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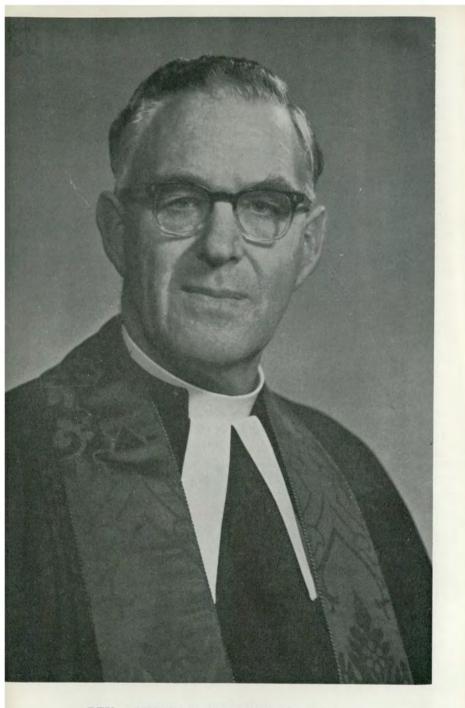
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated "The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion," with an Annual Conference,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

The first Australasian Conference was held in Sydney

in the year 1855.

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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LECTIONARY 1966-67

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1966		
APRIL	MORNING	EVENING
Palm Sunday 3	Zech. 9:9-12 Matthew 21:1-11	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 Matthew 24:1-14
Easter Day 10	Exodus 12:1-14 Matthew 28:1-15	Exodus 14:5-16, 31 Mark 15:42—16:8
1st after Easter 17	Joel 3:14-21 Acts 12:1-19	Job 29:1-16 John 9:1-25
2nd after Easter 24	Exodus 2:1-22 Acts 3:13-26	Amos 3 Luke 4:31-44
MAY		
3rd after Easter 1 (Bible Sunday N.Z.)	Psalm 119:1-16 Romans 15:4-13	Deut. 6:1-7 Acts 8:26-40
4th after Easter 8 (Home and Family Day)	Psalm 103:8-18 I John 4:7-12; 19-21	Psalm 145:1-13 2 Cor. 5:1-10
5th after Easter 15 (Rogation Day)	Exodus 15:1-19 1 Cor. 15:1-11	Hosea 11:1-11 Luke 10:1-24
6th after Easter 22 (Aldersgate & Sun. after Ascension)	Amos 4:4-13 2 Peter 1:1-11	Isaiah 2:1-4 Acts 1:15-26
Whit Sunday or Pentecost 29	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Acts 2:1-8; 12-21	Psalm 29 John 14:15-27
JUNE		
Trinity Sunday 5 or next after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8 Matthew 28:16-20	Psalm 97 (No. 50) Revelation 4
1st after Trinity 12 or 2nd after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:11-24 Matthew 7:1-14	Exodus 34:1-10 Acts 9:1-22
2nd after Trinity 19 or 3rd after Pentecost	Isaiah 12 Matthew 7:15-29	Exodus 34:29-35 Galatians 1:11-24
3rd after Trinity 26 or 4th after Pentecost	Isaiah 29:15-24 Matthew 9:1-17	Judges 16:15-30 Acts 14:8-18

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JULY	MORNING	EVENING
4th after Trinity 3 or 5th after Pentecost	Jeremiah 12:1-6 Matthew 9:18-38	Ruth 1:1-22 Acts 16:16-40
5th after Trinity 10 or 6th after Pentecost	Jer. 18:1-10 Matt. 10:1-15	1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 17:16-34
6th after Trinity 17 or 7th after Pentecost (Youth Day)	Proverbs 3:1-7; 27-33 Mark 9:33-50	1 Sam. 16:1-13 Matt. 19:13-30
7th after Trinity 24 or 8th after Pentecost	Ezek. 3:4-15 Matt. 10:24-42	1 Sam. 9:1-20a Acts 18:24—19:6
8th after Trinity 31 or 9th after Pentecost	Ezek. 3:16-21 Matt. 11:1-19	1 Sam. 12 Acts 19:23-41
AUGUST		
9th after Trinity 7 or 10th after Pentecost	Ezek. 18:1-4; 19-23 Matt. 12:1-16	1 Sam. 18:1-16 Acts 20:17-38
10th after Trinity 14 or 11th after Pentecost (L.P. Sunday)	Ezek. 34:1-16 Matt. 12:22-37	2 Sam. 1:1-16 1 Cor. 1:1-17
11th after Trinity 21 or 12th after Pentecost	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 12:38-50	2 Sam. 1:17-27 1 Cor. 3
12th after Trinity 28 or 13th after Pentecost	Isaiah 42:10-17 Matt. 14:1-21	2 Sam. 12:1-7a 1 Cor. 12:1-11
SEPTEMBER		
13th after Trinity 4 or 14th after Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6-20 Matt. 14:22-36	2 Sam. 18:1-17 1 Cor. 12:12—13:1
14th after Trinity 11 or 15th after Pentecost	Isaiah 45: 1-13 Matt. 15:1-20	2 Sam. 18:19-33 1 Cor. 15:35-58
15th after Trinity 18 or 16th after Pentecost	Isaiah 51:7-16 Matt. 16:21-28	1 Kings 3:5-15 2 Cor. 5:20—6:10
16th after Trinity 25 or 17th after Pentecost (Christian Citizenship Sunday)	Romans 14:13-21	Psalm 62 (No. 36) Acts 10:9-15; 34-35

OCTOBER

17th after Trinity or 18th after Pentecost (World Communic Day)		Ezek. 37:15-23 John 17:14-26	2 Chron. 30:1-9 Ephesians 2:11-22
18th after Trinity or 19th after Pentesost	9	Isaiah 57:15-21 Matt. 17:1-13	1 Kings 8:54-62 2 Cor. 11:16-31
19th after Trinity or 20th after Pentecost	16	Isaiah 65:17-25 Matt. 17:14-23	1 Kings 10:1-13 2 Cor. 12:1-10
20th after Trinity or 21st after Pentecost (Industrial Sunday		Exodus 35:30—36:7 2 Thess. 3:6-13, 16	Nehemiah 2:1-11; 17-18 Romans 8:8-14
N.B.*: The Social	Cre	ed should be read on 1952, page 73).	this Day (See Minute
21st after Trinity or 22nd after Pentecost	30	Zech. 8:1-8 Matt. 18:15-35	1 Kings 12:1-15 Galatians 5:16—6:5
NOVEMBER			
22nd after Trinity or 23rd after Pentecost	6	Zech. 13 Matt. 20:1-16	1 Kings 17:1-16 Romans 8:1-17
23rd after Trinity or 24th after Pentecost (Remembrance Da		Eccles. 44:1-15 (No. 73) Matt. 5:1-16	Job 19:1-9; 21-29 Rev. 14:13—15:4
Next before Advent	20	Haggai 2:1-9 Matt. 24:32-51	Eccles. 12:1-8 2 Cor. 4
1st in Advent	27	Isaiah 40:1-5 Matt. 25:1-13	Zeph. 3:8-17 Luke 1:5-23
DECEMBER			
2nd in Advent	4	Isaiah 5:1-7 Luke 4:16-30	Malachi 3:1-12 Luke 1:5-23
3rd in Advent	11	Isaiah 26:1-9 I Thess. 4:13—5:11	Micah 4:1-17 Luke 1:39-56
4th in Advent	18	Isaiah 35:1-10 (No. 69) Titus 2:11—3:7	Micah 5:2-4 Luke 1:67-80
Christmas Day	25	Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7 Matthew 2:1-13
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Sunday after Christmas	1	Isaiah 41:1-20 John 1:1-14	Isaiah 43:1-13 Phil. 2:1-11
1st after Epiphan	8 %	Jer. 31:1-17 Matt. 2:13-23	Genesis 12:1-9 John 4:5-26
2nd after Epiphany	15	Daniel 6:10-23 Matt. 13:31-43	Ezek. 33:10-16 Colossians 3:12-17
3rd after Epiphany (Septuagesima)	22	Genesis 3:1-24 Matt. 5:33-48	Deut. 30:8-20 John 15:1-15
4th after Epiphany (Sexagesima)	29	Genesis 6:5-22 Matt. 6:13-34	John 15:16-27
FEBRUARY			
5th after Epiphan (Quinquagesima	, -	Amos 5:18-24 Romans 5:12-21	Job 2. Matt. 26:1-16
1st in Lent (Covenant Sunday	12	Genesis 17:1-9 Romans 12	Deut. 26:16-19 Mark 14:17-26
2nd in Lent	19	Isaiah 28:1-13 Luke 4:1-13	Job 38:1-21 Matt. 26:17-35
3rd in Lent	26	Ezek. 2:1-10 Romans 6:15-23	Job 38:22-41 Matt. 26:36-56
MARCH			
4th in Lent	5	Jer. 17:5-14 Romans 7:7—8:2	Job 40:1-14 Matt. 26:57-75
5th in Lent (Passion Sunday	12	Isaiah 63:1-9 1 Peter 2:18-25	Isaiah 50:4-10 Matt. 27:11-31
Palm Sunday	19	Isaiah 59:12-20 Luke 19:29-42	Isa. 52:13—53:12 Matt. 27:32-54
Easter Day	26	Exodus 15:1-5; 10-3; 17-19 Luke 23:50—24:12	Exodus 12:21-36 Luke 24:13-35
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ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS

Holy Week.

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Good Friday: Job 19: 1-9, 21-29 Zechariah 13: 1-9 1 Samuel 4: 1-11 Levit. 16: 3-10, 20-22 Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12 Psalm 22: 1-8, 15-18,

Mark 14: 1-16 Mark 14: 32-52 Mark 14: 53-72 John 13: 1-20

22-24 John 19:16b-37 Luke 23:26-49 Mark 15:16-41 Easter Even. Hosea 6: 1-6 Mark 15: 42-47

Ascension Day.

2 Kings 2:1-15
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Exodus 24:1-18
Luke 24:36-53
Acts 1:1-14
Revelation 19:6-16

Church Anniversary. Gen. 28:10-22; 1 Kings 8:22-30; 1 Chron. 29:1-2, 10-20; Jer. 7:1-15; Col. 1:1-20; Matth. 16:13-28; Ephes. 3:8-21; 1 Peter 1:22 —2:10.

Home and Overseas Missions.

Isaiah 42: 1-9; Isaiah 55: 1-13; Jer. 10: 1-16; Hosea 14; Jonah 3; Matthew 16: 13-28; John 3: 1-21; Romans 9: 30—10: 15; Ephes. 3:1-11.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

Gen. 8:15—9:3; Deut. 26:1-10, 16-19; Ruth 2:1-17; Matth. 13:24-33, 36-43; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 12:13-34; John 4:31-38; Galatians 6: 6-10.

Spring or Flower Psalm 65; Psalm 126; Genesis 1; Matthew Service. Psalm 13: 1-9; Matthew 13: 24-30.

Lay Preachers' 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; 1 Chronicles 28; Romans 12; Matthew 10:1-23.

Watchnight or End Psalm 90; Exodus 12:31-36; Eccles. 3:1-15; of Year. Matthew 24:32-51; Luke 12:13-21.

New Year. Psalm 91; Psalm 103; Matthew 6:19-34; 1 Thess. 5; Ephes. 5:1-21.

Christmas Day. Isaiah 7:10-14; Isaiah 9:2,6,7; Matthew 1: 18-25; John 1:1-14; Luke 2:1-20; 1 John 3:1-9.

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, 3rd November, 1965, in the Durham Street Church, Christchurch, by the retiring President, Rev. George H. Goodman, after which the Rev. Arthur R. Witheford, B.A., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr Russel T. Garlick, LL.B., Vice-President, was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary, Rev. Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., was welcomed to that office and took up his duties.

QUESTION 1-Who are the Members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 7-14 with such alterations as were reported through the Committees of Districts and duly recorded in the Journal of Conference.

QUESTION 2.—Who are now admitted as Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference?

Niven G. Ball

W. Geoffrey Tucker

QUESTION 3.-What Preachers remain on Probation?

Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com. Ludwig Felderhof Ronald G. Major Barry W. Neal Brian L. Olsen John H. Roberts Charles D. Shave Stuart G. Slinn Neil E. Smith

Who have travelled two years.

Wallis F. Browne, B.A.

William A. Chessum, Mus.B. Ian L. Clark (See Q.5) Edwin B. Clarke Ronald C. Collingwood Hendrik Gerritsen John G. Hayhurst C. Brice Herbert Bruce E. Mackie Napi Waaka Norman J. West

Who have travelled one year.

QUESTION 4 .- (a) What Preachers are now received on Probation?

Roy M. Alexander Robert A. Allan A. Roy Bowden Ronald W. Ferguson

(See Q.6)

Daniel P. Harris Richard J. Hendry John I. Manihera Alastair D. Pain Te Taotahi John Pihama Donald F. Prince Keith J. Taylor Robert Te Whare Stanley J. West

(b) Who have gained the Diploma of the School for Christian Workers?

I. E. M. Anderson A. W. Baker P. K. de Zoete D. R. Graham K. C. Kilgour R. D. Short
R. E. Smiley
G. C. Smith
M. Toso
R. D. Tozer

QUESTION 5.—What Students are to continue to have Theological Training?

Wallis F. Browne, B.A. (see Quest. 3). Ian L. Clark (see Quest. 3). Bruce L. Hosking, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.

William R. G. Loader Laurie A. Michie David C. Pratt Enid J. Slaney, M.A.

Colin G. Jamieson

Also Faatoese Auvaa (Samoa Conference Student) Who are continued for a third year. Moke A. G. Couch Darrell R. Curtis J. Cedric Hay Roger J. E. Hey Alan J. Leadley Graeme M. McIver Brian J. Malcouronne

John D. Meredith Ian C. Norwell Donald J. Phillipps, B.A. Roger G. Sanson Morehu Te Whare Brian H. Turner

Also Wallace C. Chapman (Fiji Conference Student). Who are continued for a second year.

QUESTION 6.-What candidates are now received for Theological Training?

David R. Alley Norman E. Brookes Ashley I. Corlett Pieter K. F. De Zoete Brian R. J. Eagle Ronald W. Ferguson (See Q.4a). Barry G. Harkness, B. A.

Russell G. Rigby Robert G. Stringer

QUESTION 7.-Who are now admitted as Solomon Islands Ministers?

Solomon Alu. Moses Mosusu.

QUESTION 8.-Who remain as Solomon Islands Ministers on Probation?

George Maelagi, who has travelled two years.

Leslie Boseto

,, 99 " ,, " Tim Tarakabu (See Quest. 10). ,, ,, ,,

Matthew Beaso one year. Matthew Beaso ,, Misarke Taruravu ,, . 22 ,, one year. ,, ,,

QUESTION 9.—Who are now received as Solomon Island Preachers on Probation?

Luke Pitu. Jeconiah Kaskas. Egan Lokakale (See Quest. 10).

QUESTION 10 .- (a) Who are now received as Solomon Islands

Students for the Ministry? John Wesley Kitare. John Wesley Pinoko

Egan Lokakale (See Question 9).

(b) Who are to be continued in training?

(i) At Rarongo College.

John Pratt. Nathan Sipuda. Esau Tuza.

for a third year.

Elisha Itoro. Aaron Lipa.
Burley Mesepitu.
Judas Redi.
Peter Sasabule. Ronald Tioko. Goldie Vego.

For a second year.

(ii) Within the District— Tim Tarakabu (See Question 8).

QUESTION 11.—(a) What Deaconesses are dedicated at this Conference?

None

(b) What Students are to be received on to Deaconess Probation? Marion J. Alexander Janet S. Wallis

(c) What Students are to continue Deaconess Training?

Jocelyn Gilling

Lorna Isabel Prichard

- (d) What candidates are received for Deaconess Training? None.
- (e) Who are now to be received as Solomon Islands Deaconesses?

 Mary Mido.

 Iula Qilanoba.

 Elisa Rotoava.

 Sera Tonse.
- (f) What Solomon Islands Students are receiving Deaconess training?

Emily Karingei. Evelyn Piqe. Mavis Qopu. Mary Kuvia. Roselyn Pose.

QUESTION 12.—What Home Missionary Probationers are there, and have they passed their examinations in their respective years?

Ronald W. Ferguson
David R. Alley.

Fourth Year.
First Year.

QUESTION 13.—What Ministers or Probationers have died since last Conference?

Henry L. Blamires George B. Hinton Thomas Skuse Harry V. Utting Samuel J. Werren A. L. Witheford (H.M.)

HENRY LAWRENCE BLAMIRES

Henry Lawrence Blamires was born on 17th April, 1871, the eldest of the five sons of the Rev. W. L. and Mrs Blamires, all of whom entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. After his formal education at Wesley College, Melbourne, and some years of business experience, he was accepted for the ministry. He was ordained in 1896, and retired from the active work in 1930.

He was married in 1900, his wife having been one of the first teachers in the Blind Institute, Auckland. He was greatly blessed in his marriage, his wife being described by friends as "a wonderful person." Three children were born to them, the one son dying at 17 years of age in the influenza epidemic which followed World War I.

H. L. Blamires was prominent in sporting circles. He played senior cricket for more than 30 years and represented four provinces in cricket and two in hockey.

Within the ministry, Henry Blamires was early recognised as having a distinctive ministry to youth. He was the first minister set apart as Bible Class organiser, serving in this work from 1906 until being appointed to chaplaincy service in 1914. During this period his evangelistic work amongst the young people was conspicuously successful, and he was the means of winning many into vital relationship with Christ and the Church. He was fond of open air preaching.

He became a member of the Dominion Executives both of the N.Z. Alliance and of the Bible in Schools organization. Within the Conference he served in circuits in several of the largest provincial centres, including Hamilton, Napier, Nelson, and Wanganui. In all his circuits he rendered devoted and faithful service, of times laying

the foundation for future prosperity.

When war broke out in 1914, he immediately volunteered for Active Service and was sent overseas with the Main Body as Chaplain to the Canterbury Mounted Rifles. When the Senior Chaplain, Padre Luxford, was wounded at Gallipoli, Padre Blamires was the last surviving chaplain of the N.Z. Chaplains who served at Gallipoli. In recognition of this fact and of his service, he was given the honour of leading the official parade at the 50th Jubilee celebrations of the Anzac landing in April, 1965. He was repatriated to New Zealand, and discharged as unfit for active service in 1917. His war service contributed to his early retirement from the active ministry in 1930. and caused him to be listed as a total disability pensioner in 1936.

In later years he interested himself increasingly in the welfare of returned servicemen and endeared himself to hundrds of comrades

who mourn his passing.

Although the toll of years mounted, Henry L. Blamires did not become an 'old man.' He maintained a keen and informed interest in Church and world affairs. Having 'fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith,' he now qualifies for the commendation of his Divine Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

GEORGE BRAMWELL HINTON

George B. Hinton was born of Methodist parentage in Durham, England, on 22nd June, 1884. When he was nine years of age his parents decided to emigrate to New Zealand. In due time the family arrived in Nelson where they entered into membership of the Methodist Church. It was there, in later years, that George made his first efforts to preach the Gospel. He soon gave evidence of his ability in this direction, and in order to be certain of the Divine Call he offered to serve for a while in Home Mission work. He was accepted as a Candidate and entered College for training. He was ordained in 1916.

Throughout his active ministry of 37 years he proved himself to be a fervent preacher; a faithful pastor; a capable administrator, and an ardent worker among the young. In all his labours he won and held the love and esteem of his people.

It may be said with confidence that the two qualities which characterized his ministry were faithfulness, and graciousness.

He was called to pass through much sorrow and suffering which he bore with courage and wove it into the texture of his life. In 1922 he visited England for two years. In the second year he was invited to take charge of the Deptford Central Mission in London with its large Congregation and manifold activities. This he did to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

The Home Call came after a long period of suffering, on 10th

March, 1965.

THOMAS SKUSE

Thomas Skuse was born in November, 1890, in Wales, where he married Miss B. James, who was to prove a faithful helpmate and zealous worker for God throughout their 50 years together. They came to New Zealand at the commencement of the first World War and for a year he was a coal-miner, and then served as a Home Missionary. Offering for the ministry in the year 1918, he was ordained in 1922 at the Centenary Conference. He ministered in eight circuits.

His death on 27th July, 1965, has taken from us a colourful figure, a much loved minister and a faithful and zealous servant of his Lord. He was a Welshman, and there was Welsh fire in his soul. He sang his faith as warmly as he proclaimed it. Fervent in spirit, his ministry was practical and his preaching simple and forthright. He kept close to men and was loved by them. He played rugby football as a minister, and served as a Chaplain on a round trip to the Middle East during the last war.

Integrity was his watchword. He was a strong advocate of temperance. He could encourage as readily as he could denounce, and his eye could sparkle and his laughter crackle like an old Welsh fire. If of any minister in our Church it could be said that 'his face shone' it was Thomas Skuse. His presence was a communication of the faith that glowed within his own soul and it was sure and steadfast to the last.

HARRY VICTOR UTTING

Born in Auckland, Harry Victor Utting was fortunate to enter into the heritage of a godly home that was connected first with the Dominion Road Church and later Birkenhead, in both of which churches he received his early spiritual training. It was from the Birkenhead Circuit he offered as a Candidate for the Ministry in 1924, entering Dunholme College the same year to take his three years' training. His probationary ministry was spent in North East Valley (Dunedin) and in Hikurangi. Following his ordination in 1931 and his marriage to Miss Gladys Roberts, he served in Inglewood, Tua Marina, Motueka, Warkworth, Waitara, Pahiatua, Opawa and Kaiapoi.

Harry Utting never pretended to be one of the Church's theologians or great preachers nor did he seek honour or position for himself. Perhaps the thing that marked his life more than all else was his spirit of self-effacement and humility. It was this, coupled with his loving concern for people and his utter devotion to the task, that won for him the honoured place he held within the hearts and lives of his people, and within the Church generally.

He was at his best in the pastoral ministry and when he was obliged for health reasons to lay down his active ministry in 1963, he found compensation in the office of Chaplain to Princess Margaret and Coronation Hospitals where both patients and staff testified to his gracious and helpful ministry. It was the kind of work he loved, as

he loved also the work amongst young people. In his active ministry he was never happier than when organising a young people's camp and sharing it with them. But he was not just a young people's man. His ministry was equally acceptable to the elderly as well. Many cherish memories of his ministrations to them.

In the wider work of the Church he showed administrative gifts in the office of District Secretary in Nelson and Hawkes Bay-Mana-

watu Districts.

We shall remember him, too, for his keen sense of social righteousness, especially for his quiet but firm stand on the question of war and peace.

What he meant in his own home only his loved ones knew. Suffice to say that to enter the Utting household was to find oneself in the company of a band of good companions bound together by the sacred ties of family love which was undergirded by the Christian faith.

We thank God for Harry Utting and his work.

SAMUEL JOHN WERREN

Samuel John Werren was born at Little River, Canterbury, in

1890, the son of devoted Christian parents.

While he was still young, the death of his father left him with a burden of responsibility that developed in early years a seriousness and earnestness that characterized his whole ministry. At the age of 16 he began preaching. In 1909 he entered the Home Mission work and in 1911 was accepted for the ministry and was trained under the Rev. C. H. Garland. In the First World War he served in the ranks overseas, gaining a useful knowledge of men and experience in leadership.

In 1922 he married Miss Doris Christie, who shared faithfully in the life and activities of circuit work and who predeceased him by six years.

Mr Werren gave 42 years of devoted and vigorous ministerial service in 12 circuits. He was an evangelical and expository preacher. with a keen interest in youth work. For six years he was Chairman of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District. On his retirement in 1955 from the active work, he served for five years as Ministerial Supply at St. James' Church, Frankton Junction and, at the same time, undertook the onerous responsibilities of Hospital Chaplain. Altogether he had 17 years' unbroken association with the Hamilton Circuit where he was greatly loved and respected by young and old alike. At the time of his death he was District President of the British and Foreign Bible Society and one of its most successful organisers and collectors.

A dedicated and disciplined man, he had one passion—to serve Jesus Christ and to proclaim the Good News of His Kingdom. His enthusiasm was infectious and his zeal for the cause of righteousness and justice was unabated to the end.

ARTHUR LAWRENCE WITHEFORD

Arthur Lawrence Witheford, one of our honoured Senior Home Missionaries, passed to his reward on December 29th, 1964.

He was born in the Port Albert District 82 years ago. He came under the influence of the Salvation Army in early manhood and was accepted for training in the Officers' Training College, Melbourne.

After completing the course, he spent some time in Army work in Australia, but indifferent health compelled his return to New Zealand.

In 1917, the Methodist Church appealed for men to serve as Home Missionaries. Mr Witheford responded to this appeal and over many years exercised a fruitful ministry in Cromwell, Douglas, Midhurst, Paraparaumu, Waddington, Te Puke and Ngaruawahia.

Most of his retirement — some twenty years — was spent in Claudelands, Hamilton, and here he threw himself whole-heartedly into the life and work of Wesley Church and into Circuit activities. Mr Witheford was a keen gardener. His ability as a carpenter and painter was freely devoted to property maintenance and the score of odd jobs that call for attention in any Church.

He took an important part in the erection of the Kawhia Memorial Church and supervised and worked on the Te Kowhai Sunday School

Hall project in the Ngaruawahia Home Mission Station.

A noteworthy feature of his ministry was his sustained interest in young people and Youth Work in general. Decision for Christ, should, he believed, be followed by opportunities to engage in definite forms of Christian activities. He would contrive to find ways and means of providing such openings.

In Mrs Witheford he had a partner who shared to the full his life and work. Her radiant Christian spirit and loveable nature

endear her to all.

Mr Witheford is survived by his wife, his son Rev. A. R. Witheford of Ashburton, and his daughters, Joy (Mrs W. C. Jenkin, Woodville), Eileen (Mrs E. J. Hockin, Te Kowhai), and Flora (Mrs R. O. Pound, Matamata).

QUESTION 14.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Arthur Hopper R. Purcell Keall Jonathan H. Haslam Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. E. Percy Blamires Henry Ryan William Walker Fred Copeland Charles Blair Edwin S. Harkness Albert Blakemore Walter J. Enticott William Rowe Robert B. Tinsley 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 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 Ormond E. Burton, M.A. Joseph C. Draper D. J. Donald Hickman L. Gordon Hanna
W. John Henderson
Eric W. Hames, M.A.
Hubert G. Brown
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. John Bitibule, M.B.E., (Solomon Islands District) Walter Parker Ralph E. Patchett

QUESTION 15 .- (a) What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Thomas H. Carr G. Raymond Harris Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. Norman P. Larsen Athol R. Penn Ivo M. Raynor

A. Wharton E. Silvester (M.M.)

(b) What Deaconesses are retained on the Retired List? Ruth Fawcett Ivy Jones Airini Hobbs

(c) What Deaconesses are now placed on the retired list? Rita F. Snowden, F.I.A.L.

QUESTION 16.—What Supernumeraries Return to Regular Work? None.

QUESTION 17.-What Home Missionaries are to be-

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

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 18.—(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).

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

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

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

Lane M. Tauroa, B.A. (with permission to serve under the N.C.C. as a Fraternal worker in Indonesia).

Ian W. Reid (with permission to serve with the Justice Department).

Owen Kitchingman, B.A. (with permission to serve as Chaplain to the Manapouri Power Project, under the Southland Branch of the N.C.C.).

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

T. Ralph Benny
Leslie C. Clements
W. Lloyd Divers
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc.
(Agric.). Serving with the
British Conference.
Allen H. Hall, M.A. (studying
overseas).

Wilf G. Eisner, B.A.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.
Ian W. Reid
Leslie T. Norwell
O. McLennan Olds (1967)
John W. Reddihough
Owen Kitchingman, B.A.

- QUESTION 19.—What Ministers are "left without Pastoral Charge"? Dorothea M. Noble, B.A.
- QUESTION 20 .- Is any Minister or Probationer Designated for Overseas Missions?

C. Seton Horrill E. Clarence Leadley

- QUESTION 21.-What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or receive from any other Conference? Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. to the Fiji Conference.
- QUESTION 22,-Are there any Objections to any Minister, Probationer, or Home Missionary?
- QUESTION 23.-What Persons who were in Full Connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of the Conference? Lewis H. Major who has voluntarily resigned Bruce W. Edwards who has resigned for health reasons.
- QUESTION 24.—What are the arrangements for the Annual Examinations of Probationers, Students, Candidates for the Ministry, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Lay Preachers?

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Secretary and Convener: Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. Assistant Secretaries: Revs. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. and R. D. Rakena.

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(A) Examiners for Probationers

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

Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. W. Gust, B.A. 2nd year: Rev. P. P. Rushton, B.A., B.D. 3rd year: Rev. W. Gust, B.A.

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. J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip. Mus. 3rd year: Rev. L. Greenslade.

Theology: 1st Section: Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A. 2nd Section: Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sci. 3rd Section: Rev. W. S. Dawson, 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. Religion and Psychology-Rev. P. A. Stead, B.A. Social Ethics-Rev. W. H. Greenslade. Comparative Religion-Rev. J. B. Dawson, B.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., E.D.

Correspondence Tutors in Theology

1st Section		*****	 Rev. J	. Gi	rundy, M.A.
2nd Section			 Rev. E	C. R.	Le Couteur.
3rd Section	*****		 Rev. V	V. J.	Morrison, M.A.

Correspondence Tutor in Greek

Rev. Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.

(B) Examiners for Candidates

Bible Knowledge I	 	*****	Rev. W. Parker, M.A., B.D.
Bible Knowledge II	 *****		Rev. C. B. Oldfield.
Theology	 		Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

(C) 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. D. H. Burt.
Homiletics				Rev. A. J. Johnston.

(D) Tutors in Bible Knowledge (for Home Missionaries)

1st Year	*****	*****	******	 Rev. H. I. K. Hopper, B.A.
2nd Year		*****		 Rev. B. H. Riseley.
3rd Year		*****		 Rev. L. T. Norwell.
4th Year			******	 Rev. G. R. H. Peterson.

(E) Examiners for Lay Preachers

Old Testament New Testament			Rev. O. T. Woodfield, B.A. Rev. H. K. Brown.
Theology			Rev. M. Jackson, Campbell.
Homiletics	*****		Rev. D. B. Gordon, M.A.
The Church (His	tory, Org	anization,	
and Mission)			Rev. C. D. Clark, M.A.

(F) Examiners for Deaconess Candidates

Theology	*****		 Rev. H. D. Besant, B.A., B.D.
Old Testament	******	*****	 Rev. G. V. Thomas, B.A.
New Testament			 Rev. J. H. Woolford, M.A.
English			 Rev. D. G. Sherson, B.A.

(G) Tutors and Examiners for Maori Lay Preachers and Home Missioneries

Theology Rev. R. D. Rakena (Tutor); Rev. H. A. Darvill (Examiner).

Bible Knowledge Rev. W. Tahere (Tutor); Rev. R. Rogers (Examiner).

Homiletics Rev. R. Rogers (Tutor); Rev. W. Tahere (Examiner).

The Church Rev. H. A. Darvill (Tutor); Rev. R. D. Rakena (Examiner).

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:

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.

Alternative 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 Otago B.D. Stage 1, Papers A and B, but including only the first of the two set papers and no unseen translation.

2nd year, as B.D. Stage 1, Papers A and B, but no unseen translation.

3rd year, as B.D. Stage 11, 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 the Examiner.

2. A. GREEK NEW TESTAMENT. Section for 1966.

1st year: Matthew 4-6; Acts 14-15; 1 Corinthians 1.

2nd year: Matthew 4-7; Acts 14-16; 1 Corinthians 1-2.

3rd year: Matthew 3-7; Acts 13-16; 1 Corinthians 1-3.

Note: All Chapters are inclusive.

1st year: Translation, Grammar and Exegesis.

2nd year: As above with re-translation.

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

OR-B. English New Testament.

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

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

3rd year: Hebrews (Moffat Commentary).

- 3. THEOLOGY A. for 1966 Third Section. "The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things."
 - 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 1966 Third section (a two-hour paper).

1st SECTION-Sermons on:

"Salvation by Faith."

"The Almost Christian."

"Scriptural Christianity."

"Justification by Faith."

"The Righteousness of Faith."

"The Way to the Kingdom."

"The First-Fruits of the Spirit."

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:

"The Nature of Enthusiasm."

"A Caution Against Bigotry."

"Catholic Spirit."

"Christian Perfection."

"Original Sin."

"The New Birth."

"Self-Denial."

"The Use of Money."

4. GENERAL.

1st Year:

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

RECOMMENDED READING:

"The Life of Wesley," by Telford (or any standard "Life").

"The Methodist Heritage," by Henry Carter.

"John Wesley and the Eighteenth Century," by Maldwyn Edwards.

"Centenary Sketches of N.Z. Methodism," by W. J. Williams.

2nd Year:

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) Religion and Psychology: "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: "Comparative Religion"—Bouquet (Penguin); "History of Religions," E. O. James (Teach Yourself Series).
- (4) Christan 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 O.M. Field take in this section, "Methodism" and "Comparative Religion."

REGULATIONS

- 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.
- 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 ordination year. Examination results shall be reported immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

- 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. Each Probationer shall forward to his Chairman not later than the 15th August in each year a Book List embodying his reading based on the specified list for his year. The Chairman or a Minister of the District appointed by him shall conduct before a sub-committee of the District Ministerial Committee an oral examination thereon, except that in the Ordination year the examination shall be in Theology only. The name of the Examiner shall be announced at the March meeting of the District Ministerial Committee. See also "Course of Study for Probationers," Regulations 5, 6, and 8 for Probationers pursuing the Thesis Course.
- 10. 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.
- 11. That in terms of the Law Book, paragraph 510 (8 k), page 130, first year Probationers pursuing University studies be paid a grant from the Contingent Fund of up to £10 per unit with a maximum of £20.

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

2nd year: Romans, Chapters 1-12.

3rd Year: James to Jude.

4th year: The Rise of the Kingdom of Israel from Samuel to Solomon.

1966—Third year cycle.

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 teaching, 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 1, Sect. 1, 2, 4; Part II, Sect. 3, 4, 9; Part VIII, Sect. 3. District Constitution.

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 1965-66 be:

Theology—Rev. A. C. Watson.
Bible Knowledge—Rev. I. Vula.
Homiletics and Worship—Rev. J. F. Cropp.
Methodism—Rev. B. Sides.
Book List—Rev. J. F. Cropp.
Oral Examiner and Secretary—Rev. A. C. Watson.

SOLOMON ISLANDS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

- English—All those who have not recently passed an exam. at Std 9 level to sit a written paper in English.
- 2. Arithmetic—An exam. to be set at St. 7 level for those who have not recently passed Std. 9 Arithmetic.
- Theology—A close study of the book GOD AND MAN by M. Temple. (Key Books).
- 4. Bible Knowledge—An elementary knowledge of the Bible—both Old and New Testaments and a knowledge of how we got it. Texts: How we got the Old Testament; How the New Testament came to us; The Greatest Book in the World; African Home Library.
- History of the District—Candidates should write an essay on some aspect of the history of their own District.
- 6. Candidates must appear before Synod, conducting a trial service in English and pass an oral examination in theology.

III—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS

1. Old Testament.

(a) Elementary Hebrew. 1 period weekly.

1st year—Structure of the language, elementary grammar and syntax, key biblical words.

2nd year-Easy translation and exegesis.

Advanced Hebrew at the University.

(b) Old Testament Introduction. 1 period weekly.

1st year—Canon, text, archaeology, authority of the Old Testament.

Introduction to Pentateuch and to Historical Books.

2nd year-History and background of the prophetic movement.

Introduction to the Prophetic Literature.

3rd year—History of Hebrew People from 586 B.C. to A.D. 70. Judaism in the Hellenistic Period.

Introduction to canonical Psalms and Wisdom Literature and selected works from the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha.

(c) Old Testament Theology and Exegesis. 1 period weekly.

1st year-General Outline of Old Testament Theology.

2nd year-The Teaching of the Prophets.

3rd year—Development of Jewish thought in the Hellenistic Period.

Teaching of the Psalms and of the Wisdom Literature.

2. New Testament.

(a) New Testament Greek.

Junior Year-Grammar, two periods weekly.

Intermediate Year—Grammar and Syntax, Easy Translation.
Two periods weekly.

Senior Year—Syntax, translation, unseen translation. Two periods weekly.

(b) Introduction.

Junior Year-Literary and Form Criticism of the Synoptic Gospels.

Intermediate Year—Introduction to Acts, Pauline Epistles; Textual Criticism.

Senior Year-Introduction to Johannine literature and other epistles; History of the Canon.

(c) New Testament Exegesis.

On selected passages from the Synoptic, Pauline and Johannine literature, one period weekly for each year. Senior exegesis on the Greek text, Junior on the English.

(d) New Testament Theology.

Junior Year-Synoptic Teaching.

Intermediate Year-Pauline Teaching.

Senior Year—Johannine Teaching. One period weekly each.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

1st year God, Man, Sin.

2nd year
The Person and Work of Christ.
The Doctrines of Grace

3rd year

3.

Church, Ministry and Sacraments. The Last Things. Methodist Theology To-day.

Also, the 2nd and 3rd year students are taken together in a class devoted alternately year about to 1, Christian Ethics; 2, Worship, Special Services, Church Organization and Law Book.

4. CHURCH HISTORY

Combined Class, 1 period weekly.

1st year: To 1500 A.D.

2nd year: 1500 to present time. Ecumenism.

3rd year: Methodism, origins and world development.

5. PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Pastoral 1—Religious Education. Teaching Method. Child Development. The All-age School. Adult Education. Group Process.

Pastoral II—Pastoral Visitation and Pastoral Care. Ministering to the Sick, the Bereaved, etc. Pastoral Counselling.

Pastoral III—Advanced Homelitics. The Gospel in the Modern World. Personality and Evangelism. Methods of Evangelism.

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: "An 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.

1 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 HOME MISSIONARIES

(Three Hour Papers)

FIRST YEAR

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

- English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chapters 7-12.
- Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 1-181.
- 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

- English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chapters 1-6.
- Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 182-368.
- Bible Knowledge—"The Religious Ideas of the Old Testament."
 Wheeler Robinson.
- 4. Homiletics—"A Preacher's Handbook." Lewis. Book 1. (Epworth Press).

FOURTH YEAR

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

VI-COURSE OF STUDIES-DEACONESSES

(a) ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Old Testament, New Testament and Theology, as prescribed in the Course of Studies for Lay Preachers, with the addition of English for Candidates who have not passed a Fifth Form examination in English. (Textbook: "Everyday English," (Part 2) by Smyth).

(b) STUDENTS

Old Testament-

1st Year: The O.T. A record of progressive Divine revelation, unfolded through the chosen people Israel. Origin and development of the O.T. writings. The Pre-Historic period. (Genesis 1-11). Moses, the Exodus, the Settlement in the Promised Land. The three kings of United Israel. The Prophets of Northern Israel.

2nd Year: The Prophets of Southern Israel. The Exile and Restoration. The "Writings." The Four Centuries before Christ.

New Testament-

1st Year: Language, Text, Canon and Contents of the N.T. Introduction to the four Gospels, with special emphasis on Mark's Gospel, its contents and teaching.

2nd Year: The Early Church and St. Paul. The writings of the other apostolic men. The unity of the N.T.

Theology-

1st Year: Introduction to Theology and its relation to kindred studies. Revelation. The Bible. Inspiration. Faith. Reason. God. Man. Sin. Salvation. The Work of Christ.

2nd Year: The Person of Christ. The Holy Spirit. The Trinity. The Church, Ministry and Sacraments. The Last Things.

Church History-

1st Year: A survey of the development of the Christian Church with special reference to the first five centuries, the Middle Ages, the Reformation to the Evanglical Revival.

2nd Year: The rise and spread of Methodism. Methodism in New Zealand, and its overseas missions. Christianity from 1815. The Ecumenical Movement.

Homiletics (1 Year)-

"The Craft of Sermon Construction" (Sangster).

Christian Ethics-

1st Year: The Basis of Christian Ethics. "The Problem of Right

Conduct" (Green). Chapters 1-9.

2nd Year: "The Problem of Right Conduct," Chapters 10-11, together with Conference declarations on Public Questions and Social Issues.

Pastoral Practice-

1st Year: Organizing Systematic Visitation—Characteristics of areas—Making Pastoral Calls—Ministering to the Sick, Bereaved, etc.

2nd Year: Pastoral Counselling.

Christian Education-

(This course is in process of reorganisation).

The Devotional Life (1 Year)-

- Deaconess work in the early Church, and its re-emergence in modern times.
- 2. A detailed study of the Means of Grace.

Maori (2 Years)-

As for W.E.A. Course.

Post-Examination Studies-

- Lectures are given on such subjects as Social Security Regulations, Methodist Organisation, Social Services, Car Maintenance, Home Nursing, etc.
- 2. Field work as determined by the Board of Studies.

VII-COURSE OF STUDY FOR LAY PREACHERS

- 1. Old Testament: "An Approach to the Old Testament," Horace Cleaver.
- 2. New Testament: "An Approach to the New Testament," G. P. Lewis.
- Theology: "An Approach to Christian Doctrine," Ed. by G. P. Lewis.
- 4. Homiletics-"Worship and Preaching," T. W. Morrow.
- 5. The Church—History, Organisation and Mission: "Teaching the Faith," E. W. Hames (pp. 105-141); "The Furtherance of the Gospel," R. W. Moore; Notes on "The Church" available from the Department of Christian Education. (These notes are essential for this subject.)

Note:

- 1. That the examination time for each subject is two hours.
- 2. In addition to the Written Examinations, a Lay Preacher must conduct not less than 10 Services and a Trial Service.
- 3. In every Synodal district, the Synod Standing Committee shall appoint one or more committees, consisting in each case of two Ministers and two lay preachers. The duties of such committees shall be to orally examine any candidates for accreditation, hear their trial services, assess and decide on the fitness of such candidates to be accredited. The decision of the committees shall be reported for final decision to Preachers' and Quarterly Meetings and for information to the Dominion Executive of the Lay Preachers' Association.
- Text books and Study Courses are available from the Department of Christian Education, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, C3.

VIII.—SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

A. Curriculum—		
OLD TESTAMENT—	2	
Subject	Hours	Weekly
1. History and Faith of Israel	*****	2
2. Elementary Hebrew	10000	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	127734	1
HISTORY AND POLITY OF THE CHURCH-		
8. Elementary Church History		1
9. Practising the Faith (How Methodism Wor	ks,	4
Membership and Ethics)		1
TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP—		
10. Worship and Preaching		1
11. Understanding People (Training for Pasto	ral	
Care, Visitation, Evangelism, etc.)	******	1
12. Elementary Christian Education Course		1
ENGLISH—		
13. Grammar and Composition	hein)	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 insufficiently 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 1966-

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

IX.—COURSE OF STUDIES FOR MAORI LAY PREACHERS AND HOME MISSIONARIES

(Res. 12 Mins. of Conference 1963, page 38).

The objectives of the proposed Course are:

i. To raise the general standard of Maori workers;

 ii. To help promising workers qualify in the normal way;
 iii. To provide a criterion for the granting of Home Missionary status.

First Year.

A Preliminary Course of Study.

Theology: Te Katikihama (Catechism) Maori Service Book

I Believe In Norman Snaith

(with selected chapters and supplementary material)
Bible Knowledge: How your Bible Grew Up Roy L. Smith

St. Mark Paul S. Minear

Homiletics: Worship and Preaching T. M. Morrow

(Chap. 1, 4, 5 and 10)

The Church: A People Prepared John Banks

B Preparatory Lay Preacher's Course of Study.

Theology: An Approach to Christian G. P. Lewis Doctrine (pages 1-114)

Bible Knowledge: In Introduction to the N.T. G. P. Lewis (pages 1-153)

An Introduction to the O.T. H. Cleaver

Homiletics: Worship and Preaching T. M. Morrow

(Chap. 2, 3, 6-9)

The Church: Teaching the Faith E. W. Hames (pages 85-141)

Additional Reading: "A Manual for Preachers".

"In the Beginning".
"Visitation Evangelism".

"Some Distortions of the Christian Faith".

Second Year, Course of Study for Lay Preachers (as set in the Mins. of Conf.).

Third Year, Course of Study for Home Missionaries.

As set in the Mins. of Conference or a Preparatory Course if considered desirable, comprising selected chapters only of text books set.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for 1966 shall commence on the following dates: Probationers—Tuesday, May 17th, and Tuesday, September 13th. Tutorials for Probationers—Greek: February 1st. Theology:

June 1st.
Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, July 19th.
Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, September 13th.
Bible Knowledge for H.M. Probationers—Tuesday, March 1st.
Candidates for the Deaconess Order—Tuesday, July 19th.
Lay Preachers—First week in June and December.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1966 be the Rev. J. Silvester, M.A.

2. That congratulations be extended to the following Probationer, who has gained a University degree during the year, and that this be printed in the Minutes:

William A. Chessum, Mus.B. (Auckland).

3. That the Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., Secretary of the Board of Examiners, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

4. That the Revs. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D., and R. D. Rakena, Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Examiners, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

5. That the Revs. H. C. Matthews, B.A., and J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus., who have accepted secretarial responsibilities during the Secretary's absence overseas, be thanked for their services and asked to continue until his return.

6. That the Board of Studies, with co-opted members—ministerial and lay—be asked to review the selection procedures of our Church for candidates for the Ministry and Deaconess Order and report to the Examination Committee.

7. That appreciation be expressed to the Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D., and Mr W. E. Donnelly, M.A., for their thorough and comprehensive Triennial Visitation Report.

8. That the regulation concerning Students' bonds (Law Book page 98, para 502 [15]) be rescinded together with the reference to students' obligations to the College (Law Book page 17, para 114 [3c]).

QUESTION 25.—(a) Do we sanction the amalgamation, alteration, division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station, or do we originate any proposal having reference thereto?

(a) WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

- (i) Putaruru-Tokoroa: "That Putaruru-Tokoroa be divided into two Circuits; the boundaries to be defined by the Synod Standing Committee in consultation with the H.M. Board."
- (ii) Whakatane-Kawerau: "That Whakatane and Kawerau Circuits be combined to form one Circuit to be known as the Whakatane-Kawerau Circuit."
- (iii) Hamilton East: "That general approval be given to the basis of an agreement between Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for united worship, Christian Education and other related activities in the suburban area of Chartwell, Hamilton, and for co-operation in the joint development of the area, and that final approval be reserved until Conference 1966. That in the meantime Conference approves of united worship and other activities commencing in February, 1966."

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

- (i) Halcombe: "That Conference approve the agreement for the combined use of Church buildings in Halcombe by the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches which provides for the St. James' Anglican Church becoming the common centre of worship and other church activities, the disposal of the existing Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and the removal of the existing Methodist Hall to the Anglican site."
- (ii) "That the final agreement be filed in the Conference Journal for reference."

WELLINGTON

- (i) Newlands: That in view of the strong local desire and the support of a meeting which included Presbytery and Synod Standing Committee representatives, Conference approves the establishment of a Union Parish at Newlands.
- (ii) Porirua: "That the final agreement for co-operation between Anglican, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in the new housing areas of Porirua and for the joint use of Church buildings, be approved, and that the agreement be filed in the Conference Journal for reference."

(iii) SPECIAL COMMISSION:

That the Synod Standing Committee be asked to set up a Commission to survey the Paraparaumu, Otaki and Levin Circuits studying particularly staffing and boundaries, and to consult with the Home Mission Department in preparing their recommendations for Synod and Conference 1966.

NELSON

Waimea:

- A. That Conference approves the formation of a Union Parish in Wakefield involving as many of the Churches negotiating for Union as may be possible.
- B. That in the event of a Union Parish being established, the Waimea Circuit be divided at the point of an approximate line running from Spring Grove to the top of Neudorf Hill.

NORTH CANTERBURY

Christchurch East: "That approval be given to the Christchurch East Quarterly Meeting to enter into an agreement with the Burwood-Marshland Anglican Vestry by which the St. Mark's Anglican Church will be used for Anglican, Methodist and combined services, and Marshlands Methodist Church will become a community hall (Anglican-Methodist) for the use of both congregations, and further by which Christian education and other related activities will be combined with provision for separate teaching where necessary."

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Cromwell-Alexandra:

- (A) "That Cromwell-Alexandra Circuit amalgamate with the Roxburgh Circuit and that for the next five years the Minister be resident at Roxburgh."
- (B) That the combined Circuit be known as the "Central Otago Circuit."

QUESTION 25 .- (b) What new Districts, Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now Constituted?

Putaruru Circuit Tokoroa Circuit

Whakatane-Kawerau Circuit

Ngaruawahia Circuit Central Otago Circuit

QUESTION 26 .- (a) Do we sanction any change in the status or staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?

AUCKLAND

Auckland South: That the staffing of the Auckland South Circuit be three Ordained Ministers—the second minister to have oversight of Roskill-Sandringham.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

(i) Hamilton East: "That the staffing be 3 ordained ministers."
 (ii) Ngaruawahia: "That it be constituted a Circuit and the staffing be one ordained minister."

(iii) Whakatane-Kawerau: "That the staffing be one ordained minister."

(iv) Putaruru: "That the staffing be one ordained minister."(v) Tokoroa: "That the staffing be one ordained minister."

(vi) King Country Maori: "That the staffing be one ordained minister, two probationers and two deaconesses."

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Waitara: "That the staffing of the Waitara Circuit be one ordained minister, and that the words 'and a Home Missionary' be deleted from the list of stations." OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Central Otago: "That the staffing be one ordained minister."

QUESTION 26.—(b) To what Circuits are additional Preachers to be appointed?

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

King Country Maori Circuit: "That two Probationers (Maori) be appointed."

QUESTION 26 .- (c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

AUCKLAND

Auckland South.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Waitara.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Cromwell-Alexandra.

QUESTION 27 .- What new Stations are now constituted? See under Question 25 (a).

QUESTION 28.-What Circuits are due to provide a Parsonage for an Ordained Minister?

Rotorua is due.

Hauraki Plains is due.

Ohura is due.

Riccarton second is due and is providing rented accommodation and has bought a section on which to build a parsonage.

Western Southland is due and is fulfilling its obligations. St. Kilda is due and is providing rented accommodation.
Invercargill (St. Peter's) is due and is fulfilling its obligations.

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

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President—REV ARTHUR R. WITHEFORD, B.A. Vice-President—MR RUSSEL T. GARLICK, L.L.B. Secretary—REV. HOWARD E. HARKNESS, M.A., B.D.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1966

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 144 and [1] to [21] 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.)

1. NORTHLAND DISTRICT

- Mangonui— Cuthbert F. Peart. (who shall supervise the North Hokianga Circuit)
- Kaikohe-Bay of Islands— Harris Whitfield. Brian L. Olsen.
- 3. Whangaroa— David W. Edmonds.
- 4. North Hokianga Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com.
- 5. Hokianga— Alan K. Woodley.
- 6. Hikurangi— John I. Manihera.
- 7. Whangarei— William R. Francis, B.A. David L. Hines, B.A.
- 8. Dargaville— Andrew G. Reid. Robert A. Allan.
- 9. Ruawai— Amos W. Burrough.
- 10. Paparoa— One wanted.

11. Port Albert-Alastair D. Pain. 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

The Home Mission Department-

Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Gen. Sup.).

Ruawai D. Rakena (Asst. Sup.). Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary—residing at Hawera).

Ranginohoora Rogers (Senior Maori Supt.).

The Overseas Mission Department-George G. Carter, M.A., Dip-Ed. (Gen. Sec.).

Trinity Theological College-

David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Tutor in Pastoral Theology,

Principal.

John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching, Vice-Principal.

John A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D. (Tutor in N.T. Language, Literature and Teaching), Pasidant Tutor

and Teaching), Resident Tutor.

John Silvester, M.A. (Tutor in Systematic Theology).

Auckland Hospital Chaplain-Benjamin H. Riseley.

Auckland Central-

R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip. Ed. (Kingsland)
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A. (St. Jude's, Richmond Road).
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.

John A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D.

John Silvester, M.A. Allen H. Hall, M.A. (Studying Overseas).

E. Thomas Olds (Sup.). Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).

Walter Parker (Sup.). James W. Parker (Sup.).

G. Raymond Harris (Sup.).

A Deaconess.

13. Auckland Central Mission-

A Everil Orr, M.B.E.

J. Stanley Olds.

Two Deaconesses.

Auckland South-

Harry Moore.

Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B. (Roskill-Sandringham)

One wanted.

Douglas H. Burt.

Children's Home Chaplain, Edgar R. Hornblow.

- 15. Auckland West— O. McLennan Olds.
- 16. Auckland East—
 M. Jackson Campbell
 E. Raymond Le Couteur.
 Alan H. V. Newton
 David S. Mullan, B.A.
 Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Home Mission Department).
 Benjamin H. Riseley (Hospital Chaplain).
 George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Overseas Mission Department).
 Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.).
 Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
- 17. Orakei—
 Lawrence Greenslade (Chaplain to Winstone Lodge and Joint Chaplain to Seamer House).
 Edmund D. Grounds.
 D. I. Alister McDonald
 William Walker, E.D. (Sup.).
 Eric W. Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).
 Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
- 18. Avondale—
 Leonard C. Horwood (Chaplain to Astley House and Tyler House).

