124 6 10	M					
	750 0 0		75 0 0	M		241 4 4		4482 8 7	5915 17 4
	725 0 0		75 0 0	M					
	725 0 0		75 0 0	M					
	725 0 0		75 0 0	M					
	725 0 0		75 0 0	M					
Woolston-Lyttelton	716 13 4		68 5 0	M		12 19 3		558 10 2	
	716 13 4		68 5 0	M					
	716 13 4		111 10 0	M					
Sydenham	713 6 8		172 0 0	M		92 0 7		675 13 0	
Addington	678 0 0	8 0 0	48 0 0	M		1 0 0		17 0 0	
Riccarton	745 0 0		139 0 0	M		24 4 2		1208 18 11	175 2 11
	646 0 0		100 0 0	M					
St. Albans	750 0 0	15 0 0	120 0 0	M				2434 1 4	160 11 0
	725 0 0	15 0 0	120 0 0	M					
	725 0 0	15 0 0	140 0 0	M					
Papanui	738 0 0		165 0 0	M		99 4 11		346 14 10	
Springston	713 6 8		204 9 1	M		184 3 4		436 7 2	277 8 3
	588 11 8		12 0 0						
Leeston	720 0 0	23 0 0	262 10 0	M		58 18 9		628 1 2	
Kaiapoi	709 11 8		120 0 0	M		45 16 6		319 16 11	
Rangiora	713 8 4		227 7 1	M		226 18 4		441 3 4	
	577 1 8		207 5 10	M					
Greendale	725 0 0		250 0 0	M		74 8 3		118 3 7	
Oxford	705 0 0		240 0 0	M		45 18 3		742 19 11	
TOTALS	29954 0 0	101 0 0	3734 9 5			2211 14 8	24 4 2	15253 4 9	6596 17 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Timaru (Banks St.)	713 6 8		120 0 0	M		96 3 9		119 11 7	
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	713 6 8		110 0 0	M		1435 6 11		113 1 7	
Marchwiell Union Parish	700 0 0		130 0 0	M		109 7 11		109 7 11	
Geraldine-Temuka	713 6 8		205 0 0	M		41 0 3		109 0 4	
	728 6 8	10 0 0	123 0 0	M					
Ashburton	617 10 0	10 0 0	224 0 0	M		136 18 11		2254 2 6	3086 9 5
Willooby	659 1 11		270 0 0	M		212 17 6		315 17 5	
Oamaru	713 6 8		100 0 0	M			177 2 11	171 13 8	205 14 7
Waimate	713 6 8	12 10 0	120 0 0	M					242 11 11
TOTALS	6271 11 11	32 10 0	1402 0 0			1826 3 7	273 6 8	3073 3 5	3654 7 6

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)	819 3 4		200 0 0	M		238 2 9		2812 11 6	
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	725 0 0		86 0 0	M		75 13 8		137 18 7	484 6 5
Port Chalmers	628 0 0		86 0 0	M					
Dunedin West	725 0 0		120 0 0	M					
	725 0 0		135 0 0	M					
Dunedin South	713 6 8		100 0 0	M			634 6 8	347 7 2	
Mosgiel	713 6 8		25 0 0						
	713 6 8		112 10 0	M					
Corstorphine Union Parish	725 0 0		100 0 0	M					
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	725 0 0		76 16 10	M			323 12 5	59 9 8	742 16 8
	471 0 0		101 9 4	M					
Dunedin (Mornington)	715 0 0		70 0 0	M		5 6 10		135 0 0	3000 0 0
Milton	680 0 0		45 10 2	M		24 14 2			54 7 5
Balclutha	714 5 11		148 14 0	M			21 7 2	47 10 8	493 12 2
Gore	674 0 0	10 0 0	100 0 0	M			26 5 7	17 18 11	963 18 8
Edendale	725 0 0		78 2 7	M			8 16 0	10 10 1	
Invercargill Central	725 0 0		153 14 0	M			1019 12 1	129 18 6	
	725 0 0		60 0 0	M					
Invercargill (St. Peters)	713 6 8	20 0 0	100 0 0	M			106 13 10	132 0 3	
Western Southland	657 18 4		261 13 2	M			918 0 0	131 6 6	95 16 0
	617 10 0		237 0 10	M					
Bluff	725 0 0		80 0 0	M		149 10 11		8 4 7	
Roxburgh	713 6 8		100 0 0	M		15 8 1		48 3 11	
Cromwell-Alexandra	715 0 0		212 7 2	M		80 12 0			61 13 0
Lawrence H.M. Station			109 0 10	M		1 17 6		36 17 2	
TOTALS	16771 18 3	30 0 0	3098 18 11			596 11 4	3058 13 9	4188 15 3	5896 11 2

NOTE—PORT CHALMERS CIRCUIT (except Waitati) amalgamated with Dundas Street.

DUNEDIN NORTH (Glenhaven and Woodhaugh) these preaching places amalgamated with Dundas St.

Maori Hill amalgamated with Dunedin West Circuit.

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WAIKOUAITI-PALMERSTON CIRCUIT amalgamated with Dunedin West.

MOSGIEL CIRCUIT amalgamated with Dunedin South. For alterations in Circuits see Minutes of Conference, 1960 page 34.

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