 Henry W. Kitchingman (Avondale-New Lynn).
 One wanted.
 Rua D. Rakena (Home Mission Department).
 Ernest E. Sage (Sup.).
 Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
 Percy I. Cooke (Sup.).
 Fred Copeland (Sup.).
 Athol R. Penn (Sup.).
- 19. Henderson— Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. (Glen Eden). Lawrence E. Salter (Te Atatu). Walter J. Enticott (Sup.). Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.).
- 20. Devonport—
 David L. Trebilco.
 E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
- Zi. Takapuna—
 John A. Penman, B.A.
 Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (who shall supervise Whangaparaoa Circuit).
 Ludwig Felderhof.
 John Dennis (Sup.).
 A. Harry Voyce (Sup.).
 Joseph C. Draper (Sup.).
 A. Wharton E. Silvester (M.M.), (Sup.)
- 22. Birkenhead—
 Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
 Frederick D. Peterson (Beach Haven).
 Basil J. Hilder (Northcote).
- 23. Onehunga—
 Herbert W. Payne (Joint Chaplain to "Kurahuna").
 David Armstrong.
- 24. Otahuhu— Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

- 25. Papatoetoe—
 Albert Jolly.
 One wanted.
 A Deaconess wanted.
 L. Gordon Hanna (Sup.).
- 26. Papakura—
 Clarence T. J. Luxton.
 Harry W. Toothill.
 One wanted.
- 27. Pukekohe—
 Ian D. Grant.
 Thomas H. Carr (Sup.)
 Wesley Training College, Paerata. Chaplain, Ian D. Grant.
- 28. Bombay-Tuakau— Peter S. Barker, One wanted
- 29. Waiuku— Lewis A. Bowen.
- 30. Kaipara— William E. Moore.
- 31. Whangaparaoa— Ronald C. Collingwood.
- 32. Mahurangi— John Churchill.
- [2] Auckland—
 Ranginohoora 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.
 - R. FREDERICK CLEMENT, M.A. (Chairman of the District). A. TURNER (Financial Secretary).

III—WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

- 33. Thames—
 Reginald Day (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
- 34. Hauraki Plains— Charles D. Shave.
- Paeroa—
 John H. Osborne, M.A. (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
- 36. Waihi—
 Frederick J. Climo.
 J. Francis Attwood (Sup.).
- 37. Te Aroha— V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D.
- 38. Morrinsville—
 Francis H. Parker.
 G. Basil W. Bell.
 Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.).
- 39. Cambridge— Leonard Shapcott.

- 40. Hamilton—
 Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
 Archibald W. McKay.
 Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.
- 40a. Raglan Union Parish— Presbyterian Appointment (J. H. Oliver).
- 41. Hamilton East—
 Alan O. Jones.
 Derek G. Laws.
 One wanted.
 William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.).
 Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
 John H. Bailey (Sup.).
 George Brown (Sup.).
- 42. Ngaruawahia— Ronald W. Ferguson.
- 43. Huntly— Eric R. Eastwood.
- 44. Matamata— Campbell P. Lucas.
- 45. Putaruru— Roy M. Alexander.
- 46. Tokoroa— Frank H. Woodfield. William M. Garner (Sup.).
- 47. Rotorua—
 William H. Greenslade.
 Ian H. Robertson.
 One wanted.
- 48. Tauranga—
 Robert H. Allen, B.A.
 Irwin J. Fowler.
 James H. Conway.
 Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
- 49. Te Puke—
 Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
 Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com., (Sup.).
- 50. Whakatane-Kawerau— David H. Ansell.
- 51. Opotiki— One wanted.
- Te Awamutu— William J. Morrison, M.A. One wanted.
- 53. Otorohanga— Hughan M. Craig.
- 54. Te Kuiti— Donald F. Prince. A Home Missionary.
- 55. Taumarunui—
 Bruce Scammell (who shall supervise Ohura Circuit).
- 56. Ohura— Stuart G. Slinn.

- [3] Waikato—
 Charles E. Roke.
 Napi Waaka.
 10 Home Missionaries.
 4 Deaconesses.
- [4] King Country—
 George I. Laurenson, C.B.E.
 Te Taotahi John Pihama.
 Daniel P. Harris.
 Lane M. Tauroa, B.A. (resting, Fraternal Worker with N.C.C. in Indonesia).
 12 Home Missionaries.
 3 Deaconesses.

KAWHIA— A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL— A Home Missionary.

V. ROY JAMIESON, M.B.E., E.D. (Chairman of the District). S. V. LEACH (Financial Secretary).

IV—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

- 57. New Plymouth—
 Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel).
 Keith C. Griffith.
 Arnold C. Hight.
 Robert E. Fordyce, S.B.St.J. (Sup.).
 Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
- 58. Waitara— Richard J. Hendry.
- 59. Stratford— B. Keith Rowe, B.A.
- 60. Eltham-Kaponga— Edward Baker. A Home Missionary.
- 61. Hawera—
 Alan Newman.
 A Home Missionary (Patea)
- 62. Manaia— Niven G. Ball.
- 63. Opunake— A Peter Dorrian. Gordon A. R. Cornwell.
- 64. Wanganui Central— Charlie O. Hailwood.
- 65. Wanganui North—
 Albert A. Grundy, M.A. (who shall supervise the Taihape Circuit).
- 66. Wanganui West— Frederick E. Waine.
- 67. Taihape— Keith J. Taylor. Harry I. Shaw (C.F.).

68. Inglewood—
Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise the Waitara Circuit).

[5] Taranaki-Waimarino—
 Harold A. Darvill (Hawera), Acting Circuit Superintendent.
 One wanted (New Plymouth).
 12 Home Missionaries.
 3 Deaconesses.

CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD (Chairman of the District). J. P. HARDING (Financial Secretary).

V—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

69. Napier—
Clifford G. Brown,
Russell E. James,
One wanted,

Hastings—
 John B. Dawson, B.A.
 Reginald Grice.
 Arthur Hopper (Sup.).

Gisborne—
 J. C. Aldwyn Williams (who shall supervise the Wairoa Circuit).
 Norman J. West.

72. Wairoa— C. Brice Herbert.

73. Dannevirke-Norsewood— Wilfred S. Gilbert. One wanted.

74. Woodville— William C. Jenkin.

75. Pahiatua— Clifford L. Duder.

 Palmerston North (St. Paul's)— Peter A. Stead, B.A. One wanted. Mervyn L. Dine, C.F.

77. Palmerston North (Trinity)— George H. Goodman One wanted.

78. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe— J. Montgomery Blight.

79. Feilding— Leslie F. Bycroft. A. Deaconess.

80. Marton — Edward P. Boyd.

81. Sanson-Rongotea— William K. Abbott.

82. Apiti— R. Leslie George.

83. Waipawa-Waipukurau— Stanley R. Goudge, B.A. W. J. Henderson (Sup.). 84. Foxton-Shannon— Maynard G. Rutherford.

PETER A STEAD, B.A. (Chairman of the District). JOHN B. DAWSON, B.A. (Deputy Chairman). K. D. HUSE, A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

VI-WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Department of Christian Education— Director, Wilfred F. Ford, B.A. Associate Directors—See Question 30.

85. Wellington Central—
Robert Thornley, M.A.
Gordon D. Brough, B.A.
A Deaconess.
Leslie C. Clements (with Justice Department as Adviser in Marriage guidance).
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Ag.Sc. (resting). Serving with the British Conference.
Ernest S. Hoddinott (Senior Chaplain to Justice Department).
Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (Chaplain with Justice Department).
Edward H. Moody (a minister of the British Conference, serving as N.Z. Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society).

86. Wellington West—
Gordon R. H. Peterson.
Wilfred J. Cable.
Henry Ryan (Sup.).

- 87. Wellington South— Colin D. Clark, M.A. One wanted.
- 88. Wellington East—
 Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
 J. Ainsley Daglish.
- 89. Wellington North— George R. Thompson, E.D. Roger M. Gibson.
- 90. Porirua—
 Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.
 Graham E. Hawkey.
 Ronald G. Major.
 Wilfred F. Ford (B.A. (Director of Christian Education).
 William Rowe (Sup.).
- 91. Lower Hutt—
 Leonard V. Willing.
 Ernest Heppelthwaite.
 Warwick Gust, B.A.
 Trevor L. Nicholls.
 Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (resting).
 Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. (without pastoral charge).
 R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
- 91.a Taita Union Parish— Pres. Appointment (A. R. Reid, B.A.).
- 92. Upper Hutt—
 Trevor L. Bennett.
 Robert Te Whare.
 Ian W. Reid (Chaplain with Justice Department).

- 93. Petone— Idris J. Ruck.
- 93a Wainuiomata Union Parish— Pres. Appointment (R. W. Fowler, B.A.). William Morrison (2nd).
- 94. Greytown-Featherston— Frank S. Rigg.
 - 95. Carterton— Charles E. Dickens.
- 96. Masterton— Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., Secretary of Conference (who shall supervise Eketahuna Circuit). Kenneth Toomer. Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
- 97. Eketahuna— One wanted.
- 98. Levin— Kenneth H. Russell. Harry S. Kings (Sup.). Norman P. Larsen (Sup.).
- 99. Otaki—
 One wanted.
 Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Sup.).
 Ivo M. Raynor (Sup.).
- 100. Paraparaumu— George L. Bennett.

WILFRED F. FORD, B.A. (Chairman of the District). GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Deputy Chairman. T. M. PACEY (Financial Secretary).

VII—NELSON DISTRICT

- 101. Nelson—
 W. E. Allon Carr.
 E. Francis. I. Hanson, B.A.
 Bruce E. Mackie.
 Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Sup.).
- 102. Waimea— Loyal J. Gibson (who shall supervise the Murchison Circuit). One wanted.
- 103. Motueka— John R. Hall.
- 104. Murchison— Barry W. Neal.
- Blenheim—
 Charles B. Oldfield.
 A. Kerry Taylor.
 One wanted.
 R. John Hamlin, C.F.
- 106. Reefton— Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A.
- 107. Westport— W. J. Douglas Wakeling.

- 108. Greymouth— Sydney J. Spindler. One wanted.
- 109. Hokitika— Ronald E. Fields.

CHARLES B. OLDFIELD (Chairman of the District). H. HOLLAND (Financial Secretary).

VIII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

METHODIST DEACONESS ORDER—Warden—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A.

110. Christchurch (Durham Street)—
W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
John E. Langley.
One wanted.
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Connexional Secretary).
Archer O. Harris (Sup.).
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.).
William G. Slade, M.A., D.D. (Sup.).
Charles Blair (Sup.).
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (Sup.).
Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.).

- Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church—Wilfred E, Falkingham.
 A. Roy Bowden.
 A Deaconess.
- 112. Christchurch East—
 Harold K. Brown.
 Wesley A. Chambers, M.A. (Warden of Deaconess Order).
 Frank G. Glen.
 John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
 One wanted.
 Wallace S. Neal (Sup.).
- 113. Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)—
 M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.
 G. Kingsley Greening.
 Neil E. Smith.
- 114. Christchurch (Sydenham)— George R. Trebilco.
- 115. Christchurch (Spreydon)—
 Robert W. Widdup.
 C. Russell Marshall.
 Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
- 116. Christchurch (Riccarton)— John D. Grocott, B.A. Edwin B. Clarke.
- 117. Christchurch (St. Albans)—
 R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M.
 Phillip D. Ramsay.
 Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.
 Trevor Shepherd.
 Cecil R. Taylor (Sup.).

- 118. Christchurch (Papanui)—
 Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
 South Island Orphanage: Chaplain, Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
 T. Ralph Benny (resting).
- 119. Springston— John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus. John B. Currie.
- 120. Leeston— George W. Cramond.
- 121. Kaiapoi— J. Herbert Thompson.
- 122. Rangiora— Charles H. Bell, B.A. H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
- 123. Greendale— Noel D. Billinghurst.
- 124. Oxford— Owen L. Christian.

HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, B.A. (Chairman of the District). D. A. WHITE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

IX—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 125. Timaru (Banks Street)— Norman W. Olds.
- 126. Timaru (Woodlands Street)— John Grundy, M.A. One wanted (Kensington).
- 126a. Marchwiel Union Parish Presbyterian Appointment (P. Mackley).
- 127. Waimate—
 Ivan J. Clucas.
 Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
- 128. Geraldine-Temuka— Neville Thornicroft.
- 129. Ashburton—
 Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (President of Conference).
 Graham Brazendale.
 D. J. Donald Hickman (Sup.). (President's Supply).
- 130. Willowby— Geoffrey E. Scarr.
- 131. Oamaru— Herbert A. Cochrane.

ARTHUR R. WITHEFORD, B.A. (President of Conference). (Chairman of the District).
NORMAN W. OLDS (Deputy Chairman).
A. MARSHALL (Financial Secretary).

X-OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

132. Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)—
 D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
 John H. Roberts.
 Warren Green.
 A Deaconess.

- 133. North Dunedin— Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.
- 134. Dunedin West— Andrew J. Johnston. William L. Wallace, B.A.
- 135. Dunedin South— H. David Besant, B.A., B.D. Frederick J. K. Baker. John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S. (resting.) One wanted.
- 135a. Corstorphine Union Parish— Alan J. Handyside.
- 136. Dunedin (St. Kilda)— Barry E. Jones. One wanted.
- 137. Milton-Lawrence— Robert S. Andrews.
- 138. Balclutha— Maxwell A. Hornblow.
- 139. Gore—
 J. Henry Woolford, M.A. (who shall supervise the Western Southland Circuit).
- 140. Invercargill Central— John C. F. Mabon (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit). Ronald H. Wood. W. Lloyd Divers (resting).
- Invercargill (St. Peter's)— David G. Stubbs. John G. Hayhurst.
- 142. Western Southland— William A. Chessum, Mus. B. Stanley J. West.
- 143. Bluff— Hendrik Gerritsen.
- 144. Central Otago— W. Geoffrey Tucker.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON (Chairman of the District). F. W. E. PITCHER (Financial Secretary).

XI—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

[6] Roviana—
James F. Cropp (Banga).
Solomon Alu (Roviana).
Leslie Boseto (Gizo).
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

Goldie College—
James F. Cropp.
One Missionary Sister (Teacher).
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted.

Helena Goldie Hospital— One Doctor. One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

District Headquarters-

E. Clarence Leadley. (Chairman of the District).

John V. Bitibule, M.B.E. (Assistant Chairman).

One Lay Missionary (Business Manager).

One Lay Missionary (Engineer).
One Lay Missionary (Administrative Assistant).
One Lay Missionary (Plantation Supervisor).

One Lay Missionary (Plantation Supervisor).
One Missionary Teacher wanted.
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) who is seconded to the Methodist Teachers' College—Melanesia).

[7] Aola-Honiara-

Alexander C. Watson. Samson Pataaku.

[8] Marovo-

Aisake N. Vula. Timothy Piani. One Missionary Teacher.

[9] Simbo-

Iliesa Buadromo.

[10] Vella Lavella—

Daniel Palavi (Bilua). Paul A. Garside. One Missionary Sister (Teacher). One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted. One Lay Missionary (Plantation Manager).

[11] Choiseul-

One wanted (Sasamungga). Job Rotoava (Sasamungga). Serupepeli Beraki (Panggoe). Luke Pitu. One Missionary Sister (Deaconess) One Missionary Sister (Teacher). One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted.

[12] Central—

Te Takarebu Tarakabu. Te Tekieru Teem. Te Tim Tarakabu.

[13] Buin-

Phillip F. Taylor (Tonu). Francis J. Bongbong (Nagavisi). Jeconiah Kaskas. One Missionary Teacher wanted. One Missionary Sister (Nurse). One Missionary Sister (Deaconess). One Lay Missionary (Plantation Manager).

District Girls' School-

One Missionary Sister (Teacher). One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted. One Missionary Sister (Matron).

[14] Kieta-John Taufa.

One Missionary Sister (Teacher).

[15] Teop-C. Seton Horrill (Kekesu). Misake Tarurava (Tearaka). One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted. One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

[16] Buka-Brian W. Sides (Skotolan).

Moses Mosusu. George Maelagi.

One Lay Missionary (Assistant Business Manager). One Missionary Sister (Teacher).

One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted.

N.B.—It is understood that the Chairman of the District shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

E. CLARENCE LEADLEY (Chairman of the District).

XII--PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

DISTRICT-

Clifford J. Keightley (Chairman), Mendi. A. Graham Smith, L.Th., St. Paul's College, Mendi. One Lay Missionary (Secretary). One Lay Missionary (Agriculture Instructor). One Missionary Teacher wanted. One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted.

[17] Mendi-

One wanted. A. Qalo, South Mendi. One Missionary Sister (District Worker). One Missionary Sister (Teacher).

[18] Tari-

C. John Hutton, B.Sc. One wanted (South Basin). One wanted (North Basin). One Missionary Teacher.
Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses).
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted.
One Missionary Sister (Nurse or Physiotherapist) wanted.
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted. One Lay Missionary (Manager, Hansenside Centre).

[19] Nipa-David L. Kitchingman. One wanted, Pumbetel. One wanted Wage. One Missionary Sister (Nurse). One Missionary Sister (Teacher).

[20] Lai— Sione Fiusati, L.Th. One wanted. One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted.

[21] Magarima-Matthew Beaso.

> N.B.-A. Graham Smith, C. John Hutton, Sione Fiusati, and A. Qalo are Ministers of the New South Wales Conference.

OVERSEAS MEDICAL AND LAY MISSIONARIES

Ronald W. Pattinson, M.B., Ch.B. (Melb.), (Medical Superintendent), Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Terence R. Kehely (Éngineer), Munda, British Solomon Islands. Bruce D. Smith (Business Manager), Munda, British Solomon Islands.

David S. Crooks (Administrative Assistant), Munda, B.S.I.P. Gordon T. Dey (Builder), Nipa, via Mendi, Territory of New

Rodney C. Fleury (Plantation Supervisor), Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Gordon S. Pavey, (Assistant Business Manager), Skotolan, Sohana, T.P.N.G.

Bryan C. Jenkin (Builder), Buin, T.P.N.G.

Bruce S. Coaldrake (Builder)), Munda, British Solomon Islands. Keith H. Knox (Builder), Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea.

Kenneth G. Skinner (Builder), Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea. William D. Griffiths, Hansenside Station Manager, Tari, Territory of New Guinea.

Ovini Baleidaveta (Plantation Manager), Buin, Territory of New Guinea.

Kelepi Nabainivalu (Plantation Manager), Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

Wiliame Mataitoga (Teacher), Sege, Marovo, British Solomon Islands.

QUESTION 30-How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

NORTHLAND DISTRICT-

Port Albert (2nd) (Wellsford)—One wanted, Paparoa—F. L. Johnson.

Maori Mission:

Mangamuka-Supply. Wharinaki—Supply.
Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete. Kaikohe-Hotai Mita Hohepa. Taheke-Supply. Waima-Matu Makiha (full-time). Waiomio-Tawai Te Riri Kawiti. Kawakawa-Supply. Pokere-Para 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-

Birkenhead-R. Coombridge and D. I. Robertson (retired). Takapuna—W. H. Wilson (retired). Avondale (3rd)—One wanted. Papatoetoe (2nd) Supply-Wallis F. Browne, B.A. Non-resident student.

Pukekohe (2nd) Supply-T. H. Carr (Sup.). Bombay-Tuakau (2nd) - (Bombay) - One wanted.

Maori Mission:

Rewiti-Supply.

Point Chevalier-Hone Wilcox.

Auckland Suburban-Non-resident Student Supply-Morehu Te Whare.

Auckland South-Non-resident Student Supply-Moke A. G. Couch.

Te Kohanga-Waaka Kukutai.

Tuakau-Ngaweke Tuhimata (retired).

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT-

Opotiki-A. E. Tardif.

Whakatane-Kawerau-Supply, One wanted. W. J. Bryant (retired).

Coromandel—Supply (Clarence R. Russ). Te Awamutu (2nd) (Pirongia)—One wanted.

Kawhia-One wanted.

Hamilton East (3rd)-Supply-Harold G. Trost.

Rotorua (3rd) Supply-Probationer Deaconess Janet Wallis.

Maori Mission-

(a) Waikato:

Hamilton-Wiremu Tonga. Rangiriri-Matene Hori de Thierry.

Huntly—Supply. Ngaruawahia—Te Orahi Tonga (full-time).

Ngaruawahia Rural—One wanted. Frankton Junction—Supply. Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama and Hoera Whakaari Aramiro-Supply. [Hakopa.

Mourea-Te Iwikau Waaka.

Tokoroa—Herehere Maihi Maaka (full-time). Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.

Aotearoa-Pukerau Rangitutia.

(b) King Country:

Aotea Harbour-Roi Moke.

Makomako—Tumu Te Huia, Maketu Pa—Waiwera Rangawhenua,

Kawhia-Paahi Moke (retired).

Rakaunui—Supply. Te Kopua—Supply.

Taharoa-Taipua Te Uira.

Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei, Ngutunui—Supply.

Mokau-Supply.

Waitomo-Supply. Hangatiki-Supply.

Waimiha-Supply.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT-

New Plymouth-H. R. Wright (retired).

Eltham (Kaponga)—One wanted. Hawera (Patea)—Presbyterian-Methodist co-operation.

Maori Mission-

New Plymouth-Te Akonga Pihama (full-time) (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel).

Urenui-One wanted.

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

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT-

Palmerston North (St. Paul's) (2nd)—One wanted. Palmerston North (Trinity)-Mr I. G. Baber, Director, Manawatu Social Service Centre.

Napier (3rd)—One wanted. C. Robinson (retired).

Dannevirke-Norsewood (2nd) (Norsewood)—One wanted. Marton-H. Prowse (retired).

WELLINGTON DISTRICT-

Department of Christian Education-Associate Directors-Miss H. M. Astley. Clifford H. Couch. Wellington South (2nd) (Island Bay)—One wanted. Eketahuna-Ronald N. Simpson. Otaki-Supply: Ivo M. Raynor (Sup.).

NELSON DISTRICT-

Blenheim (3rd)—G. Clive Smith.

Motueka—R. T. Alexander (retired).

Reefton—T. Steele (retired).

Greymouth (2nd) (Runanga)—One wanted.

Waimea (2nd)—One wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT-Rangiora—F. E. Trim (retired). Christchurch East (5th) Supply: W. W. Ralph.

Maori Mission: Rapaki-Wera Couch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT-Timaru (Woodlands Street) (2nd)—One wanted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT-St. Kilda (2nd)—One wanted.

QUESTION 31.—(a) How are the Deaconesses employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

1. HOME WORK

(a) In Circuits Auckland Central—Sister Beverley Taylor. Feilding—Sister Shirley Ungemuth.

(b) In Institutions and City Missions Auckland Central Mission-two wanted. Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch-one wanted.

South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch-Sister Rona Collins. Central Mission, Dunedin—one wanted.

(c) Ministerial Supply Rotorua (3rd)-Probationer Janet Wallis.

2. MAORI WORK

(a) In Circuits

Northland Maori Circuit-

Sister Barbara Miller, Taheke, Hokianga.

Sister Edna Jenkin, Dargaville. One wanted, Bay of Islands.

Auckland Maori Circuit-

Sister Grace Clement, Auckland. Sister Constance Fell, Auckland.

One wanted.

Waikato Maori Circuit-

Sister M. W. Nicholls, M.B.E., Waikato (part-time). Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton. Sister Shirley Simpson, Waikato.

One wanted.

King Country Maori Circuit-

Sister Betty Yearbury, Te Kuiti. One wanted, Otorohanga. One wanted, Kawhia.

Taranaki Maori Circuit— Sister Joan Wedding, Opunake. Sister Elva Harris, Hawera.

South Island-

Sister Eleanor Dobby.

(b) In Maori Hostels

Seamer House, Auckland— Sister Anne Wilson, Matron; Sister Jean Miller.

Kurahuna Hostel, Auckland-

Sister Madeline Holland.
Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth—
Sister Evelyn Marriott.
Te Rahui, Tane, Hamilton—
Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Matron.

3. OVERSEAS WORK

Choiseul, Solomon Islands-

Sister Lucy Money.

Buin, Territory of New Guinea-

Sister Pamela Beaumont.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE 4. Sister Janet Evans.

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

Sister Dorothy Pointon (with permission to serve with the British and Foreign Bible Society).

Probationer Marion Alexander (leave of absence).

IN TRAINING

Jocelyn Gilling (2nd year). Lorna Prichard (2nd year).

SUPPLY APPOINTMENTS

Bay of Islands-Mrs G. George (Sister Atawhai).

RETIRED DEACONESSES 8.

Sister Ruth Fawcett. Sister Eleanor Dobby.

Sister Ivy Jones.

Sister Airini Hobbs.

Sister Rita Snowden. F.I.A.L.

QUESTION 31 .- (b) How are the Overseas Missionary Sisters stationed for the ensuing year?

Sister Myra Fraser, Bilua, via Gizo, B.S.I.P.

Sister Mary Addison, Tonu, Buin, T.P.N.G. Sister Norma Graves, P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, T.P.N.G.

Sister Patricia Jacobson, Kihili, Buin, T.P.N.G.

Sister Gladys Larkin, Munda, B.S.I.P.

Sister Beryl Grice, Sasamungga, Choiseul, B.S.I.P. Sister Patricia Hulks, Skotolan, Sohano, T.P.N.G. Sister Muriel McCormack, Kihili, Buin, T.P.N.G.

Sister Esther Watson, Kekesu, Inus Private Bag, P.O. Rabaul, T.P.N.G.

Sister Catherine Scott, Nipa, T.P.N.G. Sister Lynette Sadler, B.A., Munda, B.S.I.P. Sister Rosemary Bettany, Roreinang, Kieta, T.P.N.G. Sister Beverley Withers, Munda, B.S.I.P.

N.B.: B.S.I.P.-British Solomon Islands Protectorate; T.P.N.G.—Territory of Papua-New Guinea.

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, National Women's and Middlemore Hospitals—Rev. B. H. Riseley.

Oakley Hospital-Rev. L. C. Horwood.

Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. T. H. Carr. Ravensthorpe Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. P. S. Barker.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT-

Waikato Hospital-Rev. P. M. Guthardt.

Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua)—Rev. W. H. Greenslade, Tokanui Psychiatric—Rev. W. J. Morrison.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT-

New Plymouth-Rev. Keith C. Griffith.

Wanganui-

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT-

Napier-Rev. C. G. Brown.

Hastings-Rev. R. Grice.

Palmerston North—Rev. W. K. Abbott. Lake Alice—Rev. E. P. Boyd.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT-

Wellington Public Hospital-Rev. C. D. Clark, M.A. Lower Hutt Public Hospital-Rev. W. Gust, B.A. Silverstream-Rev. W. Gust, B.A.

NELSON DISTRICT-

Nelson Public Hospital—Rev. W. E. A. Carr. Ngawhatu Psychiatric—Rev. E. F. I. Hanson, B.A. Seaview Psychiatric (Hokitika)-Rev. R. E. Fields.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT-

Christchurch Hospital—Rev. H. G. Brown.
Princess Margaret Hospital—Rev. R. W. Widdup.
Coronation Hospital—Rev. G. R. Trebilco.
Burwood Hospital—Rev. G. K. Greening.
Sunnyside Hospital—Rev. C. R. Marshall.
Templeton Hospital—Rev. J. B. Currie.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT-

Dunedin Public, and Private Hospitals—Rev. J. H. Roberts. Dunedin Psychiatric Hospitals—Rev. W. Green.

QUESTION 32.—(a) Authority to Administer the Sacraments. (1)—What Probationers are Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

Matthew Beaso
Leslie Boseto
A. Roy Bowden
Maxwell L. Bruce
William A. Chessum
Edwin B. Clarke
Ronald C. Collingwood
Richard J. Hendry
Colin B. Herbert
Ludwig Felderhof
Hendrik Gerritsen
John G. Hayhurst
Bruce E. Mackie
George Maelagi
Roy M. Alexander
Daniel P. Harris
Te Taotahi John Pihama
John Manihera
Robert A. Allan

Ronald G. Major
Barry W. Neal
Brian L. Olsen
John H. Roberts
Charles D. Shave
Stuart G. Slinn
Neil E. Smith
Tim Tarakabu
Robert Te Whare
Misake Tarurava
Keith J. Taylor
Napi Waaka
Norman J. West
Donald F. Prince
Ronald W. Ferguson
Stanley J. West
Egan Lokakale
Jeconiah Kaskas
Luke Pitu

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

All Senior Home Missionaries

Sister Pamela Beaumont G. B. Couch Wera Couch Pastor H. D. Kelly Sister Lucy H. Money Clarence Russ Matu Makiha Morehu Te Whare Hohepe Hemara Tawai Te Riri Kawiti Henare Kapa

Alister D. Pain

Te A Konga Pihama Herehere Maihi Maaka Te Orahi Tonga Levi Papabatu Timothy Pete Timothy Poko Thomas Virivolomo Sister Iula Qilanoba Ronald M. Simpson Moke A. G. Couch

QUESTION 32.—(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., B.D. Auckland—R. Frederic Clement, M.A. Waikato-Bay of Plenty—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D. Taranaki-Wanganui—Charlie O. Hailwood. Hawkes Bay-Manawatu-Peter A. Stead, B.A.

Wellington-Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.

Nelson-Charles B. Oldfield.

North Canterbury-Howard C. Matthews, B.A.

South Canterbury-Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (President of Conference).

Otago-Southland-Andrew J. Johnston.

Solomon Islands-E. Clarence Leadley.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands-Clifford J. Keightley.

DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES

General Statistical Secretary-William C. Jenkin.

Northland-Alfred G. Reid.

Auckland-Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty-Robert H. Allen, B.A.

Taranaki-Wanganui-A. Peter Dorrian.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu-Wilfred S. Gilbert.

Wellington-Wilfred J. Cable.

Nelson-John R. Hall.

North Canterbury-Harold K. Brown.

South Canterbury-Neville Thornicroft.

Otago-Southland-Alan J. Handyside.

Solomon Islands-James F. Cropp.

QUESTION 33 .- (1) Who are Elected as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference, 1966?

President-Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.

Vice-President-Huia W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip. Ed. (N.Z.).

Secretary-William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Connexional Secretary).

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

QUESTION 34.—What is the Report of the General Statistical

Report of the Statistical Secretary, 1965

Four Circuits involving three Districts failed to balance their membership figures with the result that the Report was delayed for over a week. If each minister takes the trouble to check the additions and deductions with the final figure much time and trouble can be saved. Further, the Finance and Stewardship Committee and can be saved. Further, the Finance and Stewardship Committee and the Connexional Secretary need figures from the report to expedite their work so that one Circuit can be responsible for delaying the essential work of the Church and Connexion.

With the transfer of the Marton Circuit from the Taranaki-Wanganui District to the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District (see M. of C. 1965, page 38, Resolution 1 of Taranaki-Wanganui District), the figures for the two Districts have been adjusted accordingly; but the overall figure for New Zealand remains the same

the overall figure for New Zealand remains the same.

In the case of an error in Membership figures the figure in the last Minutes of Conference must be used and the necessary adjustments made in the current year's Statistics.

When the Conference has accepted the Statistics as the Official position of the Church then those figures become the starting point for the next year's computation—there can be no exceptions, otherwise the result is chaos.

Buildings:

This year's figures show a decrease of 5 Churches; the figure now stands at 445. Other Preaching Places at 213 represent a decrease of 25 for the year. Last year there was a decrease of 20.

Schoolrooms at 333 show a decrease of 5 for the year, while Parsonages at 237 show an increase of 2.

Staffing:

Ministers and Probationers at 297 represent an increase of 10 for the year ending 30th June. Home Missionaries have decreased by 2, the number now being 16.

Deaconesses in the European work number 9, a decrease of 1.

Lay Preachers at 697 show a decrease of 14 for the year.

Membership:

The Net Increase to the Church this year is 253, bringing our Membership total to 32,749. New members received during the year totalled 734 under 20 and 447 over 20, the latter figure being 223 less than last year. Losses in Transfers within the Church amounted to 64 as against 83 last year. Transfers to and from other Churches amount to 123 in and 265 out, so that the net result shows that we lost 142 people in this way from our Church Membership.

While this is certainly not as serious as being returned as "Ceased to attend" we should note the position.

285 members are now returned as "Ceased to Attend". The smaller figure should not detract from the seriousness of the situation. In point of fact from these two sources we lost 1 for every 3 New Members last year. An interesting fact which emerges this year is the movement to and from New Zealand. We received 117 Members from other countries and 91 were Transferred to Other Countries, so that we benefited by 26 New Members in this way.

463 Members have died during the year.

Six Districts returned increases, the highest being Auckland at 170, while four Districts reported Decreases.

Baptisms:

2,849 Infants were reported as having been Baptised during the year. A new category, "Believer's Baptism", showed 151 for the year.

Christian Education:

A slightly different format was submitted to the Circuits this year. The Nursery Department shows a decrease of 766, the total being 7012. The Kindergarten and Primary and now separated, the figures being 5338 Kindergarten and 4941 Primary. These figures represent an increase of 147 for the year.

Junior figures at 6,743 show a decrease of 757 while the Intermediate figure at 4,436 shows a decrease of 650.

Coming to the Youth figures: Junior at 3,011 shows a decrease of 152 while the Intermediate with an increase of 58 brings that total to 2652. Senior Youth at 1,711 shows a decrease of 367.

The column for'A dults' appears to have been confusing to some and it may be necessary to define what is meant by this term. However, the Number of Adults were returned at 3,064.

At the moment it is impossible to tell from the Returns the Number of S/S Teachers and B/C Leaders. Some feel that this is a loss of valuable information especially to anyone doing any research in the question of Teacher-Scholar ratios.

Pastoral Care:

An increase of 926 families with 1716 people bring our totals for Pastoral Care to 49,319 Families and 146,390 people.

Stipends, etc.:

Shortage of space allowed for these items resulted in half of the Districts returning 'Pounds' only, thereby omitting Shillings and Pence. I have followed the same pattern, therefore, in the General Returns this year.

Stipends have risen by £12,839 to the record figure of £184,305. Travelling Allowances show an increase of £1,570, the total for the year standing at £41,744.

14 Cars are this year owned by Circuits, a decrease of 3, and Cars owned by Ministers remain at 216.

Finances:

An increase in Circuit Credit Balances of £2,290 brings this total to £23,808, while a decrease of £2,944 in the Circuit Debit Balances reveals the total of £21,007.

Trust Credits at £103,032 show a decrease of £21,996 for the year ending 30th June.

That some clarification is needed for the Column "Total Debit Balances" under Trust Accounts is more apparent than ever this year.

A change of Circuit Superintendents show a different approach to the question. For example one Circuit shows a difference of over £26,000 this year as compared with last year's figures.

It would appear that for the Credit Balances the figures are those in the Current Accounts. Balances for 'Special Purposes' are not included while on the Debit side all Debits are returned.

It would clarify the position if another column was added to give this information. But at least let every one use the same method of returning information.

At the moment the question is "Total Debit Balances" and that would seem to indicate a Trust's total indebtedness 'Current and Special'. Strictly speaking the Credit and Debit balances should show what is in the Current Accounts. Business or other activities are something extra to the normal activities of a Trust Board.

Debit Balances this year stand at £76,754 while last year this item was £137,683, a difference of £60,929.

Conclusion:

My thanks are extended to District Statistical Secretaries for their co-operation this year.

MAORI MISSION RETURNS

In accordance with Resolution 5, page 159 of the 1963 Minutes of Conference, no Statistical Returns are available this year.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

Solomon Islands District

STATISTICAL RETURNS 1965.

The Solomon Islands District is now a part of the United Synod of Melanesia and the information to hand gives only the total for the Solomon Islands and not the detailed information as in previous years where the Circuit positions have been given.

Chi	arches:			1965	1964
A.	Buildings: No. of Churches Other Preaching Places			252	249 24
В.	Staffing: Ministers Ministers on Probation Laymen Laywomen Local Preachers	*****		21 4 251 17 400	22 3 18 398
C.	Members Members Attendants at Public Worship			7790 22600	7610
D.	Young Peoples' Work: Sunday Schools Scholars	100.000 100.000		146 4730	164 5143
E.	Educational: Schools Scholars		******	137 5767	145 5955
F.	Medical Work: No. of Hospitals Doctors Nursing Sisters	4,111	*****	1 6	8 1 7
G.	Overseas Staffing: Ministers Laymen Laywomen			11 7 17	11 8 18

The above is all the information to hand. No mention is made for example of Bible Class work or Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade activities. It will be for Conference to decide what is needed in the way of information and it is more necessary now that we keep our people informed because since the introduction of the Church Budget system of Finance Overseas Missions have tended to become more impersonal.

Wm. C. JENKIN.

General Statistical Secretary.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands District

STATISTICAL RETURNS 1965.

This is the first Statistical Report to be received from the Papua-New Guinea Highlands and it reveals a phenomenal growth in this District.

With confirmed membership of 3,927, to have another 2,506 returned as Catechumens, that is Converts receiving instruction prior to Baptism indicates a tremendous challenge to our New Zealand Church. There will be rapidly expanding needs in this area if the work is to prosper at the present rate. This is a most encouraging report.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands:

The report this year notes the Church Buildings Other Preaching Places	tremendous 106 55	growth of our work.
Staff from other districts (within Melanesia):		
Ministers in Full Connexion	0	
Ministers on Probation	1	
Catechists and Pastors	10	
Teachers	9	
Other Workers	2	
Local Staff:		
Pastors	4	
Evangelists	161	
	727	
Overseas Staff:	0	1 from N.Z.
Ministers in Full Connexion Ministers on Probation	3 2	1 from N.Z.
	C	2 from N.Z.
Missionary Laymen	7	1 Australian sup-
Missionary Sisters		ported by N.Z.
Membership:		ported by 14.2.
Legal Ducachons in Eull	128	
Class Landons	07	
Mambana, Canfinnad	3927	
Child	211	
Catechumens	2506	
Attendants at Public Worship	16440	
	10110	
Baptisms:	2132	
G1 11 1		
Child	133	
Sunday Schools:	46	
Teachers	138	
Scholars	3842	
Primary Schools:	6	
Enrolments	414	
	10	
Literacy Classes: Enrolments	101	(adults).
Enrolments		(adults).

Notes.—1. As Rev. D. L. Kitchingham had not reached the field when the returns were made, he is not included.

2. Confirmed members. An increase of approximately 120%.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the use of the term "Believers' Baptism" in the report be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for clarification.

3. That Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin be thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary, and be re-appointed.

QUESTION 35-What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the welfare of the Church?

A-Welfare of the Church Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

Lectionary.

The committee is again appreciative of the efforts of Rev. G. R. H. Peterson in preparing the lectionary for 1966-7.

Synod and Conference Business. (1963 Minutes p. 64 Resolutions 4 & 5).

Size of Conference.

The committee felt that a case could be made for pegging the size of Conference to a statutory number, if consideration was given to the following factors:

- (a) Cost: The growing size of Conference is proving a strain upon the Church's financial resources.
- (b) Ineffective representation: The increase in the numbers attending the Conferences tends to encourage passive rather than active participation in the legislative business.
- (c) Growth Rate: The method of representation set a number of years ago produced a Conference of much smaller size than at present. The efficiency envisaged then has largely been lost through the growth in the numbers attending.
- (d) Accommodation: Smaller centres are being progressively excluded from the privilege of playing host to a Conference because of the ever-expanding size of that body.
- (e) Absentee Ministers: Under the present system, which permits the attendance of all ordained men to Conference, it is possible for a local area to be without ministers during Conference time.

The Stationing Committee.

It was the opinion of the Committee that only radical measures could initiate changes within the existing system. Two methods of achieving change were discussed. The first proposal considered the possibility of bringing forward the work of the Stationing Committee within the time-table of Conference by re-shuffling the existing programme to suit. Upon reflection this proposal appeared almost impossible to attain. The alternative considered, was that the Committee meet at a date prior to Conference and consist of the Chairmen of Districts and other Conference officials, including some lay representation. This Committee notes that under such a proposal the final reading of Stationing would have to be taken in the light of the findings of both the Examination and General Purposes Committees.

Further, the Committee believes that the actual size of the Stationing Committee could be reduced without impairing either the integrity or the validity of its findings.

Synods and Synod Standing Committees.

In view of the substantial alterations being suggested under the headings of: Size of Conference and Stationing Committee, and the lack of time to consider fully this matter, it was decided that no recommendation be made.

Conference Publicity.

The Wellington Synod Standing Committee had asked the Committee to look into the whole question of Conference Publicity. The Committee felt itself inadequate to initiate action on this matter but noted the following points in its discussion.

- We receive little publicity as a Conference because so much of our business is not newsworthy. We have been well served in the past by our press representatives, who have made every effort to secure Dominion-wide coverage for the pronouncements of Conferences.
- 2. The Committee would point out the recent innovation to Conference reporting, that of the Radio summaries highlighting the day-to-day activities of the Conference. It is felt that this medium has good potential, especially if advance notice can be given of the times for such broadcasts.
- The projected Connexional Newspaper may be able to assist with speedier Conference reporting.

The Invitation System. (1964 Minutes, pages 60-1. Resolution 10).

The Committee's Memorandum was sent out to April Quarterly Meetings and 80, or over half the Circuits replied. Of these five felt that it was impossible to give any answer to so large a question in the limited time allowed. One or two others felt that insufficient information was given for a definite answer to be forwarded at this stage. In terms of the Conference resolution however there was time for April Quarterly meetings only to deal with this matter, and the Committee felt that the amount of material sent out was the very maximum which such meetings could handle. In any case it was not intended that exhaustive study be given to the question at Circuit level; rather the memorandum was meant to take a snap sample of the Church's present thinking and to gauge the extent of dissatisfaction or otherwise with the Invitation system.

From the replies received, the first general impression was the seriousness and interest with which most Quarterly meetings took up the debate. Many spoke of full and frank discussion taking place. Some remarked how a tired meeting suddenly came to life. Others held a special meeting to consider this matter on its own. Our comment would be that to refer such Connexional business to Quarterly Meetings from time to time justifies the amount of work entailed. It would appear that circuits appreciate the opportunity to consider some of the Conference policy matters. It is impossible to collate in full the replies received but what follows is an attempt at a fair

summary.

The Circuits were asked if they felt it desirable to change or abolish the invitation system. The result of the 80 replies may be tabulated in the following ways:

For abolition of invitation
For retaining the present system
For some change, but subject to
further conditions or investigations
Neutral or evenly divided

40 (or 50%).
28 (or 35%).
6 (or 7.5%).

Of the six in favour of some change one Circuit proposed that vacancies be gazetted in the Methodist Times and that Ministers be given a chance of initiating their own invitations.

If in each case the Circuits had been pressed to say Yes, No, or Neutral on the motion of abolishing invitations, the results would appear to have been:

For abolition 42 (or 53%).
Against 29 (or 36%).
Neutral 9 (or 11%).

And if this were considered a matter requiring a certain specified majority then neutrals would be ignored in determining the majority, and the results would be:

For abolition 59%. Against 41%.

But if we take the results as a percentage of all Circuits whether they replied or not, then 27% have declared themselves in favour of abolishing invitations and 19% have said they wish to retain the present system.

In trying to evaluate the response the main difficulty is that not many more than half the Circuits replied. Any arguments from silence could be taken either way. So we must make our tentative conclusions on the evidence available.

An even division of opinion in the replies might have been said to favour the status quo and not warrant further consideration. But the majority known to be in favour of abolishing invitations, while not making the change imperative, does demand serious consideration of the proposal. Some Circuits strongly questioned the assumption of the resolution before Conference which spoke of "general dissatisfaction with the present practice of invitations to Ministers." "General" may be too strong a word, but dis-satisfaction is at least widespread.

The question now before the Church is whether the proposed abolition of invitations will make for a more satisfactory procedure. Some Circuits challenged this. To quote from one reply: "We suspect that an alternative system of appointments is very likely to bring in its wake its own string of difficulties and disadvantages which cannot be anticipated at present and that many of the Churches dissatisfied with the invitation procedure might still feel they were getting the 'raw end of the stick.'" Others much preferred the idea of all appointments being made by the Conference. For example: "It was the considered opinion of the Quarterly Meeting that the Circuit's interests had been served best when Conference had sent a Minister, the point being stressed that the needs of the Circuit are well known by the Stationing Committee and the Minister to suit the Circuit is more readily chosen on the floor of the Stationing Committee than by correspondence which may continue from one Minister to the next until at last an invitation is given and accepted."

The question put to the Circuits invited them to mention any other factors not referred to in the memorandum which they considered relevant. Six Circuits in favouring the retention of the present system did so in the light of impending Church Union. As one Circuit put it: "This Circuit would not like to see any unnecessary change prior to Church Union unless such change is calculated to minimise the upsets caused by the changeover at the point of Union." The difficulty here is to envisage the changes that might result from

Church Union. We are not faced, as some Circuits implied, with just the Presbyterian "call" system. The present Union negotiations cover a variety of practices in relation to the appointment of Ministers.

Among the Circuits which favoured the abolition of invitations the chief factor mentioned which had not been touched on in the memorandum was a criticism of the real value of many accepted invitations. Such may have arisen through fortuitous circumstances, may be made on slender information, and may be accepted in like manner, and not always with the worthiest motives. To complicate matters further it often happens that by the time an accepted invitation is put before the Conference, a Circuit may have gone through several choices and a Minister may have received subsequent invitations which appeal more than the one he actually accepted.

With regard to the second part of the resolution before Conference which proposes an alternative method to the present invitation system, comments were forthcoming from many Circuits. Of the 40 in favour of abolishing invitations 15 gave simple assent to representations being made with the Chairman of the District only. Many others, whether for or against the principle of abolition gave their views on this. Some feared that it would place too much power in the hands of the Chairman; others who felt that there were merits in the suggestions, said that it would throw extra responsibility and work on already over-worked Chairmen, and if such a system were introduced the Church must move as soon as possible to the idea of separated Chairmen. While some suggested that the idea be extended to give Chairmen the right to consult with each other, others advocated small District Committees (not just the Chairman) be set up for the purpose of consultation.

Because of the diversity of opinions expressed concerning the existing invitation system, this Committee recommends that the matter be discussed by the Church Council.

Committees and Other Meetings. (1962 Minutes, p. 59, Resolution 12).

In a country which apparently has a name for delighting in a multiplicity of committee meetings we Methodists certainly hold our own. We may not have reached the stage as in the U.S.A. of holding breakfast meetings but we feel more and more the pressures of committee work. Hence the concern expressed in the resolution before us.

A questionnaire sent out to a group of ministers and busy laymen covering a month of services, devotional occasions, administrative meetings, Bible in Schools, District and inter-Church engagements and community meetings at least confirmed the fact that these categories make large demands on many of our most involved members. Ministers may be engaged in such activities for upwards of three hours a day (excluding Sundays) and busy laymen for an hour a day on top of their normal occupations. But averages are not a very satisfactory guide: in the case of the laymen questioned an average of 3½ hours a week on administrative meetings was arrived at from a range of 0-15 hours per week. But in some cases an average of 15 hours per week may not be more detrimental to other responsibilities than in the case of 5 hours per week in different circumstances. The variable factors are so large that it is almost impossible to draw firm conclusions from such a survey. It has however, prompted certain observations which may be worth making.

- 1. Awareness of a problem is a first step in dealing with it. We have surely come to the stage of realizing that a Church's life does not consist in meetings alone. No longer should we be multiplying meetings just for meetings' sake.
- 2. We may have to acknowledge more than we do at present the real difficulty in implementing our full policy especially in smaller Churches. The pattern of meetings recommended must be sufficiently flexible to meet local conditions, so that the committee structure does in fact serve the people rather than having the people serving the committee structure.
- 3. In this respect greatest difficulty seems to be met in two areas. The fields of Christian Education and of Christian Stewardship. We appeal to the Departments concerned to keep alert to ways and means of limiting meetings to a pattern consistent with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. A lead has already been given by Rev. W. F. Ford in an editorial in the Christian Education Handbook, March 1965. Flexibility seems to be the key.
- 4. To quote from the above article: "perhaps it is better rather than less organisation that we need most." This committee agrees, and would consider that here lies the most constructive approach. We hope however that to some extent better organisation will actually bring about less. Where savings can be achieved they ought to be. Fewer meetings well conducted would in many cases issue in more action and interest. A scrutiny of Minute books would reveal how often we bog down agendas with matters which never receive anything more than lengthy discussion recurring each meeting under "Matters Arising" until finally through sheer weariness resolutions unattended to are quietly dropped from the business. Some areas where improvements might be made come to mind.
- (a) So much rests with the Chairman and Secretary in particular. We must never play down these offices. Anyone can become better equipped at their task by preparing for it, learning the role of Chairman or Secretary and making use of whatever aids available. A great deal rests with the Secretary whose major work is done before and after a meeting as an executive of the meeting.
- (b) One of the most time-saving and nerve-saving devices is to start promptly and to end at a previously agreed time.
- (c) Intelligent use of ad hoc sub-committees can often save time and vagueness in a larger committee. Small sub-committees can often meet in a home and so alleviate someone's family deprivation.
- (d) As far as possible it pays to know where you are going. Some committees such as Leaders' Meetings spend a day's retreat at the beginning of a year and map out the year's goals well beforehand. In the long run a Church calendar of meetings and activities can save a disquieting sense of haste and pressure.
- (e) The familiar pattern of meetings opening with devotions and then "getting down to business" may often be varied with benefits to both aspects. Devotions are sometimes conducted halfway through the agenda. What is more important is to make the one illuminate and energize the other. Devotions are not mere preliminaries, nor is business merely business. Our meetings concern the King's business and that should spell the difference between a useful and useless meeting.

Obviously we know of no overnight solution to the tendency for committee work to grow at the expense of other important congregational activities, but there is value in acknowledging it. There is a limit to the degree in which any such report as this can save people from themselves, but without minimizing the value of group work we must aim at the maximum effectiveness with minimum interference with other demands upon us. A tendency for meetings to spill over into Sunday is to be deplored.

A. J. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

B. E. JONES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Lectionary be adopted for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference.
- 3. That the question of the limiting of the size of Conference be referred to the Church Council with the suggestion that the Committee on the Structure of the Church consider the matter and prepare an adequate report on all the issues involved and the steps required to be taken for presentation to Synods and Conference."
- 4. (a) That a special Commission be set up to report to Synods and Conference, 1966, on the following matters:—
 - (1) The timing and the Constitution of the Stationing Committee.
 - (2) The variation of the invitation system.
- (b) That the members of the Commission be: The President, Vice-President, Revs. G. R. H. Peterson, H. L. Fiebig, J. Grundy, and W. R. Laws (Convener); Messrs E. G. Heggie, A. A. Dingwall, N. P. Alcorn, H. de R. Flesher.
- 5. That Conference request the Welfare of the Church Committee to examine the custom of introducing business to the floor of Synod and/or Conference by Notice of Motion, thereby by-passing discussion in Quarterly Meetings, and to report to next Synods and Conference on proposed limitations on the categories of such Notices of Motion that can be received."
- 6. That, that section of the report "committees and other meetings" be printed in the Christian Education Handbook and referred to Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings for their study.
- 7. That the Social Creed of the Church be revised by the Public Questions Committee.
- 8. That in any reprinting of Membership Transfer Forms, provision be made for Pledged Givers, and that in the meantime, Ministers be asked to write in "Pledged Giver" if the person concerned is pledged under Stewardship.
 - 9. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 10 herein.

QUESTION 35.—

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1965

The Committee has met bi-monthly at Palmerston North. On-going work has included:

(a) Advent and Lenten Leaflets: The Committee has accepted the Rev. O. E. Burton's "Born of the Virgin Mary" as the Advent

Leaflet for 1965. With suitable music and readings this could make an excellent service of worship. The Rev. B. A. Walker will prepare the 1966 Lenten Leaflet.

- (b) Circuit Missions: Help has been given to several circuits in selecting missioners and planning for the missions. All circuits are urged to report on their missions to the Committee so it can report to the whole church on significant trends and the value of various approaches.
- (c) Prayer Cells: There are 125 prayer groups registered and the Committee supplies quarterly material.

(d) Overseas Visitors:

- i. The Committee has suggested to the N.C.C. that it invite visitors from Asian Churches to give New Zealand their insights into the nature of the Gospel.
- ii. The Committee is discussing with the Spiritual Healing Committee the suggestion that someone should be invited to lead us in this field.
- iii. An itinerary has been prepared for the President-General of the Australasian Conference, the Rev. Dr W. F. Hambly. Dr Hambly tours most of the country after fulfilling obligations at Conference.
- iv. There have been increasing numbers of overseas visitors coming to New Zealand by invitation of individual circuits and districts. While this is to be commended, the Committee feels it should be consulted before invitations are given in order to ensure (a) they do not clash with national proposals for the same time or person, and (b) the widest possible use of such visitors while they are here.

Retreats and Schools of Christian Devotion:

As directed by last Conference (res. 6, p. 63) the Committee discussed its proposed retreats with the Director of Christian Education and no clash was considered likely with the Department's Adult Conference. The Committee intends to discuss its proposals for Retreats and Schools of Christian Devotion with the Council of Christian Education whenever they are held. The Committee envisages a weekend, living-in school for which the basic material will be provided by one man, from New Zealand or overseas. It is envisaged that from time to time two different types of school will be held: (a) community living with lectures, discussion and experimentation in other group processes.

(b) Retreats of the Catholic type. The schools will feature the discipline of the devotional life for Methodists of the 20th century. Over a period it would be possible to tackle subjects such as prayer, scripture, sacraments, witnessing and worship. This is designed for the Church member to deepen his devotional life as an essential element of Christian commitment. The Church will need to consider providing finance so that when lectures suitable for publication are given action can be taken.

Proposed New Hymnary:

The Committee looked at this matter because preliminary steps are being taken in Britain for the revision of the present Methodist Hymn Book; and also there is a suggestion that a hymn book be produced in New Zealand for use by the negotiating Churches. Any such revision or new production would involve the collation of many books for suitable words and music, research in ancient devotional

fields and in modern religious poetry, and possibly special commissioning. This is a sizeable task and the Committee feels it should be started as soon as possible and that either a special committee should be appointed or overall responsibility be given to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

L. F. BYCROFT, Acting-Chairman. A. A. GRUNDY, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1965

Invitation to Dr. Billy Graham: The N.C.C. has written to all member churches indicating some of the negotiations that have been continuing over the year. The Graham team has asked for a postponement of any crusade to 1968 and indicates that they are not prepared to give firm commitments for any date—"In the light of world conditions, Mr Graham and the team feel that our schedule must be fluid enough to permit us to move into areas of particular need, on short notice. For this reason we are accepting future engagements with this proviso". The N.C.C. Annual Meeting resolved "That in view of the length of time that has elapsed since the churches were consulted about a Billy Graham Campaign; in view of the fact that the Graham team has told us it wishes to be free to respond to invitations in areas of urgent concern at short notice and is therefore finding difficulty in making definite commitments for the future; and in view of the changed situation within our own country, the N.C.C. now asks its member churches whether they still wish negotiations for a visit to be continued." We are asked to reply by the end of November. In the light of all these facts the S.A.C. is recommending that negotiations not be continued and that the N.C.C. concentrate on a national interchurch mission to the total life of the nation. At the moment the N.C.C. has spent some time studying ways and means of running such a mission and committees of all churches have been asked to report next year on the form they would like to see this take.

Location of Committee: The Committee has now been in Palmerston North for at least 17 years and feels it is time for the church to consider the advisability of moving the committee to some other centre in a few years.

L. F. BYCROFT, Acting Chairman. A. A. GRUNDY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 2. That circuits be encouraged to hold missions, consulting the Spiritual Advance Committee on the selection of missioners and other arrangements, and be urged to send to the Committee an appraisal after the mission so that the Committee can report to the Conference on the value of the various types of mission.
- 3. That Conference require all circuits or districts to consult with the Spiritual Advance Committee before extending invitations to proposed overseas visitors.
- 4. That Conference give approval to the Spiritual Advance Committee to hold a pilot Retreat or School of Christian Devotion in 1966.

5. (a) That the Music Committee of the Christian Education Department, in consultation with the Spiritual Advance Committee, and the Faith and Order Committee, handle all matters concerned with proposals for any new Hymnary. (In the event of Church Union, such preparatory work would still be of considerable value).

(b) "That the Connexional Secretary be asked on behalf of the Conference to request full information from our British Conference on any steps being taken to prepare a new Methodist Hymn Book with

a view to our taking a full part in its preparation."

6. That Conference extend an invitation to the Rev. Dr. Gordon Rupp to visit New Zealand in 1966. Should such a visit eventuate Dr. Rupp's itinerary be arranged by the Spiritual Advance Committee in consultation with the Board of Studies.

7. That in the light of the information given with the enquiry from the N.C.C., the reply be that the Methodist Church does not favour continuing negotiations with Dr. Billy Graham, but encourages the N.C.C. to initiate a national interchurch, continuing, localised mission to the total life of the community.

8. That the Committee be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 35 .-

C-Lay Preachers' Association

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The Dominion Executive based at Auckland held meetings every month through the year.

Examinations: The results for the examinations held June 1964 and December 1964 were as follows (last year in brackets):

Theology Old Testament	- yeary	Passed 16 (22) 21 (25)	Failed 2 (7) 7 (22)	Total 18 (29) 28 (49)
New Testament Homiletics The Church	-191	18 (34) 17 (34) 6 (2)	3 (9) 4 (2) 1 (2)	21 (43) 21 (36) 7 (4)
		88 (117)	17 (42)	95 (159)

It will be noted there has been a considerable fall off in interest of the examinations during the year in spite of better tuition and courses. Some feel that the longer time taken to complete the courses and the effect of increasing the time allowed to complete (Conference decision 1964) has not helped students to extend their efforts.

On the other hand, demand for lay preachers as noted later in this report may have affected interest in lay preaching.

Accreditations: Certificate—328, Mary Elizabeth Cant; 329, Brian D. Chamberlain; 330, David Clyde Robinson; 331, Darrell Royce Curtis; 332, Amy Carr; 333, Russell Greenwood; 334, Ian Haynes; 335, Michael Templer; 336, John Cedric Hay; 337, Athol Agnew; 338, Leonard P. Parker; 339, Sister Lynne Bowker; 340, J. W. Pentelow; 341, Garry Sinclair; 342, Gweneth Noeline Gibson; 343, Alistair K. Neilsen; 344, Sheila M. Rushton; 345, Mary Astley; 346, Dr. William Andrew Hodgson, Ph.D., B.Sc., D.T.C.; 347, Keith H. Knox; 348, Gavin Watson; 349, Geoffrey Thorp; 350, Richard Mayson; 351, Alan Bettany; 352, Keith J. Woodley; 353, Gerald Patterson; 354, Antony Thomas Barker; 355, Clive Beaumont.

Long Service Diplomas:

No.	Name	Years
351	I. George Baber	30
352	Alfred Currie	25
353	George Bond Couch	50
354	A. S. Allan	25
355	J. Keightley	39
356	Norman Packham	30

Post Accreditation Study:

We regret we have received no further information regarding

the Reading Studies Course approved by Conference 1963.

Schools have been held twice a year by most Branches and in some places there have been schools with other churches including talks with the Roman Catholic Lay Leaders.

"The Preacher":

This newsletter has disseminated news to every member in New Zealand four times during the year.

Examination Tuition:

It would appear that many benefits have accrued from the system of training as provided by the Department of Christian Education. In the past particularly Old Testament results were poor. The percentage of passes has improved, a greater proportion even gaining higher marks than in the past.

Future of Dominion Executive:

February 1st, 1966, will see a change of Dominion Executive which has for the last four years been domiciled in Auckland.

Demand for and the Place of the Lay Preacher:

We believe that with less chance for lay preaching and the realisation that preaching is only one method of communication by a well informed laity, this association should widen its vision both in its membership and future activity.

F. G. DAVIDGE, President. IAN S. CLEWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That in order to co-ordinate the desire for development of lay leadership within the Church as evidenced in the reports of both the Men's Fellowship and the Lay Preachers' Association, the two Dominion Executives be asked to confer with the Department of Christian Education with a view to recommending suitable action.

3. That Conference thanks the outgoing Dominion Officers and Executive for their able leadership.

QUESTION 35 .-

Methodist Men's Fellowship

REPORT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, 1965

The National Executive has met regularly during its past year in office.

National:

The Annual Meeting was held during Conference at Hamilton with approximately 130 present. The President of Conference, in expressing greetings, gave an inspiring and challenging talk,

emphasising the need for the Church and all departments of it, to be prepared for change as the conditions in which we find ourselves require.

In its last report, the National Executive suggested the holding of a Convention, including the Annual General Meeting at another time of the year because it found that there is not time to discuss the wide range of activities of Fellowships during Conference.

This was not agreed to, but Conference authorised the holding of an experimental Men's Consultation to include in its Agenda an exploration of the future of all Men's activities, and how this affects the Men's Fellowship Movement.

There has been reasonable response to the recommendation approved by Conference, that Synod Standing Committees accept responsibility for the establishment of District Executives in areas where these do not now exist, with a view to initiating men's activities on a District level. This Executive has not been advised of final arrangements having been made in 5 Synodal Districts for the formation of a Sub-Committee or District Executive.

The National Executive has been very concerned, during its term of office, with the state of the Movement as a whole, and appreciated the opportunity for the Church to have a look at men's activities within the Church and in particular the function of the Men's Fellowship Movement in relation to these.

District:

AUCKLAND: The Executive reports three quarterly Rallies and an end-of-the-year social were held and were well attended. Also an Annual afternoon Service and the Annual Retreat were well attended and times of inspiration and challenge. Projects undertaken have been well supported, and Executive meetings, held regularly, have been well attended.

MANAWATU-HAWKES BAY: Only Manawatu area catered for. Owing to area being so scattered, no Executive Meetings possible. One Rally organised and well attended.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Evening Rally to demonstrate what can be attained through use of visual aids. Further Rally being organised for September. Projects undertaken continue to be well supported.

It will be seen that District organisation is weak except in Auckland and North Canterbury.

Men's Consultation:

Reports were received from most Districts during the Men's Consultation, making it possible to assess the strength and weakness of the Movement.

About 77 Fellowships were reported to be functioning, although a number may not have been accounted for. Some are strong and effective, but many are weak and struggling. Most are engaged in some sort of Service Project, either within the Church or in the community. Many men are involved in visitation and service projects apart from Fellowship activities.

In some places men's Luncheons or Tea Meetings are held with reasonable success.

The following points were revealed:-

1. The Movement has rarely achieved its objective.

- Many leading lay-men have never become involved in the Movement.
- It has not become, as hoped, a medium for winning men for the Church.

In the ensuing discussion, the followings points were made:-

- That some men's activity is needed in the local Church, as a group into which men can be brought, but the Fellowship Movement does not always seem to be doing this.
- 2. The emphasis should be on the Men's Fellowship belonging to the local Church, rather than to a National Organisation.
- 3. A live District Executive initiates and maintains local Fellowship.
- It may be that in some Churches where interest in the Men's Fellowship Movement has waned, other men's activities may be developed.

It is obvious from the above that the organisation should be flexible enough to allow for the emergence of new patterns of men's activities; indeed the Executive considers that the time may soon come if it is not already here, when, at least a closer liaison between the Men's and Women's Fellowships would not only be desirable, particularly in areas where congregations are small or isolated, but would provide a fuller and more effective witness for Christ and the Church in all activities in which they may engage.

In order to implement the policy as recommended in the Consultation's Report, it is felt that the National Executive should remain in Christchurch for one more year.

S. D. McHARG, President.

L. E. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
- That the location of the National Executive remain in Christchurch during 1966.

Men's Consultation

The Men's Consultation was held at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, following the Church and Christian Education Councils in May, to give consideration to men's activities in the Church and how this affects the Men's Fellowship Movement.

Rev. G. H. Goodman, President of Conference, presided over a group of selected Ministers and representative laymen, with the President of the Women's Fellowship as an observer.

A summary of the reports given from each District, assessing the strength and weaknesses of the Movement, is given in the Men's Fellowship report.

Following a brief examination of the findings of the Council of Christian Education of the previous day, the Consultation broke into two groups which reported back and produced the following findings:

- 1. The place of the laity in the total mission of the Church.
 - a. The total mission of the Church is the responsibility of the total life of the Church, so that men and women share together.
 - b. For this reason men's and women's activities in isolation have only a limited sphere of opportunity and responsibility though there is some limited scope and need for separated men's and women's activities in recreation, study and service.
 - c. The mission of the Church is both within the gathered community and outside to the world. This fact must be borne in mind when planning and programming. The going out is not only to community but to the wider world overseas.

2. The special contribution that men can make.

- a. Men talking to men in visitation, welcoming men to the church fellowship, caring for men within and without the church. There is some point in providing a meeting point where men may meet with men.
- b. It needs to be emphasised that men should take their share because of the specific contribution that a man can make, e.g. in lay visitation and other joint activities.
- c. There are times when men ought to be gathered for interchange on their needs in the family situation, relationship to the church, occupational group discussion and particularly the discussion of controversial issues.
- d. There are areas of social service to specific men's needs, e.g. visiting prisons, hospitals, aged men's homes, etc.
- Fellowship is also achieved in working together on specific projects.
- f. Men have a responsibility to move out into the community, e.g. Local Bodies, sporting and service groups. Because of this there is need to take care that we do not make undue demands on the time of the men for church work. The church must find ways of equipping and releasing men and women for community leadership and service.

3. How does this affect the place of the Men's Fellowship?

We believe the future relationship of "Men's Fellowship" can best be fostered in understanding of the total mission of the church and through the normal channels of communication, Department of Christian Education, Synod Standing Committee or D.E.C., Leaders' Meetings and L.E.C's.

It may be needful to have a sub-committee on lay activities of either the Methodist Council of Christian Education or the Board of Christian Education fostering and providing resource material for men's activities.

We question whether a National Men's Fellowship Movement in fact exists today as there appear to be only two District Executives functioning. Where these are effective it is desirable that they continue, with direct representation on District Courts. Elsewhere, in terms of the Conference resolution 1964 (page 66) Synod Standing Committee is empowered to appoint personnel charged with responsibility for men's work in the district.

In some districts the D.E.C's may be the more effective district court to handle men's work.

In the local church, Leaders' Meeting or substitute should be

responsible for initiation and oversight of men's work.

The special report on lay training of the Council of Christian Education 1965 is of particular relevance to the activities of men in the church as envisaged by this convention.

G. H. GOODMAN, President of Conference.

S. D. McHARG, National President of Men's Fellowship.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

- 2. Because of the limitation of this experimental convention, in the light of the true nature of the church, it is recommended that Synod Standing Committees or District Men's Fellowship Executives arrange District seminars to give consideration to the Findings of this Convention and examine men's work in the church, as a preliminary to possible combined men's and women's seminars at a later date.
- 3. That in order to further the development of lay activity in local churches, study material be prepared by the Department of Christian Education and local church retreats be held for training purposes.

QUESTION 35-

E-Methodist Women's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

It is with pleasure that we present the second Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

The 1st Annual Convention was held at Durham Street Church, Christchurch, from October 6th-8th, attended by 118 representatives together with 2 representatives from the Maori Women's Fellowship, Sisters Myra Fraser and Betty Yearbury, Rev. W. F. Ford and Miss M. Astley of the Department of Christian Education, Rev. B. M. Chrystall of the Home Mission Department and Rev. S. G. Andrews of the Overseas Mission Department. The opening session was a Communion Service conducted by Rev. A. R. Penn, President of Conference.

Speakers: Challenging addresses were given by Mr G. C. Burton, Sister Rona Collins, Miss A. Bonde, Mrs R. H. Hamilton and Rev. W. A. Chambers. Revs. S. G. Andrews and B. M. Chrystall also addressed a session and with Sisters Myra and Betty answered questions which had been submitted by Districts.

A programme session was introduced by Rev. W. F. Ford and worked out by the Convention in groups. One programme was based on Hymn 103 and the other was "Parents Guide Youth in Moral Standards". Folders containing a variety of programmes were distributed to members. A Bible study in groups followed an introduction by Rev. W. F. Ford.

Finance: £3700 was paid to both Home and Overseas Mission Boards together with a gift of a further £400. £2500 Special Objective went towards additions and alterations at Seamer House. £1140—Medical and Educational and Gift Box allocations were made to 19 overseas Sisters, 11 wives, 10 Pacific Island workers' wives, 2 lay workers, 1 Solomon Islands nurse, provision for grants to 5 new workers and £30 for Overseas Gift Organiser's work.

Stamp Fund: £1675/9/3 was divided among Home and Overseas Sisters. Hostel workers, Fraternal workers, freight and postages on goods for overseas and £200 to Solomon Islands Girls' Scholarship Fund.

In addition to missionary giving, Fellowships raised £13,617/0/3, more than £11,000 of which has been given to Circuits and Trusts.

We are grateful to our Overseas Gift Organiser, Mrs D. Gibson, for her work. She reports that more parcels than ever have been sent to our workers overseas. Parcels to our Home Sisters have also been sent by all Districts.

Membership as at 30/6/64: 19 Districts; Membership 9619; Gleaners 963.

World Federation of Methodist Women: It was decided that we should be represented at the 1966 Assembly in London.

Kurahuna: The work of Kurahuna continues to be the concern of the Fellowship. Sister Madeline Holland and her staff are ably supported by a very devoted Committee.

Smethurst House has been well used by Deaconesses and tenants and we are grateful to the Committee and Mrs Sinclair for their oversight of this property.

By Resolution of Conference 1964, the missionary commitments of the Fellowship are to be reviewed in collaboration with the Home and Overseas Mission Boards and the Finance and Stewardship Committee representatives.

National Executive meets twice a month. Contact is maintained with Districts and local Fellowships through the President's Letters and Bulletins. This year it has been possible for the National President to visit many Districts and this personal contact has been most valuable. Visits have been made to Taranaki, North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago, Southland, Northland, Nelson-Marlborough, West Coast, Wanganui, Thames Valley and Bay of Plenty and also to the Queen's Birthday week-end Hui at Ngaruawahia.

We thank God for this year of work, and rejoice that there is evidence of purpose and determination to find the place and function of the Fellowship in the work of the Church. There are strivings, there are anxieties, which we recognise as signs of life and growth. With our aims and objects kept before us, we are learning how we can best promote the spiritual and social life of Methodist women, so that they may make a Christian witness in home, church and community, and support the work of the church at home and overseas.

FLORENCE BABER, President. LORRAINE HENSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Law Revision Committee be asked to make provision for each District Council of the M.W.F. to be represented at the District Synod.
- 3. That now the Connexional Budget is responsible for the maintenance of the work of the Mission Boards, the Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship initiate discussions at local and dis-

trict levels to discover whether the members now consider the time opportune to support the normal work of Home and Overseas Missions through the Connexional Budget and thus reduce the claims on Circuit Funds of those Fellowships that receive such support.

(See Resol. No. 3, P. 67, 1964 Minutes).

QUESTION 35-

F-Church Council

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1965

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on May 10th to 12th, 1965, under the Chairmanship of the President of Conference, Rev. G. H. Goodman.

I-LEADERS' AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS (1963 Minutes, p. 74. 1964 Minutes, pp. 68-69).

The Sub-Committee set up by last Conference presented outlines of proposed constitutions for Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, together with suggested agendas for these meetings and their proposed Committees. These are now recommended to Synods and Conference for adoption (see Recommendations 1 to 9).

II-CONNEXIONAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION (Mins. Conf. 1963, pp. 73-74; 1964, p. 68).

The Committee appointed by Church Council regarded the general approval given by the Church Council last year as sanction to proceed along the lines suggested in the report of the Committee of 1964.

The Church Council now submits its report to Synods and Conference for general approval. (See Recommendations 10, 11, 12).

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

- (a) Departments: There shall be three main centres of administra-
 - 1. A Connexional Office. Responsible for Connexional Administration.
 - 2. A Department of Christian Education. Responsible for teaching and training.
 - 3. A Department of Mission. Responsible for the outreach of the Church.
- 1. THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE (Location: Christchurch).

The Office shall administer: The present departments of the Connexional Office:

The Secretary of Conference. The General Treasurer.

Such other matters as may be determined from time to time.

There will need to be two officers, both of whom shall be members of Conference.

- (1) A GENERAL SECRETARY who shall be a Minister. He shall:-
 - (a) Be Secretary of the Conference and General Manager of the Connexional Office.

- (b) Act as General Secretary of Church Property: Authorised. Representative: and Custodian of Deeds.
- (c) Act as Custodian of Early Church records.
- (d) Be Secretary of Funds administered in the Connexional Office.
- (e) Perform such other duties as the Conference may decide.
- (2) A GENERAL TREASURER who shall be a Layman. He shall have the necessary qualifications in Accountancy and be well versed in knowledge and understanding of the Methodist Church. He shall:-

(a) Be Treasurer of the Conference.

(b) Be Treasurer of the Funds administered in the Connexional

(c) Invest funds as required or directed.

- (d) Make satisfactory financial arrangements for Ministerial Transfers.
- (e) Perform such other duties as the Conference may decide.

NOTES-

- (A) The Church Council was equally divided as to the use of the term "General" or "Connexional" for the Secretary and Trea-
- (B) As set out later in this report, it is envisaged that the Stewardship Committee will remain located in Wellington.

Connexional Office Committee.

This Committee shall:-

- (a) Make nominations for the position of General Secretary and General Treasurer to Conference, which shall make the appoint-
- (b) Oversee the work of the Connexional Office.

The following funds shall be administered in the Connexional Office under the direction of the appropriate committees:-

(a) Church Building and Loan Fund.

(b) Fire Insurance Fund. (c) Supernumerary Fund.

(d) General Purposes Trust Board.

(e) Contingent Fund.

(f) Children's Fund.
(g) Removal Expenses.
(h) Transport Trust Board.
(i) Such other Funds as may be decided from time to time.

2. DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Location: Wellington). Responsible for teaching and training.

The Department shall function as at present.

OFFICERS.

(a) Director of Christian Education.(b) Such other Directors as may from time to time be required. Council of Christian Education. Responsible for general policy

and co-ordination. It shall be representative of Synods and all agencies of Confer-

ence involved in education, and shall meet at least annually.

Board of Christian Education (Location: Wellington). Responsible for the administration of the Department, and carrying out the

Christian education and evangelism are inseparable, but both Mission and Christian Education incorporate Evangelism.

It is suggested that the Spiritual Advance Committee continue as a Standing Committee of the Conference, but that it be reconstituted and be known as the Committee of Evangelism. This Committee shall function in association with the Department of Missions and the Department of Christian Education.

3. DEPARTMENT OF MISSION (Location: Auckland).

This concept envisages embracing the work at present undertaken by the Departments of Overseas Missions and Home Missions, plus the work of the Ecumenical Committee—maintaining and pursuing such work on behalf of the Church.

There shall be a Department of Mission which shall be responsible for the outreach of the Church in respect to:—

- (1) Overseas Missions.
- (2) Home Ministry and Church Extension:
 - (a) Church Extension.
 - (b)... Supply appointments and Aid to Circuits.
 - (c) Committee on the Ministry.
 - (d) Maori Work.

(3) Ecumenical Affairs.

The Department of Mission shall function through-

- (a) A Council which shall meet at least annually to consider the General Mission Policy of the Church, and report to Conference.
- (b) The necessary number of Boards which shall be responsible to Conference for the particular areas of work committed to them.
- (c) Initially there shall be three Directors, one of whom shall be Convener of the Council.
- (d) The Board and the Departmental Officers in each case shall be responsible to Conference.

Note on Maori Work.

The Committee believes that the work of the Maori Mission should remain under the two officers chosen to care for matters relating to the Home Ministry, Church Extension, Aid to Circuits, etc.

Conference has accepted the policy envisaging the ultimate integration of the Maori and Pakeha whereby the Church will be enriched by the "gifts" each race has retained and developed to the mutual benefit of both (Minutes, 1964, p. 152). Such integration must not be viewed simply as a policy of bringing the Maori people into dominantly European congregations. In some situations the reverse may be more appropriate.

It is the judgment of the Committee that for some time to come it will be necessary to retain the present Maori Mission structure with Maori Circuits in traditional Methodist areas, but more co-operation between European and Maori members of the Church should be fostered and encouraged. Such co-operation could be strengthened by European Circuits inviting Maori Ministers and/or Deaconesses to serve in areas where there are numbers of Maori people.

The Committee notes with satisfaction that there is a Maori Policy Committee representative of the Maori Circuits under the present Home Mission Board which is endeavouring to strengthen the Maori Mission and to promote understanding between the Maori and European sections of the work.

NOTE.—When the general approval of Conference is forthcoming, the Committee is confident that the necessary details can be structured.

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

(b) DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AND SYNODS.

1. Concept of a Chairman:

(a) The Chairman is charged with the promotion and supervision of the whole mission of the Church in his District.

This includes matters of Church Extension, Christian Education, lay training, ecumenical relationships, and joint action with co-operating denominations.

Clearly such a responsibility involves the Chairman in a close relationship of consultation and co-operation with relative Departments of the Church.

On the one hand the Chairman is responsible for the promotion of the programme of the Departments in the life of the Circuits. Departmental officers could work through Chairmen to a greater extent than has been the practice. This would enable a continuity of presentation of a Department's programme in the local Church, and such a sustained presentation would be by one, both carrying authority on the local scene and possessed of intimate knowledge of local difficulties, possibilities and peculiarities.

On the other hand, the Chairman stands in the position of representing the District, its needs and opportunities, to the Department concerned—and to Conference—this would help toward realism in Departmental programming.

For example: In Church Extension, the Chairman may be envisaged as consulting with, and advising Circuits in extension possibilities and acting as liaison with the appropriate Departments and Connexional Funds. He will be concerned with the How as well as the Where of establishing a new cause. He must, to be an effective liaison, have both some authority in the Circuit and at least an advisory relationship with the Departments and Funds.

(b) The Chairman as Pastor.

The Chairman has the opportunity and freedom to move into a Circuit, and where the situation requires it, remain there for a reasonable time.

He stands in a Chairman/Minister relationship, in a Chairman/Circuit-Official relationship, and Chairman/People relationship. Between these three relationships a vital inter-action is possible, which sometimes clearly necessitates a period of continuing encounter between the Chairman and those involved in a local situation.

It is important that this involvement of the Chairman with the people, officials and ministry of the Circuits be a continuing relationship and not merely a visitation invoked only at a point of personal or Circuit crisis.

(c) The Chairman in carrying out functions (a) and (b) clearly has a notable administrative function within the structure of the Connexion.

The present definition of the Chairman's administrative function as found in Law Book, pages 28-29, is obsolete in some respects and provision should be made for much enumerated therein to be handled by other District officers. For instance, the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of Synod and the District Treasurer could be defined in the Law Book in such a way as to permit a greater delegation of responsibility for detail.

2. How Our Church May Best Give Expression to this Concept:

In some Districts it is manifestly impracticable for a Chairman to function as set out in Section 1. In such cases, to enable Chairmen to carry out their functions, there appear to be at least four possibilities:—

- (a) The Chairman could be appointed to a small church within a Circuit. A chairman need not be ipso facto Superintendent of the Circuit in which he ministers.
- (b) He could be stationed in a larger church, with a competent associate. Or, in terms of (a), the Chairman could be, in fact, the associate.
 - NOTE—Many of our larger N.Z. churches come in the category of one-and-a-half men circuits—too big for one minister to cope with, though not really big or financial enough for two full ministers. A Chairman could be an excellent associate in such a Circuit.
- (c) He could be Superintendent of a Circuit, so placed geographically (i.e., near other well-staffed circuits), or with such available lay and supernumerary preaching and pastoral help, that absence from the circuit could be easily facilitated.
- (d) The more extensive use of deputies by Chairmen.

NOTE-In some cases Connexional grants would be necessary.

3. Method of Selection:

- (a) Thought must be given to an acceptable and effective method of selection, nomination and appointment of such Chairmen. The present method has weaknesses. For example, a District is restricted in choice of a nominee to those ministers stationed within the District.
- (b) Some continuity of office is necessary if a man is to be able to function in the ways envisaged. In the light of the sort of appointment outlined in Section 2, normally a minimum of SIX years as Chairman is necessary.
- (c) It would appear that some amendment of stationing statutes (and the system of invitations) would be necessary to provide for the appointment by the Connexion of a Chairman to such church in a District as is selected as suitable for a Chairman to operate from.

To implement the foregoing, the Council suggests the following procedure:-

- (1) That District Chairmen be designated by Conference one year preceding the taking of office, and that Conference determine the term of their appointment when such designation is made.
- (2) The method of designation and appointment would be as follows:-
 - (a) The Synod of the District concerned, on the recommendation of its Synod Standing Committee, would submit to the first meeting of the Stationing Committee the names of one or more ministers from any District for designation as District Chairman of the District concerned.

- (b) Conference, on the nomination of the Stationing Committee, would then designate a minister for appointment at the following Conference, as Chairman of the District concerned.
- (3) Upon such designation being made by Conference, the Secretary of Conference would communicate with the Synod Standing Committee of the District concerned, which would seek the co-operation of Circuits to secure the consent of a suitable Circuit, to which such nominee would be appointed.

OTHER RELATED MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE.

(1) Stewardship:

The Committee suggests that the Finance and Stewardship Committee continues to function in Wellington as at present.

(2) Christian Citizenship (See Minutes 1961, p. 97; Minutes, 1962, p. 70; Minutes 1963, p. 75).

This matter was referred to the Committee by Conference. There could be a Board of Christian Citizenship at a suitable centre with sub-committees or committees dealing with Public Questions, Temperance and International Affairs.

This would involve the creation of a new Department with the services of an executive officer. The judgment of the Committee is that the Church is not able nor ready to take this step.

(3) Church Extension (Minutes 1963, p. 154).

- (1) It is customary for Circuits to take the initiative in the opening up of new causes. This is part of the Circuit system, and has been a source of strength to Methodism. It is very important that a Circuit should seek the advice of both the Synod and the Department of Mission and confer with contiguous Circuits in the selection of new sites and their development.
- (2) Situations may arise, in rapidly growing areas, where neighbouring Circuits are unable to meet the need. With Synod Standing Committees meeting regularly it is logical that they should take the initiative when necessary.
- (3) The Department of Mission through its Executive Officers would keep watch on the overall situation, and where necessary make representations to the District concerned.
- (4) Grants from the Church Extension Fund will be made by the Church Extension Committee of the Department of Mission. Applications for loans, whether of interest free loans from the Church Building and Loan Fund, or of low interest free loans from the Mission Investment Funds Board, should be made to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee as hitherto.

Further Business:

The Committee is continuing its consideration of other matters referred to it by Conference and will report to Church Council in due course on:—

The Authority and Function of Synods. Communications.
Connexional Funds.

III—CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS—FUTURE PRIORITIES (1964 Minutes, p. 70).

The Secretary of Conference reported having received applications from Trinity College, the Overseas Missions Board, the Department of Christian Education for Camp Trusts, the Supernumerary Fund, the Transport Trust Board, the Church Building and Loan Fund, and the M.S.S.A. concerning hostels.

Priorities were discussed, and appropriate recommendations are presented. (See Recommendations 13 and 14.)

IV—STAFFING OF EXPERIENCED MINISTERS IN NEW HOUSING AREAS (1963 Minutes, p. 154, Res. 10).

The Church Council considered a memorandum prepared by the General Superintendent of the H.M. Department which expressed the opinion that new housing areas should be staffed by ordained ministers, and not by probationers. To enable experienced men to be appointed to these areas, parsonages or other approved houses should be provided. (Recommendations 15, 16, 17).

V-LONG-SERVICE LEAVE FOR MINISTERS (Mins. Conf. 1963, p. 76; 1964, p. 69-70).

The Sub-Committee appointed last year submitted a report which was approved in principle by the Church Council, and is now submitted to Synods and Conference of this year, and to March Ministerial Committees, 1966, for consideration and comment.

Long-Service Leave:

The Committee, in considering this, has taken into account the information available on the operation of such a scheme in the Methodist Church in Australia, where there are, however, some differences in considering a scheme for the Church in New Zealand. A summary of the Committee's conclusions reached so far are as follows:—

- The Committee believing that long-service leave for all Ministers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is needed, is agreed in principle that a plan for it should be designed and adopted by the Church, provided the necessary finance and supply resources are available.
- 2. The specific programme which a minister would follow during his long-service leave would be entirely at his own discretion, but the Committee expects that it would likely be travel overseas, work in a secular occupation, a course of reading or study, or simply a break from the regular work of the ministry.
- 3. The period of leave would be three months, during which he should be right away from his church and parsonage. The addition of annual leave to the special leave would usually enhance its value.
- 4. Entitlement to the leave would normally be on completion of twenty years' service; some flexibility should be observed in this, taking into account likely change of appointment, stage of education of the children, etc.
- 5. On the present number of ministers in appointments about five ministers would be on long-service leave each year. To provide full supply for all these, one to two ministers would be required at a cost of about £1,200 for each, including house allowance.

- 6. Supply services should, preferably, be by ministers set apart for such by the Stationing Committee for each year. In general it would not be possible or desirable that such should be provided by supernumeraries. In some cases the Circuit concerned would not need to have a supply.
- 7. At the commencement of the scheme, about half the ministers would be between twenty and forty years in the ministry. Those past their thirtieth year should probably not become eligible and could be compensated —in part at least—by being granted the equivalent leave for the last three months of their ministry.
- 8. It would be best and would avoid undue burdens on Circuits less well placed financially as well as avoiding other problems for the costs to be met by provision in the Connexional Budget. Perhaps over the period of preparation for the scheme, the amount could be increased from an initial amount of, say, £500 in the first year to the full amount required annually.
- 9. This scheme should be planned carefully and thoroughly, including an accurate survey of service status of all present ministers and the likely numbers of ministers as far as that can be anticipated for some years to come.
- 10. The Church should give a strong positive lead to ministers and to Circuits to ensure a full understanding and appreciation of the purpose of the scheme and to ensure its full operation throughout the Connexion. This would probably best be achieved by placing its administration under the Connexional Secretary. (See recommendations 18, 19).

VI—EXTENDED LEAVE FOR MINISTERS TO STUDY OVERSEAS.

Conference 1963, resolved that the Committee set up to consider the question of Sabbatical Leave for Ministers should also report to the Church Council on the 1962 Report of the Welfare of the Church Committee relating to extended leave for Ministers to study overseas.

The 1962 Report appears on pages 56-58 of the Minutes of Conference of that year. In brief, it contained proposals for the establishment of a Research Study Grant, to be made available by Conference for one person every three years to enable such a person to pursue a course of study or training overseas. Conference approved the scheme, but also resolved that the question of establishing the Travel Research Fund be held over for two years until the operation of the Connexional Budget scheme had become stabilised.

The 1962 Report was obviously a carefully-thought-out one and was well detailed. The Special Committee has examined the proposals contained in the Report and sees no reason to suggest any variation of them. It would, however, stress its view that only applications of real merit should be approved. The Grant should not be lightly awarded. The Welfare of the Church Committee stated that there seemed to be no good reason why a scheme such as that suggested should be confined to those wishing to study overseas. The Special Committee agrees with this view, provided that the various criteria set out in the report of the Welfare of the Church Committee are fully met. There seems to be no valid reason for sending a person overseas, if the desired study or training is clearly available within this country.

The Special Committee agrees with the Welfare of the Church Committee that the most satisfactory method of financing a study scheme such as that referred to would be to provide a special item in the Connexional Budget. This Study Fund should be built up to £1,500 or £1,700 before an award is made, the build-up to be made over a period of two or three years. The Fund should be kept separate from any which might be established to make financial provision for sabbatical leave for Ministers.

(See Recommendations 20, 21).

VII—ADDITIONAL LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE (1964 Minutes, p. 69, Section 6, Res. 2).

A memorandum prepared by the Rev. A. R. Penn was received by the Council, suggesting various alternatives to the present provision of the Law. It was realised that some radical change may be necessary to allow for adequate representation. In view of the possible implications, with consequent possible changes to Church Law, the Church Council is asking that further information and alternative suggestions be submitted, before any decision is reached.

(Recommendation 22).

VIII—FINANCING OF CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEES:

Arising from difficulties being met in some Conference centres in meeting the expenses involved in Conference arrangements, the Church Council received information concerning the financial position of several recent Conferences. Printing costs, catering and other matters vary considerably in different parts of the country, and some Districts have been involved in considerable expense while acting as hosts for the Conference. It was agreed that some Connexional assistance should be available if required, though it was felt that so far as possible, the local Arrangements Committee should seek to be self-supporting.

(Recommendations 23 and 24).

IX—MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS (Minutes of Conference, 1964, p. 71).

The Church Council had before it a report covering two matters referred to it by Conference, both of which had been considered by a small Committee consisting of the Connexional Secretary, the Director of Christian Education, and the Secretary of Conference. While the two matters are closely related, the Council feels that some decision can be reached regarding one aspect, but that further implications require additional time and thought. Regarding Ministerial appointments (see Mins. Conf. 1964, p. 71), the Church Council has asked an enlarged Committee to give further consideration to the order of reference contained therein and report to next year's Council. (See Recommendations 25 and 26).

X-CONDITIONS REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR CHAPLAIN-CIES AND OTHER SPECIAL POSTS (1964 Minutes, p. 70, Section XI).

In the past, the following ministries have been accepted by our Church as avenues of service by ordained Ministers:—

Military chaplaincies; Prison chaplaincies; and University chaplaincies.

In granting permission, the Church has agreed that these are forms of a true ministry. An ordained Minister, therefore, clearly has the right to apply for these special appointments and for such others as the Church may come to regard in the future as expressions of a true ministry.

The Church must constantly be open to further insights as to avenues of service, and there is likely to be an increasing number of avenues of service, and there is likely to be an increasing number of other forms of ministry, each of which will need to be considered in itself and for which a Minister should have the right to apply. The following general principles are therefore offered for the guidance of the Church. It is realised that each application will differ according to circumstances, but the Church Council agrees that the principles set out below could guide both the men applying for special positions and the President and his advisors in carridating and instances. and the President and his advisers, in considering applications so to

1. In each case, men should receive the permission of the Church before making formal application for a specialist position. This does not, of course, exclude the making of preliminary inquiries as to the position and its conditions.

While the President, as representing the Church, has the final authority in granting permission, before seeking the President's permission, the Minister should consult with his Superintendent

Minister and District Chairman.

Wherever possible, it is desirable that appointments accepted by Methodist Ministers should be taken up at such a time as will cause the minimum of inconvenience to the Circuit and to the Connexion. Where it is necessary to take up an appointment during the Connexional year (and we recognise that we cannot ask that all appointments should fit into our special framework), it should be the responsibility of the man concerned, in consultation with his Superintendent Minister and District Chairman, to ensure that adequate arrangements are made for supply, both as regards finance and accommodation.

4. In granting permission, the President will be guided by the necessity that a reasonable maturity and experience of the Church must be expected of any Minister taking up a specialist position. This is most necessary to ensure the effective carrying out of the specific task. To enable the man concerned to work harmoniously with fellow Ministers both of his own and of other denominations; to give him an adequate standing as representing his Church; and also to enable him the more effectively and with the minimum of readjustment, to return to Circuit work after a period in a

specialist position.

5. As regards the relationship of a Minister in a specialist post to the Courts of the Church: there may have to be a modification of the present law to allow for a greater flexibility in the light of the present law to allow for a greater flexibility in the light of the demands of various positions. As the Law of the Church stands at present, every Minister is required, unless granted dispensation by his Chairman, to attend the March meeting of the Ministerial Committee and the August meeting of Synod. Attendance at the Annual Conference is optional. Since, however, it may not be practical for a Chaplain, for instance, to attend all three meetings every year, it may well be that attending Conference would provide the widest and best means of maintaining the vital link with the Courts of the Church that is necessary the vital link with the Courts of the Church that is necessary. Every endeavour should be made to ensure that a Minister holding a special post is in as close and positive a relationship as is possible at both the local Circuit level and within the Connexion.

(Note: There could well be a place for some kind of Pastoral Committee appointed by the Conference to which issues of this kind should be referred for clarification. This suggestion is being considered by the special Committee which will report in due course.) (See Recommendation 27.)

XI-VICE-PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES (1964 Minutes of Conference, p. 70, Section IX, Res. 4).

While there is provision in the present Law of the Church (Law Book, p. 39, para. 223) for the expenses of the Vice-President to be paid from the Contingent Fund if "in the opinion of the President or of his Committee of Advice, it is desirable that the Vice-President should represent the Church at any function", the Church Council feels strongly that this is an unrealistic approach in the light of the valuable contribution made to the life of the Connexion by successive Vice-Presidents in their own right, and not merely as substitutes for the President. A recommendation is therefore attached to place this in a more worthy perspective. (See Recommendation 28).

XII—APPOINTMENT OF PROBATIONERS (1964 Minutes, p. 72 and p. 123, Res. 4).

A memorandum was presented by the Principal of the College on behalf of the Board of Studies. Since the probationary system is essentially a part of the training period for the ministry, its practical implications must be seen in this light. Suitable Recommendations, Nos. 29 and 30, are attached.

XIII-OTHER MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CONFERENCE.

The Church Council in terms of previous resolutions of Conference, had several other matters before it for further consideration or for recommendation to Conference. These include:—

Staffing Needs of the Church:

A report prepared by the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department was received for information. (See Minutes, 1964, p. 69, Res. 1).

Church Extension Grants:

A memorandum prepared by the General Superintendent was received by the Council.

President's Duties:

As requested by last year's Church Council, a Committee of former Presidents prepared an outline of Presidential duties for the guidance and information of the President-Elect.

President's and Vice-President's Itineraries (1964 Minutes, p. 70, Section 9, Res. 3).

The President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect are to confer with the President and the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department in arranging their itineraries for 1966.

President's Supply:

The Church Council, through the Committee appointed by last Conference, was assured that adequate arrangements are being made.

Designation of President (1964 Minutes, p. 69, Section 4).

The President's Legal Adviser will report direct to Conference in this regard.

General Statistical Forms:

The Secretary of Conference reported having received suggestions from many sources. Some of the suggestions are being incorporated in the returns sought from Circuits this year and others will be adopted for a trial period before any considerable quantity of statistical forms is printed. Further advice is being sought from Departments and Funds likely to be most affected by the changes.

Invitations to Ministers (1964 Minutes, p. 72).

In the light of the investigations being conducted by the Welfare of the Church Committee on the instructions of Conference, the Church Council has no recommendation to make at this stage.

Hospital Chaplaincies:

A report was received from the Annual Meeting of the N.Z. M.S.S.A. concerning possible future action regarding the appointment of Hospital Chaplains. (See Recommendation 31).

XIV—APPOINTMENT OF RADIO AND T.V. SUPERVISOR (1964 Minutes, p. 216, Res. 7).

A report of the Consultation authorised by last Conference was presented. The matter will come before Synods and Conference through the Radio & T.V. Committee's report.

XV—Next meeting of Church Council to be held at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on Monday, 9th May, 1966.

> GEORGE H. GOODMAN, President of Conference. HOWARD E. HARKNESS, Secretary of Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings:

1. Definition of a Leader:

That the definition of a Leader adopted by the 1964 Conference (Minutes Conference, p. 68) be re-affirmed.

- 2. Constitution of the Leaders' Meeting:
 - (a) That Law Book para. 264 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—
 - 1. The Leaders' Meeting of each Society shall consist of:-
 - (a) All Ministers and Probationers of that Society whose names appear in the Minutes of Conference in connection with that Circuit; any Deaconess or Home Missionary and any full-time lay workers attached to that Society.
 - (b) The Circuit Steward (s) in the Society in which their membership is held; the Convener of the Society Stewards; the Convener and one other member of each of the Committees of the Leaders' Meeting; two Trustees; one Lay Preacher who is a member of the Society; one representative each of the Sunday School staff and Bible Class Leaders; the President of the Methodist Women's Fellowship of the Society and one representative of the local C.Y.M.M. Council or where there is no Council, a member of the C.Y.M.M.; representatives of the Society in the proportion of one to every fifty members or fraction thereof.
 - 2. In each Society there shall be a Worship, Evangelism and the Pastorate Committee, Local Education Committee, Social Services and Public Questions Committee, Local Stewardship Committee (where a Circuit Quarterly Meeting decides that such a Committee shall be formed), together with such other committees as may be authorised by resolution of the Quarterly Meeting. The Committees above mentioned shall be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting from the membership of the Society. The Conveners of each Committee shall be appointed annually by the Church Meeting.

(b) That Law Book para. 268 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

The Leaders' Meeting shall be held at least once a Quarter and its business shall be:—

- (1) To elect at the first meeting after the Annual Church Meeting one of its members to act as Secretary of the Meeting, and the Church Meeting, and to keep proper Minutes thereof. The business of the Church Meeting shall be reported to the next ensuing Leaders' Meeting and shall be incorporated in the Minutes.
- (2) To appoint members of the various Committees required to do the work of the Leaders' Meeting.
- (3) To revise the roll of the Church members quarterly.
- (4) To receive or decline persons nominated by the Minister for Church membership.
- (5) To try any member accused of improper conduct, neglect of Church ordinances, or non-observance of the rules and regulations of the Church.
- (6) To declare any person unfit or unsuitable for the work of a teacher or officer in Christian Education groups.
- (7) To make recommendations to the Trust and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
- 3. That 2 (b) Nos. (3), (4) and (5) and any other relevant passages regarding Church membership be referred to the Faith and Order Committee and the Law Revision Committee who shall report to the Church Council.

4. Leaders' Meeting Agenda:

That Law Book, para. 269 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

The following questions shall be asked at each Leaders' Meeting:

(1) Who are present?

- (2) What is the state of the membership?
 - (a) Are there any cases of need or questionable conduct to be reported?

 - (b) What names are to be added to the Members' roll?
 (c) What names are to be removed from the Members' roll?
 (d) What confirmation classes are planned?
 (e) What arrangements are being made for services of Confirmation?
- (f) What visitation of non-attending members is planned? (3) What is the report of the Committee on Worship, Evangelism and the Pastorate?
- (4) What is the report of the Local Education Committee?
- (5) What is the report of the Social Services and the Public Questions Committee?
- (6) What is the report of the Local Stewardship Committee?
- (7) Is there any matter which the Trust has referred to the Leader's Meeting?
- (8) Is there any matter which the Leader's Meeting wishes to refer to the Trust?
- (9) Are there any recommendations on the above matters to be presented to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting?
- (10) What more can be done to promote the work of God?
- (11) When and where shall the next meeting be held?

5. Formation of Leaders' Meeting:

That Law Book para. 271 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- A Leaders' Meeting shall be formed in each Society. Where it is impracticable to hold a Leaders' Meeting in connection with any Society in the Circuit, the members of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall make suitable arrangements for the work of the Leaders' Meeting to be done in one of the following ways:—
 - (a) by the Quarterly Meeting itself;

(b) by the Local Education Committee;

(c) by grouping Societies;

(d) through Committees or Conveners appointed by the Quarterly Meeting.

6. Business of Church Meeting:

That Law Book, para. 273 be amended by the addition of:—
(8) Where necessary to elect Conveners of Committees of the Leaders' Meeting.

7. Committees of the Leaders' Meeting (See Law Book, para. 264,(2))

Leaders' Meeting of the Society. The Superintendent Minister or the Ministerial Colleague designated by him shall be the Chairman of each committee, provided that where such Minister does not desire to exercise this right, he may nominate to the Committee a layman for appointment as Chairman. Each Committee shall elect one of its members as Secretary who shall prepare the Committee's report for presentation to the Leader's Meeting.

A. Worship, Evangelism and the Pastorate Committee:

This Committee shall consists of a Convener, not more than three lay visitors, not more than three Lay Preachers of that Society; the Convener of the Society Stewards, two other Society Stewards; the Convener of the Sacramental Stewards together with such other persons as may be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting. The Worship, Evangelism and the Pastorate Committee shall be responsible for the spiritual prosperity of the Society. It shall:—

- (a) ensure that the services of worship and witness are effective means of grace; that adequate provision is made for the proper administration of the Sacraments; that special occasions in the Church Calendar are fittingly observed; that the recommendations of the Conference regarding worship, and evangelism are implemented.
- (b) make adequate provision for the pastoral oversight of all families attached to the Society, paying due attention to the families of Maoris and Pacific Islanders; give proper attention to the sick and to those in need of special care; improve the spiritual health of the Society by promoting and practising visitation evangelism.
- (c) foster movements designed to deepen the devotional life, promote the evangelistic task and encourage the practice of creative and disciplined group life.

B. Local Education Committee:

This Committee shall consist of a Convener, together with such other members as are provided for under the Constitution of the Department of Christian Education, (see Law Book, para. 503, Section 13), together with such other members as may be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.

The Local Education Committee shall:-

- (a) Promote and carry out in the Society the whole programme of Christian Education according to the policy of the Department.
- (b) Recruit, appoint (subject to Law Book, para. 503, Section 16) and train Church School staff, including leaders of throughthe-week activities.
- (c) Ensure that all members of the staff of the Church School and other leaders of the Christian Education programme, be, where practicable, members of the Methodist Church, but if not, that they accept and follow the Christian faith and are sympathetic with the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church.
- (d) Approve of lesson materials to be used in any Department of the Church School.
- (e) Foster a programme of missionary education and seek opportunity to co-operate with other denominations in acts of witness and outreach in the community.
- (f) Exercise oversight of the Local Council of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist.

C. Social Services and Public Questions Committee:

This Committee shall consist of a Convener together with such other members as may be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting. The Social Services and Public Questions Committee shall:—

- (a) Recommend ways and means of rendering help in cases of need, by the Society or in conjunction with the State and/or voluntary welfare agencies.
- (b) Recommend and report action concerning prisons, pre-release hostels, prisoners, people on probation and allied concerns.
- (c) Promote the policy of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
- (d) Recommend action to be taken in respect to religious and moral issues which affect the life of the Society and/or the community.

D. Local Stewardship Committee:

This Committee shall consist of a Convener, Circuit Steward(s) if member(s) of the Society, Trust Treasurer(s), representatives of the Leaders' Meeting of the Society who are members of the Circuit Finance and Stewardship Committee, together with such other members as may be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.

The Local Stewardship Committee shall:'-

- (a) ensure that the Society is meeting its obligations to the Connexional and Circuit Budgets, and advise upon general financial condition of the Society.
- (b) initiate action to review pledges which have fallen into arrears; and to encourage new comers and those who have become wage-earners to become pledged members.
- (c) ensure that members of the Society are informed of the enterprises supported by the Connexional and Circuit Budgets.

8. Constitution of the Quarterly Meeting:

That Law Book para. 277 be amended to read:— The Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall consist of:—

- (a) All Ministers and Probationers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in the Circuit whose names appear in the Minutes of Conference in connection with that Circuit, or who have been transferred from another Circuit thereto with the consent of the President of Conference.
- (b) The Circuit Stewards, Circuit Treasurer and all members of the Leader's Meeting of each Society in the Circuit; all fully accredited Lay Preachers in the Circuit; the Convener and two representatives of the Finance and Stewardship Committee where this is a Circuit Committee; two members of any Board of Trustees in the Circuit not represented on a Leaders' Meeting.

9. Order of Business for Quarterly Meeting:

That Law Book, para 290 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

Para. 290 (a). At the Quarterly Meeting, after devotions and the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the following questions shall be asked, and the replies recorded in the Minutes:—

1. Membership:

- (1) Who are present?
- (2) What are the reports and recommendations of the Leaders' Meetings regarding membership, pastoral care, evangelism etc?

2. Finance and Stewardship:

- (1) What is the Quarterly Financial Statement?
- (2) Have the Circuit's obligations to the Connexional Budget been met in full?
- (3) What are the recommendations of the Finance and Stewardship Committee?

3. What is the position regarding:

- (1) Christian Education?
- (2) What is the statistical report of the Local Education Committee (June).
- (3) Missionary Education?
- (4) Publications?
- (5) Education for Christian citizenship?
- (6) Religious instruction in Public Schools?

4. Social Services and Public Questions:

- (1) What are the Reports of the Leaders' Meetings?
- (2) What is being done in this Circuit to implement the policy of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. (e.g. Central Missions, Eventide Homes, Hospitals, Youth Hostels, Care of dependent children, etc.)?
- (3) Are there any matters remitted b. Conference regarding Social Service and/or Public Questions?
- 5. Are there any other matters remitted by Conference for consideration by this meeting?

6. What are the resolutions of the Quarterly Meeting on the following matters:-

The Circuit:

- (1) The division of the Circuit or any alterations of its boundaries?
- (2) Altering the time of preaching at any place on the Plan?
- (3) Arranging new preaching places? (N.B. Where there is a Preachers' Meeting the recommendations regarding (2) and (3) might well come through it).
- 4. The appointment of a member of the N.Z. Society of Accountants or two other persons as auditors of the Circuit Fund? (June).

The Ministry:

- (1) Application for additional Ministers? (June).(2) Application for a Deaconess? (June).
- (3) Candidates for the Ministry or Deaconess Order?

C. Lay Preachers:

- (1) Approving persons as Accredited Lay Preachers and their public recognition as such?
- (2) Has a Preachers' Meeting been held, and are there any recommendations from it to the Quarterly Meeting?

Circuit Stewards:

- (1) Election or re-election? (September).
- (2) Are there any recommendations from the Circuit Stewards?

Synod and Conference:

- (1) Election of Lay Representatives and Substitutes to the District Synod? (June).
- (2) Recommendations to the District Synod? (June).
- (3) Are there any matters remitted by the Synod Standing Committee?
- (4) Election of Lay Representative(s) and Substitute(s) to Conference? (June).
- (5) Memorialising Conference? (See Law Book, para. 292).
- Convening of a Special Quarterly Meeting for hearing Appeals when necessary? (See Law Book, para. 282).
 - 7. Is there any other business to consider?
 - 8. When and where shall the next meeting be held?

10. Finance and Stewardship Committee (para. 290 (b)):

In every Circuit there shall be a Finance and Stewardship Committee, unless the Circuit Quarterly Meeting appoints itself the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

Where a Finance and Stewardship Committee is appointed by the

Quarterly Meeting it shall consist of:-

The Ministers appointed to the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards, Circuit Treasurers (where appointed), Trust Treasurers. A representative appointed by the Leaders' Meeting from each Society in the Circuit.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee shall meet at least once a Quarter. The following questions shall be asked, the replies recorded in the Minutes and reported to the Quarterly Meeting. One of the Circuit Stewards shall be the Secretary of the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

- 1. Who are present?
- 2. What is the Income and Expenditure for the Quarter?
- 3. Have the resolutions of Conference in regard to Stipend(s) and travelling allowance(s) been met?
- 4. Have the Circuit's obligations to the Connexional Budget been met in full?
- 5. Have the necessary forms been completed and forwarded to the (a) Connexional Budget Treasurer, (b) District Financial Secretary?
- 6. What grants are recommended to be made for the following:-

(a) Church Trusts?(b) Leaders' Meetings?

- (c) Methodist Women's Fellowships?(d) Christian Education groups?
- (e) Specific objectives authorised by the President of Conference?
- (f) Community and/or other objectives?
- What are the recommendations of the Finance and Stewardship Committee regarding the following matters:

(a) Sanctioning the acquisition of any property?

(b) Making application to the Church Building and Loan Fund for permission to acquire such property, erect buildings or effect alterations, and/or to grant or approve of a loan upon such or upon any other property belonging to the Church?

(c) Erection, alteration or maintenance of any Church, Sunday

School, Parsonage, or other building?

- (d) Sale by the Trustees of any property belonging to the Church?
- (e) Making application for financial assistance from the Home Mission Board? (June.)
- 8. What is the position regarding the Circuit Stewardship programme?
- 9. General.
- 10. When and where shall the next meeting be held?

Action by Quarterly Meetings:

11. That Conference refer resolutions 2, and 4-10 to Quarterly Meetings for comment; this material to be made available by the Secretary of the Conference for Quarterly Meetings to return their comments to the Secretary by March 31st 1966 for report to the Church Council.

Connexional Structure and Organisation:

- 12. That the sections of the Report dealing with Connexional Structure and Organisation be given general approval.
- 13. That, subject to approval being given, the Committee be empowered to work out further details for implementation and report to Church Council.
- 14. That the Sub-committee be re-appointed, together with the consultative members. (1964 Mins. p. 68.) Mr W. E. Donnelly to replace Rev. S. G. Andrews.

Church Extension Funds-Future Priorities:

15. That for the 1965-66 and the 1966-67 Budget Years, Church Extension Funds be allocated one-third for the Church Building and Loan Fund for loans, one-third for Church Extension grants, and one-third for Trinity College.

16. That the material submitted by other applicants be referred to the Church Council, 1966, with a view to establishing priorities for future action.

Staffing of Experienced Ministers in New Housing Areas:

- 17. That Conference should endeavour to appoint experienced ministers to "new housing areas" or "new causes".
- 18. That Circuits responsible for new housing areas be encouraged to secure parsonages to enable ordained ministers to be appointed.
- 19. That Chairmen of Districts and Circuits seeking ordained ministers for work in new housing areas challenge those of their choice to accept such invitations to meet missionary opportunities.

Long-Service Leave for Ministers:

- That the report be submitted to Synods and Conference, 1965, and March Ministerial Committees, 1966, for consideration.
- 21. That the Committee be re-appointed to reconsider the report in the light of comments received and with a view to recommending several ways in which such needs could be met.

Extended Leave to Study Overseas:

- 22. That Conference re-affirm its decision of 1962 approving the study and training scheme outlined in the 1962 report of the Welfare of the Church Committee, with the variation that the scheme may also apply to study within New Zealand; and that a special item of £750 be included in the Connexional Budget for 1966-67, with appropriate amounts in subsequent years, on the understanding that applications for an award are not to be invited until the sum of at least £1500 is held under the special item.
- 23. That Conference provide opportunity for interested persons throughout the Connexion to make voluntary contributions to this fund.

Additional Lay Representatives:

24. That the Rev. A. R. Penn and the Legal Adviser consult and report to the Church Council on ways in which additional lay representatives may be appointed.

Financing of Conference Arrangements Committee:

- 25. That an advance loan of £50 be made to each Conference Arrangements Committee from the Contingent Fund.
- 26. That the Treasurer of the Conference Arrangements Committee present audited accounts to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund as soon as possible after Conference.

Ministerial Appointments:

- 27. That the Church Council continue its examination of the issues raised (Minutes 1964, p. 71), with the following additions to the order of reference:—
 - (a) The implications for the various types of Connexional appointment.
 - (b) Appointments to outside organisations.
 - (c) The desirable length of term of appointments within Circuits.
- 28. That a special Committee of the Church Council prepare a report for Church Council, 1966, the Committee to be the Connexional Secretary, the Director of Christian Education, the Secretary of Conference, Messrs G. C. Burton, J. F. Cody, and H. de R. Flesher.

Conditions of Applications for Special Posts:

29. That Synods and Conference give general approval to the principles set out in the report for the guidance of the Church.

Vice-President's Travelling Expenses:

30. That in view of the increasing awareness of the valued contribution being made by Vice-Presidents to the life of the Connexion in their own right and not merely as deputies for the President, travelling expenses of the Vice-President incurred in respect of official duties during his year of office shall be a charge upon the Contingent Fund.

Appointment of Probationers:

- 31. That the Examination Committee report to the Stationing Committee annually, suggestions concerning the appointment and transfer of probationers which will enable the training needs of probationers to be met satisfactorily.
- 32. That paragraph 444(a), p. 86, of the Law Book, be amended as follows:—

"Unless appointed in another capacity, the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department and the Principal of the Theological College shall attend all meetings of the Committee as Consultants".

Hospital Chaplaincies:

- 33. That the matter be referred through the M.S.S.A. Executive to a special Committee to report to Church Council, 1966.
- 34. (a) That consideration be given to a rearrangement of Conference Order to confine the representative session to one week between Sundays, with provision for inspirational and study sessions to precede or follow the week of business. (N.B. This would facilitate the attendance of business and professional laymen who find it difficult to arrange for absence which involves two weeks.))
 - (b) That this Recommendation be referred to the Church Council.
- 35. That the Church Council consider and refer to an appropriate Committee the matter of the preparation of a suitable set of Pastoral Resolutions more in keeping with the present situation confronting the Church.
- 36. That the question of Quorums at Church Meetings be considered by the Law Revision Committee.
- 37. That the Law Revision Committee reconsider Section VII, Subsection 126D of the Law Book with a view to (1) of preserving the prerogative of the Circuit Stewards or giving reasons why these should not be continued and (2) fulfilling the intention of the Amendments to the Subsections 126 to 129 (1962 Minutes, page 234).

Note:

Apparently this subsection allows a small proportion of the Quarterly Meeting (five in number) to move at the June Meeting "That there be a change of Ministerial Appointment".

This means that, even in a Circuit which is predominantly in favour of no such change, a strain may be placed on personal relationships which is hurtful to the Circuit as well as causing distress to the Minister and his family. Furthermore, this possibility cancels the prerogative of the Circuit Stewards (Part IV, Section 1, Subsection 229—Law Book, page 41) to "make one proposition for the invitation of each Minister for appointment or reappointment to the Circuit."

38. That the Church Council be requested to consider and report on procedures whereby all Boards, Departments and Committees requiring finance for new ventures present full details to the October meeting of the Committee of Detail on Finance and Stewardship.

39. That the procedure for the nomination of Vice-President be referred to the Church Council for consideration with the suggestion that Synods be asked for nominations.

QUESTION 35 .-

G—Spiritual Healing Committee

1965 REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

The Committee has met nine times during the year, with an average attendance of seven. The Committee records the services of the Rev. G. V. Thomas over a period of years, of Mrs Joy Pearce, the Convener who has served on the Committee for many years, and of Mrs B. Maddren who has served since the inception. The Committee will need more Lay representatives. Rev. John Langley was appointed Convener.

Colour Therapy (1963 min. Res. 6, page 78). The Committee made careful inquiries regarding this practice and received written explanatory statements from two men who practise colour therapy in this country.

Properly speaking this does not come within the field of spiritual healing. Exponents disclaim any suggestion that it is based upon Christian faith or upon spiritual processes. They claim that it is rather the practical application of certain physical and chemical processes.

Nevertheless, the Committee, guided by its scientific and medical members, cannot accept the physical and chemical assumptions upon which the practice of colour therapy is claimed to be based. We have no evidence that colour therapy can heal organic disease. Examples of healing which spring from the faith of the patient in some object, process or person have been recognised throughout history.

The Committee is satisfied that any cures that may be effected by the use of colour are brought about by the attitude of faith and trust on the part of the patient, and not by any "vibrational" changes as claimed by those practising colour therapy. There is no specific Christian content in such healing. Faith in the property of colour is not to be confused or likened to faith in the presence and power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Overseas Visitor. (1963 Min. Res. 5, page 78). Enquiries have been made overseas and the name of a suitable person has been passed on to the Spiritual Advance Committee which will make the necessary arrangements. It is proposed that this visitor will address Schools of Theology, interested Lay leaders, and interested folk at District level throughout the country guiding the Church in the theory and practice of Spiritual Healing. It is not intended that he will conduct public healing services.

Service of the Laying on of Hands. The Committee intends to compile a Service which it will submit to Conference through the Faith and Order Committee.

Intercession. The main work of the Committee has been the preparation of a statement on Intercession.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

A Study on Intercession by the Spiritual Healing Committee.

Christians have always prayed for others. Intercession seems as natural as breathing—Prayers which begin with ourselves and our own needs move out in ever widening circles of concern, as we intercede for our families and friends, and those known to us to be in special need through illness, bereavement or trouble. Nor do we ignore those not personally known to us, for our prayers move out to embrace civic, national and world leaders, and the great causes of mankind: peace, food for the hungry, and the spread of the Gospel.

A. OUR AUTHORITY.

1. Our Lord's Instruction:

Jesus enjoined His disciples to pray for others. "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who use you spitefully" (Luke 6. 28 N.E.B.). The Lord's Prayer is cast in the plural: "Our Father . . . give us . . . forgive us . . . lead us not into temptation . . " Thus in a real sense, the whole of this model prayer is intercession for others as well as for ourselves. When the disciples asked him privately "Why could we not cast it (the devil) out," he answered, "There is no means of casting out this sort but prayer" (Mark 9:29 N.E.B.).

2. Christ's Example:

Jesus prayed for others. He prayed for His disciples. To Peter He said, "I have prayed that your faith may not fail." (Luke 22:31). He prayed for His accusers, and those who tortured Him. "Father forgive them. They do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Jesus prayed for His disciples, and for those who "through their words put their faith in Me: may they all be one" (John 17).

3. Old Testament Examples:

Our Lord followed the tradition of prayer as He found it in the Scriptures. In the Old Testament certain men prayed to God on behalf of others. Abraham prayed for Sodom (Genesis 18:23); Moses interceded for Israel (Exodus 32:32); Daniel prayed for Jerusalem Daniel 6); Hezekiah spread his concern for Jerusalem before the Lord (Is. 37:14-20); and in Job 42:10 we read, "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends." These men became, in a sense, mediators presenting the peoples' needs before God, and at the same time being prepared to bring the Word of God back to the people. Prayers were also offered for individuals. See Gen. 20:17; Deut. 9.20; I Kings 13:6; II Kings 4:33; Eza 6:20

4. Example of the Early Church:

In Old Testament times, the prayers of the prophets and heroes had special power, because they were spirit-filled men. After Pentecost, all Christians could have the same Spirit, and have access to the same power. St. Paul constantly prayed for his converts "making mention of them in my prayers." (Romans 1:9). He exhorted the Church to pray for others. "I exhort therefore that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority." (1 Timothy 2:1). He begs his converts to intercede for him (Romans 15:30 and II Thessalonians 3:1). See also Ephesians 3:14-17.

5. Necessity:

We pray for others because we must. If we have a loving concern for others, and if we believe that our Heavenly Father listens to us when we pray, we cannot refrain from prayer; especially in those cases where there seems to be no other way in which we can effectively help. At such times, it is not that we pray because the Scriptures tell us to: rather, we are driven to prayer by an inner necessity, and find when we search the Scriptures that they support us. Our experience convinces us that our prayers are heard.

B. WHAT DO WE PRAY FOR?

When we pray for others, we ought not to dictate to God what we expect Him to do. It is natural that when we have a concern for others, we should have a clear conception of what we hope God will do for them. If we pray for the physically ill, we will naturally seek physical healing: if they are bereaved we will pray for comfort; if they do not know the joy of faith, we will pray that they may receive it.

Yet there are dangers here. We have only partial knowledge of their need. Our truest service may well be simply to bring them in prayer, into the presence of God asking only that He will bless them according to His perfect knowledge of them.

We read that four men carried a paralysed friend and lowered him through the roof into the presence of Jesus. Undoubtedly it was his paralysis which led them to take this action; but Jesus saw a deeper need, and forgave his sins as well as healing him (Mark 2). Thus, when we intercede for others we are in loving concern to bring them in prayer to One who knows best what is their deepest need. If we pray otherwise we may judge our prayers unanswered, when in fact they have been gloriously answered.

C. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY FOR OTHERS?

- 1. Intercession is only one of the elements of prayer, and should not normally be isolated from the others. Whether we pray as individuals or as groups we should first of all: adore God, bringing ourselves humbly into His Presence; we should make confession of our sins, and seek His forgiveness: we should offer thanks for His goodness: then we may bring before Him our own needs and the needs of others.
- 2. We should pray comprehensively: Our prayers may begin with our immediate family, friends and neighbours, but they should not end there. Every Christian should have a breadth of interest and depth of concern which marks him out as a follower of Jesus. There is no end to the list of people and concerns for whom we should pray. Nor should we pray only for people in special needs through illness, bereavement or misfortune. Those in their strength, and in the full tide of their activity also should find a place in our prayers. Since no one could hope to pray meaningfully for all at one time, it would be wise to adopt some systematic means of prayer, such as a prayer calendar, or personal list—keeping it up to date.
- 3. We should pray concretely: It is all too easy to pray "in general." Concrete prayer, for specific people costs more in personal effort, but is more likely to be true prayer. From prayer for the individual, we can go on to pray for the larger group.
- 4. Our prayers should be set against a background of Scripture: Prayer can deteriorate into an exercise in auto-suggestion, or a kind of pagan incantation unless it is continually offered with the insights we have learned from the Scriptures. Those who link Bible Study with intercession safeguard themslves against this debasement of prayer.

5. Our prayer should be offered in the name of Jesus Christ. "Anything you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13, see also 15:16 and 16:23). Christian prayer is not the same as pagan prayer. When we pray "in the name of Jesus" we pray according to His will as we understand it; some prayers, for purely selfish or shortsighted ends, we will be unable to pray in His name.

But there is a deeper sense still in which we pray "in His name." The New Testament presents Jesus as our great intercessor before God. "That is why he is able to save absolutely those who approach God through Him: He is always living to plead on their behalf" (Hebrews 7:25 N.E.B.). Thus in a special sense, when we pray in His name, we are sharing in His intercessory Ministry.

D. DOES GOD ALWAYS ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

Apparently not. There are often occasions when the boon we ask seems to be denied. We cannot expect that what we ask will always be in accord with God's will. Thus our Lord prayed "Father, if it be Thy will, take this cup away from Me. Yet not My will but Thine be done." (Luke 22:42). Always we must be ready to accept the fact that in His greater wisdom and love, God may refuse our request. Yet we are not to give way too easily. Jesus, in the parable of the importunate widow tells us, if an unjust judge eventually yielded to the widow who kept on demanding justice—"Will not God vindicate His chosen who cry out to Him day and night, while He listens patiently to them?" (Luke 18:9).

We are to pray persistently and confidently. There may well be a delay between our prayers and the receiving of an answer, and this delay we are to fill with sustained prayer.

Even as we continue to pray, it may be that God is bringing our will more closely into harmony with His own will. "Prayer changes things"—and some of the change may well be in the heart of the pray-er. Yet we will never forget that God listens to our prayers, and can and sometimes does take up and include our will into His own.

E. PRAYING IN THE GROUP.

We come now to consider some of the practical aspects of organising a group and praying together.

- 1. Size of Group. Intercessory prayer can be offered by thousands but for detailed prayer for persons in need which will be based upon a genuine love for the person the group must be kept small. From 6 to 12 is a good size; if a group gets beyond 16 it may be wise to divide. Certainly it is easier to maintain concentration and to learn how to pray in a small group. Such a group can offer effective intercession. "For where two or three have met together in my name, I am there among them," promises Jesus (Mt. 18:20 N.E.B.).
- 2. Leadership. This should not be too prominent. Here is an opportunity for the training of people in prayer. In the ideal group all members pray together and the leader's task is simply to keep prayers orderly and to see that the comprehensive nature of prayer (see C above) is maintained.
- 3. Frequency. A group may meet each week, or fortnightly, but preferably not less frequently than that. The group must be informed concerning people, so that prayer can be intelligent. The love of the group for those they pray for will grow and express itself in practical caring.

- 4. Pattern. Worship God! Quiet meditation upon some of the promises of God, or an act of Adoration and Praise with Confession will help a group to realise the presence of God in Christ, and Intercession-sharing in Christ's concern and compassion, will then follow naturally.
- A list of persons to be prayed for is essential. There should be a brief report time during which anyone who knows the condition of the person can give details of need and report progress. The leader will need to curb the desire on the part of some to elaborate details—thus concentrating upon the person rather than upon the divine resources available. The list should be continually revised; where there is no report forthcoming names should be removed; where healing is manifested, the name can be removed with thanksgiving; new names can be added, keeping the list short. Dr Weatherhead states that in his experience a Congregation can lift up in prayer only four or five cases at one time. Jim Wilson feels that eight to twelve names are enough for any group. Then those people prayed for become the vital concern of the members of the group, and can be upheld during the remainder of the week.

There is nothing more thrilling than taking part in a prayer group which has really learned to enter into union and fellowship with Christ in His healing and redeeming work.

W. SELWYN DAWSON, Chairman. JOHN E. LANGLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That Mrs R. G. Pearce be thanked for her services as Convener of the Committee.
- 3. That the Committee be asked to collate their reports to Conference over the years with a view to publication for the use of the Church.
- 4. That in view of the findings of a Victorian Commission, that Scientology is an evil practice, the Public Questions Committee be asked to consider whether there is a need for a pronouncement discouraging support or involvement in the practice.
- 5. That while Conference agrees in principle with the suggestion of an invitation being extended to the Rev. Reginald Brighton to visit New Zealand, the Spiritual Healing Committee be asked to make further enquiries regarding the provision of finance.
 - 6. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on Page 9 herein.

QUESTION 36—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Christian Education?

Department of Christian Education Methodist Council of Christian Education

The Council met at Wallis House, Wellington, 12th-13th May, following the Church Council. There were 34 present, representing all Synods and Conference Departments and Committees involved in Christian education.

A. LAY TRAINING (1964 Minutes, page 79).

Because of the difficulty in arranging this Consultation at another time, and as lay training is properly the business of the Council, it was agreed that this should be the main item on the agenda of this year's meeting.

Lay training was considered in three ways and an introductory

paper presented on each.

- 1. Training for specific leadership in the Church—e.g. lay pastorate, lay preaching, group leadership—a report on the present courses was presented by Mr C. H. Couch.
- 2. Training for personal witness—especially verbal—paper presented by Mrs I. G. Baber.
- 3. Training membership to be the Church in the world—in marriage and family, industry, etc.—paper presented by Mr G. E. Hill.

A summary of the papers and the Council's findings thereon

follow:

1. Training for Specific Leadership in the Church:

A comprehensive range of graded courses is now available. At the elementary level there is the Preparatory Reading and observation course; intermediate: inter alia, the Methodist Christian Leadership Course, 10-hour Basic Courses for workers with youth and adults, and the 10-day residential schools in the May holidays; advanced: the School for Christian Workers.

Statistics presented revealed that in the basic subjects of the Methodist Christian Leadership Course—Old Testament, New Testament, Doctrine and The Church—18 groups of a total of 157 people had been meeting. This was encouraging in that under earlier leadership training courses only a handful of people had been involved. But it is clear that the majority of circuits have yet to make use of these leadership courses.

It was recognised that the minister (supported by the Leaders' or L.E.C. meeting) is often the key to training. What can be done to help ministers and churches to place training higher on their priorities? And who trains the trainers in methods of training, whether they be minister or lay?

Findings:

- (a) There needs to be motivation for training other than the mere fact that it is available, e.g. person-to-person or group encounter, feeling of inadequacy for a specific task.
- (b) Real motivation arises out of a growing understanding of Christ, Church, ministry, mission in the world.
- (c) Training courses need to be oriented towards "mission" rather than "Church survival."
- (d) Present courses should be better publicised and more widely used throughout our churches.
- (e) Further training courses and opportunities should be developed as required.

2. Training for Personal Witness-especially verbal:

The Layman's Role in this area.

The area of personal witness for the Christian is a full time occupation. (Lay preaching and group leadership are specific tasks undertaken at specific times by specific people, but personal witness is every encounter—at all times—by everyone!) Except when we are alone, there is no time and no place when we are not able to make a personal witness. What therefore does this mean?

It means that we ourselves must be convinced Christians, for we cannot witness to what we do not fully believe and unless our commitment to Christ affects everything we do. Only then can we be the means by which God reaches others, person to person. What we believe, we will do, and unless our words are accompanied by congruent behaviour, they will be sterile.

Training then for personal witness, must aim at strengthening the faith of the individual Christian-deepening Christian experience

and life.

We must remember that the risen Christ told the disciples to wait at Jerusalem, for the power of the Holy Spirit and then they would bear witness in Jerusalem, over Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Difficulties which hinder us.

(a) Personal Difficulties:

*We are too much concerned with "self". We need to be able to forget ourselves in reaching out to others. God's spirit can flow through the very smallest channel that we leave open in ourselves, as we encounter the other person.

*Need to know ourselves. Verbal witness can only be effective if used with self-giving and if the words we use are related to the need in a person. Words will then have meaning. (e.g. Jesus and Zaccheus).

*The desire to witness can become more important to us than the person to whom we witness. Our witness is then selfcentred.

*We talk too much and too soon. i.e. Before we speak, we should "listen"—to find out the person's need and to know what words would have meaning and be accepted.

*We are shy and reticent. Need this hinder us? Attitudes and actions can be eloquent.

Theological Difficulties:

We all have theological difficulties (especially the theologians!) but I believe that in personal witness, these hinder us less than do our personal difficulties.

We do not need to know all the answers. We do need to know our faith; we do need a personal knowledge of God's saving grace; we do need the power of the Holy Spirit. (Preaching of the Word, study groups, Church School, house groups etc., help us to know our faith, to sort out our theological difficulties. Study groups also reveal what a variety of extraordinary belief is held by ordinary Methodist folk!)

(c) Organisational Difficulties:

*Too many committees!

*One job leading to so many others!

*Jobs held too long.

Making almost completely Church-centred Christians.

Said a Hindu leaving England to return to India: "If you had cared about me as a person as much as you cared about what happened to my soul I might have returned to my country as a Christian"!

(d) Help needed from the Church:

*Group study.

*Emphasis on need for private daily devotions.

*Less church meeting involvement. Is there overlapping?

Findings:

(a) The Department is asked to undertake research-

 from secular organisations to find ways of stimulating people to want to learn;

- ii. in the development of a theology of concern and acceptance. This concern and acceptance rather than systems of thought should unify and clarify our theology.
- iii. by encouraging small groups in local churches concerned with "mission" to meet, set objectives and programmes for themselves, try things out, evaluate, supply Department with findings.

(b) Materials required:

- Studies on relationships—bible studies, training programmes, etc.
- ii. Playlets or role plays on witnessing, etc.

3. Training Lay Folk to be the Church in the World:

This paper recognises that God's main action is not in the Church but in the world where life is lived and decisions are made. He is at work in "secular" agencies.

Who need to be involved in this kind of training?

EVERY Christian home-maker. voter, employer, artisan, apprentice, professional, social worker, technician, shop assistant, educationalist, and student . . .

Why has training for everybody become an important issue?

- (a) Because we must help our people to realise that their daily work is the sphere of their calling as Christians—where they join Christ in His mission and witness to His Redemption.
- (b) We are moving out of the "laity must help the minister" stage, aware of a silent revolt on the part of many laymen against making the Church the sole sphere of their labours.
- (c) Evangelism that is Church-centred is swinging rather to a situation-centred and person-centred approach.
- (d) There is a burning need to make effective the widespread penetration that Christians already have into God's world of action.
- (e) There is as yet little appreciation of one of the greatest of all implications of the Incarnation—that the Church exists to wash the world's feet. Not intervention by the Church in the world . . . but help for laymen to penetrate the world as the Church.

What may be the substance of this training?

- (a) Study of Biblical and theological background to our mission.
- (b) The dynamics of personal relationships in home and family life, teacher/pupil, employer/employee, believer/non-believer.
- (c) Study of actual moral and ethical dilemmas encountered in daily life.
- (f) Factual information about the functioning of public bodies, and community organisations. e.g. Understand education before going into a P.T.A.

Who should accept responsibility for training?

(a) Mature Christians who have "survived" in business, local body work, etc.. i.e. men who out of their experience have something rich to offer. They struggled alone—didn't get much practical help from the Church. (b) Ministers. The role of the ministry is rather that of a chaplaincy to front line troops. Ministers are called to a role of restraint in leadership where lay training is concerned. All this raises questions concerning the age of entry to the ministry, experience in the secular world, the provision of "sabbatical work years." Might we need the services of voluntary ministers—theologically trained and ordained but serving in industry as skilled or unskilled labour?

Where should training be carried out?

- (a) In existing men's and women's groups.
- (b) In family life Conferences and camps.
- (c) In "neighbourhood" discussion centres or "house churches".(d) In inter-denominational vocational or common interest groups.
- (e) Later—in non-Church setting—bridge-building centres of dialogue with the world.
- (f) Through an inter-Church lay training centre with a mobile staff?
- (g) It would be a grave mistake to copy uncritically any overseas experiments. There will be a distinctively N.Z. pattern.

What methods are found most useful?

- (a) Group Bible Study.
- (b) Non-verbal experiences such as story-mime.
- (c) Dialogue between Christians themselves and with non-believers.
- (d) Socio-drama and related methods—role plays, interviews.

When could training commence?

- (a) When we have listened to what the world is saying through its artists, dramatists, novelists and orators.
- (b) When veteran and experienced Christians have pooled and collated their experience.
- (c) When a sufficient number of laymen are gripped by the needs and opportunities in this field and have made themselves available to the Church.

What changes may need to be effected in local church life?

- (a) It is becoming apparent that some simplification of structure must take place. At least we should see that "organisation" is our servant and that we are not its slaves.
- (b) We must "cease to measure the laity's faithfulness to the Church and its faith by the number of hours spent on the Church premises." (Evanston). Too much emphasis on "gathering."

Are there dangers in this concept of dispersal?

- (a) Some fear that this involvement and dispersal may mean that the Church becomes another humanitarian agency. They fear for the ongoing life of the Church.
- (b) Bonhoeffer would say in reply, "The only way the Church can defend her own territory is by fighting, not for it, but for the salvation of the world".
- (c) In practice, our experience might well be that men and women of the Church, overwhelmed by the pain and labour of bringing a new world to birth, cry out for spiritual sustenance and feed more hungrily than ever before on the living and written word. We need have no fears for such a Church.

Findings:

(a) Worship. That a number of selected congregations be invited to experiment with services of worship that take into account the new understandings about God's action in the world and which make worship more meaningful and relevant. This will involve preparatory study and research by these congregations before they begin experimenting. The congregations to report to the Council next year.

(b) Occupational groups. That some D.E.Cs be asked to develop occupational groups initiated by Christians (but not restricted to them) in that occupation. Wherever possible this should be

done with other denominations.

(c) Public life. That the Board of Christian Education be asked to convene a consultation of men and women experienced in community and public life (local body politics, etc.) to prepare some resource material for local discussion and action.

(d) Home and family. That Leaders' Meetings or L.E.Cs encourage study on the whole field of Christian home and family life. This to be done through Home and Family Weeks, House Churches and other suitable means. The Department to publicise the resource material available.

B. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS

(1964 Minutes, pages 85-86, no. 6).

A questionnaire was sent to a limited number of our ministers and school-teachers. The replies indicated that there is sufficient dissatisfaction with the present system of voluntary instruction for this matter to be taken further. Other ways by which the Church could make a contribution to public education in New Zealand received much higher ratings than either the present system or having religion as a subject in the curriculum taught by school staff.

The Council adopted these resolutions of the Board.

- (a) That the time has come for the N.Z.C.C.E. to take a long term look at how the Churches can make their most effective contribution to our New Zealand schools.
- (b) That we should not let go the present system until there is something to replace it.
- (c) That this very limited survey indicates deep and perhaps growing dissatisfaction with the present system.
- (d) That the N.Z.C.C.E. (which has been kept informed of all action taken) should be asked to conduct a more widespread and thorough evaluation.

The N.Z.C.C.E. Annual Meeting has considered the report and resolved to undertake a thorough survey to help evaluate the present system and possible alternatives to it.

G. H. GOODMAN, President of Conference. W. F. FORD, Director of Christian Education.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That Synods and Conference commend to D.E.C.'s, Leaders' Meetings and L.E.C's report and relevant findings on Lay Training.

3. That the Board be authorised to act on the findings on Lay Training and report to the next meeting of the Council.

4. That the N.Z.C.C.E. be asked to consider revising the service and activity books used in classes so that scripture passages and more of the prayers are in modern English.

Methodist Board of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

Because of the importance of the material presented above in this year's report of the Methodist Council of Christian Education, this report will cover only a brief selection from the activities of the Department.

1. ADULT WORK.

Establishing Helping Relationships. A course is being prepared for local church groups. The course will assist adults in their day-to-day relationships with others—especially those needing or seeking help. The material will be given a trial and should be available to churches by the middle of 1966.

Summer Conference—Rangiatea. 34 adults attended the first conference and reported so enthusiastically that these conferences will be held annually. The main features of the conference were: the complete cross section of the laity attending; the very deep fellowship which developed; the variety of discussion methods used; the very congenial and suitable property at Rangiatea; the relaxed programme which made it a holiday as well as a stimulating experience.

To retain some of these values the Board has decided to limit future conferences to approximately 40 members. We have been approached by the Presbyterian Department who want to share in future conferences. Four Presbyterians will attend the next.

The main resource for the coming conference at Rangiatea, 29th December to 5th January, will be "God's Frozen People" by Gibbs and Morton.

Pastoral Letter for new members (1964 Minutes, page 82). This series of letters is now available.

2. YOUTH WORK.

Order of St. Stephen: During the year the following have satisfactorily completed their service and have been received as members of the Order: Vivienne Craig-Parker, Sakiri Ropete, Jonah Gege, Allan Rutter, Diane McCutcheon, Averil Ringer, Keith Woodley, Kathleen Shaw, Bernice Pugh, Noel Jackson, Gerald Paterson, Colin Law. These candidates have been accepted for service: Bryan Jenkin, David Dick, Epeli Bameina, Hilary Pope, Des Jack, Abraham Kaetavara, Evelyn Wakelin, Ann Shaw, Julie Bradley.

"Scope": After thorough investigation with the National C.Y.M.M. Council, the Board approved the publication of this C.Y.M.M. quarterly magazine. It is entirely the work of members of the C.Y.M.M. and gives further evidence of the leadership ability to be found in our young people.

It is commended for its vision and bright presentation. Subscriptions from adults would help it quickly to reach a sound economic basis. Subscriptions 7/- p.a. to "Scope", Box 6457, Wellington.

"Standards of Sexual Behaviour": The National C.Y.M.M. Council, wanting to help its fellow members cope with the pressures they face, prepared a statement which is now published in card form.

Studies for Youth Retreats, etc.: Several studies and programme suggestions are being prepared. The first available will be "Me and My Church", four studies on—My Saviour and Lord, My Loyalties, My Stewardship, and My Membership.

In the study called for in the report on temperance (1963 Minutes, p. 80) there will be three sessions: Getting on with people—having and keeping friends even though standards differ; Being what we are meant to be—ways of finding self-fulfilment apart from indulgence; Non-conformity—holding your own ground without being pious or self-righteous.

C.Y.M.M.: The national officers this year are Mr Russell Rigby (President) and Mrs Gwyneth Glover (Vice-President). During Mr Couch's work overseas the Rev. W. F. Ford is acting Executive Officer, assisted by two ex-Vice-Presidents as assistant Executive Officers; Messrs Gavin Watson and Alan Dryden.

Ecumenical Youth Conference: 1500 young people, including 20 Asians, will attend this Conference at Hamilton, 28th December to 5th January. The Conference speakers will be Dr D. T. Niles, Dr Soritua Nababan of Indonesia, Rev. Alan Brash, Singapore, and the Bishop of Waikato (Chairman).

The main themes are: Dangerous loyalties; That which keeps us apart; Spiritual versus corporate unity; Unity for what?: The gifts we each bring. These themes will be presented in dramatic form as well as by addresses and studies.

3. CHILDREN'S WORK.

Sunday morning programme: The drop in Sunday School rolls has brought a challenge to evaluate what is happening in our Sunday morning work amongst children, and a conscious effort to revitalise Sunday Schools. This is being done in several ways. Through articles in Christian Education Handbook, teachers are being encouraged to look again at the aim of their work amongst children, and to question the worth of such things as prizes and examinations which interrupt the teaching syllabus and become contests. These articles are designed to be used as discussion guides in Sunday School teachers' meetings. We continue to encourage a better grading of schools so that the needs and capabilities of each age-group receive proper attention.

Training: Training of teachers is a basic need in churches, and influences the effectiveness of our work. It is encouraging to note the increased enrolments for the Preparatory Course and the efforts being made by D.E.Cs. to provide further training opportunities within their districts.

Supervision by local church: It has been clearly demonstrated that one factor in lifting and maintaining the standard of Sunday School work is to give it adequate supervision by the local church, rather than leave the teachers to themselves. This needs to be done through a creative meeting capable of assessing strengths and weaknesses and planning necessary developments. In churches too small to operate a Local Education Committee, this function should be performed in one of the other recommended ways, e.g. by the Leaders' Meeting with a capable Local Education Secretary.

Child Evangelism: The aim of the Sunday School is to bring each child into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Therefore all Sunday School teachers are evangelists, and every Sunday session should aim at bringing from each child some kind of response related to the set aim of the lesson. The relationship between the teacher and the child is of prime importance in this work. High pressure evangelistic "missions' or methods as advocated by some organisations can do more harm than good, and should be avoided.

4. RADIO AND TV SUPERVISOR.

If the Church decides to employ a part time Methodist Supervisor for Radio and TV, the Board can see useful ways of employing a suitable person for the other half of his time. There is some important creative work to be done in providing materials and help for adult groups and lay training, and also in the audio-visual field.

If such a person were attached to this Department our share of the total cost would have to be added to the Connexional Budget.

5. CURRICULUM CONFERENCES.

A. & N.Z. Joint Board: The Joint Board is planning a thorough review of its curriculum and lesson materials. This review is made necessary by the developments in education generally, as well as in Christian education, and also by the new leadership in the Joint Board. The Directors are now the Rev. Dr David R. Merritt, B.A., B.Ed., B.D., Ed.R.D., who has become a widely recognised authority in curriculum planning, and the Rev. Graeme Speedy, B.A., B.D., B.Ed.

A Conference led by Joint Board staff meets in New Zealand in October 1965. This is the first step in a 5-year plan. It will be a fact-finding and research Conference to look at some of the basic issues affecting our present local church work and which need to be taken into account in planning a new curriculum.

The Board has selected a strong team of educators, parents, local church teachers and leaders, and ministers to attend.

South Pacific: The Australian Council of Churches Christian Education Council asked the Director to lead a Conference in Fiji at the end of August. The Conference is to train leaders from Fiji and Samoa in training methods to be used to introduce a new curriculum. The total cost is being met by the Australian Council. Similar Conferences are being held in other Pacific regions.

6. ECUMENICAL & MISSIONARY EDUCATION.

There was an encouraging response from local groups to last year's projects. The Rev. George Carter reports that considerable quantities of very useful reference books were received in the Solomons. Over £300 was raised for Project Protein and that help has gone to Salatiga, Indonesia.

This year's projects are: Teaching aids for student teachers in New Guinea and workers in our Maori circuits; Study project in Maori-Pakeha relationships; and support for Volunteer Service Abroad.

7. "SCHOOL-TO-WORK" CONFERENCES.

The Board's attention was drawn to a worthwhile English practice of holding Conferences for school-leavers. These Conferences, convened by the Church but supported by School, Employer and Employees' authorities, help young people more successfully to make the transition from school to work.

The Board has referred the proposal to the New Zealand Council for Christian Education.

8. BOARD.

The volume of work the Church requires of the Department would be impossible without the large amount of voluntary service given by members of the Board and its sub-committees: Leadership Training, Children's Work, Youth Work, Adult and Family Life, Ecumenical and Missions, Executive. It is worth noting that on the Board and its sub-committees laymen predominate and the committees, with one exception, are chaired and convened by laymen. This policy of employing lay leadership to the full had proved to be most effective in this work.

9. FINANCES.

The increasing demands made by the Church on the services of this Department are putting a strain on its finances. In the accounts presented to last Conference we reported that expenditure exceeded income by £402. A similar result may be disclosed by this year's accounts. This drain on very limited capital resources ought not to continue as this Department has no way at present of recouping or increasing its capital. It has not been its policy to solicit substantial gifts or legacies.

In the next few years the Department will need capital to provide

more adequate premises for the Office and Bookroom.

10. N.Z. COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

An important undertaking of the Council this year is its sponsoring of the visit of Dr Ronald Goldman, Director of the Educational Research Unit, Reading University. Dr Goldman's research into the religious thinking of children aged 6-16 years throws light on the disappointing results of much religious instruction—in Church and state school. It seems that we attempt to teach too much of the Bible too soon to children. As a result they develop literal interpretations of passages which should be understood as poetry, metaphor or parable. This misunderstanding is not easily outgrown and encourages the growing adolescent to discard what he has been taught.

Our Church will want to join in honouring the Assistant General Secretary, Rev. Margaret Reid, on her ordination as the first ordained woman minister of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand.

The Council has faced the problem created by a religious group publishing its own supplement to the Agreed Syllabus. The withdrawal of the publication is a step in the right direction but does not solve the basic problem.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman. W. F. FORD, Director.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 2. That Conference appreciate the invaluable leadership given by laymen in all aspects of the Department's work and recognise that this is a further demonstration of the increasing role which laymen should have in the creative and policy-making as well as the administrative and executive tasks of the Church.

3. N.Z.C.C.E.

- (a) That the representatives on the N.Z.C.C.E. be Miss H. M. Astley, Rev. J. D. Grocott, Messrs R. W. Sage, H. J. Farr.
- (b) That a grant of £400 be made to the N.Z.C.C.E. from the Connexional Budget.
- (a) That Conference commends, for use in our teaching ministry to children and youth, the lesson material produced by the A. N.Z. Joint Board of Graded Lessons.

This commendation arises from these features of the lesson material: its biblical scholarship; its recognition of the importance of helping children understand and belong to their Church; its modern educational procedures; the relationship to our New Zealand culture; the obligation of the A. & N.Z. Joint Board to reflect the doctrinal standards of the Methodist Church.

- (b) Conference therefore strongly urges Leaders' Meetings (or their equivalent) to see that this lesson material is used in their Christian education programme.
- (c) That the Board bring these resolutions to the notice of all ministers and churches.
- 5. That the Law Revision Committee be asked to provide that where there is no local C.Y.M.M. Council, two members of the C.Y.M.M. are to be appointed to the L.E.C.
- 6. That Conference express to Mr D. M. Hay thanks for his devoted service to the Department as Board member and Treasurer from 1953 to 1964. Mr Hay brought to this work a long and close association with the Methodist Young Men's Bible Class Movement and his own professional and executive experience.
- 7. This Conference, believing that the work of the Department of Christian Education is of utmost importance to the life of the church at this time, urges that the financial needs of the Department be given high priority in the allocation of the Connexional Budget funds.
- 8. We believe that God is calling the Church to venture into new areas of thought and policy-making. We consider that, in this process, a valuable contribution can be made by the energetic thought of youth.

Conference therefore resolves:

- 1. To urge Circuits and Districts to utilise the contribution of young people in their courts and commissions.
- 2. That Church Council consider ways by which the contribution of younger minds can be added to the wisdom of more experienced ministers and laity in the councils of the Church.
 - 9. That the Board for 1966 be as printed on page 5 herein.

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QUESTION 37.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to Public Questions?

A-Public Questions Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

During the year the Committee has considered the following matters and brings them to the notice of the Conference:—

1. IMMIGRATION POLICY REGARDING NON-WHITES.

(Mins. of Conference, 1964, p. 94. Res. 12). In 1959 the Public Questions Committee reported on immigration in general, and its report is contained in the Minutes of Conference, 1959, pages 91-93. We see no reason to suggest any revision of the views there expressed and wish to draw the attention of the Conference to what was approved in that report in respect of non-white immigration:

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

The Committee believes that what was then said could have applied to all non-white people, and not Asians only.

The main point made in submissions to the 1964 Conference was that overseas publicity by the New Zealand Government concerning its immigration policy made it quite clear that this policy is one of "segregation by exclusion." The publicity referred to states:—

"People from Britain or other British countries may make their own way to New Zealand . . . No obstacles are placed in their way provided they are wholly of British birth and wholly of European origin, in good health and of good character. They will be granted entry permits on arrival without restriction. Persons not wholly of British birth (including naturalised British subjects) or not wholly of European origin must obtain permits to enter New Zealand before leaving for New Zealand."

This is a correct statement of the position and in itself cannot be objected to. While it is conceded that it is probable that there must always be some limitation, selection and screening of would-he immigrants, the basic question is how easy or difficult it is to pass through the screen. When this question was raised with the Minister of Immigration he replied inter alia:—

- (a) The legislation does not discriminate in any way on the score of race, creed or colour.
- (b) The first aim of Government's policy is to attract into New Zealand, in numbers that can readily be absorbed, persons who can be readily assimilated and integrated into our cultural and economic life.
- (c) We already allow considerable immigration from the Cook Islands and other Polynesian islands.
- (d) We allow Chinese and Indians already established here to bring in close relatives.
- (e) In recent years over one-fifth of the entry permits issued have been granted to persons of non-European race.
- (f) We want to avoid the less happy experiences of countries which allow too rapid immigration of minority groups.
- (g) It is quite impossible to accept all persons who wish to come here.
- (h) If an American negro or an African meets our high standard of assimilability, health, character and occupational skills, we approve his application.
- (i) Because some people measure up to our requirements better than others, and there is corresponding variation in the numbers we accept from the different sources, we are inevitably but incorrectly charged with practising racial discrimination.

The policy as outlined in principle by the Minister of Immigration sounds reasonable, but means in practice that it is difficult for a non-white to migrate to New Zealand, and not always easy for a non-British white. The mere fact that non-whites are screened is a form of discrimination, and it is a very high standard of selection; whereas none is applied to British whites (other than criminals and diseased persons). Clearly there is scope for a much more liberal application of the selection process, without letting in an embarrassing flood of non-white immigrants.

It is the view of the Committee that the Conference could well urge such a liberalised policy on the Government with particular reference to the following immigrant categories:—

- (1) People of part-white blood;
- (2) People of high educational standards;
- (3) People who are accustomed to western ways of life;
- (4) People who are close relatives of non-whites already in New Zealand;
- (5) Refugees.

2. THE USE OF LAND AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

(Mins. of Conference, 1964. p. 94. Res. 7). This matter is at present under close scrutiny by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, and the Committee seeks permission to await the Council report before presenting its report to Conference.

3. SUPPRESSION OF NAMES OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUNKEN DRIVING. (Mins. of Conference, 1964. p. 94. Res. 11). This question relates to the Transport Amendment Bill 1964, Clause 10, which amends the Transport Act 1962. The 1962 Act allowed the Courts no discretionary powers to grant suppression of names of persons convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs. Clause 10 of the Transport Amendment Bill 1964, now grants discretionary powers to the courts to suppress the names of persons so convicted if it considers there are special reasons for doing so.

The amendment came as a result of the New Zealand Law Society representations based on a case in which the Society considered that less than justice had been done to the person concerned, who was convicted of driving while under the influence of drugs prescribed by

a medical practitioner.

The New Zealand Alliance made submissions to the Statutes Revision Committee when the Bill was brought down. The Alliance suggestion was that the special reasons under Clause 10 should be limited specifically to medical reasons only.

4. ANZAC DAY.

Late in 1964 and at the request of the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, the Committee presented the following viewpoint on Anzac Day commemoration:—

The Position as we See it: Anzac Day was first set aside as a legal Sunday and as a day of commemoration, so that the people of New Zealand might remember or be made aware of the sacrifices made in warfare through which we might live as a free people. The Gallipoli campaign would seem to have been featured for two main reasons: the feats of valour performed and the belief that here was a demonstration of emerging nationhood.

It would seem to us that the whole approach to the day must be re-thought in the light of the following:

- The passing of time brings an inevitable decline of any feeling of real involvement.
- It is possible that the time has come when the word "Anzac" may be an impediment. In spite of attempts made it is difficult to give the day the wider significance it ought to have when one campaign is specially featured.
- 3. There is confusion as to whose day this is. Generally the responsibility for the day seems to have been largely in the hands of the New Zealand Returned Services Association, with local authorities and churches being associated.
- 4. In recent years dawn parades or morning services have met the real needs of returned servicemen to remember their comrades. We feel that for church people these needs have been met most satisfyingly on the nearest Sunday to Anzac Day, or on Remembrance Sunday.

The Future: For the above reasons we are of the opinion that changes are necessary. There appear to us to be three alternatives:

 That one "National Day of Thanksgiving and Commemoration" be set apart and include aspects at present stressed on Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and Waitangi Day. The dominant note should be a challenge to dedicated living as seen in the light of sacrifices made in the past. The sacrifice of Christ for men; the sacrifice of pioneers and of people in both peace and war should be stressed. Properly appointed area committees should be charged with the responsibility for arranging this day.

- Anzac Day to continue as at present, but at mid-day become a public holiday. Arrangements to be in the hands of committees representative of public life, churches and service organisations.
- 3. Anzac Day to be discontinued and Remembrance Day be given prominence by all concerned as being the "National Day of Remembrance and Dedication".

The Committee sees little value in retaining a day which in its present form and with its present image, appears to satisfy very few. It appears to us that in the minds of the majority, Anzac Day is thought of as belonging to returned servicemen and as having little significance to the public. In view of this it is questionable whether any small changes will alter this . . The whole approach to the day, its content and control needs to be re-examined. The church wishes to make a worthy contribution but feels that this cannot be along the lines of the present kind of participation.

ADDENDUM: The Inter-Church Council after consideration of replies from constituent churches issued the following statement on the observance of Anzac Day:

- That the continued public observance of Anzac Day has definite values of a spiritual and moral nature in calling to mind in grateful remembrance those who died in two World Wars, and in the promotion of ideals and aims for world peace.
- 2. That the observance of Anzac Day remain as at present with regard to date, i.e., the 25th April.
- 3. That this day remain a statutory public holiday.
- 4. That the observance of all public services of remembrance take place in the forenoon except in those areas (e.g., certain country districts) where local conditions make other times preferable.
- That the hours after mid-day be kept as those of other public holidays save where the occasion shall fall on a Sunday (or Good Friday), in which case the laws as apply to any other Sunday shall operate.
- 6. That if however, there be any generally expressed public agreement that the occasion of Anzac Day be observed always on a Sunday then that day be known as "National Remembrance Sunday" and accordingly kept.
- 7. That the text of these resolutions be communicated to the Dominion Executive of the Returned Services' Association, the Municipal Association, and the Government, with the Council's assurance that it desires to be of the utmost assistance in whatever way, it and its member churches can be to the welfare of the nation in this important matter.

5. CHRISTIAN ETHICS:

There is today an extensive debate on fundamental issues in Christian theology and morality. In view of this debate, the Committee wishes to make more explicit some general assumptions in the sphere of Christian ethics, which have been implicit in some of its reports of recent years. (e.g., homosexuality, marriage and parenthood, corporal punishment, the Christian use of natural resources). The Committee does not feel called upon to write an extensive and definitive thesis under this heading. It does, however,

seem important that church people should base their statements in matters of private and public morality upon explicitly Christian grounds rather than follow the fashions of the moment. The church can only re-state her basic principles from which her standards arise:—

1. The Primacy of Love. This is the dominant note of New Testament teaching. While "agape" may not exclude the keeping of rules, laws, and the observance of negative prohibitions, these matters come into better perspective when seen in the light of Christ's saying: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself . . . On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22/37-40). We note further, that in His relationships with men, our Lord did not rely on a uniformly applicable set of rules, but treated each person according to his deepest need. This leads to another fundamental assumption:

2. The Importance of Persons: "The Sabbath was made for man." In deliberating upon the Christan attitude to various social issues this must be the ruling concern. In relating the eternal truths of the Gospel to ever-changing social situations, it is important to get this priority into focus. Christians in each generation have a responsibility to help fashion the moral standards which will be best for the good of society, but the context within which such formulations are made is not a system of hard and fast rules. The motive is "caring concern" for persons whose freedom of choice must be respected. Our care is given in the name of One who sees each individual as someone with an eternal destiny to work out. We must accept each person as he is and "learn to love the sinner but hate the sin".

Two considerations mentioned above — respect for individual conscience and the context of changing factors within which dayby-day decisions must be made—have influenced the tenor of the Committee's findings on moral issues. We believe that in its pronouncements upon social-ethical issues, the Church must be mindful of these factors, while not neglecting its prophetic function.

3. Responsible Citizenship. The Christian is called to be in the world yet not of it. Archbishop Temple's remark that "Christianity is the most materialistic of all religions" has often been quoted, but the implications of the Biblical view of matter, power, and social responsibility have not been sufficiently understood. "All power tends to corrupt", said Lord Acton. "Power belongs to the Lord", says the Psalmist (Ps. 62/11). The tension implied between these two quotations runs through all Christian discussion and action in the world. Power may be used for good or ill, and most concrete situations contain elements of both. Within the fellowship of the Christian community, Christians must be helped to understand and learn to work out the meaning of their involvement in the world as responsible citizens. They must depend on the Holy Spirit to let new light break forth on new problems from the abiding realities of the Christian convictions concerning God, man, sin, the world and redemption.

6. INTERCHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Annual Report, 1964. During the year matters considered by the Council included the following:-

(a) Apartheid in Sport: This matter received much attention from the Council which had sought and received expressions of

opinion from the Public Questions Committee of its constituent churches. The Commission under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Wellington, representing the National Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Church and sports bodies has been the most effective method of dealing with this question. The Council continues to be vitally concerned in the discussions.

- (b) Additional Lotteries: The Council made representations on the matter of increased lottery facilities. The Council's submissions were that there should be no extension of gambling facilities without full opportunity for all interested to make representations on the matter, and then only after debate in Parliament. While these submissions were courteously received, the Council was not successful in persuading Government to adopt its recommendations.
- (c) Town Planning: Concern for the whole subject of town planning has resulted in the Council approaching the Minister of Housing with the suggestion that an independent survey be undertaken. In addition, the Council has constituted a special committee to examine all aspects of the matter. The recommendation of this sub-committee that an interprofessional group be constituted in Wellington to give consideration to a new understanding of the human dynamics involved in community planning, will shortly be implemented.
- (d) Anzac Day Observance: The Council's interest in this subject was occasioned by the concern of many in different parts of the country as to what the effect would be in relation to the Churches participation if there were any changes in the customary observance of Anzac Day. Representations were therefore made to the Dominion Executive of the New Zealand Returned Services Association who invited the Council to send an observer to its Conference held in June. Since then the R.S.A. has kept the Council informed of more recent developments and has assured it of consideration of the Churches position in relation to any action likely to be taken in 1965. It is the Council's desire to maintain the religious significance of remembrance in any pattern of future Anzac Day observance that may eventuate.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman. I. J. RUCK, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund.
- 3. That the representatives on the Inter-Church Council for Public Affairs be the Chairman of the Public Questions Committee, the Convener and Mr G. C. Burton, B.A.
- 4. That the Public Questions Committee refer to the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs the suggestion that one "National Day of Thanksgiving and Commemoration" be set apart and include aspects at present stressed on Anzac Day, Waitangi Day and Remembrance Day. The dominant note should be a challenge to dedicated living as seen in the light of sacrifices made in the past. The sacrifice of Christ for men; the sacrifice of pioneers and of people in both peace and war should be stressed. Properly appointed area committees should be charged with the responsibility for arranging this day.

- 5. That Conference commends the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs for its action in the matter of increased facilities for gambling and urges that the Council press for the limitation of facilities.
- 6. That Section 5 (on Christian Ethics) be prepared in Study Form for use in the Churches by the Department of Christian Education in conjunction with the Public Questions Committee.
- 7. That the Public Questions Committee be requested to bring down a fuller report on Christian Ethics dealing particularly with the relationship between Interim Ethics and the prophetic function of the Church.
- 8. That Conference commends the Justice Department for its enlightened Penal Policy, primarily based on the rehabilitation of the offender. As members of the community we recognise our corporate responsibility, and the need for doing all we can to assist in the work of rehabilitation. We therefore call upon our people to:
- Act responsibly and unselfishly in regard to the siting of prisons and pre-release hostels.

(2) Guide and inform public opinion on Penal Reform.

(3) Participate wherever possible in the active rehabilitation of the prisoner by

Selected persons visiting the prisons;

supporting actively the work of the Prisoners' Aid Society; offering employment or board when in a position to do so.

9. That Conference direct the Public Questions Committee to study the whole question of benefits paid to widows with children in order that representations may be made to the Government for an increase.

Attention is drawn to the following points-

- (a) That the present benefit is insufficient to meet normal outgoings and should be in relation to the basic minimum wage.
- (b) That the amount a widow is able to earn without her pension being reduced is too low.
- (c) That the total additional amount per week for each child is inadequate.
- 10. That in view of the findings of a Victorian Commission, that Scientology is an evil practice, the Public Questions Committee be asked to consider whether there is a need for a pronouncement discouraging support or involvement in the practice.
 - 11. Community, National and International Issues:
- (a) That Conference affirms that it is the right and responsibility of Church members, always; and on occasions of the Church, itself to be involved in current community, national and international issues.
- (b) That Conference affirms that it is the obligation of the Church and its members in their involvement in such issues to become adequately informed on them.
- (c) That attention is drawn to the Conference Standing Committees, which can both provide resources to assist people and groups in making their judgement, and to which information may be forwarded.
- 12. That the Social Creed of the Church be revised by the Public Questions Committee.

- 13. That Conference urge the Government to adopt a more liberal immigration policy with particular reference to the following immigrant categories:
 - (1) People of part-white blood.

(2) People of high educational standards.

(3) People who are accustomed to western ways of life.

- (4) People who are close relatives of non-whites already in New Zealand.
- (5) Refugees.
- 14. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 37 .-

B—International Affairs Committee

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1. VIETNAM WAR.

While many areas of international tension continue to exist in the world today the area most affecting New Zealand at the time of the writing of this report is in Indo-China and Malaysia.

Last Conference carried a resolution supporting the Government in its efforts to avoid involvement of New Zealand troops in South Vietnam and in supporting the Government in pressing for a peaceful solution through international negotiation and co-operation, and affirmed general guiding principles for the reduction of international tension as stated in the New Delhi Report of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches p. 269. (1964 Minutes p. 99.)

On May 27th, 1965, the Prime Minister announced the Government's decision to send the 161st Battery of the 16th Field Regiment of New Zealand Artillery to Vietnam. A fortnight previously the Rt. Hon. K. J. Holyoake in a nation-wide broadcast and telecast reiterated the conviction he has held since 1960 that the campaign against South Vietnam, "is being directed and supplied from Communist North Vietnam, and openly supported by Communist China".

Six weeks after the Government's decision considerable public opinion is firmly opposed to the decision and differs in interpretation of such facts as are known of a very complex situation. Important issues of self-government and national unity for Vietnam have been overshadowed by charges of International Communist aggression and counter-charges of American Imperialist aggression as the warfare has intensified.

While it is possible that the Vietnam war may have changed or ceased by the time of Conference in November, several major points arise from this crisis which have bearing on our approach to the world scene. 1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has made appeals to both sides in the conflict, but the United Nations has not been able to mediate or act to bring peace. 2. Appeals by non-aligned nations and the Commonwealth Mission have had no visible effect. 3. The artificial isolation of Communist China through her absence from the U.N.O. is a complicating factor. 4. The intensification of warfare has not brought about a solution, and may have forced North Vietnam to rely more on China. 5. There is the danger that a major East-West conflict may develop, and that further intensification may lead to the use of nuclear weapons, with inevitably disastrous consequences. 6. The tragic fact that the interests, causes, fears and threats

of both sides in the war are similar in many ways and appear to be held with equal sincerity, while the basic needs of the people of Vietnam are not being met efficiently or effectively.

Although the Vietnam crisis was discussed widely in New Zealand, opinions tended to divide along traditional political lines. People who opposed the U.S. policy in Vietnam openly were alleged to have been under the influence of Communists, and it is to be regretted that reliable background information was not readily available.

The Methodist Church has expressed her view clearly on this issue, and on the issue of peace and war, but it would seem that further study is needed of ways of reconciling the policies of the great world powers and the ways in which social changes in underdeveloped countries can be made peacefully while basic human rights are achieved.

2. RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND ITS ADMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION.

The Vietnam crisis is complicated unnecessarily because of the absence of China from the United Nations, and as the New Zealand Government policy has not changed, we re-affirm last year's Conference Resolution.

3. MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL AID A NECESSITY.

- (a) Because 1966 is election year, the Committee draws the attention of the Church to Section 4, p. 96, 1964 Minutes: where Methodists are encouraged to advocate publicly a massive effort to aid underdeveloped countries by the Government, and to approach Members of Parliament, and to work through political parties towards this end; to paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, p. 105, 1962 Minutes, under the summons to action for preventing war and making peace where all men are summoned to feed the hungry, heal the sick, serve the destitute, and share our plenty with the millions of under-privileged; and where the Church and its members are called on to participate more effectively in national life, thrusting into politics, social life, community organisations, and civic and cultural affairs to work for a real partnership with non-Christians: while acknowledging our dependence on the grace of Christ and the power of the Spirit; and re-affirms Resolution 6, p. 105, 1963 Minutes: That Methodists take every opportunity this general election year of making known to political candidates their advocacy of increased aid as a means of positive peace making.
- (b) Deputation to Prime Minister seeking commitment by Government to increase progressively New Zealand's contribution to overseas aid to 1 per cent of the National Income, 28th October, 1964. Although assurance was given that the request would receive attention by Cabinet, to date. no announcement of intention to increase overseas aid has been made, nor is there allowance in the 1965 Budget for substantial increase. The Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs is arranging a further approach to the Prime Minister (Resolution 10, p. 99, 1964 Minutes).

4. SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE AND AID FUND APPEAL.

- (a) During 1964 £89 was received in donations and remitted to Defence and Aid, London.
- (b) As authorised by last Conference the Committee initiated the National Methodist Appeal, sending leaflets and envelopes to Circuits ordering them, and advertising the appeal through Methodist

publications. Varying degrees of response have resulted in £200 being donated to date, including £64 from an Auckland Circuit, and £25 from a local church in Wellington.

(c) National Committee for Defence and Aid. The N.C.C. Executive considered that a wider committee representative of professional and trades groups as well as Churches not affiliated with the N.C.C. should be formed. The Committee is taking steps towards the possible formation of a National Committee affiliated with Defence and Aid Fund (International).

5. JOINT COMMITTEE ON RACE AND SPORT.

Representatives of member Churches of the N.C.C., the Roman Catholic Church, and the major sports bodies in New Zealand met in July and in December, 1964, and twice in 1965. The following propositions were agreed upon without dissent:

(a) That it is in accordance with Christian and Sporting principles that national teams should be selected without regard to race.

(b) That there is value in keeping an open door in sporting relationships with countries where racial prejudice obtains. Such a situation provides an opportunity for improving human relationships.

(c) That Churches and Sports bodies should work for the embodiment of Christian principles in the field of international sport.

As further agreement was not possible without the consent of annual meetings of sports bodies, the Churches were invited to make their own submissions to the sports bodies as to how the principles should be applied. Our Committee is working on these suggestions.

6. PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE ON IMMIGRATION AND WORLD POPULATION PRESSURES.

At the invitation of the New Settlers' Committee the Convener attended the conference sponsored by that committee in conjunction with the International Relations Committee and the Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian Church. Much useful information was presented, and a full explanation given of the policy of the Immigration Division of the Department of Labour. One result of the invitation to a Methodist representative to attend was the decision to exchange Minutes between the Presbyterian International Relations Committee and our own Committee.

7. N.Z. COMMISSION OF CHURCHES ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

The National Council of Churches has located the new N.Z.C.C.I.A. in Wellington, under the convenership of Mr G. Cyril Burton. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the service rendered the C.C.I.A. by the Rev. D. G. Sherson, the convener to the end of 1964. With the establishment of the C.C.I.A. in Wellington, it is possible that the function of our Committee may change.

8. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION YEAR, 1965.

The focus of attention and world power on Vietnam has tended to detract from the purpose of I.C.Y. 1965, but there is a vast amount of positive constructive international co-operation now taking place, and the Churches can well give a lead in urging for a greater effort of this kind to mark the Twentieth Anniversary of the forming of the United Nations Organisation.

9. NEW ZEALAND'S CONTRIBUTION TO COSTS OF U.N.

While our Government is to be commended for meeting in full New Zealand's financial obligations to the United Nations Organisation, the present financial crisis of the world body is a matter for deep concern. We feel that our Government could well follow the lead given by the United Kingdom Government in making a substantial voluntary contribution towards the cost of per Reeping operations.

10. STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE NON-VIOLENT MEANS OF RESISTING AGGRESSION AND POLITICAL TYRANNY.

The Committee has before it in draft form material too extensive to be published in the Minutes, but which could be presented to the Church, suitably amended, in the form of a study. The Committee seeks permission to produce the study during 1966.

11. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

During the year the Committee received an enquiry about this organisation. The movement was commenced in London in 1961 by Mr Peter Benenson, a lawyer. It is described as an impartial humanitarian movement for freedom of opinion and religion, organised internationally to work for the release and relief of "prisoners of conscience" and their families. A "prisoner of conscience" is a person who does not advocate violence, yet is physically prevented—by imprisonment or other means—from expressing his own opinions through the spoken or written word. Amnesty International publishes the plight of prisoners, pleads for their release, watches political trials without political bias, reports on conditions in prisons, and helps the families of prisoners of conscience. It receives support from all political parties and all denominations in Britain and is supported by a large cross-section of world opinion. National sections are already established in sixteen countries, and a New Zealand group was formed in Wellington on 8th July, 1965. The normal procedure is for a group of 6-12 people to take responsibility for working on behalf of three prisoners—one from East, one from West, and one from a non-aligned country. The work is difficult and protracted, but possibilities of reducing the number of political prisoners are great. "I would particularly ask all those who are working in their different ways towards world peace, to make their contribution to this great new endeavour called Amnesty International"—Albert Schweitzer.

The International Affairs Committee is pleased to commend this movement, and its work to the Church.

12. VOLUNTEER SERVICE ABROAD.

In its excellent publication, "Project News", the Department of Christian Education lists—"Pound a Day—V.S.A." for financial support and making known opportunities for volunteer service as one of the 1965 projects for Women's and Men's Fellowships, youth clubs, uniformed organisations, adult groups, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Local C.Y.M.M. Councils.

APPENDIX: Names and Addresses of Overseas Aid and Humanitarian Organisations Commended:

National Headquarters "Freedom from Hunger Campaign", Box 2500, Wellington.

National Council of Churches "Interchurch Aid", Box 297, Christchurch. Volunteer Service Abroad, Box 3564, Wellington.

Defence and Aid Fund, 2 Amen Court, London, or C/- 100 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt.

Amnesty International, C/- Mrs Mary Bryan, 139 Upland Road, Kelburn, Wellington.

R. THORNLEY, Chairman.

E. HEPPELTHWAITE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Committee be asked to examine Communist and anti-Communist ideologies with a view to presenting a statement to Conference 1966.
- 3. That Conference reaffirm its appeal to the Government of New Zealand to recognise the People's Republic of China, and to press for its admission to the United Nations.
- 4. That Methodists take every opportunity during the general election year of 1966 of making known to political candidates their advocacy of increased overseas aid as a means of positive peacemaking.
- 5. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the Rev. D. G. Sherson's service as Convener of the N.Z. Commission of Churches on International Affairs.
- 6. That Conference urge the Government of New Zealand to make a substantial voluntary contribution towards the cost of United Nations peacekeeping operations.
- 7. That Conference authorise the International Affairs Committee, in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education, to prepare a study on non-violent means of resisting aggression and political tyranny.
- 8. That Conference commend the work of the five organisations listed in the Appendix to the generosity of the Methodist people.
 - 9. That a grant of £30 be made from the Contingent Fund.
- 10. That Conference views with grave concern the war in Vietnam. It deplores the great suffering and the loss of life of all peoples involved, as well as the destruction of the country's resources and property. It views with alarm the atrocities and hatred which the war is engendering. Conference further believes that there is no ultimate solution to this struggle along military lines, but only by way of negotiation, political freedom and improved living standards.
- 11. That Conference regrets the action of the New Zealand Government in sending a combat unit to Vietnam, because it believes that New Zealand's role should be to provide economic, technical and medical aid to this area.
- 12. That Conference appreciates the efforts made at the Prime Ministers' Conference to bring about a negotiated settlement, and affirms its support for any constructive efforts at reconciliation in Vietnam made by New Zealand or any other Government, and commends the initiative of the N.C.C. through the offices of the East Asian Christian Council.
- 13. That Conference specifically condemns the use of antipersonnel weapons such as Napalm, White Phosphorus and Lazy dog bombs in the Vietnam War, and the extension of bombing in North

Vietnam to include hydro-electric and irrigation dams, and urge the Government to use its influence to discourage the use of these weapons and the bombing of dams.

- 14. That Conference commends the special E.A.C.C. appeal for relief in Vietnam to the Methodist Church.
- 15. That Conference urges the Government to do everything within its power to ensure that all the people of Vietnam are allowed the opportunity of electing a Government of their own choosing at the earliest possible date, in accord with the decisions of the Geneva Convention 1954.
- 16. That Conference expresses its uneasiness with New Zealand's failing to make anywhere near adequate responses to the needs of under developed countries. Conference asks for a clear statement of intention by the Government to aim at raising the level of giving to overseas aid and development programmes to 1% of the national income. Conference again urges all Methodist people to increase their own giving to overseas aid organisations to 1% of their personal income.
- 17. That Conference strongly urge the major political parties to include in their manifestoes for the 1966 General Election a pledge to increase substantially New Zealand's economic aid to the countries of South East Asia.
- 18. That Conference notes with pleasure that the amount in hand for the South Africa Defence and Aid Fund is £642; and urges our people to continue their support.
 - 19. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 7 herein.

C—Temperance Committee

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The Committee has met regularly during the year, with a good average attendance of members.

Personnel: This year the Committee has consisted of Ministers and Laymen from the Hamilton and Cambridge Circuits only. Three members of the Waikato Maori Mission staff, including Sister Shirley Simpson, have joined the Committee and served most effectively.

The Committee has also sought to involve the corresponding members more fully in matters dealt with by the Committee. Much valuable information and assistance have been given with regard to such matters as Blood Testing of Drivers Suspected of Drinking, the Name of the Committee, and also the Compulsory Treatment of Alcoholics.

Appointment of Corresponding Members: As requested by Conference, the Committee considered the advisability of corresponding members being nominated on a District basis. We agree that it is wise to have District representation but have also included other interested people who are able to make a useful contribution to the cause of temperance in our Church.

Name of the Committee: For some time there appears to have existed a desire on the part of some of our church members, for a change in the name of the Temperance Committee. Suggestions were received from corresponding members and many helpful ideas were considered. After a good deal of thought by the Committee, the

name, "THE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL AND HUMAN RELA-TIONS" is recommended, as expressing in more acceptable form the aims and objects of our Church's temperance activities.

The Testing of Drivers Suspected of Being Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.

Resolution number 9 on page 103 of the 1964 Conference Minutes required the Committee to investigate and report on blood testing of suspected drunken drivers. Early in the Committee's deliberations it became apparent that consideration of blood testing only, and in respect of suspected drunken drivers only, was an inadequate treatment of the situation. Accordingly the Committee has chosen to introduce its report under the above heading because the testing of urine and breath has equally to be considered with the testing of blood. The Committee also feels that investigations into this field of human behaviour must include the drinking driver who has not become the drunken driver and must also be concerned with the effect of drug taking.

The Committee was primarily concerned with the introduction of an acceptable method of testing so that in any given situation drivers are clearly able to be judged whether or not alcohol is a contributory factor in accidents or fatalities.

1. The Situation We Face:

Widespread concern exists today over the ever-mounting toll of deaths and accidents on New Zealand roads. Last year 428 people were killed and 16,268 injured. Deaths for the first six months of 1965 are 292—an increase of more than 36% over those of the similar period last year. While various factors contribute to this grim picture, the overwhelming evidence is that the consumption of alcoholic liquor is one of the main causes.

Dr. W. M. Porteous, Publicity Officer of the Waikato Division of the British Medical Association, was recently quoted as saying: "There is every reason to believe that in at least half the cases (of road accidents) alcoholic intoxication is the main factor".

Dr. P. Lynch, the noted New Zealand Pathologist, at both the Annual Conference of the North Island Motor Union and the first School of Alcoholic Studies in 1963, made the notable observation: "It has become apparent and is now accepted in (many) countries that although the part that alcohol plays in road accidents is difficult of precise assessment, influence of alcohol is very much greater than any of us had hitherto suspected . . . Indeed, it is my belief that if one looks for causes of what are otherwise inexplicable fatal road accidents, one will find in the majority of cases, that alcohol has been the determining factor". The recently published Annual Report of the Transport Department revealed that at the end of last year there were 5800 people in New Zealand disqualified from holding a driver's licence. Of these, by far the largest number, 2,032, were off the road for drunken driving. A further 40 had been disqualified for being intoxicated in charge of a vehicle. The next largest group was that disqualified for dangerous driving—915. It would be interesting to know what part liquor played in these offences. In comparison 3,000 drivers were off the road during the same period in 1960/61".

2. Alcohol and Driving:

The driving of modern motor vehicles at all times demands the highest standards of mental alertness and an ability to react quickly to any situation. Anything that impairs these qualities should be viewed as a serious violation of social and moral responsibility. It is common knowledge that alcohol even in small quantities slows down the co-ordination of sight, hearing and thinking necessary for the quick reactions modern motoring demands.

Dr. W. H. Blinman Bull, British Medical Association Representative, in recommending blood testing of motorists, at the October 1964 meeting of the New Zealand Road Safety Council, stated:

". . . alcohol is a depressant of the higher brain centres which, being depressed, reduce the amount of control exhibited by the average person. As the build-up of alcohol progresses, more and more depression of centres occurs and especially of those governing the co-ordination necessary for a skill like driving. For instance, at quite an early stage the effect of alcohol is to produce an increase in lateral movement on the road and a shift of the main driving position away from the left-hand side to the crown of the road. With the higher blood alcohol concentration there is an everincreasing tendency to tolerate swings to the right and to avoid approaching the left-hand kerb too closely. This phenomenon is known as weaving and the results of the investigation by the Medical Research Council show that this can begin to occur at quite a low level of blood alcohol concentration, long before slurred speech or staggering gait".

It has been shown that where even so-called "experienced" drinkers, who showed no signs of intoxication, were tested by the Australian Police they revealed a common tendency to swing towards

the crown of the road and away from the left-hand kerb.

In New Zealand the Road Safety Council has recommended that the maximum alcoholic content of the blood, for motorists who wish to drive, should be less than 100 milligrammes per 100 millilitres of blood (100mg/100ml. or .10%). As an illustration, in Victoria, Australia, this represented the consumption of about nine glasses of beer containing 5% alcohol by volume.

3. Pressure to Conduct Tests:

Recently Transport Authorities, Medical men and sections of the press have been urging the introduction of Blood Tests. Present methods of assessing fitness for driving leave much to be desired; tests for the co-ordination of movement, clarity of speech, etc., having frequently produced conflicting views from medical men. It has been suggested also, that blood tests are an unwarranted intrusion upon the privacy of one's person. There may be some basis for this objection but in the interests of public safety is it not of greater importance to be able to detect by reliable evidence the driver who is unfit to drive through the consumption of alcohol? Other methods of testing have been suggested from time to time which may not meet with the same objections as do blood tests. We do not wish to say which of these tests should be adopted. In our view so long as the objective of accurately detecting the drinking driver is obtained, we do not think the method is important.

4. What Should the Christian's Attitude be?

As Christians we must view driving today as a responsible community matter. Others are involved every time a person drives a motor vehicle. "No man driveth unto himself". In this as in other matters we are answerable to God for our conduct.

While as a Church we admit that scientific research into a problem of this type lies outside our competence to deal with, we should nevertheless co-operate with and encourage those who are working to overcome this problem. From our point of view as Christians the problem of drink and driving is a moral and spiritual one. The most effective action we can take as individuals is to stand for personal abstinence. This is the time-honoured attitude our Church has urged its members to adopt and with the participation of so many in an increasing mechanical age, the need for such an attitude becomes increasingly obvious.

Compulsory Treatment of Alcoholics:

A Bill which may be introduced during the 1965 session of Parliament is expected to include provision for the compulsory treatment of alcoholics. This raises important issues in regard to the liberty of the individual. Has a man the right to drink himself to death? Present legislation under the Reformatory Act 1909 provides no treatment for the alcoholic other than custodial. The proposed legislation was considered by a conference convened last year by the Minister of Justice, who posed the question, "How far is the State justified in interfering in the life of the individual for the sake of his fellows or perhaps more pertinently, for his own good?"

The Committee recognises that freedom under the law does not entitle any man to be a law unto himself and that in the medical world it is not new for legislation to interfere with the liberty of the subject. Nevertheless, it is concerned at the thought of any arbitrary interference by the State in the affairs of an individual other than in

terms of extreme emergency.

Should an alcoholic become a nuisance, the Courts are competent to deal with the situation upon a complaint being laid. In any case those for whom alcohol is an overpowering problem, would be well advised to accept whatever medical treatment is available. However, we seriously question whether compulsion should be brought to bear on those who are neither a nuisance nor have failed to seek medical treatment. It is the opinion of the Committee that to classify over 40,000 citizens as alcoholics and to force them to undergo treatment is too serious an infringement of the liberty of the individual, however well intentioned the motive may be.

While appreciative of the insight and knowledge which views the alcoholic as somebody suffering from a disease, the Committee believes that alcoholism is still basically a moral problem.

The Committee commends the work of the National Society on Alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous and hopes that the work of these groups will be increasingly understood and supported.

Maori Temperance Society:

An encouraging development has been the revival of this Society, especially in the Waikato, where several members of our Maori Mission staff are members of the committee. Several years ago, during the time of Princess Te Puea, the Maori Temperance Society was organised within the Maori section of the National Council of Churches, and functioned chiefly in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty, under the Chairmanship of the Rev. J. G. Laughton. After a lapse of several years it is pleasing to note that this work is again being undertaken among our Maori people.

Christian Citizenship Sunday:

As a result of the decision made by Conference last year, observance of Temperance Sunday is now to be embodied in a wider Christian Citizenship Sunday. Planning for the observance of this Sunday has been entrusted to the Department of Christian Education from whom further information can be expected at the appropriate

time. This Committee has communicated to the Department of Christian Education the conviction that the consumption of alcoholic liquor is still a major problem in the community and has expressed the hope that consideration of this, will not be overshadowed by concern for other social evils.

This Committee still has a quantity of the booklets, "Methodist Temperance Policy Since 1950," by Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, which are available at 6d. per copy. This is a valuable study for all Church groups.

New Zealand Alliance:

The Rev. G. R. Thompson and Mr C. L. Worboys have worthily represented the Methodist Church on the Dominion Executive of the New Zealand Alliance. This Committee has been in regular contact with the Alliance and has been represented at its annual conference. Church members are urged to make use of the resource material available and the advice which the Alliance can give in local situations.

Change of Venue:

The Temperance Committee has now functioned in the Waikato for ten years, and it is felt that a change in the location of the Committee is desirable. A recommendation will be made to Conference.

D. H. PAYNE, Chairman. L. SHAPCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That a grant of £35 be made from the Contingent Fund.
- 3. That before the name of the committee is changed there be consultation between the Temperance Committee and the Department of Christian Education and the Public Questions Committee.
- 4. That Conference urge the Government to introduce, as a number of other countries have already done, a more effective and a compulsory method of testing drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 5. That Circuits and Home Mission Stations be asked to see that there is adequate emphasis on Temperance Education in Church life during the year and that specific reference be made to the Church's teaching on Temperance during Christian Citizenship Sunday.
- 6. That the Church Council look into the setting up of a Christian Citizenship Committee; the task of this Committee to be
- (a) the presentation to the Church of material to assist groups and congregations to appreciate issues of significance in the community and nation;
- (b) encouragement of groups within the Church to undertake study and enter into projects which will be of help to Christians in their vocations in the community;
- (c) challenge the Church to engage in projects of community and social service;
- (d) education of the Church regarding the pronouncements made by the Church to the nation and the community.

- 7. That Conference request the Government through the Health and Education Departments to conduct an educational campaign on the dangers of alcoholic drink along similar lines to the excellent campaign on cigarette smoking.
- 8. That the Committee be requested to send occasional articles to the Editor of the New Zealand Methodist and to the Press.
- 9. (a) That the Temperance Committee consider the suggestion that the Government be asked to introduce an improved ballot paper for use in the 1966 General Election, to replace the confusing and anomalous paper which electors have been obliged to use since 1918; the paper to be of such a design as will measure with clarity and accuracy the wishes of the electors in liquor licensing control.
- (b) That the Committee be asked to communicate with the Minister concerned, in these terms, and publicise his reply and the issue generally to our people prior to the next licensing poll.
- 10. That Conference directs the Temperance Committee to prepare for Synods and Conference 1966 a report on the up-to-date position of the Church as to the extension of closing hours in hotels and related matters connected with the licensing of restaurants after it has gathered all necessary factual information from overseas sources and taken into account current thinking for the various sections of the public within New Zealand.
- 11. That Conference express its appreciation of the valued contribution to the Church made by the members of the Temperance Committee while it has been centred in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District, noting especially the service of Mr D. H. Payne (Chairman) and the Rev. L. Shapcott (Secretary).
- 12. (a) That the Committee for 1966 be located in the Taranaki-Wanganui District.
- (b) That the Corresponding Members of the Committee be: Revs. D. I. A. McDonald, L. R. M. Gilmore, A. P. Dorrian, G. H. Goodman, B. E. Mackie, J. K. Watson, I. J. Clucas, R. S. Andrews, C. E. Roke, H. A. Darvill, P. D. Ramsay, G. R. Thompson, L. Shapcott; Mesdames C. Toomer, J.P., C. H. Singleton, Messrs D. H. Payne, A. H. Harman, F. H. Southgate, N. P. Alcorn, C. L. Worboys.

QUESTION 38.—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, 1965, are summarised herein.

1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

Receipts:						£	S.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account							3	7
Balance from last y						522,381	2	8
Loans from Church	Build	ing a	nd Loan	Fund	******	35,747	7	6
Loans from other s	sources	3	******	*****	*****	107,372	8	11
All other Receipts		*****				557,961	4	6
Total Receipts	******	*****	*****	*****		1,364,446	9	7
Debit Balances	nines:	*****	Zalene			70,415	7	5
Total	******					1,434,861	7	0

	Expenditure:				
	Debit Balance from Last Year	73,075	4	7	
	Loan Fund Instalments	21,384	12	4 8	
	Other Loans Repaid	69,065	8	8	
	Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	27,115	17	9	
	Purchase of Land, Erections or Additions to				
	Buildings	433,937	16	5	
	Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	230,863	12	5	
	Total Expenditure	855,473	2	4 9	
	Credit Balances	104,124	1		
	Balances held for Special Purposes				
	Total	1,434,861	7	0	
	- MOMAL OF PURE INCHES	7 000 000	0	0	
	2. TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCES	7,008,869	0	0	
	3. DEBT				
	Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	678,097	1	6	
	Add New Loans received during year	641 994	4		
-	Total	1 910 991	6	0	
	Deduct Loans repaid during year	01 000		10	
	Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	1,168,433	4	2	
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The above Schedule should be read in conjunction with the report from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee where details are given of individual property undertakings.

A comparison of main items reveals the following position:

- (a) General Trust Income: A decrease of £182,134.
- (b) Amount held for special purposes: A decrease of £28,042.
- (c) Amount spent on new projects of various kinds: A decrease of £270,658.

W. R. LAWS, General Secretary for Church Property.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the District Property Secretaries be thanked for their services and that appointments for 1966 be as under:

NORTHLAND:

Mr A. G. Kelly, 6 Nixon Street, Whangarei.

AUCKLAND:

Mr F. M. Souster, 408 Richardson Road, Auckland.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Mr C. R. Shoosmith, Thames Road, Paeroa.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Mr A. L. Fox, P.O. Box 678, New Plymouth.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Mr C. B. Radcliffe, 220 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

WELLINGTON.

Mr G. F. Whitlock, 114 Judd Crescent, Lower Hutt.

NELSON:

Mr A. C. Barrington, Riverside Community, R.D. 2, Upper Moutere.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Mr N. G. Hillary, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Mr A. J. Ganderton, 141 Forfar Street, Clyde Hill, Dunedin.

3. District Advisory Committees:

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

That District Advisory Committees be as named, together with the District Property Secretary and District Chairmen in each case. Convener: Chairman of the District.

NORTHLAND:

Messrs A. G. Kelly, W. J. Court and R. Howard.

AUCKLAND:

Revs. R. F. Clement, E. W. Hames, L. Greenslade, and L. R. M. Gilmore; Messrs A. M. McKerras, K. J. Rosser and L. O'Donnell.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Revs. R. H. Allen, A. O. Jones, A. K. Petch; Messrs W. B. Young A. A. Lilley and J. R. Horn.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Revs. L. P. Schroeder, A. A. Grundy; Messrs W. S. Thrush and J. P. Harding.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Rev. J. B. Dawson, 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:

Revs. N. W. Olds, J. Grundy and Messrs A. J. Marett and R. E. Littler.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Synod Standing Committee.

B—Church Building and Loan **Fund Committee**

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SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by January 31st, 1967, the sanction lapses. In some cases final sale price has not been determined (X).

Moerewa (Kaikohe-Bay of Islands) dwelling, £1,000.

Warkworth, 4/5ths acre, £2,700; Campbell's Bay (Auckland Central Mission), 4 acres 1 rood 17 perches (X); Sunset Road, Takapuna, 1 rood 34 perches, £1,400; Westney Road, Mangere, Classrooms, £250.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Paeroa Parsonage, £1,925; Thames Hall, £2,600; Te Puke Parsonage, £2,600.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Meremere (Hawera), Church Building (X); Midhurst Church Building (X); Raetihi Church, £500; Spotswood, New Plymouth, ½ acre, £3,100; Taraki Church (X).

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Wesley Camp, Feilding (X); Marton, 1 rood, £250.

Wellington:

Freyberg St., Levin (X); Paraparaumu Parsonage and 13 acres, £7,000; Lyall Bay Parsonage, £5,350; Miramar Parsonage £5,400.

Nelson:

Black's Point Church, £10; Kanieri (Gifted); Stockton Church Building (X).

North Canterbury:

Shirley Parsonage, £3,750; Linwood Dwelling, £1,000; Lincoln Road Parsonage, £2,750.

Otago-Southland:

North Invercargill, 1 rood 28 perches (Gifted); Dickison Estate (Dunedin Central Mission), 3 roods 10.7 perches, £6,100; Parsonage, 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, £3,650.

PURCHASES

The following purchases of land have been approved:-

Northland:

Kaikohe, 1 rood, £800.

Auckland:

Trinidad Estate, Takapuna, 26.7 perches, £735; Glenfield, 32 perches, £1,500; Glendowie, 13.9 perches, £250; Titirangi, 2 roods .1 perches, £4,800; Mangere, ¾ acre, £3,000.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:
Ngatea land (and Dwelling), £1,750; Hillcrest, 36.6 perches, £1,275; Rotorua, 32 perches, £1,100.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Spotswood, New Plymouth, 1 acre, £3,100.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Makotuku, 2 roods, £40.

Wellington:

Bledisloe Street, Levin (X).

North Canterbury:

North Camerbury:

North Beach, 39.3 perches, £500; Halswell, 1 rood 20.9 perches, £850; Addington, 34 perches, £650; Upper Riccarton, 40 perches, £1,800; Bryndwr, land (additional) £250; South Island Children's Home, 1 rood 26.6 perches, £2,200; Geraldine, 29.3 perches (Gift).

BUILDINGS

Purchases (P), Erections (E), Additions and Alterations (A). Plans and/or purchases have been approved as under. (In some instances approximate cost only can be given at date.)

Northland:

Dargaville, Dwelling, £800 (P); Omapere Church Hall (E); Kaitaia Parsonage (A); Kaikohe Parsonage (E), £8,200.

Auckland:

Auckland Central Mission, Dwelling (Mt. Eden), £5,000 (P); Home Mission Department, Dwelling (Papakura), £4,950 (P); Campbell's Bay, Dwelling, £7,000 (P); Auckland Central Mission, Hospital, Mt. Eden, £13,000 (A); East Tamaki, Classrooms, £2,000 (A); Trinidad Estate, Takapuna, Parsonage (E), £6,627; Trinity Theological College, 4th Tutor's Residence, £9,000 (E); Auckland Central Mission, Wesley Hospital, Occupational Therapy Unit, £10,000.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Paeroa Parsonage, £5,000 (P); Ngatea Church (A); Taupo Parsonage, £1,800 (A); Tokoroa Hall, £600 (A).

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Spotswood, New Plymouth, Dwelling, £4,500 (P).

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Longburn, Palmerston North, Room, £521 18s (E); Trinity, Napier, Church (A), £6,000, and Garage £150 (A); West End, Palmerston North, Church Hall, 6040 (A) ston North, Church Hall, £949 (A).

Wellington:

Epuni, Church Buildings and Contents (to Pomare), £1,000 (P); Wairarapa, Campsite Assommodation and Toilet Block, £2,410 (E); Cottle Street, Upper Hutt, Parsonage (E); Paekakariki, Church and Hall, £3,000 (A); Paekakariki, Parsonage, £1,600 (A); Carterton, Rooms, £125 (A).

Wesley House, Picton, Extensions, £20,782 (E); Nelson Camp Site, Toilet Block, £1,500 (A); Runanga Church (A); Reefton Parsonage (A).

North Canterbury:

Somerfield, Dwelling, £2,750 (P); Shirley, Parsonage, £6,500 (P); Durham Street, Dwelling, £5,300 (P); Bryndwr, Hall, £575 (A); Swannanoa, Church, £330 (A); Cashmere, Hall, £2,580 (A).

South Canterbury: Banks Street, Timaru (A).

Otago-Southland:

St. Kilda, Hall, £1,000 (A).

LOANS

Loans (interest-free)—Current (A): As at 31st May, 1965, there were 225 loans amounting to £134,846 6s 2d.

New Loans (B) amounting to £35,487 11s 9d, have been advanced to 35 Trusts as under:-

Northland:

Kaikohe, £1,000; Kawakawa-Kaikohe Parsonage Trust, £1,500; Wellsford, £1,000: Whangarei, £1,000.

Auckland:

Glen Innes, £1,000; Otara, £1,000; Glenfield ,£500.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Greerton, £1,000; Huntly, £1,000; Te Puke, £1,000; Te Kuiti, £1,000; Paeroa, £1,000; Taupo, £687 11s 9d; Hamilton East, £1,000; Melville, £1,000.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Whiteley, New Plymouth, £1,000; Waitara, £1,000.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Trinity, Palmerston North, £1,000; Havelock North, £1,000; Onekawa, Napier, £1,000; St. Paul's, Palmerston North, £1,000.

Wellington:

Stokes Valley, £1,000; Paraparaumu, £1,000; Porirua East, £1,000; Wairarapa Camp Site, £1,000.

Nelson:

Stoke, £1,500; Nelson Camp, £1,000.

North Canterbury: St. Stephen's, Masham, £1,000; St. Phillips, Christchurch, £250; Sumner, £1,000; Heathcote, £1,000; Somerfield, £1,000; Shirley, £1,500.

Otago-Southland:

Palmerston, £1,000; North Invercargill, £1,000.

(C) Loans Promised:

At date 24 loans totalling £27,500 have been promised to Trusts. The Committee has increased the maximum of its interest-free loans to £1,500 and in the case of some new causes the original loan has been increased. The Committee is making loans available as quickly as funds permit and feels gratified that the period of waiting has been greatly reduced.

The Committee has agreed with the decision of the Church Council to recommend to Conference that for the next two years the Church Extension Appeal be divided as follows:-

One-third Capital of Church Building and Loan Fund.

One-third direct grants to new causes.

One-third to Trinity Theological College for much needed renovations.

While conceding the urgency of the renovations at the College and the necessity of fulfilling promises made in past years, the Committee draws the attention of Conference to the fact that this inevitably means that the amount available for interest-free loans during the next two years will be reduced by approximately £14,000. This will increase the delay in making loans already promised and a further postponement of the Committee's aim to raise the maximum of its interest-free loans to £2,000.

With rising building costs, the need to build up the capital of the Fund remains urgent. The erection of buildings in new areas and

the replacement of buildings in old established causes will be made more difficult unless a larger amount of interest-free loans can be made available.

The Committee seeks the continued support of Methodists of means through gifts and legacies.

Sites Fund:

The following Trusts have received a grant for the purchase of a new site:-

Kaikohe £150, Dargaville £100, Glenfield £150, Titirangi £200, Spotswood, New Plymouth £150, Paraparaumu £150, Wainoni £150, North Beach £100, Halswell £100, Upper Riccarton £180.

Grants for new areas (Church Extension):

The amount carried forward from last year was £1,289 9s 7d. The sum of £6,388 11s 1d was received from the Connexional Budget, bringing the amount up to £7,678 0s 8d. Grants totalling £6,935 have been made as under, leaving a balance of £743 0s 8d to be disbursed.

Auckland:

Takapuna £1,000, Te Atatu £500.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Havelock North £1,000.

Wellington:

Taita Union £685.

North Canterbury:

St. Luke's, Halswell, £500; Masham £750; Lincoln Road £1,000; Islington £500.

Otago-Southland:

Broad Bay £1,000.

General:

The Committee would again emphasise the necessity of obtaining the permission of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee before new buildings are erected or alterations are proceeded with. In practice, the sooner preliminary sketch drawings are sent to the Committee for its comments the more expeditious is the outcome. Some Trusts are inclined to act precipitately with regrettable consequences both as regards the design of the buildings and the materials used.

The Committee would also underline the necessity of following recognised procedures and making use of the forms that are provided for applications for interest-free loans and for permission to purchase, sell or mortgage properties. The use of these forms enables all the necessary information to be clearly recorded and saves time and confusion.

Robert Gibson Memorial Trust:

It has been a source of great pleasure to the Committee that, during the year, the Robert Gibson Memorial Trust has been constituted, with the Connexional Secretary as an ex-officio member. The Committee looks forward to the erection of the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall at Manaia.

SUPPLEMENTARY

With pleasure I report to Conference that the Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D., has commended himself by his wide knowledge and growing understanding of the many property and financial matters confronting the Church. The work of the Department is of considerable magnitude as well as being of vital importance. Matters of detail are attended to with efficiency, sympathy and understanding. Conference should know that it can have complete confidence in its administration and direction by Mr Laws. The Church is indeed fortunate in the calibre of its new Connexional Secretary.

HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, in consultation with the Home Mission Department, be asked to consider the policy of planning new Parsonages, etc., in New Housing areas.
 - 3. That the Committee be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION 38-

C-Custodian of Deeds

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

1. TITLES.

For the year ended 30th June, the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:—

Northland:

Kaikohe (Parsonage); Moerewa (Dwelling).

Auckland:

Pitt Street (Sections—Great Barrier Island); Panmure (Church and Hall); Devonport (Church-hall site).

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Hillcrest (Parsonage Section); Hillcrest (Church-Hall); Melville (Parsonage); Matamata (Parsonage).

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Raetihi (Church).

Wellington:

Raumati Beach (additional land).

Nelson:

Springlands.

North Canterbury:

Islington (Parsonage); North Beach (Parsonage site); Upper Riccarton (Parsonage site).

Otago-Southland:

Palmerston (Church); Greenhills (Church).

2. NEW TRUSTS.

New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:—

Auckland:

Point Wells; Paparata.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Tamahere Eventide Home.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Raetihi.

Otago-Southland:

Port Chalmers-Sawyers Bay; Otatara; North Invercargill; Invercargill Central.

3. TRUSTEES.

Changes in the personnel of Trustees have been registered as under and certificates issued:—

		Trusts	Deletions	Registrations
Northland	******	18	50	25
Auckland		27	60	71
Waikato-Bay of Plenty		21	52	71
Taranaki-Wanganui		15	72	49
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	*****	11	23	25
Wellington		14	37	21
Nelson		14	27	29
North Canterbury		24	40	46
South Canterbury		7	27	28
Otago-Southland		20	57	81
		171	445	446

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- QUESTION 39.—What is the condition of the various Mission, Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?

1—The Probert Trust Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1965.

The Annual Financial Statement shows that the income of the Trust again maintains an increase in Rentals and Interest on Investments.

The allocation for the Building Renewal Reserve has now reached £27,000.

The upkeep of properties, both houses and the 3 blocks of shops, has been carefully maintained under the supervision of the Board's architect.

The recent Government Valuation of properties shows a marked increase in unimproved values. The pattern of development in the area of our properties has been affected by both the Bridge and the Motorway projects.

The appropriations for the year were as follows:—£2,000 to Trinity College.

£2,500 to Building Renewal Fund.

The Board proposes during the coming year to remit the sum of £1,000 of the Principal sum loaned to Trinity College for the purpose of Building the Fourth Tutor's house.

The Members of the Board are:—Dr. D. O. Williams, Rev. W. E. Hames, Rev. 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.

It will be necessary to replace Rev. E. C. Leadley, in view of his impending departure for the Islands, and the Board proposes to nominate Rev. E. D. Grounds to take his place on the Board.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman. F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2—Prince Albert College Trust

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

This financial year has seen the completion of major revenue earning capital work. All assets have been utilised fully and profitably.

Details of Trustees' administration is as follows:

1. Rembrandt Private Hotel and Annex:

These buildings are let under two agreements; the Hotel being let until 1972, the annex until 1968, with right of extension on the annex only under stated conditions which would allow the trust to develop the area if required.

The new lease for the Annex has provided a marked increase in the nett return on this asset.

2. Queen Street Shops:

The seventeen shops have been fully let, twelve on tenancy agreements expiring in October, 1967, the remaining five on a weekly basis. Weekly rentals have been increased; however, the effect will not be apparent until next year's accounts are completed.

As a result of heavy maintenance expenditure over the last two years and the deferment of some work, maintenance costs on the shops have been reduced considerably this year.

The Board is conscious that progressive replacement of these buildings is desirable as soon as economically feasible.

3. I.B.M. Building:

This building has now been in full use by tenants for a full year. Tenants have expressed themselves well satisfied with the facilities provided in return for their rent.

It has been found that heavy rain falling on the Brown built roof is too noisy for the comfort of tenants on the top floor. The cost of eliminating this problem will be approximately £400.

4. Nett Income:

After deducting all expenses and charges, Trust nett income has, this year, reached £13,090. This is a 100 per cent. increase on 1964 results.

This is the first year in which income has been received from the I.B.M. building and also from a new Car Park, which was completed at the end of 1964. New lease agreements have also contributed to the increase.

5. Funds:

Funds this year have been utilised in completing two capital projects. As building development must take place on this property as quickly as resources and economic conditions permit, cash funds available have been invested in local body stocks at very satisfactory earning rates.

The final instalment of mortgage was uplifted during the year and all capital and mortgage charges met when due.

Capital indebtedness is now £60,000.

6. Development of Property:

A forty-lot Car Park was completed and brought into operation in December, 1964. Rental has been set at a reasonable rate and all lots have been fully occupied since opening the area.

The development of this area, together with the I.B.M. building and its related road widening and reconstruction, has opened up the entire property, as well as utilising profitably some of the unused land.

When planning the I.B.M. building, provision was made for its extension. It is pleasing to report that negotiations are at present taking place between the principal tenants and the Trust to complete the extensions. It is possible that construction may start before the end of the year.

Before proceeding with the extension, Trustees will require the greater proportion of the additional space available to be pre-let.

Five year lease agreements for the Queen Street shops expire in 1967. If possible the Trust would proceed with the re-development of part of this work. As this will again involve a very major commitment of funds, very careful economic analyses will be carried out before any project is proceeded with in this area.

7. Conclusion:

This property has seen substantial development completed during this financial year and further development is at present under consideration. A considerable nett income increase has been achieved in the year.

This property has, without doubt, a tremendous development potential. However, that potential is limited by the funds available and also by economic justification of particular projects.

R. A. BARFOOTE, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

3—The James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Fund Trust Board

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965

Grants amounting to £570 have been made during the year. Applications for assistance for needy Methodists of good standing for whom inadequate provision is made by any other fund of the church or elsewhere, are given sympathetic and confidential consideration.

The Board depends upon our Ministers to sponsor such applications, and application forms are made available on request from any

circuit or Home Mission station in the Dominion.

The Board rejoices in the privilege of disbursing these gifts which cheer the way for the numerous beneficiaries who thus are blest by the generous provision of the founders—the late Mr and

Mrs James and Martha Trounson.

The Board is as follows:—Mr L. W. Peak (Chairman), Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, A. H. Scrivin, W. Walker, F. Copeland, G. I. Laurenson, E. W. Hames, M.A., B. M. Chrystall, B.A., E. E. Sage (Secretary), Messrs J. S. Caughey, K. M. Griffin, G. S. Gapper and C. K. Wigglesworth.

L. W. PEAK (Chairman).

E. E. SAGE (Secretary).

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Board, as named in the Report, be re-appointed.

4—The Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference our report on the Board's activities for the year ended 30th June, 1965.

Masterton Children's Home:

The Home has continued to fulfil a useful purpose under the capable guidance of the local Home Committee. The Board endorses the report of the Committee which has been presented to the Conference through the M.S.S.A., and records its appreciation of the efforts of all who have assisted with the work of the Home.

Rangiatea Maori College Trust:

The Hostel has again made a worthwhile contribution to the welfare of a section of our Maori people. Our contribution to the work of the College Trust Board is principally financial, and contact with the work of that Board is maintained through our three representatives, Messrs G. C. Burton, T. M. Pacey and A. D. Priestley.

Financial:

Net income of the Board has shown a small increase of £191 following reinvestment of maturing investments at improved rates of interest. The net figure of £3,236 has been divided equally between the Masterton Home and Rangiatea College Trust, each receiving £1,618.

Obituary:

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr C. H. Hain, who was appointed to the Board by the last Conference.

Resignation:

Mr Derek Tayler has tendered his resignation for health reasons. Since his appointment to the Board in 1949 Mr Tayler has made a sterling contribution to our work and his wise counsel will be greatly missed. We wish him a speedy improvement in health.

Social Workers:

The Board has given consideration to a request from the Central District Methodist Social Services Association for a contribution towards the cost of maintaining two social workers whose efforts will supplement the work of the Masterton Children's Home, and some reallocation of the current year's revenue will be made.

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 report of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home Committee be approved and that the personnel nominated therein be the Committee for the ensuing year.
- 3. That Messrs G. C. Burton, T. M. Pacey and A. D. Priestley be re-appointed to represent the Board on the Board of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust.
- 4. That the death of Mr C. H. Hain, and the resignation of Mr D. de P. Tayler be recorded with regret.
- 5. That the Rev. R. Thornley be re-appointed Chairman of the Board.

5—The Emsly Trust Board

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6—Grey Institute Trust

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

During the year death has claimed Arthur Henry Bone, one of our most valued and able Trustees.

The Rev. W. H. Greenslade moved on to a new appointment at Rotorua and the Rev. L. P. Schroeder has replaced him as Chairman of the Trust. We desire to record our sincere appreciation of the keen interest taken in the affairs of this historical trust by Rev. Greenslade during the seven years he was Chairman.

Most of the year's work has been connected with the renewal of leases which take effect from 1st December, 1965. The procedure for renewals and the new rentals for the further term of 21 years, as offered by the Trustees to Lessees, having been accepted almost unanimously, our solicitors have pushed ahead with the completion of the required documents. We are pleased to report that in no case has arbitration been necessary.

Considerable thought has been given to the variation of leases to provide for the erection of multi-unit dwellings on single sections. Several examples of this new trend of building have been before the Trust and our solicitors have drawn a special clause to be incorporated in leases where the erection of multi-unit dwellings and motels are involved.

A grant of £1000 has been made to Rangiatea Maori College Trust.

Renovations to the old Mission house and adjacent Church have been carried out during the year. The Trust has supplied the paint and the Maori people occupying the buildings have painted them free of charge. The Home Mission Board's dwelling occupied by the Rev. A. Pihama and family has also received sundry repairs and renewals.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

7—Kai Iwi Mission Estate

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

8-Robert Gibson Trust

On August 16th, 1965, after protracted negotiations covering several years, the Trust was formally registered, and is now free to function in accordance with the Supreme Court Order made on the 25th February of this year.

Because we deem it proper that the whole Church should be aware of the terms of the Order, as they concern the use of monies earned within the Trust, we give the following shortened extract therefrom.

"The assets shall be held by the Trust Board upon the Trusts hereinafter appearing."

- 1. To set aside out of accumulated funds a sum of £20,000 as a reserve fund, to be held in perpetuity as a depreciation and replacement fund and for the management and development of the Trust farms.
- 2. To apply out of accumulated funds the sum of £15,000 in or towards erecting, furnishing, and equipping a youth hall in Manaia to be known as the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall and to make an annual grant as necessary towards maintenance of same.
- 3. In making such annual grants from the income as the Methodist Conference on the recommendation of the Trust Board shall from time to time decide, either to the Boards of Management of the Methodist Children's Homes at Auckland and Masterton or to any organisations set up in the North Island of New Zealand by the Methodist Conference to continue the work of the Children's Homes and the care of dependent children.

4. In paying such bursaries as the Methodist Conference on the recommendation of the Trust Board shall from time to time decide. Such bursaries shall be granted to assist boys, girls, young men and young women to attend a university (whether as undergraduates or for post-graduate study in New Zealand or overseas.

In the granting of such bursaries special preference shall be given to orphans and to persons whose parents are Methodists or Presbyterians and who also desire to follow an agricultural course.

5. In applying any income not otherwise disposed of for or towards the charitable educational and religious purposes of the work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand among children and young people, with preference for work in the Taranaki-Wanganui Synodal district.

When approving the scheme, Mr Justice Haslam commended the bursary provisions and requested that they should be given wide publicity by being included in University and other publications. Mr L. M. Moss has conferred with Dr. Llewellyn, the Chairman of the University Grants Committee, whose assistance and advice will be available to the Trust Board in formulating the bursary by-laws.

The Board, which has been functioning in an advisory capacity for a number of years, has now entered upon its administrative duties.

Following upon its registration on the 16th August it met at Hawera on the 19th of that month. Besides electing its officers, committees of control, and formulating various policy measures, it authorised the construction of the £15,000 Robert Gibson Memorial Hall at Manaia. This will go forward immediately subject only to completion of plans and calling of tenders.

Having only now entered upon its inheritance the Board craves the indulgence of the Church, regarding what is possible under the directives given by Conference and the Court. It faces considerable expense in the replacement of certain farm buildings and it will be necessary to consolidate and 'add up' the position before grants and bursaries can become effective.

The District Public Trustee, who has administered the Estate over many years, is acting as Secretary Administrator for the Trust, and correspondence regarding Trust matters should be addressed to him at Hawera.

MAGNUS HUGHSON, Chairman.

RESOLUTION

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 2. That the members of the Board be: The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, the Superintendent Minister of the Manaia Circuit, the Superintendent Minister of the New Plymouth Circuit, and Messrs S. W. Bailey, H. J. R. Donald, J. P. Harding, M. Hughson, A. M. Moss, O. T. Parry, R. J. Thomas.

QUESTION 40.—What is the Report of the Board on Connexional Insurance?

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT

A.

New Contract:

The year ended May 31, 1965, marks the conclusion of the first year of the new ten-year contract. The changeover has been effected smoothly and the arrangements have worked out satisfactorily.

New Insurance (Fire) totalling £539,699 has been effected. Our re-insuring agents have paid out in full claims totalling £6,443 8s 3d (Fire), £64 7s 6d (Employers' Liability), and £40 6s 0d (Public Liability).

Connexional Public Liability Insurance:

As approved by last Conference a Dominion cover was effected to indemnify Trusts against claims arising at churches, preaching places, schoolrooms and parsonages for an indemnity of up to a maximum of £100,000 for any one accident. The policy was taken out on November 22nd, 1964.

It was found possible to reduce the premium on schoolrooms from £2 1s 6d to £1 18s 3d.

The majority of Circuits have accepted quite readily the basis on which the annual premium chargeable to Trusts has been worked out, though some would have preferred the allocation to be on a membership basis. As was to be expected, there has had to be some adjustments due to varying interpretations of the statistical returns.

It should be clearly understood that the Occupiers' Liability Act 1962 explicitly states the responsibility of the occupier as well as the owner of a property. Because the owners of a building used as a preaching-place have Public Liability Insurance cover does not dispense with the possibility of a claim being made against the Methodist Church of New Zealand arising out of an accident that could be attributed to some act of negligence on the part of the officials of our Church as occupiers.

It needs also to be stated that the fact that a building owned by the Methodist Church of New Zealand is used seldom or irregularly does not remove the desirability of Public Liability Insurance cover. In fact, the infrequent use of the building could be conducive to neglect on the part of the Trustees and result in a claim.

Trusts owning tenanted properties should avail themselves of Public Liability Insurance to indemnify them against claims from accidents arising through their liability as owners of the property. This liability is clearly defined in the new Occupiers' Liability Act referred to above.

General:

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the community is becoming increasingly claims conscious. The Church needs to be adequately insured against Employers' and Public Liability claims as well as against Fire and related risks.

The annual financial statements for the year ended 31st May, 1965, are presented to Conference with this report.

NCOME:	£
Premiums and Commission amounted to With interest from Mortgages, Debentures and Deposits	5465
amounting to	3905
The total earned income was	9370
Deducting administration costs The amount left to be transferred to Profit and Loss	1512
Appropriation Account was	7858
Adding to this amount carried forward from last year	10
(£8) and Grants Refunded (£2)	10
The total herein was	7868
After provision for Grants (1965) £6,000, and Fire Loss Reserve £204, and Transfer to Accumulated Funds	
£1400 End Transfer to Accumulated Funds	7604
The Balance carried forward was	6004
The Dalance carried forward was	2204

CLAIMS:

The year ended May 31, 1965, marked the conclusion of the first year of the new ten-year contract.

Our re-insuring agents have paid out in full claims totalling £6,443/8/3 (Fire), £64/7/6 (Employers' Liability), and £40/6/0 (Public Liability).

Fire Loss Reserve:

This year the sum of £204 was added to this Reserve which now stands at £40,000. £1400 was transferred to Accumulated Funds. Last year £2500 was transferred to Accumulated Funds.

Investment Contingency Reserve:

This now stands at £3244/17/10.

New Insurance:

New and additional insurance (Fire) written up during the year amounted to £539,699 compared with £677,592 for the previous year.

Grants:

The Fire Insurance Fund Board has been much exercised in mind by the instruction of last Conference—on a very divided vote—to pay to the appropriate committee the sum of £4,000 in each of the years 1965-1966 and 1966-1967 towards the financing of the proposed new Connexional paper.

The Board has questioned the validity and the wisdom of this instruction.

The Board has received a legal opinion to the effect that the resolution of Conference was in order but it must be interpreted in the light of the Regulations of the Fund—Law Book pp. 150 to 152, especially regulation (16) p. 152, which reads:

(a) The Conference may direct the Board to apply or grant any sum or sums from such divisible surplus as shall be determined by the Board towards any Trust or Fund established or to be established by the Conference.

(b) The Board shall recommend to the Conference any grants to be made from any annual divisible surplus.

The Board has, therefore, decided to follow the procedures approved by Conference and found to be eminently satisfactory over the years.

As already mentioned in this report, the Board has decided to transfer to Accumulated Funds the following amounts:—

£204 required to bring these Funds up to a total of £76,000 as was agreed 12 months ago;

£1400 the minimum amount that must be put aside annually, if at the end of 10 years the Accumulated Funds are to amount to £90,000—the very minimum reserve that the Fire Insurance Fund should carry. We would point out that the total amount of Fire Insurance cover carried by the Fund is at present £5,766,645.

This was done in strict conformity with the policy of the Board as indicated to the Conference Committee of Detail of Finance and Stewardship and to the Hamilton Conference.

The Board decided that the divisible surplus would be £6,000.

In recommending to Conference the grants that should be made from this divisible surplus, the Board has had in mind the policy that it has followed over the last 8 years of recommending that the grants be for capital expenditure of a Connexional nature. This policy has evidently commended itself to the Conference which has approved the Board's recommendations. The Board is firmly convinced that the needs of the Church are such that the continuance of such a policy is in the best interests of the Church as a whole. Hence the following recommendation:—

Home Acquirement Fund (in Law Book, page 143, par						£ 532
Sites Fund (see Law Book, p	age 1	54, para	agraph	517		£ 500
Church Building and Loan I	rund					£1000
Supernumerary Fund (Capit	al)			******		£1000
Church Extension Appeal				*****	14114	£ 500
M.S.S.A	******	******	******	******		£1500
Trinity Theological College			i no	· interior		£ 500
Additional Reserve	****				*****	£ 468
						-

The Board realises that the issue of the Church paper could be re-considered but, if a grant is made to the Church Paper Committee of £4,000, the Board recommends that the following grants only be made:—

Home Acquirement Fund	******	*****	*****		*****	£532
Sites Fund		*****	******		*****	£500
Church Building and Loan	Fund	******		-		£968

Home Acquirement Fund:

The Fire Insurance Board has been approached by the Supernumerary Fund Board regarding the possibility of an additional subsidy. The Board is sympathetic to the request and recommends to Conference that the subsidy be increased from £2 to £4 for each member of the fund as from February 1, 1967.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman. B. A. CAYGILL, Treasurer. W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted with the exception of the last two paragraphs in the section on Grants ("In recommending to Conference . . . Church Building and Loan Fund . . . £968").
- 2. That the following grants be approved: Home Acquirement Fund £532; Sites Fund £500; Church Building and Loan Fund £468; Trinity Theological College £500; "N.Z. Methodist" Committee £4000.
- 3. That Law Book, page 143, paragraph 512 (2) (b) be amended to read: A subsidy of £4 per annum for each member of the Fund from the Fire Insurance Fund, as from February 1, 1967.
- 4. That the following be referred to the Board for consideration: That the rates of Public Liability Insurance of £1/18/3 and 15/4 should be reviewed as the rates fall most unfairly on Country Circuits with a large number of preaching places, and that these rates be replaced by rates based on a graduated scale according to the size of the congregations.
- 5. That if possible, the Board's recommendationes for grants be placed before Synods as well as Conference.
 - 6. That the Board for 1966 be as printed on page 5 herein.

QUESTION 41—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

The Committee has continued to exercise a measure of oversight of the Connexional Office.

Transport Trust Board:

At the request of the Board located in Wellington the Connexional Office agreed to take over the operation of the Transport Trust Board as from November 1, 1964. No difficulty was experienced in Christchurch in obtaining personnel for a Transport Trust Board. Mr F. W. Blackwell is Lay Treasurer and the Connexional Secretary Ministerial Treasurer.

Renovations of Office and Boardroom:

In conjunction with the Supernumerary Fund Board, the Committee is arranging for the office and boardroom to be completely renovated and refurnished. This has been rendered necessary by the increasing volume of work. The Boardroom is being redesigned to make provision for extra staff. Improved office equipment is essential. The possibility of mechanisation is being provided for.

Church Structure:

The Committee has followed with interest the deliberations of the Church Council and is fully in agreement with the proposals for the Central Office—its staffing and its functions—as recommended to Synods and Conference this year. Provided finance and staff are available, the Committee is willing to implement these proposals as soon as Conference requests. Renovations of the office and the boardroom have been planned so as to allow for flexibility, extra staff and a greater volume of work.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman. W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 2. That the following departmental appropriations be approved: Supernumerary and allied Funds £1100; Fire Insurance Fund £1300; Church Building and Loan Fund £850; General Purposes Trust £650; Methodist Times £600; Transport Trust Board £52.
 - 3. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 42.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

Trinity Methodist Theological College

REPORT, 1965 A—COUNCIL REPORT

Property: After careful consideration the Council authorised the building of a house on the College property to accommodate the fourth Tutor and his family. The name of the new residence is to be "Ranston House". The house will be occupied by the Silvester family in August, 1965.

Renovations to the College buildings include the five rooms on the first floor above the library with the reversal of the corridor to the other side of the building, thus allowing the rooms to get the benefit of the sun.

The partition between the old classrooms has been demolished, thus making one large lecture-room for combined classes and the occasional social function.

Vinyl tiles have been laid in the College vestibule, as the result of a generous gift. Renovations have been completed to the Principal's office. This was long overdue, and includes new furnishings which now gives the office a very pleasing appearance indeed.

Renovations are to be carried out at "Buttle House" in accordance with the requirements of the City Council for fire protection. While bringing the house up to the required standard other renovations and improvements will be done as well.

The first Triennial Visitation has been carried out. The Rev. W. Laws and Mr W. E. Donnelly met first with a Council sub-committee prior to an extensive survey of the College property.

College Staff: At the opening service of the College for the year the Rev. J. Silvester, M.A., was inducted into the position of Tutor in Theology and is now well established on the Staff. The Council is grateful indeed for the efforts of the Principal and his Staff in making the College an effective medium for the training of the Ministry and Schoolers, and the Church is indebted for the calibre and quality of the teaching work. Added to his untiring care and oversight of the College building and renovation programme, Dr Williams is devoting a certain amount of time to the training of Counsellors for the Counselling Centre located in the Central Mission buildings. This is a service which will in time be of great value to the whole Church in its task of caring and out-reach.

House Staff: The College is being well served by Mrs Thomas as Housekeeper at present, but unfortunately this is only until the end of the year. There is at present urgent need for a Housekeeper for the College to commence duties after Mrs Thomas leaves.

Foundation for Halls of Residence: The Foundation has launched an appeal for £100,000 and by the end of December, 1965, this amount will have been promised. It is hoped with the help of the Government subsidy to erect two four-storey blocks as part of the total scheme for 300 residents.

At the end of last year the Rev. L. P. Schroeder relinquished the position of Secretary of the College Council after serving in this capacity for six years. He was warmly thanked for his services prior to taking up his appointment at New Plymouth.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman, E. R. LE COUTEUR, Secretary.

B-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1965

With the intake of fourteen first year men the College is at record strength. Schoolers number fourteen and when, as for the Sermon Criticism Class or the Occasional Lecture, all are gathered together, forty-nine students fill the large classroom. This year the nine schoolers who live away from home have been housed in Buttle House but have taken their meals at Trinity. This has proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement.

Of the divinity students eleven live out and receive the living-out allowance and twenty-three are resident in the College. Hostel men, thirty-seven in number, occupy the remaining rooms and the College has been full for the year. There is a great demand for hostel accommodation in Auckland and it will be a great day for us all when the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational Foundation completes the

first stage of its Halls of Residence project.

The devotional life of the College has been very satisfactory this year and we have been appreciative of the interest shown by the Hostel men. The third year men held a Mission at Whangarei during the May vacation and gained a great deal of experience in planning and carrying through an evangelistic campaign in which a variety of approaches was used. These included a Teenage Cabaret featuring the College Band—The Trinitones—who also supplied the music for most of the services; daily children's sessions which culminated in a specially appealing morning service on the last Sunday of the Mission; a mid-day question and answer session held on the week days; a Hangi Service in which the Maori students took the lead and which was attended by a large congregation of both races; house to house visitation in new building areas; and visitation of Maori families.

Mr Robert Te Whare was elected Senior Student for 1965 and Mr Stan West Vice-Senior Student. Under their leadership the students have maintained a busy round of studies and devotional gatherings and have co-operated well in the work afternoon programmes.

Fifteen students are taking University courses. Eleven are studying for Arts Degrees and four are enrolled with the University of Otago for B.D. subjects. This is gratifying evidence of the value of raising our entrance standards and we hope that, as time goes by, an increasing number of students will be graduates and thus able to take B.D. subjects while at Trinity.

The teaching staff is now at full strength with the return of Rev. J. Silvester from studies overseas. Mr Silvester is taking all the Systematic Theology lectures and Greek for the Schoolers. Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., continues to help us and has lectured in Church History and Christian Ethics and also taken the School for Church History. Rev. L. C. Horwood takes a combined class of first year men and

schoolers for Sermon Construction and Rev. Ranginohoora Rogers has continued his lectures in Elementary Maori and Maori Culture. Miss E. Slaney, M.A., has conducted classes in English for the non-university students. The Vice-Principal has taught Old Testament at all levels and has taken the Schoolers for English. He also teaches Intermediate Greek and takes two graded classes in Hebrew. Rev. J. A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D., has taken all the New Testament subjects for College and School and has taught Senior Greek.

Both Dr Lewis and Mr Ziesler devote extra time to tutorial work with the B.D. students. The Principal has conducted classes in Religious Education, Pastoral Care and Counselling, and Advanced Homiletics. He also takes the Junior Greek class and leads the weekly Sermon Criticism Class. This year a special class in Counselling has

been held for Baptist and Congregational Students.

Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A., has taken most of the Occasional Lectures this year and has covered in detail the work of the minister in the local circuit. These have been most helpful addresses and have been greatly appreciated by the students. The President of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary and Mr W. E. Donnelly, M.A., have also addressed the students during the year and their visits have been very helpful to us.

We were delighted to have Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., with

us again as Occasional Lecturer.

The Triennial Visitation of the College was carried out this year by the Conference appointees, Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D., and Mr W. E. Donnelly, M.A. They moved freely among the students, and savoured all aspects of college life. Their visit was conducted in a most courteous and friendly way and they endeared themselves to staff and students alike.

My personal thanks are due to my colleagues who have given me all the support and encouragement that any Principal could wish and to the students who have co-operated energetically to make 1965 a very satisfactory college year.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Principal.

C—TREASURER'S REPORT, TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

The College Council have this year included the House Account in the Annual Financial Statement. The House Account is operated by Rev. J. A. Ziesler for the day to day running of the College, and as it contributes funds for general maintenance and renovations, it was felt that if this account was included, it would give a clearer picture of this aspect.

To summarise briefly the position of the College finances:-

Income and Expenditure: At 30th June we have a Credit Balance of £313 7s 8d.

Building Fund: To the 30th June we have received progress payments of a loan from the Probert Trust of £4,500 for the erection of the Fourth Tutor's house. This account is in debit at the bank by £92 15s 0d, and owes the Library for renovations £205 0s 0d; so at balance date, 30th June, it is in the red to the extent of £297 15s. 9d.

Organ Fund: Accumulated Interest-£493 15s 0d.

House Account: Has a cash balance of £309 5s 2d, and a loan of £1,000 from Building Fund. This loan will be used for renovations to Beckham Place which must be done immediately.

By the time we have completed the house for the Fourth Tutor, approximately the end of August, and finished the repairs on Beckham Place, we will have borrowed from the Probert Trust Board the sum of £10,000. We are very grateful to them for their support, enabling us to build the house for the Fourth Tutor, and we hope that grants will be made to the College as soon as possible to repay this.

This is a period of major renovations and expansion in the history of the College, and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who are contributing to our finances. Good progress has been made,

but there is still plenty to do.

Our thanks also go to the students for the work they do in main-

taining College property.

To the Principal and the Tutorial Staff my sincere thanks for their co-operation, and may I here acknowledge all they do in the general business administration of the College.

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Reports of the College Council, the Principal and the Treasurer be received and adopted.
 - 2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 3. That thanks be expressed to Trinity College Staff and Council for their continued valued service to the Connexion.
- 4. That Conference congratulates the Presbyterian-Methodist and Congregational Foundation on the success of its recent appeal for Halls of Residence in Auckland.
- 5. That Conference congratulates the Rutherford Hall Committee on its progress towards the establishing of the Hall of Residence on the site at Ilam of the new University of Canterbury.
 - 6. That the Council be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 43.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Colleges and Hostels?

(1) Wesley Training College

A.—REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1965

It is with gratitude that we report a most satisfactory year filled with incident and progress.

The most important event during the year was the retirement of Rev. E. M. Marshall as Principal of the College and the appointment of Mr C. A. Neate, M.A., Dip.T., as from 1st February, 1965. The installation of the new Principal was marked by a Commissioning Service held at the College before the School and many supporters and friends. This was the first time that such a service had been held in the history of the College and proved a most impressive occasion. The Board is very pleased to report that it is most satisfied with the manner in which Mr Neate has taken up his duties and in his conduct of the College.

To assist in the administration and discipline of the College it was decided to create a new position of Vice-Principal to which Mr E. Tauroa, B.Ag.Sc., a Maori Old Boy of the College, was appointed.

As a result of the General Wage Order, the recruitment of more highly qualified staff and the additional positions created at the College, it was deemed necessary to increase the College fees to £100 per term, to take effect from the commencement of the 1965 school year. It remains the Board policy to encourage the enrolment of Maori pupils by granting reductions of fees by way of scholarships and general bursaries and of the Beneficiary Work grant of £2360 for the year under review £1830 was applied to Maori pupils.

A new departure has been introduced in that a small number of day boys have been admitted to the College as an experiment and present indications are that this scheme will be able to continue on a limited scale in the future.

From the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet submitted with this Report it will be noted that the Board's overall finances are in a buoyant state but extensive plans for the extension and improvement of the College are in train at the moment. The very good financial result achieved for the year was brought about by accurate budgeting and careful control of expenditure which enabled the exceptional receipts from scoria royalties to be conserved with the result that the investments and cash reserves were substantially increased. This has given encouragement to the Board to embark on the first stages of a new building programme at Paerata. A new residence for the Vice-Principal and four sealed Tennis Courts have been completed and the remaining programme, involving approximately £65,000 is to be carried out as finances permit with the order of priority being, Married Master's House, Alterations to Hospital, New Laboratory, New Classroom Block comprising 4 Classrooms, Masters' Common Room and other facilities, New Principal's Residence, Alteration to existing Principal's Residence to provide two flats and accommodation for the Teacher-Chaplain.

The two light industrial sections at Maurice Harding Park have been leased and the whole of this property is now fully income earning. The residential leases on the Waikowhai Park Estate, Mount Roskill, are progressively falling due for renewal and increased rents are being obtained from this source. The present policy of the Board is to renew these leases with the rental being calculated on the basis pupils, and second, two other religious groups are numerically stronger than the Methodists in the school. The first, we hope to remedy by closer liaison with the Maori Education Foundation, but the second seems to indicate that last year's conference resolution (Resolution hardship in the payment of the new rental.

During the year resignations from the Board were received from Mr A. W. Westney, who had served for a period of thirty-three years during which time he had contributed largely to the work of the Farm Committee, holding the chairmanship of that Committee for a number of years, and Mr R. S. McDonald after five years of service, during which he actively engaged in the work of the College Committee.

We were very pleased to be able to welcome back to membership of the Board Mr W. E. Donnelly on his return from his service in Fiji and he has resumed his former position on the College Committee.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

B.—REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Staff: Mr E. T. Tauroa, B.Ag.Sc., and Mr P. McConnell, M.A., have joined the teaching staff. To date there have been no other staffing changes. The appointment of Mr Tauroa as Vice-Principal has done a great deal to lighten the burden of the Principal, and his contribution to the life of the College has been most positive and significant. This combination on the teaching side of strength and stability has allowed marked progress in the academic side of the school.

Roll: The pupils total 195; of these 23 are Maori, nine are Islanders, and three are Malaysians. Two points are worthy of comment. First, there has been a significant drop in the number of Maori of 5 per cent of the current Government unimproved value, with concessions being granted on any individual application proving undue 3, p. 130) has not been effectively acted upon. The Intermediate Department has 25 pupils, and Mathematics, General Science and French have been included in the curriculum at this level.

Examination Successes: 19 candidates gained their School Certificate, nine gained the Endorsed School Certificate and six gained University Entrance.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES.

Courses remain as before with two slight modifications: Latin is being replaced by French as the language and Technical Drawing and Mathematics are being introduced to a wider group of pupils. Class size averages 20 pupils, so there is ample scope for close attention to cope with the wide range of ability.

Music remains under the control of Mr G. Buxton, A.T.C.L. The choir has taken part in the South Auckland Secondary Schools' Music Festival, and numerous visits to surrounding churches are planned. Piano lessons continue and the band is being revived. However, no College concert is planned for this year which has been set aside for one of academic consolidation.

Divinity Groups continue in the College and in these a strong lead has been given by the College Chaplain, the Rev. Ian Grant, assisted by the Rev. Peter Barker.

The College and the Community: As in the past, the College has been host to numerous groups including many church organisations. Groups which have made use of the College facilities include the Methodist Women's Fellowship, the Auckland Men's Fellowship, Easter campers (C.Y.M.M.). 'Boys' Brigade, Secondary Schools Golfers, Wesley Harriers, the Old Boys' Association, and South Auckland Secondary School Association Groups.

Interschool Sports: The tennis courts were completed at the end of the current season and are first class. The College competes regularly in inter-school matches in cricket, tennis, rugby, hockey, athletics, harriers, and swimming. To a lesser extent, indoor basketball, table tennis, badminton, and softball are played. A large group of boys presented themselves for Royal Life Saving Society Examinations.

Socials have been held regularly and have been an enjoyable feature of the College life.

General: Plans are under way for a new classroom block comprising four classrooms, a library, a master's common room, and two offices, and a new laboratory.

C. A. NEATE, Principal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Reports of the Board and the Principal be received and adopted.
 - 2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 3. That Rev. Ian McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D., be designated as Teacher Chaplain to Wesley College to take up appointment in 1967.
- 4. That thanks be expressed to the Staff and Board of the College for their continued valued contribution to the Connexion.
 - 5. That the Board be as printed on page 10 herein.

QUESTION 43.—

(2) Rangiatea Maori College Trust

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

It is my pleasure to report continued prosperity at Rangiatea. There are 72 girls and 4 staff members boarding at the Hostel. Accommodation is taxed to capacity. Every available room is occupied. The general health of the girls has been good throughout the year. The morale has also been good. The spiritual life of the girls has been the constant care of the joint Chaplains and the Matrons.

The Rev. W. H. Greenslade, who had been Chairman of the Board since October, 1959, left early this year to take up an appointment in Rotorua. We farewelled him at a function held at the Hostel when opportunity was taken of making him a suitable presentation.

The enrolments for 1965 comprised F. III 22, F. IV 1, F. VI 1.

The different girls derive a measure of assistance as follows:

- 34 are assisted in some way by Maori Education Foundation.
- 18 Maori Scholarship. 7 Boarding allowance.
- 1 Methodist Grant.
- 3 Academic Bursaries.
- 11 Island Scholarships. 1 Heritage and Rotary.
 - 7 Paid privately.

The girls attend the New Plymouth Girls' High School and the Spotswood Co-Educational College. There is a close liaison between the High School Board and ourselves and fruitful relations with the Head teachers and administrators of the different schools.

Staffing: After 4½ years as a sub-matron Miss D. Gaustad left during the year to be married. Miss J. Boniface, the other sub-matron, also left. These positions have been filled. No change has taken place in the remainder of the staff and altogether a happy and industrious relationship has been maintained throughout the year. The very best of administration and mothering has in my opinion been carried out.

The part-time groundsman has done a good job. The splendid condition of the grounds and surroundings indicate this.

Recreational: The playing fields were completed during the year at a total cost of £1976. Two sealed tennis courts and a basketball area are now available. These amenities are in regular use and are very much appreciated by the girls. An arrangement has been

made with the High School whereby the use of a tractor and gang mower is made available on very favourable terms to keep the grassed area cut regularly. The sundry small areas which cannot be cut by machine have been fenced off and are being let for grazing.

Visitors: During the year the Hostel has been visited by many people, some from overseas, and some V.I.P's of whom all have expressed admiration for what is being done at Rangiatea. The Hostel has been used during suitable holiday periods by approved groups and families. The facilities made available have been much appreciated.

Executive: Regular meetings of the Executive have been held throughout the year. A close watch on the affairs of the Hostel has been maintained. The usual amount of repairs and renewals have been authorised. Plant and equipment has been subjected to regular inspection and attention by qualified people.

Accounts: The Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1965, are presented separately. The substantial grants received from Kai Iwi Farm Trust, the Board of the Wellington C. & E. Endowments, and the Grey Institute Trust are gratefully acknowledged. Every endeavour has been made to keep the overdraft down. Success in this direction is reflected in the comparatively small amount paid to the bank for interest on overdraft.

Because the Hostel is occupied to full capacity this year's accounts should present a picture of the annual running expenses for a complete year when the Hostel is full.

Thanks: In conclusion I would like to express my thanks to the Matron and her Staff for the quality and nature of their services. Team work and the team spirit has resulted in yet another successful year at Rangiatea.

H. A. DARVILL, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 2. That Conference receive and approve the statement of the Chairman of the Rangiatea Maori College on the racial constitution of the hostel.
 - 3. That the Board for 1966 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 44.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1965, presented to Conference with this report indicate the following position:—

Income was received as under:				20	20
Fund contributions		******			15,794
Interest and Commissions	*****	****	0.000	10,130	-
Less paid to Allied Funds	*****	******		2,695	7 40
Freehold Property	*****	*****	*****		7,435 4,059
A Net Total of	*****	*****	*****		27,288

Expenditure was:	
Administration costs	1,257
Annuities and Furniture Grants Provisions made	12,319
Provisions made	1,100
A Total of Giving an excess of Income over	14,676
Expenditure of	12,612
Accumulated Funds:	
The amount last year was To this was added surplus from	162,071
Revenue Account 12,612	
and Capital Fund 100	
	12,712
	174 700
Less Annuities Compounded and Commuted	174,783 1,790
Making the Fund at date	172,993
Investments are as follows:-	
(a) Mortgages	160,944
(b) Debentures and Government Stock	28,742
	100 000
Less Fluctuation Reserve	189,686 4,672
Hess Production Reserve	
	185,014
(c) Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers)	44 000
after provision for depreciation of £15,750	41,909
(d) Current Assets in the form of Bank deposits and accruals	10,609
and accidants	
A Total of	237,532
(Of this figure a total of £62,538 is held on behalf of Allied Funds).	
Interest earnings:	
From invested capital a return of 6.13% has been ear actuarial formula.	ned on the
Annuitants and Contributors:—	
At date, Annuitants number 89 (90), Supernumerarie	s 46 (47)
Widows of Supernumeraries 43 (43). Contributors total 24	19 (255).
Additional Funds: Administered (Allied Funds) are as fol	

Additional Funds: Administered (Allied Funds) are as follows:-

(a)	Ministers' Home Acquirement Accounts for 249 contributors	nt Fund:—	*****	£33,899
(b)	Deaconess Retiring Fund:—Accounts for 41 contributors			£23,899

(c) Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund:—
Accounts for 8 contributors £1,191

All these are in the nature of personal deposit accounts.

Questionnaire:

In an endeavour to obtain some factual information which would assist the Board in its task of making more adequate provision for the retirement of Ministers, a questionnaire was sent to all Ministers, Home Missionaries, and Deaconesses in the active work. The Board deeply appreciates the willing co-operation of those approached.

The Board has co-operated with the special Committee on Stipends

in the distribution of the questionnaire.

The replies to the Questionnaire revealed that, of 243 ministers and probationers who replied, 208 favoured an increase in personal subscriptions to the Fund. Of these 65 favoured 4%, 95 favoured 5% and 29 favoured 6%, of the minimum stipend as a satisfactory percentage. It was understood, of course, that there would be some increase in circuit contributions.

In view of the replies to the Questionnaire and the Actuarial Report, the Board is recommending that, as from July 1, 1967, contributions to the Fund be on the basis of percentage of stipend—4% personal, 6% circuit/institution or department. A suitable recommendation is appended.

Investments:

At present, the Board has the authority of Conference to invest its monies as follows:— (Law Book Regulation 510, No. 9, p. 132).

(a) First mortgage of freehold properties in New Zealand.

(b) Stocks, funds or other securities of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.

- (c) Bonds, debentures or other securities of any Municipal Corporation or local body in New Zealand, having authority by law to borrow.
- (d) On deposit with any Bank having statutory authority to carry on business in New Zealand, or in any Post Office Savings Bank, or Permanent Building Society.
- (e) In the purchase of freehold property and/or erection of buildings, when approved by at least three-fourths of the members of the Board, and sanctioned by the Conference or any Committee authorized by the Conference to sanction any such purchase or erection.

The Board seeks the permission of Conference to enlarge the sphere of its investments to enable it to invest a proportion of its capital in approved shares, stocks, debentures or other securities of certain incorporated companies in New Zealand or elsewhere.

Contributions:

The Board is convinced that the major factor contributing to the present inadequate provision for the retirement of the Ministry is the amount of contributions—personal and circuit, and/or institutions. 30 years ago, a Minister received a minimum stipend of £250 per annum and his personal contribution to the Supernumerary Fund was £10 per annum, while the Circuit contributed £15 per annum—a total equivalent to 10 per cent. of the minimum stipend. Today with the minimum stipend at £850, the Minister contributes £24 per annum and the Circuit £36 per annum—a total equivalent to 7 per cent of the minimum stipend.

The Board contends that the rate of contributions (personal and otherwise) should be according to a recognized percentage of stipend.

A recommendation is made to Conference based on the replies received from the questionnaire.

Home Acquirement Fund:

At present the Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund receives a subsidy of £2 for each member of the Fund from the Fire Insurance Fund.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board has readily agreed to recommend to Conference that, as from July 1, 1967, the subsidy from the Fire Insurance Fund be increased from £2 to £4 for every member of the Fund. This means an increase in the annual grant from £500 to £1000.

The effect of this decision will be that, instead of a minister who has completed 40 years of service receiving £570 towards a house for his retirement, he will receive £760.

It should be remembered that members may pay additional amounts if they desire but these are not subject to subsidy.

Epworth Chambers:

Epworth Chambers has been a valuable source of income to the Fund over the years but the Board now faces extensive renovations. A new roof was erected last year and the modernization of the lift has been authorized for the coming year. These large expenses, along with other necessary renovations, will mean a reduced net income for the next two or three years.

All rents were reviewed at 1st August, 1965.

A surplus of office space is available in Christchurch at the present time and the letting of suites of offices is proving more difficult. But the Board is confident that, provided our building is well maintained, Epworth Chambers will still be a reasonable source of income to the Fund.

Epworth Chambers appears in the Balance Sheet this year at a book value of £41,900. The Government valuation of Epworth Chambers in November 1964, was £100,000. It has been decided to capitalize part of the cost of the new roof £2,500 and utilize the Property Maintenance Provision of £1200 to meet the balance of the cost (£3,700). The property nett income was £4,059 for the year.

The Board intends, at the end of the next financial year, to include Epworth Chambers at a figure more in keeping with Government valuation.

Possibility of Blanket Cover Insurance:

Several Insurance Companies have made proposals whereby a measure of re-insurance is effected through them. Usually, this takes the form of life insurances.

From information so far received, the contributions—personal and Circuit—would have to be greatly increased before any appreciaable help could be obtained.

The Board has examined such proposals in the past and is still of the opinion that the Methodist Church of New Zealand can best assist the majority of its Ministers by continuing to operate its own Supernumerary Fund.

It should be noted that other major denominations in New Zealand have come to the same conclusion.

Commutation:

The Board has given special consideration to the position of a Minister who continues in the active work after he has completed 40 years in the active work or has reached the age of 65 years. The

Board has come to the conclusion that, as he is exempt from further payment of personal subscriptions (Regulation 511—13 (b), Law Book, p. 133), he should have the right to commute for purposes of purchasing a house for his retirement if he so desires.

A recommendation is presented to Conference.

Church Extension Appeal:

Realising the great need for increased capital for the Fund, the Board applied to the Church Council for consideration for a share in this Appeal at some suitable time.

Lay Workers' Retiring Fund (see Minutes of Conference 1963—Report of N.Z.M.S.S.A., p. 161):

The Board submits the following scheme for approval in principle by Synods and Conference and seeks the permission of the Conference to continue its investigations and report in greater detail to next Synods and Conference.

Lay Workers' Retiring Fund

- 1. There shall be a Lay Workers' Retiring Fund which shall provide retiring allowances for adult Lay Workers permanently employed by various Circuits, Departments, Committees and Institutions of the Church.
- 2. The Fund shall be derived from the following sources:-
 - (a) Lay Workers' contributions.
 - (b) Subsidies from Circuits, Departments, Committees and Institutions.
 - (c) Income from Investments.
 - (d) Gifts, legacies and grants.
 - (e) Any other sources as from time to time determined by Conference.
- 3. The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Supernumerary Fund whose Treasurers shall be ex officio Treasurers of the Fund.
- 4. The Provisions of Sections 3-12 and 59 of Paragraph 511 relating to the Supernumerary Fund shall mutatis mutandis apply herein.
- 5. The Board may if it thinks fit apply all contributions by and on behalf of a member in payment of premiums in respect of life insurance policies arranged by it on the life of any such member.
- 6. If any member continues to be employed by any such Circuit, Department, Committee or Institution after the maturity of his policy, the proceeds thereof shall be invested by the Trustees and the income accumulated during such continuance of employment.
- 7. All adult Lay Workers employed by such Circuits, Departments, Committees and Institutions who are full time employees in receipt of salary or wages and as are approved by the Board shall be eligible and shall be members of the Fund on delivery to the Board of a duly completed application for membership on the prescribed form and subject to the rules of the Fund, membership shall continue while the member is so employed.
- 8. As from the date of the acceptance of his application by the Board the Lay Worker shall pay into the Fund an annual contribution of such amount as from time to time shall be determined by Conference.

- 9. Each member shall be deemed to have irrevocably authorised the Circuit, Department, Committee or Institution a proportionate amount of his contribution.
- 10. An annual subsidy of such amount as from time to time as may be fixed by the Conference shall be paid by the Circuit, Department, Committee or Institution by which the member is employed.
- 11. Except as hereinafter provided each member on retiring shall be entitled to an allowance calculated in respect of the years for which he had paid his contribution and not in respect of his years of service.

 12. If a member dies leaving dependents the amount standing to his credit in the books of the Fund shall be paid to his representatives. If he leaves no dependents then his contributions shall be refunded to such representatives.
- 13. If a member ceases to be employed by the Circuit, Department, Committee or Institution after less than seven years of continuous service, except on account of failing health, he shall be entitled to a return of his personal contributions only together with interest thereon. In the case of a retirement on account of failing health a medical certificate shall be submitted.
- 14. Any member retiring from his employment with any Circuit, Department, Committee or Institution after seven years' continuous service, unless except as herein provided, shall be entitled to the full benefits of the Fund.
- 15. If a member ceases to be employed through misconduct his contributions only shall be refunded.
- 16. The decision of the Board on all matters relating to the Fund and allowances payable therefrom shall be final.

Australasian Methodist Retiring Fund:-

The proposed changes in the administration of the Australasian Methodist Retiring Fund in 1959 resulted in assets of £1,164,904 compared with liabilities of £1,615,533. If the degree of actuarial solvency is taken as the ratio of assets to net liability, this would amount to 72%.

 Value of future contributions
 185,982

 Total Assets
 222,573

 Degree of Solvency
 77%

Although the degree of solvency recommended by our actuary is represented by a slightly higher percentage figure than that obtaining for the Australian Fund in 1959, the difference may be more apparent than real owing to different assumptions underlying the valuation.

The Australasian Fund makes provision for funded and unfunded benefits, the circuit contributions being unfunded. Here again there is not much difference between the two funds. The fact that our fund is maintained in deficiency in effect means that some of the benefits are unfunded.

The New Zealand Board much prefers to treat all benefits and all contributions together rather than to deal with them separately. The idea of dividing them into funded and unfunded categories seems to us unnecessarily to complicate the situation.

REPORT ON ACTUARIAL VALUATION AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965

1. Benefits and Contributions:

I have pleasure in submitting my report on the actuarial valuation of the fund as at 30th June, 1965. In the first instance I set out the current rates of benefits and contributions which I have taken into account in making my calculations:

Future rate of contribution per minister:

Personal	*****		*****	*****	£24	per	annum.
Subsidy	191111	*****	*****		£36	per	annum.
Total	,,,,,,	4*****		nunr	£60	per	annum.

Retirement Annuity for each supernumerary minister:

£6 per annum for each year of service, £3/12/0 of which continues to be payable to the widow after the death of the minister.

Annuity to widow of minister dying before retirement:

£3/12/0 per annum for each year of husband's service including actual and potential service to age 65 years.

Furniture Grant:

A lump sum equal to £10 for each year of service payable on retirement or death. In the case of death the furniture grant is payable to the widow in respect of both actual and potential service until age 65.

2. Membership:

As at the valuation date 249 ministers were contributing to the fund; 46 supernumerary ministers and 43 widows of ministers were receiving annuities from the fund. In addition to the above mentioned beneficiaries two wives of supernumerary ministers are entitled to reversionary annuities on the death of their husbands.

The information required for the purpose of the valuation was extracted from the record cards maintained in respect of the fund. The data is summarised in the schedules attached to this report, and the figures reconcile satisfactorily with the amounts appearing in the fund's revenue accounts.

3. PROGRESS OF THE FUND:

The progress of the fund during the three years since the last valuation is summarised in the following revenue account.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM 1st JULY, 1962, to 30th JUNE, 1965.

Fund as at 1st July, 1962 Subscriptions Circuit Levies	£ 149,546 17,052 26,641	Annuities Furniture Grants Commutations Subscriptions refunded	£ 33,834 3,260 8,741 493
Net Interest and Rents Commissions	26,570 612 100	Working expenses Fund as at 30th June 1965	3,700 170,493
	£220,521		£220,521

The average yield on the fund during each of the last three years was as follows:—

Year	to	30tl	ı J	une	Average	Yield
	196	3			6.24%	
	196	4	*****	1000	5.74%	
	196	5			6.13%	

The average yield for the whole of the three years was 6.04%, which compares with an average of 5.73% for the five years up to 30th June 1962.

4. VALUATION BASIS:

The valuation was performed on the same actuarial bases as those used in 1962 which are summarised below:
Rate of Interest: 4%% per annum.

Mortality of Ministers during service:

The latest table of mortality deduced by the Institute of Actuaries for assured lives.

Mortality of Annuitants:

For supernumerary ministers and their widows mortality was assumed to follow the latest tables deduced by the Institute of Actuaries for annuitants.

The experience of the fund during the triennium under review has been rather more favourable than the above assumptions particularly in regard to the rate of interest earned on the fund.

5. VALUATION:

The valuation of the fund on the above mentioned assumptions gives rise to the following result:

VALUATION BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1965

Current Annuities to Supernumeraries	38,635 31,706
Prospective Annuities to Supernumeraries	192,727
Prospective Annuities to Widows	104,527
Prospective Furniture Grants	40,960
	408,555
Present value of future subscriptions	
and levies at the rate of £60 per minister per annum £185,982	
Fund at 30th June, 1965 £170,493	
	356,475
Deficiency	£52,080

Following the increases in benefit made in 1962 I estimate that the fund was then in deficiency to the extent of approximately £65,000. The reduction in the deficiency by £13,000 to £52,000 is partly due to the experience during the triennium being more favourable than that assumed by the valuation bases but also due to the fact that a number of ministers have been recruited in the younger age groups at which the actuarial value of future contributions exceeds the actuarial value of future benefits with a consequent favourable financial effect on the fund.

In considering the deficiency indicated above it must be borne in mind that the property owned by the fund has a Government valuation of £100,000 whilst appearing in the accounts at a book value of just over £40,000. This constitutes an additional asset of £60,000 of which account is not taken in the valuation balance sheet.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Following the improvement in the financial position of the fund during the three years under review it is appropriate for me to consider recommending increased rates of benefit for adoption by the Board. A modest increase in benefits would be appropriate even if the current rates of contribution were to be maintained.

However I have been instructed also to recommend appropriate increases in benefit in the event of contributions to the fund being increased to a total of either £90 per minister per annum or alternatively £108 per minister per annum.

In considering appropriate rates of future benefit I suggest that the furniture grant of £10 per year of service be left unchanged in view of the fact that this benefit was doubled in 1962. I have therefore confined myself to consideration of increases in rates of annuity to supernumerary ministers and I suggest that any such increase should continue to widows of ministers at the rate of 60% in order to preserve the existing ratio between the annuities which are payable to ministers and to their widows.

I submit below recommendations regarding future rates of annuity on the basis of future contributions per minister per annum of

- 1. £60 as hitherto
- 2. £90
- 3. £108.

Analysis of replies received to a recent questionnaire on this subject indicates that a good percentage of the ministers are in favour of contributions totalling £108 per minister per annum.

1. Future contribution of £60 per annum:

If no alteration is to be made to the existing rate of contribution of £60 per minister per annum then I would suggest that supernumerary and widows annuities be increased to £6/5/0 and £3/15/0 per annum for each year of service respectively.

The capital cost of increasing benefits to this extent would amount to approximately £15,000 which would result in a total deficiency of £67,000 bringing about a state of actuarial balance very similar to that which obtained as at 30th June 1962, following the adoption of the rates of benefit which are now in force.

2. Future contributions of £90 per annum:

If contributions are to be increased to £90 per minister per annum the present value of future contributions would be increased by approximately £93,000. In these circumstances I would recommend that supernumerary and widows annuities be increased to £8/0/0 and £4/16/0 per annum for each year of service respectively.

The capital cost of these increases in benefit would total approximately £123,000 resulting in a deficiency of £82,000.

3. Future contributions of £108 per annum:

If contributions are to be increased to £108 per annum the present value of future contributions would be increased by approximately

£149,000. In these circumstances I would recommend that supernumerary and widows annuities be increased to £9/0/0 and £5/8/0 for each year of service respectively.

The capital cost of these increases in benefit would total approximately £184,000 bringing about a deficiency of £87,000.

In considering each of the deficiencies quoted above I would reiterate that the hidden reserve in the value of the property of £60,000 should be borne in mind. Although the resultant deficiencies which I have quoted exceed the hidden reserve in each case I consider that a larger deficiency can be accepted if contributions are increased because of the then consequent favourable effect on the fund of future new entrants in the younger age groups for whom the actuarial value of such higher contributions would exceed the actuarial value of the benefits at the rates recommended above.

7. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

For ease of reference the figures quoted above are summarised in tabular form below.

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	£60	£90	£108
Recommended rate of annuity to minister per year of service Recommended rate of annuity to	£6/5/0	£8/0/0	£9/0/0.
widow per year of actual or potential service of husband	3/15/0	4/16/0	5/8/0
Resultant deficiency	67,000	82,000	87,000
2nd September, 1965.	JOHN E. F.I.A.	RIKSEN, , A.S.A.,	A.I.S.

SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND

DOMESTIC CHAPTER		0011111111111111111	
Year of Birth Group	Number of Ministers	Year of Birth Group	Number of Ministers
1940-1944	2	1915-1919	28
1935-1939	29	1910-1914	26
1930-1934	39	1905-1909	23
1925-1929	45	1900-1904	23
1920-1924	33	1895-1899	1
			249
			-

SCHEDULE OF SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS IN RECEIPT OF ANNUITIES.

	OF AMINUILIES.			
Year of Birth Group	Number of Supernumerary Ministers	Amount	of Pai	Annuity
1910-1914	1	£52	0	0
1900-1904	2	114	8	0
1895-1899	6	789	17	4
1890-1894	10	1,540	15	8
1885-1889	10	1,209	0	0
1880-1884	10	1,692	2	4
1875-1879	4	918	0	0
1870-1874	2	444	0	0
1865-1869	1	144	0	0
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	46	£6,904	3	4
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SCHEDULE OF WIDOWS IN RECEIPT OF ANNUITIES

Year of Birth	Number of Widows	Amount of Annuity
Group		per annum
1915-1919	1	100 10 4
1910-1914	1	52 0 0
1905-1909	6	373 8 4
1900-1904	1	133 4 0
1895-1899	4	385 16 8
1890-1894	4	326 9 4
1885-1889	12	1,272 17 8
1880-1884	7	742 2 4
1875-1879	5	539 9 4
1870-1874	1	43 4 0
1865-1869	1	147 12 0
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	43	£4,116 14 0
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SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS' WIVES PROSPECTIVELY ENTITLED TO ANNUITIES ON THE DEATH OF THEIR HUSBANDS

Year of Birth Group	Number of Wives	Total Prospective Annuity
1895-1899 1890-1894	1	£52 0 0 52 0 0
	2	£104 0 0

BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS—The Board's Recommendations:

The Board has given careful consideration to the recommendations of the Actuary.

The Board would have liked to have recommended to Conference an immediate increase in benefits and contributions in terms of Scale 3—contributions of £108 (personal £44, circuit £64) with an annuity rate of £9 per year of service—£360 p.a. as against £240 p.a. (as at present). But, in view of the replies from the Questionnaire and the effect this would have upon the Connexional Budget (an additional allocation of £8367), the Board recommends to Conference that we move towards this objective in three stages:—

These increases will mean immediately that a minister retiring after 40 years' service will receive an annuity of £250 (£240) and his widow a pension of £150 (£144). A minister retiring after 35 years' service will receive an annuity of £218/15/0 (£210) and his widow a pension of £131/5/0 (£126).

These benefits can be made available immediately without any increase in contributions—personal or circuit.

(2) That, as from July 1, 1967, contributions be increased as follows: Personal £36 (£24) Circuit £54 (£36). N.B. This will involve an additional allocation on the Budget for the Supernumerary and Allied Funds of £5416—1967-1968).

That, as from February 1, 1968, benefits be increased as follows:
Rate of annuity to minister per year of service £8/0/0.
Rate of annuity to widow per year of actual or
potential service of husband £4/16/0.

To illustrate:-

These increases will mean that a minister retiring after 40 years' service will receive an annuity of £320 (£240) and his widow a pension of £192 (£144). If the minister and his wife decide to commute, the minister will receive an annuity of £52 together with a lump sum payment of £3210 (£2220), and his widow a pension of £52 p.a.

A minister retiring after 35 years' service will receive an annuity of £280 (£210) and his widow a pension of £168 (£126). Should the minister and his wife decide to commute, the minister will receive an annuity of £52 together with a lump sum payment of £2650 (£1660) and his widow a pension of £52 p.a.

It should be remembered that it is not necessary for a minister who commutes to commute his full interest in the Fund. e.g. He might prefer to receive an annuity of £104 with a corresponding reduction in his lump sum payment.

All present annuitants would receive an increase of 33 1/3rd% e.g. A minister on annuity of £52 would receive £69/6/8 p.a.

PERMISSION TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS:-

The Board has met on 11 occasions during the year and several sub-committees have prepared memoranda. The Board seeks permission of Conference to continue its investigations, especially on the following matters:—

Possibility of Blanket Cover Insurance Earlier Retiring Age for Ministers

Deaconess Retiring Fund—Annuity and/or Withdrawal of deposit Policy regarding Epworth Chambers.

PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD-

The relevant paragraph in the Law Book reads:— (Law Book page 131), (3): "The Fund shall be administered by a Board of Management, consisting of the Connexional Secretary, five other Ministers and six laymen, all of whom shall be appointed annually by the Conference. There shall be two Treasurers one of whom shall be the Connexional Secretary and the other a Layman appointed by the Conference from among the members of the Board. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman . . ."

(4) one member of the Board shall retire therefrom annually and shall not be eligible for re-appointment for twelve months. As far as practicable, a minister and a lay member shall retire alternately . . . "

Rev. H. K. Brown retires from the Board this year and we record our appreciation of his faithful service.

Each of the ministers nominated to Conference for appointment to the Board in 1966 is a senior minister with a varied experience of the Church and a wide knowledge of the ministry—Revs. W. R. Laws (Connexional Secretary), H. C. Matthews (District Chairman), H. G. Brown, J. D. Grocott, W. S. Dawson and W. E. Falkingham.

The five laymen on the Board are all loyal Methodists of great abilities and well qualified to administer a Retiring Fund—W. E. Clothier, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S. (Lay Treasurer), W. A. Hadlee, F.P.A.N.Z., D. A. White, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., R. G. Pearce, B.Com., Managing Director, E. A. Crothall, Managing Director, R. H. Smith, Production Manager.

R. H. SMITH, Chairman. W. E. CLOTHIER, Lay Treasurer. W. R. LAWS, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the following financial statements be received and adopted:— Supernumerary Fund; Benevolent Fund; Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund; Deaconess Retiring Fund; Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.
- 3. Commutation and Minister in Active work who has completed 40 years' Service:—

That the following additional rule be approved for incorporation into the rules and regulations of the Supernumerary Fund:—

(34A) Any Minister who has served 40 years or has attained the age of 65 and is continuing in the active work at any time after he has served the said period or has attained the said age, may apply to the Board for payment of a sum representing the Commutation of a specified part of his interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined as set out in Rule (34) and such payment shall be employed in the manner set out in the Regulation 34).

4. Contributions to the Fund:-

That, as from July 1, 1967, the personal contribution of a minister or probationer be at the rate of 4% per annum of the standard minimum stipend and the circuit and/or department/institution contribution be at the rate of 6% per annum of the standard minimum stipend approved by the Conference.

- 5. That, as from July 1, 1966, personal contributions to the Supernumerary and Allied Funds be deducted monthly from stipends and remitted monthly to the Connexional Office by the Circuit Steward (or Circuit Treasurer).
 - 6. (a) That, as from February 1, 1966, benefits be as follows:

 Rate of annuity to minister per year of service
 Rate pension to widow per year of actual or
 potential service of husband
 £3/15/0.
 - (b) That, as from February 1, 1968, benefits be as follows:—
 Rate of annuity to minister per year of service £8/0/0.
 Rate of pension to widow per year of actual
 or potential service of husband £4/16/0.
 - 7. Investments:-

Rule 9 (f): In the purchase or subscription of fully paid ordinary or preferred shares, stock, bonds or debentures or notes, whether registered or unregistered and whether conveying the right of conversion to shares or not, or of any other Securities of any company or other incorporated body, which are at the time of acquisition listed in the official list of the Stock Exchange in New Zealand or in the

Commonwealth of Australia or any state thereof, or in the United Kingdom, provided that nothing contained or implied in this paragraph shall authorize the investment of any part of the said Fund in the shares or other securities of any company whose business and objects, in the judgment of the Board, conflict with the general rules and usage of the Church and which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church, PROVIDED ALWAYS that at any one time the Board shall have at least 50% of its total assets invested in the manner provided in (a) (b) (c) and (d) hereof.

And also provided that the Board shall not invest more than 5% of its total assets in such shares and other securities in any one such company or other incorporated body and in no case shall the total sum so invested in such company or other incorporated body exceed 5% of the paid up capital of such company or other incorporated body.

- 8. That the Lay Workers' Retiring Fund as outlined be approved in principle and referred back to the Board for detailed consideration and report to Synods and Conferences, the Board to consult with the Overseas Mission and other Departments regarding their Lay workers.
 - 9. That the Board for 1966 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 45.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust Fund?

Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1965, are presented to Conference with this Report.

Winstone Memorial Trust Fund:

In terms of the Deed of Trust the sum of £869/2/9 has been paid to 7 ministers who had not received the minimum stipend from their Circuits.

J. H. Oldham Bequest:

In view of the increasing interest in the provision of financial help for extended leave for ministers to study overseas, it may be timely to draw attention to this bequest, the capital of which stands at £1500. It was the hope of the late Mr J. H. Oldham that this might prove to be the nucleus of a fund for this very purpose and that other Methodists might augment it by legacies and other moneys. The interest from this Fund could be made available to assist with the provision of bursaries for ministers pursuing special courses of study.

For the Board,

R. H. SMITH, Chairman.W. E. CLOTHIER, Lay Treasurer.W. R. LAWS, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- ,2. That where as the Walters' Family has requested that a payment be made from the accumulated funds of the Trust to the Methodist Eventide Home, Tamahere, Hamilton, with the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, Conference hereby authorises the payment of the sum of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS (£1000) from the said fund to the building fund of the Tamahere Home.
- 3. That whereas an application is being made under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 for the approval of the transfer of the Valley Road Church, Mt. Eden. to the Baptist Union of New Zealand as trustee of the Valley Rd. Baptist Church, the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand hereby declare that the Methodist Church of New Zealand makes no claim to said Valley Rd. Church and has no objection to it being transferred to the Baptist Union of New Zealand.

QUESTION 46.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

Children's Fund

No Report to this Conference (see 1964 Minutes, page 60, Resolution 8 (d).)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION 47.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

Methodist Conference Contingent Fund

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 30th June, 1965

This year the Contingent Fund finished up with the lowest cash balance for many years, a figure of £890 against £1,645 the year before. Expenditure for the year amounted to £7,627 against £7.202 the year before. As against this the grant to the Contingent Fund from the Connexional Budget was less than the year before.

This position however, was anticipated in the budget presented at last Conference and in accordance with the wishes of Conference that the amount in the Fund be built up again to a safe level, the Connexional Budget has increased the amount which will be paid to the Fund in the current year from £6,400 to £7,500. It has also been necessary to ask for a further increase in the following year bringing the amount to £7,750.

As far as can be seen at present this should cover all forseeable increases and still allow some increase in the balance, so as to bring this back to a workable level.

In commenting on the accounts I would like to briefly mention one or two points.

The cost of Conference, particularly the cost of printing, continues to rise. District expenses this year have been held and are almost the same as the previous year.

One item under the heading of Connexional payments which is steadily increasing is expenses in connection with Church Union. The figure this year was £376 as against £222 the year before and £179 the year before that. In the current year this increase is likely to continue and in addition the contribution to the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union has been increased from £24 to £150. No doubt this increased cost is worthwhile and is only incurred because negotiations are bearing fruit.

ALAN H. WINSTONE, Lay Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Consultative Committee be the Revs. E. W. Hames, D. O. Williams, W. Walker, the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, and the Treasurers.
- 3. 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.
- 4. That Mr A. H. Winstone be thanked for his services and reappointed as Lay Treasurer.

QUESTION 48.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

Removal Expenses Fund Committee

No Report to this Conference (see 1964 Minutes, page 60, Resolution 8 (d).)

RESOLUTIONS

- That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
 That the Committee for 1966 be printed on page 9 herein.
- QUESTION 49.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Overseas Missions?

Methodist Overseas Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

When the reports of the Synods in the Solomon Islands and the New Guinea Highlands are received, a supplementary report will be prepared for inclusion in the Agenda of Conference. The present report deals with staff and with the work of the Board within New Zealand.

STAFF:

Ministerial: At the beginning of the year the Rev. Paul and Mrs Garside reached the Solomons and were at Goldie College until their recent move to Ranonga which is to be their headquarters. Our stationing sheet provides for eight New Zealand ministers but this year we have had only six on the field. The Board will recommend to Conference the appointment of the Rev. C. S. Horrill to the Solomon Islands District. The Rev. E. C. Leadley will replace the Rev. G. G. Carter as Chairman of the District.

The Rev. D. L. and Mrs Kitchingman are at All Saints College, Sydney, and in November will proceed to the Highlands. At the rate at which growth is taking place in that district it will not be a surprise if we are asked for further assistance.

The retirement of the Rev. G. G. Carter after seventeen years' service of the quality he has rendered will be a great loss to the District. A suitable minute will be included in the supplementary report. By the end of 1967 we shall require three more ministers for replacements.

Teaching: The staffing situation in this department of our work is serious. We have been two short all the year and now have two resignations and at the writing of this report no replacements are in sight.

Sister Vivienne Parton left early in the year to care for her mother who died shortly after her arrival in New Zealand. Sister Ada Lee retires at the end of this year after having served in the Solomons for 26 years — a life-time of devoted and able service Sister Kathleen Shaw retires to care for her parents, having given six years' service.

Medical: The stationing sheet in the Solomons provides for eight nurses. We have had six on the field. Sister Janice Palmer retires at the end of the year to be married.

From the Highlands, Sister Edith James has had to return after ten year's distinguished service under very primitive conditions.

No fresh volunteers are yet in sight.

Technical Workers: The constant appeal for workers brought forth an unusual number of enquiries for administrative workers (11) and plantation workers (4). Mr Gordon Pavey of Nelson was appointed as Assistant Business Manager for the Bougainville-Buka area and is now on the field. A second appointment will be made shortly for Munda to be effective at the beginning of 1966.

Mr John Pierce has been appointed as a plantation worker. Miss Shona Couch will return to New Zealand at the end of the year to be married. Mr David Eason who has been a carpenter with us for two and a half years has resigned and is transferring to the New Guinea District.

Workers under the Order of St. Stephen are Mr Keith Woodley (teacher, Solomon Island) and Mr Noel Jackson (carpenter, Highlands), both of whom have returned to New Zealand during the year; Mr David Dick (electrician, Solomon Islands) and Mr Desmond Jack (carpenter, Highlands) who are at present serving their year; also Sister Kathleen Shaw (teacher, Solomon Islands) and Mr Bryan Jenkin (carpenter, Solomon Islands) who are working for a year under the Order during the course of their normal missionary service.

The need for more workers is being kept continually before the Church.

Deputation Work has been carried out this year by Revs. C. J. Keightley, J. H. Cropp, Sisters P. Hulks and B. Grice.

General Secretary: The Rev. G. G. Carter will return to New Zealand in September and will take over the administration on February 1st, 1966.

Translation Work: The Rev. A. H. Hall has continued this year with the translation of the Psalms (now being printed) and the Prophets into the Roviana language. These he hopes to complete this year. He has been awarded a scholarship for the study of aboriginal languages in the University of Queensland.

Sisters Lucy Money and Pamela Beaumont are continuing their

translation work.

Commissioning Service: A small committee prepared an order of service which has been used twice to date. Suggestions for amendments have been made and shortly we should have an order which will prove acceptable.

Overseas Missions Extension Fund: At last Conference it was decided to launch an appeal to the Church for £30,000 for extension work. The response has been small to date. Publicity has been given to this in every issue of the METHODIST TIMES and OPEN DOOR. A letter has also been sent to all circuit mission secretaries enlisting their support.

The projects have been enumerated. The most pressing one is the new Teachers' College at Gaulim near Rabaul. All the mission districts will reap benefit from this project within three years of our being able to establish it. Our first £3,000 from the appeal is being devoted to this.

Retiring Lay Misionaries: A committee is working on seeing what can be done to make more adequate provision for retiring lay missionaries and it is hoped to be able to report to Conference.

Methodist Conference of Melanesia: The constitution of the proposed new Conference has been drawn up and submitted to the Church Union Committee for approval. Projects in this connection, the building of the Rarongo Theological College and the Gaulim Teachers' College are in hand.

Church Union Proposals for Melanesia: Good progress has been made with these negotiations and statements of faith and of constitution have been submitted to the Faith and Order Committee as well as the Church Union Committee.

New Vessel: A new vessel to replace the MANDALAY is under construction at Brisbane and should be delivered to the Solomons in October.

Lepers' Trust Board: The Lepers' Trust Board has this year made a generous donation of £15,000 to our Medical Work. The Twomey Memorial Hospital at Sasamuqa is in course of construction.

The Treasurer's Report will be submitted to Conference.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman.

W. E. DONNELLY, Executive Officer.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

Overseas Missions Department

SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT - 1965

This report is based on the reports and recommendations of the Overseas District Synods.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT: The work in this district has again been marked by phenomenal growth in the church.

"And day by day the Lord added to their number those whom He was saving."

With this as his theme, the Chairman, the Rev. C. J. Keightley, reports an increase of 2,148 in membership or 120 per cent on the previous year's number. Those in training on 30th April, 1964, numbered 1,799 but this year the number is 2,506. "The pressure is on and we all feel we are being stretched beyond our limits. None of us feels able to find sufficient time to direct the young church in its growth as it should be directed. The demands upon us for pastoral help and training are so great that we often think we are failing miserably. Frequently it becames a stimulus to greater endeavour, for we hate to be beaten, and we know that with Christ's help we will not be beaten."

The work of evangelism is being carried on largely by local evangelists of whom there are 161. Many of these are illiterate; they burn to tell their own experience and that is good but they have their limitations when it comes to feeding the flock. People are received into full membership only after a period of instruction. From all the workers' reports we learn of opportunities beyond the power of our staff to meet.

The District Sister at Mendi visits six Government schools, prepares lesson material and trains pastors and evangelists to use it, organises women's clubs and trains leaders, trains students from St. Paul's College and does translation work. Teachers, nurses all have the same story. One nursing sister records 6,416 attendances at out-patients department, 271 confinements, 1,317 attendances at infant welfare clinics. A teaching sister handling three classes with 50 children says, "... it is rather large but what else could be done when over 100 were turned away." Even the Chairman's secretary laments her own work prevents her from getting out among the people as much as she would like. 2,148 newly confirmed members, 2,566 in preparation classes, 16,440 attendants at public worship, 2,132 believers' baptisms and 133 infant baptisms tell their story of phenomenal growth, tremendous opportunities and great challenge.

The District this year has asked the United Synod of Melanesia for 39 workers.

A probationer minister (European) has charge of a circuit with 1,900 members, 1,116 in classes, 5,940 attendants at public worship and 809 baptisms; a first year Solomon Islands probationer with 816 members, 505 in training, 3,445 attendants at worship, 679 baptisms. These surely are staggering figures to challenge our home church.

The workers' reports pay handsome tribute to the work of their Melanesian colleagues; people like "Timoti Newai for fourteen years' faithful supervision of pit-sawing without whom our buildings would have been impossible".

This year has marked the sending into the field the first four graduates from St. Paul's Pastor Training College. These are the forerunners of many other leaders who have received some training.

The leaders of our church are well aware that the first wave of evangelism will soon be spent in parts of the district and will in a few years pass altogether. They are preparing for the second and more difficult period of building up the indigenous leadership. The people themselves are asking for a deeper understanding of their new faith. This is going to call for a good general education on which to build the specialised training for the ministry and other branches of the church's work. The New Zealand Church must be ready then to increase its overseas staff to meet those needs.

Staff: The District expresses appreciation of the services of Sister Edith James over a period of ten years and of Mr Noel Jackson (Order of St. Stephen, carpenter).

The request for additional workers from New Zealand and Australia:—

- 5 Ministers
- 3 Nursing sisters one of whom could be a physiotherapist for the Hansenide Centre at Tari Carpenters (unspecified number)
- 1 Single Sawmiller
- 1 Male teacher for 1966
- 1 Female teacher for 1967.

Finance: The amount raised this year has totalled £865/0/8.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT: The work of extension continues in the Solomon Islands as witnessed in the increase of 180 in the adult membership and the maintenance of a large youth membership. The total attendants at public worship number 22,600.

"The work of our circuits and the pastoral care of our people covers a wide range of conditions and situations, from work in inland bush areas, among people still comparatively primitive, to the work in the towns with their growing sophistication and their own particular problems. We are seeking to help our people understand the privileges and responsibilities of membership in the Church of Christ, that they must carry their share of the burden of the work of the Church."

This year good progress has been made in Deaconess training and the ministry exercised by the first graduates of Rarongo College to return to the Solomons has been a source of joy to the Church.

The Solomon Islands Church continues its missionary interest in the New Guinea Highlands and two workers were recommended for service in other districts. "We believe that the Holy Spirit is working amongst us and that the leaven of His presence will bring forth fruit in the lives of our people."

The Ministry: Two Solomon Islanders were ordained and received into full connexion during the year. This brings the total to seven ordained men. Two have been received on probation after having completed their course at Rarongo while six continue their probation. Two were received for training within the district and one is to go to Rarongo.

Education: 5767 children attend 137 schools. The chief difficulty facing this work is the likelihood of a large increase in the numbers in the upper classes where we have very few local teachers capable of working. One of the most valuable pieces of work done this year has been the sponsorship by the Sanson-Rongotea Circuit of Agrippa Tukan and by the Feilding Circuit of Peter Mongko, two teachers who have spent periods of observation in schools in the Manawatu area. These men return to their work greatly enriched by this experience. The Shirley Church and the North Canterbury C.Y.M.M. have similar plans for 1966.

Government has set difficult requirements before a school can be classed as a designated school and receive a grant in aid. It appears that unless these requirements are modified it will be possible for us to have only two such schools. The combined churches in the B.S.I.P. have made representations.

Health: The medical work has been maintained throughout the group. We shall have difficulty next year unless two certificated nurses are found to replace those leaving at the end of this year. The Board and the District record their thanks to the Lepers' Trust Board for their continued generous support of our work. With this help and Government assistance the major part of the costs of the services rendered are met. The new Twomey Memorial Hospital at Sasamuqa is nearing completion. The District Synod has drawn up a plan for the development of the work in the new year.

Transport: Early this year the Board placed an order with a Brisbane firm for the construction of a vessel to replace the MAN-DALAY. This boat was launched early in September and should be ready to go to the Solomons in October. During the year the CICELY II ran on the reef and suffered minor damage.

Organisation: By reason of the scattered nature of the District, Synod recommends to Conference that the Bougainville-Buka area be constituted a sub-district within the Solomon Islands District. The Synod asks for permission by way of experiment without any formal alteration of the Constitution as yet, by holding Synod in two sections in May. The plan would be that one year the Bougainville-Buka Synod would meet first under the Chairman to complete the business of that area and recommendations for the whole area. The B.S.I.P. Synod would meet similarly and then two representatives of each district and the Chairman would collate the findings and finalise matters. Each District would retain its own Standing Committee of Synod. In this connection Synod requests that the Rev. B. W. Sides be appointed Deputy-Chairman of the District and would act on behalf of the Chairman in the T.N.G.

Synod also recommends the appointment of an Assistant-Chairman who would share in the spiritual and pastoral care of the District with the Chairman. He will from time to time attend annual conventions in circuits other than his own. The Rev. John Bitibule, M.B.E., is recommended for this position.

Synod recommends that Aola-Honiara in Guadalcanal be constituted a separate circuit.

Youth Work: The various organisations associated with our youth work have continued to function. Solomon Islanders coming to New Zealand have learned much about Sunday School, Boys' Brigade and other work. Candidates are being received for service under the Order of St. Stephen.

Methodist Women's Fellowship: The M.W.F. is now organised throughout the District. There is need for a trained worker to continue the work and get it on a proper footing. The Solomon Islands women are ready to raise half the cost of such a worker, and look for help from New Zealand.

UNITED SYNOD OF MELANESIA: The United Synod met at Rabaul on August 3rd-5th, 1965. Last year Conference was informed of the intended move to establish in 1966 a Methodist Conference of Melanesia uniting the four Methodist districts. The thinking and the vision of our churches there has advanced so far that they desire to move directly into a united church with the Papua Ekelesia and the Port Moresby United Church. This plan to move directly into the larger church was supported in the District Synods. The United Synod requests that the necessary legislation be prepared to permit the union with these churches to be completed when the churches concerned are ready.

The new chairman of the United Synod is the Rev. Saimon Gaius of the New Guinea District, appointed to succeed Rev. G. G. Carter.

Training of Workers:

- (a) Rarongo Theological College: Consideration is being given to improving the fourth year of studies for specially selected students. In the two years under review at this biennial session 25 candidates have been received, and 15 accepted for training at Rarongo. Sixteen have been sent out with a completed course and at the present time there are 13 probationers at work.
- (b) Teacher Training College: The Synod makes a special plea to the home churches to assist in the establishment of this college. The New Zealand Board has already committed the first £3,000 of the special appeal to this project.
- (c) Department of Christian Education: The Rev. John Mavor recently appointed Director of the department has visited the districts. The United Synod passed 33 resolutions relating to the scope and modus operandi of the department. A constitution is to be drawn up.

Missionary: The Synod gave consideration to the request from the Highlands District for 31 new workers and 12 replacements.

Pacific Islands Workers: The Conference of the Methodist Church of Fiji is seeking for increased stipends and allowances for its overseas workers and this matter will have to receive the careful consideration of the Board in the coming year.

Melanesia Council of Churches: The United Synod has agreed to enter this council and to be represented at the Pacific Council of Churches Conference, Lifou, in 1966. Plans are being set afoot to prepare an "Office of Holy Communion" in simple English for submission to all the Synods and the Papua Ekelesia.

The United Synod has decided to affiliate with the Pacific Council of Churches. Work is already in hand for the production of an English Hymn book "suitable for our needs."

Joint Action: The contributing synods have agreed to levies for the maintenance of Rarongo Theological College and the Teachers' Training College.

Deaconess Order: A statement was accepted setting out the aims and scope of the training period for deaconesses.

Statistics: Returns show the following totals for the four districts:-

Ministers	*****	68
Ministers on Probation		21
Members	*****	32913
Members on Probation		7612
Members under Instruction	*****	23664
Attendants at Public Worship		132700
Sunday School Scholars	*****	32540
Day School Scholars		21442
Amounts raised	*****	£53,312

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman.

W. E. DONNELLY, Executive Officer.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1965

I regret having to report that at the time of the opening of Conference the Solomon Islands District accounts had not been received in the Head Office, and consequently no financial statements of the Overseas Missions Department are available for presentation to Conference. As a result, comparison of the outcome of the year's transactions with the Estimates is not possible.

The Estimates for the current year are submitted with this Report. These show a deficit of £3,976 compared with the previous year's estimated deficit of £3,550.

Expenditure in the Papua New Guinea Highlands District increased substantially during the year, as was anticipated. The estimate for 1965/66 provided for only a slight increase owing to some retrenchment resulting from the Australasian Board's difficult financial position.

In future the accounts from the Districts will cover the calendar year, the next accounting period closing on 31st December, 1966. This should ensure that the accounts are received in the Head Office in ample time for incorporating in the Board's financial statements at 31st August; but it is difficult to see how accounts presented to Conference can under the circumstances have much significance. Some means must be found, if possible, to give them meaning.

The subsidy to the Solomon Islands District, £NZ 9,500, is as provided in the 1964/65 Estimates, pursuant to the resolution of the 1964 Conference that the subsidy be fixed annually in advance. For the year 1965/66 the subsidy was fixed at £NZ11,000.

Advice has been received that the boat being built to replace Mandalay has been completed. Delivery will be taken after inspection about the end of November. The cost will probably be £2,000 in excess of funds available in the Boat Insurance and Replacement accounts.

The Methodist Women's Fellowship grant has been received as in the past. We are grateful to the Fellowship, and to the Lepers' Trust Board whose grants this year totalled £15,000 for general medical expenditure and for special purposes.

We report with much satisfaction that the Department's Budget Allocation for the past year was received in full. The Estimates for 1965/66 assume receipt of the amount provided in the Budget.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the reports be received and adopted.
- 2. (a) That the Treasurer's Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet be adopted.
- (b) That the President and Secretary of Conference arrange for the inclusion of the accounts of the Overseas Missions Department in the 1965 Minutes, and that these be examined by the Committee on Funds (Committee of Detail) at 1966 Conference.
- 3. That the estimates of income and ordinary and special expenditure for 1965-66 be adopted.
- 4. That Conference be associated with greetings sent by the Board to the overseas workers and churches in the overseas districts, and to the Rev. Saimon Gaius, the new Chairman of the United Synod of Melanesia.

- 5. That Conference confirm the expressions of appreciation accorded by the Board to Rev. and Mrs G. G. Carter (17 years), Rev. and Mrs A. H. Hall (19 years, including four in New Zealand doing translation work), Sister Ada Lee (26 years), Sister Kathleen Shaw (6 years), Sister Janice Palmer (3 years), Miss Shona Couch (2 years), Mr David Eason (2½ years) from the Solomon Islands District; and Sister Edith James (10 years) from the Papua New Guinea Highlands District.
- 6. Retiring Lay Missionaries: That Conference agree to the Board continuing its study of means of rehabilitating laymen returning to New Zealand after overseas missionary service. (A report has been prepared by a sub-committee but the study of its out-working is not yet complete.)
- 7. Rev. A. H. Hall: That Conference express its thanks and appreciation to the Rev. A. H. Hall on the completion of the translation of the Old Testament into the Roviana language. It also noted with satisfaction the printing of the Psalms in the Roviana tongue.
- 8. Overseas Missions Extension Fund: That Conference bring before all our people the urgent need for funds and that Synod Standing Committees and Synods be asked to promote the Extension Appeal locally.
- 9. Circuit Boundaries: That Conference agree that the Aola-Honiara section of Roviana Circuit be constituted a separate Circuit.
 - 10. Solomon Islands Sub-District:
 - (a) That Conference agree that the Bougainville-Buka area be constituted a sub-district within the Solomon Islands District.
 - (b) That a Deputy-Chairman be appointed to act for the Chairman in this area.
- 11. Order of St. Stephen: That Conference note with satisfaction the growth of this Order in the Solomon Islands and offer its thanks to those who have so far served their people in this way.
- 12. Charitable Trust: That Conference grant permission to the Solomon Islands District to set up a Charitable Trust under the Charitable Trust Ordinance (B.S.I.P.) 1964 for the purpose of holding any newly acquired lands and property.
- 13. Papua New Guinea Highlands: That Conference take cognisance of the very rapid growth of the Church in the Highlands District, express its thanks to God for this in-gathering. That it also commend the workers for their zeal and in doing so realises that this growth will call for greater commitments.
- 14. Separated Chairman: That Conference support the principle of a separated Chairman for the Highlands District.
- 15. Proposed Methodist Conference of Melanesia: That Conference note with satisfaction the expressed intention of the United Synod of Melanesia not to form an independent Methodist Conference of Melanesia but to move with all convenient speed into union with the Papua Ekalesia to form a united church. That Conference request the Law Revision Committee to prepare the necessary legislation to permit union with the Papua Ekalesia and the Port Moresby United Church to be completed when the churches concerned are ready.
- Publicity: That Conference ask the Overseas Missions Department to make more effective display material available.

- 17. Rev. E. C. Leadley: That Conference note with appreciation the offer of the Rev. and Mrs E. C. Leadley to serve again in the Solomon Islands District and extend to them its prayerful good wishes.
- 18. Legacies: That Conference, while acknowledging its indebtedness to those who have provided for the work of the Overseas Missions Department by legacies and gifts, respectfully suggest that the time has now come for members to provide for the work of Overseas Missions by not specifying any particular aspect of the work in their gifts and legacies.
- 19. Representatives to C.O.M.I.C.A.: Rev. G. G. Carter and Mr S. N. Roberts.
 - 20. District Overseas Missions Conveners:

NORTHLAND:

AUCKLAND:
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:
TARANAKI-WANGANUI:
WELLINGTON:
NELSON:
NOPTH CANTERBURY:
Rev. E. D. Grounds.
Rev. F. Woodfield.
Rev. W. K. Abbott.
Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell
Rev. G. D. Brough.
Rev. W. J. D. Wakeling

NELSON:
NORTH CANTERBURY:
SOUTH CANTERBURY:
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:
Rev. W. J. D. Wakeling
Rev. T. Shepherd
Rev. G. Brazendale.
Rev. M. A. Hornblow.

21. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of Mr W. E. Donnelly, M.A., as Executive Officer of the Overseas Mission Department during 1965.

22. That the Board for 1966 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION 50.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

"... the Bible teaches us that the Gospel cannot be authoritatively proclaimed by a disunited church." — New Delhi Assembly Report.

By its constitution the Home Mission Department is established to extend Methodism. But because of the current discussions on church union and movements towards more acts of co-operation it must use its resources to further the mission of the whole church and recognise that other churches share in the same objectives.

In obedience to this leading of the Holy Spirit our people are in many areas engaged in discussion and negotiation with other churches with a view to strengthening the witness of the Church. In some rural communities it could well be that the withdrawal of an existing church and the integration of the congregations will bring strength and vitality to the Christian cause. In other areas, particularly in rapidly growing urban communities, provided care is taken to observe 'the principle of comity' it will be necessary for the Methodist Church (along with other communions) to establish new congregations to reinforce the work of witness and mission. These principles have been recognised by previous Conferences, and the Home Mission Department is endeavouring to keep in step.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CHURCHES (1964 Minutes, p. 150, No. 6).

1. The Synod Standing Committees have now completed the survey of the relationships of the circuits and churches with other denominations in their districts and have reported the results to the Department. It is evident that there are some areas in which cordial relationships exist between the churches in which the Mission of the Church can be better served by forms of co-operation involving the joint use of buildings or the establishment of union parishes. The Department in co-operation with the Church Union Committee plans to give guidance in Districts and circuits in planning such co-operation. It would however, stress the point that such co-operation can only be effective where local opinion, and sentiment is favourable, and which springs from an obedience to the Gospel, and not out of a desire to save money. In some cases the establishment of union parishes or agreements for the joint use of buildings will involve the Connexion in greater expenditure by way of Church Extension and Home Mission Grants than would be the case if the Methodist Church acted on its own.

During the past year the Department has been consulted regarding the following schemes of co-operation:—

- (a) Joint use of buildings with Anglican and Presbyterian Churches: Wainuiomata Union Parish and Glendale; Porirua East; Halcombe in the Feilding Circut; Taita Union Parish; Lynfield in the Auckland South Circuit. (It has been informed of preliminary discussions in other places such as Hamilton, Riccarton and Mt. Maunganui).
- (b) Union Parishes: Wakefield (Waimea Circuit); Johnsonville-Newlands. Temporary arrangements have been made at Wairoa, and Mangapapa (Gisborne Circuit) between the circuits and the contiguous Presbyterian Parishes by which the Methodist minister serves both churches and which may eventually lead to the establishment of union parishes.
- (c) Other ventures:

At Kawhia the Anglican Ministry is being subsidised by the Presbyterian Parish and the Synod Standing Committee. At Takoro, Palmerston North, the Church of Christ has a reciprocal membership agreement with the Trinity Circuit. Discussions are proceeding with the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches with a view to a joint venture at the new town of Turangi.

2. Guidance to Synod Standing Committees and circuits (1964 Minutes, p. 183. No. 13).

In consultation with the Church Union Committee a memorandum based on the decisions of previous Conferences is being prepared to assist our representatives in their discussions with other churches.

The memorandum will stress the following:-

- (1) The need to ensure that new buildings be located as to be suitable for a continuing centre of work and witness should union eventuate.
- (2) The importance of consulting with other churches engaged in church union discussions when plans for extension are being formulated so that our church keeps the spirit in which church union negotiations are being pursued.

- (3) The differences between the structure and polity of the negotiating churches and the need to ensure that agreements reached on the local level are ratified at the levels where authority resides.
- (4) Information concerning various forms of co-operation and where resource material may be found.
- (5) The place of the Methodist Church in these discussions is to ensure that it makes her own contribution, and that Methodist people are still able to continue their support to the wider work of the Connexion as well as supporting the mission of the local church.

THE MISSION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH:

- (a) Regional Conferences: Under the leadership of the President, the Rev. George Goodman, the officers of the Department have coperated with the officers of the Christian Education Department in assisting in Regional One Day Conferences on "The Mission of the Local Church." These have been profitable in that they have awakened many of our people to a new concern for "Mission." They will have served their purpose only if they alert all our people to their responsibility for mission in the world and to the need for a continual reformation of congregational life so that worship, training programmes, group life and fellowship enable its members to take their place as God's representatives in the world.
- (b) Statistical Survey: At the direction of last Conference material analysing the Census returns of "Religious Professions" in relation to the Membership and Pastoral Rolls of Districts and Circuits has been distributed to districts and circuits together with questions for the consideration of the Local Education Councils, the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings. These statistical summaries highlight the decrease in the rate of membership growth for every year since 1958, and that our Youth Rolls have not kept pace with the rate of population growth. The Department asks that Synod Standing Committees ensure that every circuit makes a serious examination of the facts in an endeavour to improve its methods of pastoral care, training for confirmation, and of Christan Education. This examination is related to "The Mission of the Local Church."

STAFFING:

Mr David Alley was received as a Home Missionary Probationer in February making a total of six in appointments as Home Missionaries or Supplies.

A memorandum on ministerial staffing was prepared and submitted to the Church Council in May which showed that at this forthcoming Conference the number of ministers retiring, plus those not available for stationing within New Zealand will be greater than the number becoming probationers plus those returning to circuit work; which means that some circuits at present with ministers or probationers will be "One wanted" after the 1966 Stationing is completed.

As the Department cannot give long term security to laymen as Home Missionaries it would be pleased to receive offers of assistance from active retired laymen who are lay preachers, who would be prepared to give "Supply" Service for twelve months.

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:

The Home Mission Board rejoices that it has received its full allocation from the 1964-65 Budget and desires to register its gratitude to the district and circuits which have given priority to the Budget in the administration of the funds committed to their care.

CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS:

The Districts have again provided revised lists of places within their areas which qualify for assistance by means of a grant from this Fund. With only one third of £20,000 available in any one year the Board has difficulty in deciding the order of priority. Many of the Grants now being made are to projects which were erected two or three years ago. Other grants which were authorised have not yet been made because the project has not yet been commenced. But the grants are sent out as the money is received from the Connexional Budget Treasurer.

Over the past nine years £57,000 has been given away to causes in new areas, a not inconsiderable contribution to Church Extension. In the same period the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund has been increased from £36,360 to approximately £137,000.

There is much yet to be done especially as the Church will have to take its share of providing a ministry to the new town of Turangi—and we look forward to the time when a greater annual sum will be available for Church Extension.

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD:

(a) Properties: All the properties and Investment Funds controlled by this Board—and the Board has endeavoured to ensure that the Deaconess Cottages and quarters are furnished up to the same standard as parsonages and over the past two years washing machines and refrigerators have been provided. This year it has purchased a house for the use of the Maori Student Pastor, at Manurewa, and rented a house and furnished it for the Maori Home Missionary at Tokoroa. It has also made extensions to Seamer House Hostel, and to the Deaconess Accommodation at Te Rahui (W.).

(b) Special Loans: During the year the Board has advanced 10 loans totalling £20,250 on 10 to 20 year terms of repayment and at an interest rate of 3½ per cent. The total amount invested in loans at 30th June was £112,345. There are only two Trusts that are in arrears.

This loan policy is made possible on this increasing rate because of individuals, committees and trusts which have deposited with the Board £90,000 as loans at call with agreed rates of interest up to 3½ per cent. To ensure that the Board has a reserve out of which to meet repayments of such loans one third of the total loans at call is invested in readily available securities.

To meet the increasing demand for loan money (supplementary to the interest-free loans from the Church Building and Loan Fund), the Board needs a constant flow of deposits. It invites members, committees and trusts to invest surplus money in this form of saving. It will accept deposits of £50 or more for this policy.

LITERATURE & COLPORTEUR SOCIETY:

Epworth Bookroom, Auckland: The turnover in this shop continues to increase but at a slower rate than previously probably because of the impact of television on the reading habits of people. During the year Mrs J. McNair resigned from the staff after having given seven years' service, and her place was taken by Miss Heather

Beaton. Miss Margaret Williams has been engaged as an additional staff member. At the end of April Mr L. Walsh resigned as Manager, and the Department wishes to record its appreciation of the very fine service he rendered in establishing the shop on a sound basis in its new premises. Mr R. A. Woodhams commenced duty as Manager on May 1st. Arrangements have now been made by which the publications of the Board of Publications are now available through the Bookroom.

Epworth Bookroom, Hamilton: Established 4½ years ago in London Street, Hamilton, the society has been compelled to close this shop as from the end of May. In spite of the sacrificial service of committee members and of Miss Vivienne Craig Parker, first as a candidate for the Order of St. Stephen and then at nominal wages, the shop has not been able to show a profit. The Society saw no prospect of overtaking the losses which had accumulated over the whole period. The shop closed on May 28th. The Department records its appreciation of the work of the Hamilton Committee and in particular of Miss Craig-Parker. It hopes that it may be possible to commence a Bookroom again in Hamilton in the not too distant future, this time with adequate capital and an experienced business man as manager.

HOME MISSION SECRETARIES. (1964 Minutes, p. 150, No. 11).

The Department has conferred with the Overseas Missions Department with regard to the functions of the Mission Secretaries now that the Connexional Budget is firmly established. Both Departments believe that there is a work for these officers to perform as publicity agents for the Missionary Departments, and to enable this function to be fulfilled are providing regular bulletins of information which they may use within the local setting. The Departments would suggest that when the Commission on Connexional Structure has finished its work that the laws of the church be re-written to provide for this function, and to ensure that they have a place on the Local Education Committee. In the meantime they would suggest that the Local Mission Secretaries be invited to attend the Local Education Committees whenever missionary education is under consideration.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:

The Rev. B. M. Chrystall was appointed to the Department for a three year term and as this term will be completed at the end of 1966 the Board desires to nominate him for a further term of six years for appointment at the 1966 Conference.

The Home Mission Board, the officers of the Department, and staff gratefully acknowledge the support that they have received throughout the Connexion, and thank the ministers and members for giving them the privilege of serving the Church through the Home Mission Department.

- E. C. LEADLEY, Chairman.
- D. G. SHERSON, Secretary.
- B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent.
- R. D. RAKENA, Assistant Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

- That the Report, Financial Statements and Estimates for 1966 be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Rev. B. M. Chrystall be designated for a further term as General Superintendent for appointment at the 1966 Conference.
- 3. That Conference approves Stoke as a "Special case" so that it may secure assistance from the Church Extension Fund.
- 4. That Rev. R. D. Rakena and Mr B. O. Stokes be reappointed Treasurers.
- 5. That Conference express its thanks to the J. R. McKenzie Trust Board for its continued support to the work of the Maori hostels, in particular, for this year's increased grants of £350 each to Te Rahui Tane, Te Rahui Wahine, and Seamer House Hotels.
- 6. That Conference expresses its thanks for the continued support of the Social Welfare work of the Church by way of grants from the McKenzie Trust to: Children's Homes, Rehua Maori Hostel, Te Kuiti Maori Centre, Life Line, Christchurch, Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery, and other social service activities.
 - 7. That the Board for 1966 be as printed on page 7 herein.

DISTRICT HOME MISSIONS CONVENERS

NORTHLAND: Rev. F. Johnson.

AUCKLAND: Rev. H. W. Kitchingman.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY: Rev. G. T. Gilbert.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT: Rev. A. A. Grundy. HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Rev. W. K. Abbott.

WELLINGTON: Rev. G. R. Thompson.

NELSON: Rev. A. K. Taylor.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev. C. H. Bell. SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. G. Brazendale. OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. R. S. Andrews.

QUESTION 51.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

All whom the "Maori Mission" directly represents record their thanks to God for the many evidences of His grace and continuing action within the total life of the Mission during the year. We acknowledge also our indebtedness to the whole Connexion for the practical support that enables a Methodist ministry to be maintaind and developed among Maori people.

DEVELOPMENTS INITIALLY AFFECTING THE MAORI FIELD.

Seeds sown in recent years are beginning to bear their fruit. Some may doubt still the wisdom of continuing, and even promoting, a distinctive structure and pattern of church life for our Maori membership. This part of our policy is pursued, however, out of a conviction that Christ and His Gospel must become "incarnate" within Maoridom itself if His total Lordship is to be fully realized and the appropriate response of personal and total commitment duly rendered. We believe that, for the majority, it is from within this context that they will find the Gospel most meaningful and relevant to their need.

- 1. Structure and Organization: Geographically, our Maori Circuits really constitute a district. This fact, and the relatively small number of full-time staff, adds to the difficulty of establishing a structure and pattern of organization which can be effectively and efficiently sustained. In most Circuits, however, this is almost realised. Consequently convenient channels now exist between all sections of the life of the Maori Mission.
- 2. Maori Policy Committee: This committee links the life of the Maori Circuits with the higher courts of the church and is therefore a vital part of the pattern that has emerged, so much so, that it it is now required to meet twice annually. At its meetings in December and April last, the committee gave consideration to the training of the Maori students; the nature of work and suitable location of new staff appointments; Maori-Pakeha relationships and co-operation; Maori statistical returns, and arising out of the review of statistics, the over-all work among youth.
- 3. Queen's Birthday Week-end Hui: The Hui was held at Turangawaewae Pa, Ngaruawahia. This Hui was the seventh and except for one, all have been held at Turangawaewae Pa. In this report, therefore, we record our deep thanks and appreciation to King Koroki, the elders and local people for continuing to afford us this privilege. The theme of the Hui was "Te Iwi a Te Atua" and discussions were initiated by an illuminating address given by the Rev. W. F. Ford, Director of Christian Education. Linking the Hui further with the wider life of the Connexion was the presence throughout the Hui of the President, the Rev. G. H. Goodman accompanied by Mrs Goodman and family; the Vice-President, Mr R. C. A. Marshall; the President of the N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship; Mrs I. G. Baber accompanied by Mr Baber and their son; and the Vice-President of the C.Y.M.M., Mrs G. Glover who was present with her husband. The work of prison chaplaincy was highlighted in an address by the first Maori N.C.C. Prison Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. M. Bennett.
- 4. Maori Women's Fellowship: This year's Queen's Birthday week-end Hui marked the culmination of a series of discussions at a national level concerning a suitable constitution for Maori Women's Fellowships. A constitution has now been accepted and come into effect. It is a further significant development within the life of the Maori Mission.
- 5. Youth Work: Since 1962 there has existed at the national level a committee formed for the purpose of co-ordinating and shaping the youth work of the Maori Circuits. Consequently, there has developed simultaneously with the overall structure and organization of the Circuits, a corresponding pattern of youth work. Youth Conferences have featured in the life of the Mission since 1955. The eighth of these is due to be held at Rotorua over the August school holidays. At this Conference, however, there will also be present youth of the other two constituent churches of the N.C.C. Maori Section—Anglican and Presbyterian.

6. The Staff: Several staff changes effected during the year have all proved satisfactory. A house was purchased at Manurewa in the Auckland Circuit for one of the two non-resident Maori students and a further house is being rented from N.Z. Forest Products Ltd., for a Home Missionary at Tokoroa. The parsonage at Heaphy Terrace in the Waikato Circuit is again occupied by one of the staff. We take the opportunity here to record appreciation of the work that was done by Mrs E. Bell, as a supply Deaconess in the Waikato Circuit, and of the continuing work of Miss H. Pope, a candidate for the Order of St. Stephen.

The need for Deaconesses remains critical. At the end of this year there will be four appointments not filled and only one student is due out of training. However, we welcome the prospect of at least three, if not four, of the third year Maori students being appointed to Maori Circuits next year although we recognize that this will inevitably mean a substantial increase to our budget.

DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING BOTH MAORI AND PAKEHA WITHIN THE CONNEXION.

The relationship between Maori and Pakeha within (and without) the life of the Connexion is perhaps more than ever before, an issue of grave importance. It can no longer be nonchalantly ignored, and equal determination to come to grips with all that it implies is required from both Maori and Pakeha. In this connection, we view the present emphasis upon a "Maori" structure and pattern of church life as a means to this end. It is not envisaged as an end in itself. Both peoples—their respective gifts, and all that they represent—have a significant role to fulfil within God's plan for the world. We see the issue as not centring on an "either/or" relationship but on a relationship where "both" receive due emphasis and where ultimately, we both cease to be the people we are now, and in Christ become God's people—the point where all differences are seen in their true perspective and contribute to a common family unity derived from, and sustained by, love.

1. Questionnaire on Maori-Pakeha Relationships: Following last Conference a Questionnaire was sent to all Circuits to which all but 19 replied. A North Island—South Island summary of results is given here:

				N.I.	S.I.	Total
No.	of	Maori	families on Pastoral Roll	1,145	108	1,253
,,	,,	"	members on Members' roll	97	31	128
"	"	"	families who pledge	62	34	96
"	"	"	persons attending Services (monthly)	295	85	380
,,	,,	,,	children on S.S. Roll	536	62	598
37	**	,,	young people on B.C. Roll	102	14	116
"	,,	,,	youth in uniform groups or Y. clubs	307	7	314
"	,,,	"	women in Women's Fellow- ships	48	3	51
"	"	"	men attending Men's Fellow- ship	11	3	14

A wide range of suggestions were received on how the existing relationship might be improved. Some of these were as follows:—

[★] That Pakeha ministers and Maori staff meet regularly for consultation and mutual exchange of relevant information, e.g., names, addresses and status of individual Maoris and families; planning

of house-services; staff and local circuit programme of activities and special Maori family circumstances or crises.

- * That Pakeha ministers located in circuits having a concentration of Maori people undergo a course of training designed to provide them with a greater knowledge and understanding of the Maori, and from time to time fulfil occasional preaching appointments in a Maori circuit.
- * That the Maori staff engage in more concentrated work with a view to creating a stronger Maori church consciousness.
- * That where required, the Maori staff ensure that it is represented at the meetings of appropriate church courts.

These and other helpful suggestions received, are being duly considered for possible action in the near future.

2. Education for Maori-Pakeha Encounter: Education of the Maori concerning the Pakeha and our 20th century mode of living, must be matched in like manner by the education of many more Pakeha people concerning the Maori if the relationship envisaged is to be realized.

Serious consideration of and subsequent action on the information and suggestions outlined under "Operation Friendship" in Project News will help prepare and equip Pakeha ministers and congregations for the encounter that will prove mutually beneficial to Maori and Pakeha.

3. The Increasing Maori Population in Towns and Cities: This fact is not new but many of its implications are only now being realized. Perhaps the most pertinent one in this context being that it is no longer possible for Maori and Pakeha to avoid each other. Contact is almost inevitable. In Districts where our regular Maori staff is at work ministers and circuits have some recourse to personal assistance and counsel. In Districts other than these, however, meeting the need arising from this situation poses some difficulty.

In this connection it is felt that a brief visit to Maori families in Wellington made at the request of the District Synod Standing Committee by the Rev. R. D. Rakena has given an indication of what future action might best meet this situation.

MAORI HOSTELS:

Our hostels continue to fulfil their role satisfactorily. We extend thanks to the staff and Matrons of our hostels whose labours both in the interest of the residents and the Department we fully appreciate. In particular, we thank Mrs H. Maaka for her services to Te Rahui Wahine during her eighteen months' term as Matron. Mrs T. Manihera of Raglan has replaced Mrs Maaka as the Matron. By the time Synod meets the new extensions to Seamer House will have been completed. For their generous gifts to this area of our work we record deep appreciation of financial assistance from the J. R. McKenzie Trust, the Auckland and Waikato Savings Bank, the N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Maori Affairs Department.

N.C.C. MAORI SECTION:

The Maori Mission continues to enjoy the association it has with the two other membeers of the N.C.C. Maori Section, whose chairman for the year is the Rev. B. M. Chrystall. We are to be hosts for the 1966 Annual Meeting and on our behalf the Northland Circuit will assume the responsibility for hospitality and local arrangements.

Motucka Visit: The Rev. Te N. Waaka represented us on the roster of Maori visits to Motucka, drawn up by the Executive of the Maori Section. These visits are greatly appreciated and there is indication that the position has vastly improved in the last two or so years.

Honouring of Church Membership: A statement to this effect from the Maori Section was received and duly considered during the year. Our decision is recorded under the apropriate resolution.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS, 1964 (Minutes of Conference p. 155). "Motueka Visits."

Resolution No. 3: We affirm the practice that visits to Motueka are best conducted under the auspices of the N.C.C. Maori Section, and therefore resolve that as long as the need for specific Maori visits exist, we make our Methodist contribution in accordance with

Resolution No. 4: "Use of terms 'Mission' and 'Missionary'.

We report that on the basis of a memorandum submitted by the Rev. G. I. Laurenson, discussions on the use of the terms 'Mission' and "Missionary' have been initiated at various levels within the Maori Mission. The question is being considered at Regional and Circuit Meetings and following reports to the next meeting of the Maori Policy committee it will be possible to present next year's Synods and Conference with a full report.

- E. C. LEADLEY, Chairman.
- D. G. SHERSON, Secretary.
- B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent.
- R. D. RAKENA, Assistant Superintendent.
- R. ROGERS, Senior Maori Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted.
- That the following statement submitted by the Maori Section of the National Council of Churches be adorted and registered as the mind of the Conference:—

"The Churches of the Maori Section N.C.C. declare that they regard all who are members of the constituent churches as being all one in Christ. They therefore declare that they regard themselves bound to respect the denominational loyalty of the members of each of the constituent churches, and pledge themselves not to use their influence to persuade any to change such loyalty.

"The Churches also declare their conviction that in institutions such as Hostels operated by any one of the constituent churches which are open to all, irrespective of denominational affiliation, there should be respect for the denominational loyalty of those entering such institutions. This means that all would be encouraged to maintain fellowship with their own churches, and that no pressure or persuasion would be used to persuade any to change their denominational loyalty.

"Each church expects that those of its membership enjoying the hospitality and shelter afforded by another church will co-operate with others in such religious exercises designed to develop the Christian life of all within the group."

3. That the Departments concerned publicise more information on our Maori work, in Methodist papers and to Women's Fellowships.

QUESTION 52.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Central Missions?

N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

ANNUAL REPORT, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1965

The Annual Meeting was held at the Central Mission, Auckland, on 23rd and 24th March, 1965. The President of the Conference, the Rev. G. H. Goodman, presided.

LECTURES:

There were two lectures:

- (a) Mr E. J. Wadsworth, M.A., Dip.Soc.Ed.Sc., of the Child Welfare Department spoke on "Child Care, Present and Future," and this was an enlightening utterance.
- (b) Dr J. L. Newman, Superintendent of the Green Lane Hospital, and formerly Superintendent of Cornwall Geriatric Hospital, spoke on "Care of the Aged."

Both lectures provoked animated discussion, and much good was derived.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:

- (a) Training. A Committee consisting of Dr P. Guthardt, Dr D. O. Williams, Revs. B. Chrystall, B. Riseley, A. E. Orr and Dr H. Densem, with power to co-opt, prepared a Memorandum for the Church Council, and this matter is being further pursued in conjunction with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches and the Church of Christ.
- (b) Shared Hospital Chaplaincies. Meetings have also been proceeding with the above Churches, and a proposal is being considered regarding the immediate employment of a Chaplain in a Psychiatric Hospital. We were informed that the Presbyterian Assembly had also approved the principle of Shared Chaplaincies in Psychiatric Hospitals.

SUBSIDY FOR HOMES AND FLATS:

It was resolved to request the Government to consider lifting the subsidy for residential Homes on account of increased costs, and to stress the need for much increased subsidies for multi-storey units for single entities, i.e., approved supervised flatettes for the aged.

SUBSIDY FOR STUDENT HOSTELS:

Information has been received through the Synod Standing Committees regarding the provision of Hostels and University Schools, and this information has been gathered and forwarded to the Secretary of Conference.

DOMINION TRAINING:

- (a) Matrons: This matter was referred to each constitutent organisation to report back.
- (b) The Convener was invited to share with a Presbyterian Committee in regard to the whole question of Recruitment and Training of Lay Workers in Institutions.

CARE OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN COMMITTEE:

Mr G. C. Burton reported that in consultation with Prof. Robb and Prof. Minn of the School of Social Science, his Committee presented the following resolutions which were approved by the Association:—

- (1) Children should be removed from their own homes as a last resort; there should be attempt to solve the problems of the home.
- (2) Where removal becomes necessary, a foster home is preferably the first method of care.
- (3) Where there are problems, the children should be in homes of not more than 20, preferably in homes of six to eight.
- (4) Desirable that children should be placed in small families if they have to be placed away.
- (5) Disturbed adolescents are better not put in foster homes.
- (6) Where short-term care is required, it is better to put the children in family homes, provided this does not involve splitting of the family. It is good if there can be small institutions into which a family can be placed.
- (7) A continuous research process in the best ways of dealing with the problems is necessary.

From the consultations it would appear that substantially the policy adopted by the Conference is sound, with the specific recognition of the place of some institutions for certain purposes.

CITY MISSIONS, CHILDREN'S HOMES AND MAORI WORK:

See separate reports.

STAFF INSURANCE:

The Rev. W. R. Laws reported that a scheme is under consideration, and that the preparation of a document was in the hands of the Legal Adviser.

CIRCUIT M.S.S.A. AGENTS:

The following outline of duties was approved:-

- (1) To act as liaison between the Circuits and the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and the Area M.S.S.A. and any unit of Social Service work in the area.
- (2) To promote action within the Circuit to develop the Church as a caring agency in the community, e.g. needs of lonely, aged and shut-in people, home help in emergency, alcoholic and his family, deserted wives and family, delinquent youths, socially and mentally handicapped, law offenders, etc.
- (3) To disseminate information about the Social Service programme of the Church.

RATING CHURCH PROPERTY:

It was resolved that the whole question of Rating Church Property with recent trends be referred to the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, seeking their action at Government level for amendment of the Rating Act, supported by Documentary evidence to be enclosed.

TAMAHERE EVENTIDE HOME:

The Auckland Central Mission Trustees passed over the property consisting of 14 acres to the South Auckland Synod, and a new Board of Trustees has been appointed. The Foundation Stone was laid by the Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E. on June 26th, 1965. Building operations are proceeding very well. Sister Edith James has been appointed Matron. The Home should be opened about Christmas time.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE:

This unit of work was approved by the Association. The Director's time is largely given up to counselling in the area. This unit of work is to be part of the Wellington S.S.A. Area.

PROVISION FOR TRAINING OF SOCIAL WORKERS: BURSARIES:

Mr Burton reported that the only bursaries available, apart from provision which the Church itself might make are the "Open Bursaries" provided by the Education Department. These are to the value of £80 p.a. plus cost of fees (about £35). In certain cases a boarding allowance of £80 is also available. Such bursars should, if possible, be sponsored by the Church. Further consideration is being given to this matter.

G. H. GOODMAN, President.

A. EVERIL ORR, Convener & Official Representative N.Z. Methodist Social Service Association.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Hospital Chaplains Committee continue its work on "Training" and "Shared Chaplaincies."
- 3. That the Government be urged to increase the subsidy on Residential Homes for the Aged and for Flats and "Flatettes."
- 4. That the Committee of the "Care of Dependent Children" continue its work as part of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
 - 5. That the duties of Circuit M.S.S.A. agents be approved.
- 6. That steps be taken to amend the rating act in regard to Church property through the Inter-Church Council on Pubilc Affairs.
- 7. That the Rev. A. Everil Orr be the Official Representative of the Association.
- 8. That the Children's Homes and Central Missions report to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and the Synods within the area covered by their Area Committees, and that the N.Z.M.S.S.A. report only on important developments to Conference.
- 9. That M.S.S.A. confer with all churches operating "Life Line", Samaritan, or similar services with a view to using a common name throughout N.Z.
- 10. (a) That Conference requests its District and Area Social Service Committees to explore avenues of co-operation in Social Service work with the negotiating churches wherever joint action would be more effective.
- (b) That this principle be extended wherever possible to other member churches of the N.C.C. and the Roman Catholic Church.
- 11. That the M.S.S.A. give favourable consideration to the following recommendation and report to Synods and Conference 1966:—

"That urgent consideration be given to the sponsoring of a suitable candidate through the full time two-year training course for Diploma of Social Science at Victoria University of Wellington, this to involve the payment of full fees, provision of an adequate salary and placement in the full service of the Church upon completion of training."

CENTRAL DISTRICTS AREA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

We have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Central Districts Area Committee of the Methodist Social Services Association.

Wesleyhaven Eventide Homes:

The Wesleyhaven Eventide Home at Naenae continues to provide accommodation and care for 83 residents. A recreation hall to be used by residents for social activities is now nearing completion.

The administration of the entire Home is the responsibility of the Wesleyhaven Management Committee comprising representatives of the Jewish Care of the Aged Society and the Methodist Church.

Wesleyhaven is providing a very happy community for a large number of people and we are grateful and proud of all that has been accomplished here.

Epworth House:

This is our young women's Hostel situated in the central residential area of the city and provides accommodation for 21 young women. The Hostel was for 3½ years well served by Mr and Mrs Dodge as Master and Matron. Mr and Mrs Dodge have now moved to Picton and Miss E. Beale has taken over the position as Matron at the Hostel. A very happy atmosphere prevails and it is truly a home away from home in Wellington.

Catherine Jamieson Hostel:

This Hostel, situated in Palmerston North, is the home of 12 young women students in the city. The Lady Superintendent, Miss P. Patrick, has returned recently from the United States where she studied Christian Leadership with the Y.W.C.A. Now in its second year of operation the Hostel provides excellent accommodation which contributes substantially to the well being of students in the city.

Rangiatea Methodist Maori Girls' Hostel:

Rangiatea Hostel in New Plymouth had for the first term 1965, 70 girls in residence, 5 European, 55 Maori, 10 from the Pacific Islands and Solomons.

The Matron is a Deaconess, Sister Evelyn Marriott, and she is assisted by 3 Sub-Matrons, a residential Cook and Domestic Staff.

The girls are maintaining a good scholastic standard and this year's intake is showing the work of the Maori Education Foundation. Head teachers have been asked to recommend promising pupils. Many of the girls are in the top forms, one is the Dux of the Primary School and two others have academic bursaries. Six boarders passed School Certificate last year and three went on to Teachers' College.

The spirit of Rangiatea is good and the life of the girls there is full. There is a good degree of participation in activities outside the Hostel and associaton with Whiteley Methodist Church. Religious activities are conducted within the House and we are very fortunate in having Rev. Akonga Pihama to lead the Maori cultural programme.

Masterton Children's Home, 'Homeleigh':

We have given particular thought as to how best to carry out

the new policy regarding the care of dependent children.

We are convinced that there is wisdom in maintaining the children of a family together during a time of crisis. The small size of "Homeleigh" makes it possible for our children to be a family in the true sense of the term with many facilities which are not available in every home.

Case workers to be associated with the children in the Home on a part time basis are Mr B. Duxfield of Wesley Social Services and Mr I. G. Baber of Manawatu Social Services Centre.

As we review the work over the last year it is apparent that there have been more short term admissions. At December 31st, 1963, there were 22 children in residence. During 1964 18 were admitted and 19 permanently placed, leaving 21 in residence at the end of 1964. During the year we had at least twenty-three children applying for admission whom we were unable to take into the Home.

We are indeed fortunate to have Mr and Mrs Jolly conducting the affairs of the Home and they are loyally supported by other members of the staff and the Board.

Manawatu Social Services Centre:

The Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre was inaugurated on 1st August, 1963, as a District enterprise in the field of Social concern and Mr I. G. Baber appointed as Director of the Centre.

Since its inception over 230 families have come to the centre referred by Doctors and other Social Service Agencies. A wide variety of problems and needs have been met. This part of the work has been greatly facilitated by the excellent relationships and co-operation with professional people in the District.

Emphasis in promoting Social Service awareness has taken the form of educational visits to Circuit meetings and holding of Seminars conducted by Professional Social Service Workers and Government Agencies.

The Centre is served by a dedicated committee of laymen and women representing each Circuit in the District.

Wellington District-Methodist Social Services:

The Wellington area of the M.S.S.A. has come under a new approach with the appointment of Mr Bryan Duxfield, a layman, to the position of Director. Rev. B. H. Riseley completed five years as Director in Wellington and transferred to Auckland in January of this year. Mr Riseley gave outstanding service, and during his term marked progress was made both in the extensions to Wesleyhaven and in general social service work.

A Sub-Area Committee has been set up to direct and co-ordinate Social Service work in the Wellington Synodal District. This Committee has wide representation from within the District and will give guidance to future developments. The committee is to be known as "The Wellington District Committee of the M.S.S.A."

A "Samaritan" telephone service has been inaugurated in the city on an inter-church basis and this is proving a very valuable service to the community.

The work of the Director is in the field of general social service work designed to meet a wide variety of human and community needs. Mr Duxfield is being sent to the State Services Commission Training Centre for Social Workers at Tiromoana in August of this year for the two months' intensive training course. This course will help to fit him for the new work involving Case work with Masterton Children's Home.

Immigration:

Since taking up the appointment the new Director of Wesley Social Services has been in contact with some of the families recently arrived in the Dominion. Other inquiries from overseas have been forwarded to the areas where these intending immigrants chose to seek employment and accommodation.

This aspect of the work appears to be a very vital and useful link which can in a practical way be provided for our Methodist folk from overseas.

> ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman. BRYAN DUXFIELD, Director.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 52 .-

II-Central Missions A-Auckland Methodist Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

The opening of the new building has spelled a new era for Evangelistic and Social Service work. There is a gradual build-up of both Morning and Evening Services of Worship, and all other groups are on the increase.

Official Opening, New Church and Mission Facilities:

The new Church was officially opened by the President, Rev. G. H. Goodman, onNovember 14th, 1964, when over 1,000 people were present. His Worship the Mayor, Members of Parliament, and representatives of all members of the National Council of Churches, as well as the Roman Catholic Bishop, were in attendance. The Reception was held in the Concert Chamber. The Guest Preacher for the first two Sundays was Rev. Sir Irving Benson, of Central Methodist Mission, Melbourne. The new organ and the furnishing of the Chapel and facilities have been a blessing to the interior working of the Mission.

All space in the office block continues to be let, and the N.Z. Insurance Trust Department is taking care of our obligation to the Loan Stock Debenture Holders. £29,500 was paid for interest this year. The first Sinking Fund instalment of £19,000 is to be paid in November 1965, and the Trustees continue to give special attention to this matter. The approximate cost of the New Building Scheme is £800,000, and the debt is approximately £492,000.

The Elderly:

(a) WESLEY GERIATRIC HOSPITAL.

Dr. John B. Lovell-Smith has been appointed Medical Superintendent and Dr. W. N. Clay as his colleague. Sister J. Rutherford assumed her duties as Matron in November, 1964. The Hospital was officially opened by the Hon. Minister of Health, Mr D. M. McKay, there being over 1,000 present. Two houses adjoining Wesley property were purchased during the year. Planting of suitable shrubs and final landscaping is proceeding.

The Hospital of 40 beds is always full, and there is an excellent staff. A full-time Occupational Therapist is employed, and there is a visiting Physiotherapist. Plans and specifications for an Occupational Therapy Unit at an estimated cost of £13,000 are now before the Health Department. As this means an extension of Government policy, there is delay in reply. While there will always be a certain number of terminal cases, the emphasis in such hospitals is upon the rehabilitation of the patients. The total cost of the Hospital was £135,000. The debt is £14,000. We are grateful to the Matron and Medical Staff for their excellent service, and to all those who have contributed.

(b) MT. ALBERT—ASTLEY HOUSE, TYLER HOUSE, ASHBY HOSPITAL AND LEIGH HAVEN COTTAGES.

There are 118 people in residence, and 450 people waiting for admission. Special thanks are due to Sister Margaret Frampton and Mrs I. Palmer and staff for consecrated service. Further staff has been employed to care for the increasing number of infirm folk.

(c) TAMAHERE EVENTIDE HOME.

This property was handed over to a new Board of Trustees, and the Foundation Stone was laid on June 26th.

(d) ELDERLY PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP.

This has a membership of 200, led by the President, Mrs G. Pratt. There is an Indoor Bowling Club, and other activities.

(e) CHIROPODY.

The Centre is now fully equipped, and a qualified Chiropodist is employed for stated periods. The old folk contribute 2/- per treatment, and the Mission meets other costs.

Inter-Church Counselling Centre and "Samaritan-Lifeline":

The Centre is now completed, and was officially opened by Mr J. H. Blackwell and consecrated by the Bishop of Auckland, the Rt. Rev. E. A. Gowing, on 20th May. The Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches are controlling the Centre, and have invited the Jewish Communion, Roman Catholics, and other Churches in the National Council of Churches to co-operate.

Counsellors for a 24-hour "Samaritan-Lifeline" are being enlisted for training.

Dr. D. O. Williams has been unanimously appointed as Director of the Counselling Centre, the Rev. A. D. Robertson (Presbyterian), Chairman, and the Rev. D. R. Comber (Baptist) Secretary.

Winstone Lodge with Miss M. Dalziel as Matron and a good staff continues splendid service among 30 student girls.

Campbell's Bay Camp and Waiheke Holiday House:

We are grateful to the J. R. McKenzie Trust for a grant of £250, and to the Auckland Savings Bank for £200. The Camp serves the Church and community—particularly mothers with families and Church groups. Some accommodation is used for Transit Housing for new settlers. Waiheke Cottages are used for Family Holidays.

Court and Prison Work:

Sister Ivy Jones, J.P., M.B.E., serves well as Welfare Officer among the girls, while the Rev. J. S. Olds works among the boys and young men and is Chaplain at Mt. Eden Prison. Maori folk are ministered to by Sister Anne Wilson.

Staff:

We are grateful for the appointment of Rev. J. S. Olds and Sister Gladys Thomas. Both are making a worthy contribution in this year of consolidation. Sister Gladys leaves at the end of the year to be married. Our office staff render signal service in the day to day work of the Mission.

Samoan Work:

A Service is held bi-monthly, and is well attended. There is a fortnightly Club, and a Brass Band. We minister to about 100 Samoan people, and three have a seat on the Quarterly Meeting.

Lunchtime Wednesdays:

Services were commenced after Easter at 12.20 p.m. and 1.20 p.m. 65-70 attend, and indications are that numbers will increase.

Legacies received during the year:-

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Annie Mary Clem	ents		1007	inne	700	0	0	
K. S. Dight				******	257	12	5	
George P. Hunt	*****	*****	17,000	*****	250	0	0	
T. E. Price			10.01	*****	410	0	0	
Annie Skene			******	******	1,052	8	2	
Mabel M. Seabro	ok	*****	*****		4,500	0	0	

The Future:

The present year is one of consolidation and all groups are adding to their numbers. Foundations are being laid for a greater outreach, and the Buildings themselves make their silent witness. There is a constant stream of daily visitation, and most pause to rest and pray.

Final sketch plans are being prepared for 19 single rooms for men as an addition to Tyler House, and we are negotiating the purchase of another house adjacent. This will accommodate a further six men.

The provision of further Parking, Goodwill Store, housing of old folk, space for teenagers, etc., are to engage our attention. The future of the Maori Mission physical set-up will be looked at in conjunction with the Home Mission Department.

Appreciation:

We record our thanks to all Donors and supporters, Trustees, Officers, Women's Committee, Organists, Choirmaster, and all who have allied themselves with us in serving Almighty God.

- A. EVERILL ORR, Superintendent.
- G. TOOTILL, Circuit Steward.
- F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Steward.
- R. T. GARLICK, Hon. Secretary.
- E. A. ASTLEY, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- 2. That Conference extend congratulations to the Rev. A. E. Orr on the completion of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission Building.
- 3. That the Board of Management for 1966 be: Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), Rev. J. S. Olds, General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of District, Rev. E. W. Hames, Rev. L. R. Gilmore, Dr. D. O. Williams, Dr. H. Ranston, Rev. Wesley Parker, Rev. E. R. LeCouteur, Rev. L. Greenslade, Mesdames M. Spurge, I. Sweetapple, E. Mills and Miss E. Booth, Messrs C. K. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey, L. Moor, A. H. Winstone, R. Simpson, N. Mee, C. W. Firth, R. T. Garlick, LL.B., A. E. Hayman, E. A. Astley, J. Trenwith, A. N. West and K. Clark, together with the Circuit Officials and Trustees of the Mission properties.

B—Christchurch Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

If the Bishop of Woolwich is right when he says that the world is asking "How can I find a gracious neighbour?" rather than "How can I find a gracious God"? then our City Mission emphasis on service and witness may represent the most relevant way to present the Gospel in our day.

We give thanks to God for the privilege and opportunity to serve those in need. We are mindful of Divine help and guidance throughout the year as we have endeavoured to identify ourselves with the needs and problems of many people.

Rehua Maori Hostel: Fifty Maori apprentices are now residing at Rehua. The Department of Maori Affairs in co-operation with the Technical College provide trade training courses for the first year, for boys learning the panel beating and painting trades. Most of our residents are in these classes.

Cabinet has approved the erection of a 33-bed wing at the Hostel at an estimated cost of £40,000. The Government is to meet the full cost of this project.

We gratefully acknowledge the administrative efficiency and outstanding Christian leadership of the Master and Matron, Mr and Mrs G. A. Moody.

Coffee Club: The Teenage Coffee Club continues to be a bridge activity between the Church and youth of the City.

Consideration is being given to the establishment of a Coffee House to provide opportunity for dialogue between Christian youth and young people with no Church allegiance.

Wesley Lodge and Hospital: 560 patients have been admitted to Wesley Hospital since its establishment in 1955. There are now 26 hospital beds and 22 Eventide Home beds.

The staff have established a Chapel fund which now stands at £500.

Mrs L. Prisk, a voluntary member of the staff, has interested many of our patients in Occupational Therapy.

Many who make application for admission to the home and hospital cannot be admitted because the demand is greatly in excess of available accommodation. As at June 30th last, 92 were on the waiting list.

Miss I. E. Macadam continues to serve the Church as Matron, and we are indebted to her for the fine Christian influence she has exercised with staff and patients over the past eight years.

Wesley House, Picton: The Honourable D. N. McKay, Minister of Health, will officially open the new wing at Wesley House on Saturday, September 11th. The President of the Conference, Rev. G. H. Goodman, will dedicate the building.

The contract price for this new wing was £20,782, and a Government subsidy of £14,400 was approved. An appeal for £6,000 was launched earlier in the year, and we thank all who have generously supported this appeal. A further £2,500 is required to open the Home free of debt.

Our thanks are due to the Matron, Mrs L. M. Souhagy, for her efficient management of the Home during the year. We record our thanks to the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr A. E. Greig, and the Picton Committee for their administration of the Home, and the interest and enthusiasm of their fund-raising efforts. Approximately £1,000 was raised at a Garden Fete on the Picton foreshore.

Life-Line: June 30th marked the end of the first year of the operation of LIFE-LINE. The key note of LIFE-LINE is service to anyone in the community who needs it. The slogan "Help is as close as the Telephone" indicates that the line of communication is the telephone which is manned from nine to midnight every day. LIFE-LINE is designed and staffed to help people solve problems which make life difficult or unbearable—the kind of problems people accept with resignation because they don't know where to turn for help.

800 calls have been received during the year. Calls for help come from lonely people, those contemplating suicide, unmarried mothers, people with spiritual, financial or emotional problems, deserted wives, 'mixed-up' teenagers, and people with marriage problems, etc.

A comprehensive training course has been continued with the emphasis upon non-directional counselling for LIFE-LINE'S sixty counsellors. Most denominations are represented in the Counselling Team.

A 'trouble' team is always on the alert prepared to go out immediately to cases of urgent need.

A 'Caring' Division has been recruited from all the Churches associated with the National Council of Churches in Christchurch. Members of the 'Caring' Division offer friendship for LIFE-LINE callers for three months following the initial call.

Telephone Ministry: This Service, operating 24 hours a day, provides a message and prayer which is recorded daily by a team of Ministers and laymen.

114,300 calls have been received during the year, and many who find help through this service often seek further guidance through the personal ministry of LIFE-LINE.

Papanui Eventide Home: The proposed 36-bed Eventide Home at Papanui which has been approved in principle by the Government has been delayed because of rising building costs. The latest estimated cost is £106,000, and as the maximum Government subsidy is £86,000, with the estimated cost of £5,000 for furniture and equipment, it is necessary to raise approximately £25,000 for the project—almost double the amount first envisaged.

A building fund has been opened but donations so far have not reached £2,000. We commend this appeal to the support of our people because of the urgent need for more accommodation for elderly folk.

Goodwill Store: As the site of the Goodwill Store was on the future Town Hall site, the Trustees have leased a shop in the city. Since this move, there has been a much greater demand for good used clothes because the service is now in the public eye.

Not only are thousands of people assisted to adequately clothe themselves but the Social Service activities of the Mission are assisted as proceeds from this Department are paid into the Mission's Social Service Account. This work is done voluntarily by the following:—Mesdames Falkingham, Mein, Beaumont, Bell, Anderson, Stewart, Bemrose, Bisman, Burgess and Baird; Misses E. Searle and Nicol. We thank them for their loyal service.

Durham Street—Central Mission Negotiations: At this stage we have determined to grow together while maintaining our separate identity. The following resolution was approved by a joint meeting of the Leaders:—"We express our conviction that the ministry of the Methodist Church to the needs of the centre of the city can be served best by a growing together of the two causes".

Darby & Joan Club: We acknowledge the valued leadership of Miss O. G. Searle, who for many years has been the leading spirit in this club for elderly folk. Miss Searle has reluctantly retired from this work.

The District Women's Fellowship have appointed a Social Service Committee to take charge of this Club.

Finance: We gratefully acknowledge a grant from the McKenzie Trust of £150 for Rehua Hostel, and a bequest of £100 from the estate of Mrs Margaret King for Wesley Lodge.

We thank the 36 sponsors of "Enterprise" who have made it possible to publish the Social Service magazine.

We are mindful that the Social Service work of the Mission is made possible by the generous gifts of many people.

Thanks: We thank the press and radio for publicity given to various aspects of our work. We gratefully acknowledge the work of the Mission's staff in all Departments, and the voluntary workers who serve in many ways. To Conveners, Executive Officers, Officials and members of the Mission, we say "Thank you", and we pray that you continue to find joy and satisfaction as you serve the needs of people in the Spirit of Christ.

W. E. FALKINGHAM.
D. W. EDMONDS,
H. G. STEWART,
A. A. DINGWALL.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Board of Management for 1966 be: The Chairman of the District, Revs. H. G. Brown, H. K. Brown, W. T. Blight, R. G. Bell, W. S. Dawson, T. Shepherd, P. D. Ramsay, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, Dr. M. A. McDowell, Drs. T. Enticott and S. C. Peddie, Messrs R. Anderson, B. Armstrong, F. T. Bartley, L. J. Butler, T. J. Chamberlain, W. Couch, G. M. Couch, A. A. Dingwall, W. A. Hadlee,

N. G. Hillary, W. T. Lill, G. D. Miskimmin, R. Mitchell, H. G. Stewart, G. S. Salter, H. R. Spargo, R. Thomas, A. Southey; Mesdames B. Armstrong, R. Anderson, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, W. Couch, G. M. Couch, M. Leask, W. S. Dawson, R. Jones, L. Lewis, G. Moody and H. G. Stewart, Misses P. Caukwell and M. E. Edwards; together with the Convener of Rehua Hostel Committee, plus Circuit Officials and Ministers.

C—Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

1. STAFF:

The administrative staff remains the same as last year with the associate minister the Rev. J. H. Roberts continuing as hospital chaplain for the Dunedin Public and Private Hospitals, and the Rev. Warren Green being chaplain to the Seacliff group of Psychiatric Hospitals as well as minister to the country pastorate. Mr F. W. Wilson has been our Administrative Officer now for 18 months and has a good grasp of affairs.

2. INSTITUTIONS:

(a) EVENTIDE HOME AND HOSPITAL, COMPANY BAY:

i. Staff: We have a fine staff at Company Bay which is doing a most difficult job in a dedicated and efficient way. There is still a shortage of registered live-in staff, but there is a magnificent team of registered part-time staff, most of whom are married women and who are giving grand service. The staffing position in regards to Hospital Aids and Household Staff fluctuates and we have our problems there from time to time.

ii. Patients and Guests: There are at the present time approximately 70 guests in residence, many of whom are hospital patients. Most of these are very frail and require the maximum of nursing care.

iii. Sprinkler System: Messrs Wormald Bros. have completed the installation of a Sprinkler System at Company Bay at a total cost of £12,089. The Government has provided a special subsidy of £6,863. The Sprinkler System is now fully operational.

iv. Alterations: The Department of Health has approved proposed improvements and alterations to our Company Bay Home and Hospital which will probably cost in the vicinity of £20,000. The Government has made a special subsidy available of £7,000. The alterations include extensions to the Sun Porch at the Hospital and the installation of a new locker room, complete renovation and modernisation of the kitchen and bathroom block and the elimination of the inner rooms to form hospital wards in the Home Block, and a complete renovation of the laundry and installation of new equipment.

v. Committee on Care of the Aged: This committee appointed by the Minister of Health visited the Home during the year, and the members were most impressed by the fine work that was being done by our staff.

(b) WESLEY MANOR:

During most of this past year we have had a full complement of 20 men in residence. Interior re-decorating has been carried out throughout the building, and the outside repainted.

(c) WESLEY HALL STUDENTS' HOSTEL:

We have approximately £10,000 in hand towards extensions. It has been decided, however, to defer these in the meantime because we are heavily committed with other projects and feel that it would be unwise to extend the accommodation until we can increase the number to a minimum of 60 to make an economic unit. In the light of the latest Government subsidy, this is receiving further consideration.

(d) KAWERAU FALLS HOLIDAY CAMP:

Since the appointment of a permanent caretaker on a voluntary basis, the camp has been used far more, not only at holiday time, but also during the year. This year a new women's toilet block has been added to the house and a new toilet block has been provided for campers.

(e) GLENWOOD-ANGLICAN/METHODIST OLD PEOPLES' HOME, TIMARU:

This Home was opened in September, 1964, by the Minister of Health and was dedicated jointly by the Bishop of Christchurch and the Chairman of the South Canterbury District of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The Home has a full complement of 21 guests in residence with a waiting list. The debt on completion was approximately £5,000. Half of this was advanced as a free of interest loan by the Methodist Central Mission and half by the Anglican Diocesan Trust Board of Christchurch.

(f) DUNEDIN CITIZENS' DAY NURSERY:

We are continuing to operate with reduced numbers in the Hall of Trinity Church. The building is not satisfactory, and we are eagerly looking forward to new premises in the new building.

3. OCTAGON CENTRE:

As is well known throughout the Connexion, Dunedin Methodism occupies a most strategic place in the heart of Dunedin. From the opening of the Octagon Hall in 1913 until the amalgamation with Trinity Church in 1952, both morning and evening services were held in the Octagon Hall. For the 11 years since the amalgamation, morning services have been held in Trinity Church and evening services in the Octagon Hall. At the beginning of 1965 both services were transferred to Trinity Church. This has proved a most happy arrangement.

(1) Trinity Church:

The Church Building and Loan Fund Board has approved plans for extensive structural strengthening, alterations and renovations to Trinity Church. These are expected to cost about £20,000 and will be commenced as soon as possible.

- 2. New Building, Octagon Site: At the present time our architects are preparing working drawings for a ten story building estimated to cost £320,000 and containing two floors of shops, seven rentable office floors and one floor for the Day Nursery. The Trust is at present seeking tenancies, and a number of enquiries have been made. Our preliminary enquiries regarding loan money have been most satisfactory. Providing new building regulations do not hold the work up, it is hoped to call tenders early next year.
- (3) Goodwill Store: For over 11 years our Goodwill Store, staffed by a team of voluntary workers under the leadership of Miss C. Uren, has provided a most useful service in the city.

- (4) Newbold Trust: We have informed the General Purposes Trust Board that we believe any children's work in Dunedin by the Methodist Church would best be carried out by the appointment of a Social Worker to work under the direction of the Central Methodist Church and Mission and that interest from the Newbold Trust be used to help finance this.
- (5) Finance: We are grateful again to the many well-wishers who have helped us financially during the year by donations, especiwho have helped us inhalicially during the year by dolladons, espectably to the J. R. McKenzie Trust Board, the Otago Savings Bank, the Otago Hospital Board and the Dunedin City Council for their continued support to the Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery.

 We acknowledge the following legacies received:—

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Estate Minnie Ball	£602	4	3	
Estate J. R. G. Fry	£100	0	0	
Estate E. R. Cridland	£96	11	1	Annual.
Estate Jane Pearce	£50	0	0	
Estate G. H. Geeson	£13	4	6	Additional.
Estate H. H. Johnson	£200	0	0	
Estate G. Dixon	£1,050	0	0	

(6) Thanks: We appreciate the loyal service of our staff, committee members and church members and are grateful for the interest shown and the assistance given by the whole church in our Social Service area. 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, Superintendent.

G. F. PASCOE.

H. C. VINCE, Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 52 .-

III—Children's Homes

A—Auckland Methodist Children's Home

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965

In submitting this 52nd annual report of the work for the children under the care of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home Board we acknowledge again the guiding of our Heavenly Father and His continuing goodness through the many people who continue to take a practical interest in the children.

At the end of June 1965 there were 34 children under our care 16 of whom were actually in residence at Wesleydale. One girl is at Kurahuna Maori Girls' Hostel, two boys at Wesley College, and one girl at Rangiatia Hostel, New Plymouth. One boy and one girl are at the special schools at Otekaike and Richmond and they return to Wesleydale in their school holidays. In addition, 12 children are living in 9 foster homes.

Our full time Social Worker has been kept busy contacting all foster parents and children living with them and counselling in many cases where needed, together with interviewing folk who desired children to come under our care. She has also visited Methodist people who through their ministers have offered as foster

parents, though more of these are needed. In addition, the Social Worker has given a considerable amount of time to many families in their own homes with a view to maintaining the family unit.

The present trend of care for children is not only for long term care but also for short term care while the mother is recovering from a mental breakdown or from excessive work caring for her children. In view of this our Board decided to take up to 20 children at Wesleydale in the meantime while Wesleydale is still available and eight of the 16 children at Wesleydale are in that category.

The policy of placing children in suitable Methodist foster homes is continuing and many of our children are still settled happily with their foster parents and are receiving loving care in their

upbringing.

The annual accounts are under action and we expect that they will probably show a loss as we have received a reduced Connexional Budget amount and we have a full year of salary and expenses for

the social worker.

We appreciate the continued practical interest of many folk who have continued to support the children's work with monetary donations and with gifts of clothing. We acknowledge with thanks the gifts of sewing materials and new clothing which are required not only for the children at Wesleydale but also for children in foster homes. We receive substantial help from the general public via the Auckland Community Chest through the Auckland United Orphanages Council.

During the long Christmas vacation many kind church folk offered their homes for holidays for the children and all our children were looked after in this way. The Ladies' Committee continued to take an interest in the Home and although again they have not had a great deal to do, the furnishings at Wesleydale have been kept

up to date and replacements provided where necessary.

Wesleydale Home was opened in 1956 and is a very fine building. It has been Board policy to keep it in good condition by regular maintenance so that the appearance of the buildings is always good. The grounds are kept in good order. We are very grateful to those who with their interest and help have supervised the grounds and buildings.

The Education Department have under consideration the question of leasing Wesleydale for a Residential School for maladjusted children. The Board are awaiting an offer from the Department as to what rental they are prepared to offer for the lease of the

buildings.

We look forward with confidence to the continued support of Christian folk in caring for the children through foster homes and in special hostels and schools and through family homes which we will build. Funds will still be needed for this work and to maintain smaller family homes for children not placed in foster homes. This will become increasingly apparent as our short term work develops.

The plans for the Milford enterprise are well advanced.

G. C. RIDDELL, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the present Board, in pursuance of the Conference policy, now hand over as a Board to the Auckland area M.S.S.A. the responsibility for the Church's work on the care of dependent children as from 1st February, 1966."

3. That the Committee be as printed on pages 7 and 8 herein.

B-South Island Children's Home

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

It is with a deep sense of responsibility and gratitude to God that we present this Annual Report. This has been a busy year in the life of the Home, and one of great importance in the growth and development of the work of caring for needy children. The Board continues to implement the full caring programme of temporary care in the Home, seeking to re-unite parents and children wherever possible, together with the placement of some in Foster Homes. The Board is also moving towards the erection of a Family Unit Home. While increasing our financial commitments this further Home will provide care for some children that will be more suitable than in any other way.

Board Membership:

During the year the Rev. H. A. Cochrane was farewelled after five years of excellent and devoted service as Secretary of the Board. The Rev. Owen T. Woodfield has been welcomed and appointed as Secretary.

Child Care:

There are 54 children in residence in the Home. These continue to be cared for in Family Units within the Home, with a maximum number of 10 children in each unit as far as possible. These are proving most satisfactory. Five units are in operation, and with good continuity of staffing in the Home a strong bond of security is established. The average length of stay in the Home is now one year, the children being either placed in Foster Homes, or returned to their own parents.

There are 16 children in Foster Homes. On the whole this type of care has proved very worthwhile, though certain problems have been met at times.

Many children for whom admission is sought never enter the Home because of the good Counselling and Case work carried on by the Master, Mr E. J. Scott. In a recent report presented to the Board it was stated that during a 3-month period some 27 children from 13 families had been dealt with satisfactorily without having to be admitted to the Home.

Pre-School Centre:

This has been established for pre-schoolers and provides for an average of 14 children. It is under the capable direction of Miss Jean Hay (a specialist in this field), and is supervised daily by Miss K. Sandford. The Centre operates from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each school day.

The Home:

Repairs and renovations continue to be made, together with such modernisation of facilities as is required. During the year a number of beds and mattresses have been replaced with up-to-date furnishings, thus completing what had been begun two years ago. It is the Board's policy to carry on this work of renovating and modernising the Home until it compares favourably with other similar Homes. We are grateful for the assistance and counsel provided by the Child Welfare Department at all times.

Family Unit Home:

Two sections have been purchased on Barrington Street, Spreydon, close to both school and Church. The Board is in the process of considering plans for this new Home, and hopes to be in the position to proceed with its erection very shortly.

Staff:

Staff changes have again been at a minimum and we record our gratitude to Mr and Mrs E. J. Scott, Sister Rona Collins, and other staff members for their continuing loyal service to the Church.

In conclusion we look forward with confidence to the further development of Child care here in Christchurch. We are confident not only that God is leading us on to wider service, but also that He will continue to bless us in it.

HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, Chairman. OWEN T. WOODFIELD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- 2. That in view of the increasing calls upon it for assistance in the care of needy children and the success it has had in the establishment of up to four family units in the Home at Papanui together with a receiving unit, the Board be granted the approval of Conference to its continuing the operation of such units. It is understood that the Board will continue the Church's policy of placing children in foster homes wherever possible and of establishing family home units in other localities.
 - 3. That the Board be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 53.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) The Order of Deaconesses? (b) The Training of Deaconesses?

Methodist Deaconess Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The work of the Deaconess House has continued with effectiveness during the year. There have been 25 boarders and four deaconess trainees in residence. There have been some staff changes and we continue to be indebted to Mrs Gauntlett as Lady Superintendent and Miss Judith Ford of Leeston has been appointed as Assistant Matron.

House Committee. We express grateful appreciation for the support of the Methodist Women's Fellowship, which has been a constant encouragement to the Board. The Committee agreed to new winter uniforms and there is still a summer uniform to be finalised. A Badge for Deaconess trainees has been prepared with the approval of the President of the Conference.

The Property Committee has been watching the maintenance of the House. There have been alterations and improvements to parts of the building which have greatly improved the whole property. The Board is well served by the Treasurer, Mr F. T. Bartley.

Definition of the Work of a Deaconess. Various discussions have taken place with the Faith and Order Committee concerning the definition of the work of a Deaconess and other matters. During the year the Warden, the Rev. W. A. Chambers prepared a survey of the training of Deaconesses. The Board believes this to be a very valuable report and is most grateful to the Warden for its preparation. Certain sections were referred to the Faith and Order Committee and to the Trinity College Board of Studies.

Transfer of Training. The Board examined the statement on the Nature and Status of the Deaconess Order and after study made representations to the Faith and Order Committee. The Board has had correspondence with the Trinity College Board of Studies during the year concerning the Resolution of Conference (Minutes of Conference 1964, p. 213) that Deaconess Students shall be trained in Auckland under the Trinity College staff. The Warden has also had conversations in Auckland on this matter. The Deaconess Board has forwarded the following resolutions to the Trinity College Board of Studies:—

- The Deaconess Board is not basically opposed to a three year course.
- 2. The Board believes in a thorough equipment of a Deaconess to fulfil her own office in the church.
- The Board maintains that Deaconess training, while of an equivalent standard with that of a theological student, is not identical with it.

Further discussions are taking place with the Trinity College Board of Studies.

The Board has recently received a letter from the Education Committee of the Presbyterian Assembly in which it has asked for our opinion of the possibility of uniting the training of the Deaconesses of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. This training would be in Dunedin. The Board will secure all available information in regard to this matter and make a supplementary report to Conference.

Sympathy. The Board expressed sympathy to Mr S. Maunder on the death of Mrs Maunder who was at one time Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House.

The Board is very appreciative of the service rendered by the Warden, the Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A. We have already seen something of the considerable contribution he is making to the work of the Deaconess Order.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

J. D. GROCCOTT, Secretary.

G. R. TREBILCO, Asst. Secretary.

WARDEN'S REPORT

THE ORDER.

Personnel. At Conference 1964, Sisters Constance Fell and Shirley Ungemuth were received into the Order and Dedicated. During the year several Sisters have suffered ill health, for which reason Sister Janet Evans has found it necessary to apply for leave of absence. It is understood that two Sisters will be resigning at the end of 1965 in order to marry. With no Probationers due for Dedication and two students due to take appointment, the strength of the Order is barely being maintained.

During the year Deaconesses in Church appointments have been visited in all areas except Taranaki, Wellington and Manawatu. It is expected that these will be visited before the end of the year. Convocation. During Convocation a panel of representatives from five women's Orders, covering four denominations (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist) gave information on the ideals, training, discipline and work of their respective Orders. In the light

of this, Convocation examined the possibilty of adopting some form of common Rule for the N.Z. Methodist Deaconess Order. For a trial period of one year, a modified form of the Rule of the Order of Sisters of the Church of South India has been adopted.

Publicity. To help publicize the Order six Easter Camps in the Auckland area have been visited by the Warden while Deaconess students attended the North and South Canterbury camps, and one student attended camp on the West Coast. Articles have been supplied to three issues of the "Mission Message" and the preparation of sets of slides on Deaconess work has been authorized by the Board.

DEACONESS HOUSE.

This year four students have been in training, two taking second year studies, and two taking first year work. Miss Gilling who at Conference was received for training subject to passing the sub-committee of the Auckland Synod Standing Committee, entered the House in March. In view of the heavier lecture programme, House duties for Deaconess students have virtually ceased.

Lectures have been given by the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., the Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., and the Warden. Mr Bell completed his series of lectures in Theology prior to leaving for the U.S.A. and steps are being taken to arrange a successor for 1966.

In addition to the House lectures, Miss Alexander has been taking one subject at Canterbury University, and all students have attended occasional lectures on Marriage Guidance by Dr Carrington, Prison Visitation and a conference for Conveners of Bible in Schools Committees.

Last year both students were attached to Child Welfare Offices for two weeks in November, and received most satisfactory reports. The post examination curriculum is being constantly reviewed in the light of experience. There is no doubt as to its usefulness.

As usual Deaconess students have been attached to Circuits during the year. Hostel young women have attended either Durham Street or Fitzgerald Avenue Churches.

Close watch is being kept on the proposal to transfer the Teachers' College to Ilam.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Warden.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1965

After the Deaconess Report was sent to Synods, the Deaconess Board received a request to meet a sub-committee of the Theological Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to examine the possibility of a closer relationship between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Deaconess Training.

The meeting was held in Christchurch on August 9th, and was attended by four members of the Presbyterian Committee and five of the Methodist Board.

The Committee outlined systems of selection and training in each Church, and the place of Deaconesses in the active work of the Church. It found that while there is not identity of practice in each of these systems, there is considerable similarity. Significantly, it was found that both Churches sought to improve the training programme of Deaconesses, give a wider scope to their field of service, and give a greater relevance to the function of a Deaconess in the activities of the present-day Church.

The Methodist representatives reported back to the Deaconess Board with the recommendation that the consultation be continued. The Board supported the recommendation, even though Conference had agreed to transfer the training of Deaconesses to Auckland. It was agreed that the issues raised by the consultation were of such importance that Conference should appoint a Committee for further negotiations, and that the decision to transfer training to Auckland be held in abeyance until the new suggestions are examined. Relevant recommendations are appended.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman. J. D. GROCOTT, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 2. That an "In Memoriam" list for Deaconesses who have died while in the service of the Order, or have fulfilled the requirements of the Church in years of service, be prepared and printed in the Minutes of Conference.
- 3. That the following be adopted as the Definition of the Work of a Deaconess. "That work of a Deaconess is a "Ministry of Word and Pastoral Care." (By "Word" is meant the content of the Gospel either preached or taught. By "Pastoral Care" is meant general pastoral practice or specialised pastoral skill as in social case work.")
 - 4. That the Law Book p. 122, sub-section 19 be rescinded.
- 5. That Conference records its appreciation of the splendid service to Deaconess House by Mrs Gauntlett, who has retired after 14 years of service.
- 6. That in all the arrangements for training and work of Deaconesses provision be made for a Warden of the Deaconess Order, as previously approved by Conference.
 - 7. That the Board be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 55.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A-Methodist Times Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

Circulation:

At May 1, 1965, the number of subscribers was 4,625 compared with 4,865 at May 1, 1964, and 5,047 at May 1, 1963. Correspondence suggests that the decision of the 1964 Conference to publish a fortnightly paper as from February-March 1966 has resulted in the cancellation of a large number of subscriptions.

Finance:

The accumulated deficit at April 30, 1964, was £444 0s 6d. The excess of income over expenditure was £425 8s 4d, thus reducing the deficit to £18 12s 2d. Excess of Income is due to grant from Connexional Budget.

The Committee is making every endeavour to collect arrears of subscriptions and advertising charges so as to ensure that there will be no deficiency to be made up in 1966. Editorial:

Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip.Ed., as Editor, and Mr G. B. Couch, M.A., as Assistant-Editor, have continued to work well in partnership and there have been numerous expressions of appreciation of the high literary quality and interesting reading provided in the monthly magazine. And the regular contributions have not failed us either in the standard of their work or the punctuality with which their articles have reached the Editor's desk. Our thanks go to Sister Rita F. Snowden, F.I.A.L., Rev. John Grundy, M.A., "Erica", Brother Giles, "Joab", and the authors of "Thinking Aloud" and "Ecumenical Lookout". There has been an edge to the writer's pen in every case, and the welcome touch of humour much in evidence!!

The New Connexional Paper:

The Conference requested the Methodist Times Committee to commend the new Connexional paper through its policy and columns. This has been a difficult task to carry out satisfactorily in view of a measure of uncertainty regarding the financing of the new venture. Circuit agents were, however, invited to secure "Partners in Print". The Editor has made the columns of the "Times" available to the Auckland Committee for publicity purposes.

At time of preparation of this report, the Committee considers it would appear more appropriate that the "Methodist Times" completes its full year of publication to 30th April, 1966, the new Church paper to commence on May 1. This would avoid the necessity

of refunds to subscribers.

BRIAN C. BASCAND, Chairman. W. R. LAWS, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted.
- 2. That Conference express warm appreciation to all those who have helped in the production and distribution of the "Methodist Times", with special reference to the work of Mr H. W. Beaumont as Editor, and Mr G. B. Couch as Assistant-Editor.
 - 3. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION 55 .-

Board of Publications

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The Year's Work:

Within the limits imposed by entirely voluntary staff, the publishing work of the Board has proceeded steadily this year. We are still hampered by the fact that much of our stock is still packed away, pending the long-delayed completion of our permanent storeroom. Thanks are due to many people who have given freely of their time and talents to enable the Board's programme to proceed.

The Advent and Lenten Leaflets and the Prayer Manual have maintained a high standard and have commanded a ready sale among our people. We feel especially proud to have been able to print a numbered, limited edition (300 copies) of Ormond Burton's "Born of the Virgin Mary", with author's signature and photograph—a work which puts him right in the front rank of New Zealand-born writers of religious poetry.

Leaflets dealing with Hospital Visitation, Mormonism, and Spiritual Healing and a study on "Sex, Marriage and Parenthood" based on Conference reports and resolutions have been issued and well received by our people. Our most important single publication was the Rev. R. H. Allen's "A Methodist Confirmation Manual". This has been well received and is being widely used throughout the Connexion.

Future Policy:

The Board, desiring to widen its field of activity to meet the needs of the Church more adequately, is strongly of the opinion that a forward step needs to be taken by the appointment of a paid, part-time Executive Officer for a trial period of two years. The situation is at present being explored and the Board hopes to be able to make a proposal to the 1965 Conference. We envisage meeting the first year's honorarium from the Board's funds and request that provision be made for a grant from the Connexional Budget thereafter. Meanwhile, we seek the approval of Synods and Conference of the general principles of this proposal.

> E. P. SALMON, Chairman. L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the proposal to appoint a part-time Executive Officer with a suitable expense allowance be approved.
- 3. That provision be made on the Connexional Budget 1967-68 for a grant of £156 for the Executive Officer's expense allowance; the application to be sent to the Church Council who will establish priorities.
 - 4. That the Board be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 55 .-

C—Committee on Proposed New Connexional Paper

REPORT TO SYNODS, 1965

The 1964 Conference directed that subject to the necessary finance being available, publication of the proposed paper commence early in 1966. As part of the provision for the financing of the scheme, Conference further directed that the Fire Insurance Fund Board pay to the appropriate Committee the sum of £4000 in each of the years 1965-66 and 1966-67. (Conf. Mins. 1964, pp. 178 and 120.)

Conference also directed that the position of editor be advertised and the name of a suitable nominee be communicated to the President

for approval before being submitted as a firm nomination.

The Committee has been actively engaged during the year in carrying out these and related resolutions of Conference. Finality on financial arrangements, however, has been seriously delayed because of queries raised by the Fire Insurance Board to the President on the validity of the Conference resolution directing the payment of £4000 over two years. This uncertainty has affected several other issues.

Appointment of an Editor:

The position of an editor was advertised widely in the daily press both in New Zealand and in Australia. Several applications were received and given full consideration. The Committee has a firm nomination ready to submit to the President but in view of the lack of clarification on finance it is not prepared to announce the name at this stage. It is the Committee's hope that the nomination can be made to Conference.

Partners in Print Scheme:

Conference authorised this to proceed and a leaflet was prepared and distibuted to all Circuits. Certain other publicity has been sent out. There has been an encouraging response to the appeal in gifts and promises. The ultimate success of the whole enterprise still depends upon generous and enthusiastic support at the local level, and this does involve a measure of effective organisation.

Distribution:

No one method of distribution will suit all circuits and churches. It is proposed to investigate and to list the several alternative ways by which the paper could be effectively distributed in the local setting and to forward this information to local church courts nearer the time of actual publication.

Name of Publication:

Many possible names have been suggested and considered but the Committee has finally approved of carrying on the image and title already established by the quarterly publication The Methodist (which will automatically cease with the commencement of the new paper). It therefore recommends that the fortnightly paper be called The New Zealand Methodist.

Commencing Date of Publication:

It was intended that the paper commence in February or March of 1966 and the Committee's work and planning have been directed towards that date. Due to the circumstance referred to earlier in this report it now seems inevitable that publication will be delayed two or three months.

Future Control:

The President has instructed the Committee (which is only an interim one) to submit to the forthcoming Conference nominations for a permanent board of management which shall be responsible to the Church for the general oversight and control of the new paper.

L. GORDON HANNA, Chairman.

C. R. HOWELL, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1965

Background:

In the light of the unresolved difficulty over finance (referred to below in section headed "Conference Decision Questioned") the Committee feels it necessary to set out the background to the scheme for a new connexional paper thus far.

Conference 1961 appointed a Commission with members in Auckland and Christchurch. Its terms of reference are set out in the Minutes of Conference 1961, page 178, Resolution 3. During 1962 it explored ways in which the Methodist Times could be improved and a full-time editor appointed. It found that to do what was required, after collecting subscriptions a subsidy of about £6,000 would be required from the connexional budget.

Free Distribution Scheme Put Forward:

In 1963 the Commission examined the question in more detail and asked Conference 1963 (Minutes page 182) to examine a proposal aimed at the production of a fortnightly magazine to be distributed free to every family under the Church's pastoral care. The Commission recognised that distribution would be a major task for local churches and circuits. The report was accompanied by an interim estimate of costs (Minutes page 184). After full discussion the 1963 Conference decided:—

- (a) That on a date to be decided a fortnightly magazine be produced for distribution to every family under pastoral care (approximately 50,000).
- (b) That a Committee be appointed to implement this scheme at the earliest possible date.
- (c) That the Auckland members of the Commission be the Committee with the rest of the Commission as corresponding members with power to co-opt in consultation with the President.
- (d) That the estimate as outlined be submitted to the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- (e) That the Finance and Stewardship Committee be empowered to receive the application of the Committee for finance to supplement the scheme and to add the amounts to the Connexional Budget.
- (f) That the publication begin on a date to be determined by Conference 1964, subject to Circuits having first committed themselves to the distribution of not fewer than 30,000 copies per issue.
- (g) That Conference authorise the Committee to send the proposal down to Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Synod Standing Committees for consideration, and report back to the Commission by June 30, 1964.

The Committee worked accordingly throughout 1964 and submitted the proposals, and particularly the distribution inquiry, to all Quarterly Meetings. One hundred and fifteen circuits signified that they could distribute a total of 32,155 copies of a fortnightly Connexional paper. The Committee put forward a "Partners in Print" scheme to help meet the costs of production, and at the same time re-examined its financial estimates. Its report and recommendations are on pages 174 to 177 of the 1964 Minutes.

New Subsidy Proposal:

When Conference 1964 discussed the financing of the project and its effect on the Connexional Budget the following proposition was put forward: That as the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund had re-organised its activities, and as it was confidently estimated that the fund would, as a result, have increased revenue each year that would enable it to build up its capital over 10 years to £90,000 and still have a substantial surplus from which grants could be made—probably double the £3500 per annum available in 1963 and 1964—Conference could find here a source of finance for at least the initial establishment costs of the proposed magazine and the subsidy needed for the first year of publication. After that the connexion would have to provide in the Connexional Budget for some finance annually.

Conference, with this information in its possession and realising that it still had to deal with the report of the Fire Insurance Fund Board, decided as follows:

- (a) That subject to the necessary finance being available, publication of the proposed fortnightly paper begin in February-March 1966.
- (b) That the Committee be authorised to establish a group of regular donors to be known as "Partners in Print".
- (c) That the Committee be authorised to discuss with the Boards and Departments of the Church, arrangements for taking over such publications as can be arranged to the satisfaction of both parties.
- (d) That the present Committee be re-appointed.

Also: That the Committee be empowered to advertise the position of Editor of the new Connexional paper and refer the name of the proposed appointee to the President for approval before making the final appointment.

Resolution (a) was carried in its particular form because the Conference had yet to deal with the report of the Fire Insurance Fund Board and pass the necessary resolution there for financial help for the start of the paper. When the Fire Insurance Fund report was dealt with Conference resolved:

That the Board be instructed to pay to the appropriate Committee £4000 in each of the years 1965-1966 towards the financing of the proposed new Connexional paper.

The Current Year:

In the year since then the Committee has accepted the decisions of the 1963 and 1964 Conferences as a mandate to go ahead and prepare for the appointment of an editor, and the setting up of the organisation required to begin publication next year (1966).

Timing of First Issue:

The Committee has since agreed that publication should probably begin early in May 1966 to fit in with the publication and financial arrangements of the Methodist Times Committee, which would normally run to the end of April.

Conference Decision Questioned:

Early in the year the President advised the Committee that the Fire Insurance Fund Board had raised with him the question whether Conference 1964 had acted within its powers in passing the resolution on the money to be paid from its fund. The President consulted his legal adviser and submitted to the committee a copy of the legal opinion he had received and advised the committee that until these questions were resolved, he did not feel he could approve the appointment of an editor. The President, however, authorised the Committee to advertise for an editor and to institute the "Partners in Print" scheme.

The President has since communicated to the Committee the contents of the report of the Fire Insurance Fund Board for this year. The recommendations it has made for the distribution of its divisible surplus do not include finance for the new paper. Though the Fire Insurance Board has been asked since it made its report to reconsider its recommendations in the light of the direction of Conference 1964 it has not seen fit to do so. The result is that this Conference must vote on the Board's recommendations and made a distinct grant to the Connexional Paper out of the divisible surplus.

The Editorship:

The Committee advertised the position of editor throughout New Zealand and Australia. It received many enquiries, and finally six firm applications. The Committee unanimously decided to recommend the appointment of the Rev. Alun Richards, M.A., Dip. Journ. Mr Richards has recently retired early from the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and can devote his full time to this project, and is prepared to do so for a very modest remuneration. The committee had before it excellent references for Mr Richards from senior members of the Presbyterian Church and also from several outside sources.

The committee also recommends that the Rev. L. G. Hanna and Mr M. A. Berry be appointed joint associate editors to give special assistance in writing and production respectively.

The appointment of the editor will be for an initial period of two years from March 1st, 1966, and will be subject to the editor and the Church giving six months' notice for the continuation or cessation of these arrangements beyond that. While the editor will be responsible for the content of the paper, the committee, at the invitation of the President, is recommending the personnel of a board to have the overall responsibility to Conference for the paper. The people named in the recommendation have all agreed to serve.

"Partners in Print":

The Committee circulated literature through the circuits on the "Partners in Print" scheme, though in view of the uncertainty raised by the Insurance Fund Board's stand it did not feel able to pursue this drive for support with full vigour. It is confidently expected that once Conference has appointed the editor, more people will desire to contribute. It is proposed to write to all the present subscribers to the Methodist Times, asking that they join the scheme.

Other Publications:

The Committee has approached the various boards and departments of the Church concerning the taking over of their publicity and especially the Budget Bulletins produced during the year. Savings to these departments here should leave at least £500 available towards the cost of the new paper.

Name:

The Committee has considered various suggestions and Synod resolutions on its proposed name for the paper, "The New Zealand Methodist." So far it has still found no more suitable alternative.

An Ecumenical Journal:

The desirability of delaying the paper until an ecumenical journal can be published has been raised again by one Synod. While unwilling to make any move which would prejudice ecumenical understanding and development, the committee would repeat the comments made last year (Minutes of Conference Page 177)—"The delay could be very great, whereas the fact that such a paper has been started by the Methodist Church would in no way prevent its later expansion to all or any of the other denominations. The committee envisages that the paper will make a useful contribution to inter-denominational understanding and the possible development of this type of 'combined' enterprise."

Revised Budget:

Attached to this report are revised financial figures based on upto-date quotes for publication costs and estimates of advertising income and various outgoings. The committee has carefully scrutinized these figures and is confident that the position shown therein is obtainable, and that a firm financial basis can be set up for the paper.

On the assumption that the paper will become a charge on the Connexional Budget in the 1967-68 year it is estimated that £5000 per year will be required to bridge the difference between income and expenditure. But against this amount should be set off the savings to Circuits in respect of the present District "Methodist" Quarterly (taken by 70 Circuits) and also existing Circuit Quarterlies which are likely to be replaced by briefer and cheaper News Sheets. These savings to Circuits are estimated at about £2400, to which should be added a further £500 which is the present Budget Allocation to the Methodist Times. This means that a net increase of only about £2000 will be borne by Circuits.

L. G. HANNA, Chairman. C. R. HOWELL, Convener.

BUDGET FOR PERIOD TO 30th JUNE, 1966 (Based on publication commencing early May)

(a)	Estimated Expenditure:		
, , ,	Editor's Salary (4 months)	£250	
	Editor's Travelling	100	
	Sub-Editors (2)—3 months	150	
	Payments to Contributors	40	
	Office Assistant—3 months	200	
	Accountant, Part-time—3 months	52	
	Rent—3 months	91	
	General Expenses (Stationery, Postages, Tele-		
	phone, Insurance, Office Cleaning, etc.)	200	
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		£1083	
	Establishment Costs (Office Furniture, etc.)	500	
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	Reproduction of photos etc., 20 per issue	24	
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	Freight costs—£15 per issue	60	
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	TOTAL OUTGOINGS		£2974
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(b)	Estimated Income:		
	Advertising Revenue—		
	4 issues at £200 nett per issue	£800	
	Less Salesman's Commission 15%	120	
			£ 680
	Fire Insurance Fund Board		4000
	"Partners in Print" and Donations		1500
	TOTAL INCOME		£6180

Note: On the basis of the above figures the paper would commence the 1966-67 year with approximately £3206 in hand.

BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967 (First Full Year's Operations)

(a)	Estimated Expenditure:			
	Editor's Salary and Travelling		£1200	
	Cal Editors		600	
	Office Assistant		800	
	Accountant, Part-time		208	
	D		364	
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	General Expenses (Stationery, Postages, Tel		000	
	phone, Tolls, Insurance, Office Cleaning, etc.		400	
	Evidencies		200	
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	Reproduction of photos, £6 per issue		144	
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			£7985	
	Freight Costs—		21000	
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	£15 per issue	*****	300	£8345
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	TOTAL OUTGOINGS			£12477
(b)	Estimated Income:			
	Advertising Revenue—			
	24 issues at £252 nett per issue		£5800	
	Less Salesman's Commission 15%		870	
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	Fire Insurance Fund Board			4000
				500
	Replacement of existing Departmental publication	ils		
	"Partners in Print" and Donations	*****		2000
	TOTAL INCOME			011490
	TOTAL INCOME			£11430
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Note: Allowing for a carry forward of £3206 from the 1965/66 year, and on the basis of the above figures the paper would commence the 1967/68 year with approximately £2159 in hand. In that year (1967/68) it is estimated that the Church would have to provide approximately £5000 from the Connexional Budget (or elsewhere) to meet the difference between income and outgoings.

L. G. HANNA, Chairman. C. R. HOWELL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the reports be received and adopted.
- 2. That publication of the new Connexional paper begin in May, 1966.
- 3. That the Rev. Alun Richards, M.A., Dip. Journ., be appointed editor for an initial period of two years from 1st March 1966, such appointment to be subject to the editor or Conference giving six months' notice either for the continuation or cessation of the engagement past the end of that period.

- 4. That the Rev. L. G. Hanna and Mr M. A. Berry be appointed associate editors for the same period.
 - 5. That the name of the paper be "The New Zealand Methodist."
- 6. That as from the start of the new paper the Methodist Times Committee wind up its activities and such finance and other assets which may then be in its possession be passed over to the Board of the new Connexional Paper.
- 7. That the Board arrange for the Connexional newspaper to be placed in Reading Rooms of Public Libraries throughout New Zealand.
- 8. That the Contingent Fund grant the additional expenditure incurred by the committee in advertising for an editor.
- 9. That the members of the Connexional Paper Board be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION 56.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

The Committee has met on three occasions during the year, its meetings coinciding with those of the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council for which the Senior Chaplain travels to Wellington. The Chairman of ChDAC for the past several years was the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Bishop of Nelson. On his transfer to Sydney the Rev. R. F. Clement was elected Chairman of the Council.

The Methodist establishment of T.F. Chaplains is unchanged, but with the present Army re-organisation it appears certain that the requirement for Methodist T.F. Chaplains will be reduced to three.

The Induction of the Rev. Mervyn L. Dine to Regular Force Army Chaplaincy was held at Linton Camp on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1965. The President of Conference, the Rev. G. H. Goodman, attended the service and the Induction sermon was preached by the Rev. P. A. Stead. The Chaplains' Council was well represented, and Military representation included the Commander of Central Military District, Brigadier Bullot.

Regular Force Chaplains: Reports of the three Methodist Chaplains tell of excellent work being done by them.

The Rev. Mervyn L. Dine is stationed at Linton Camp. After a long period without a Chaplain, the Camp welcomed him warmly. He reports his personal satisfaction in the work and good response from military personnel and their families.

His task as Camp Chaplain has been to re-establish the work from ground level. An interdenominational Chapel Committee has been formed to help the Chaplain and to care for the Chapel, and this Committee recently resolved that a Mission should be held in Linton Camp. The Rev. Merryn Dine has been able to organise his work so that by the end of the year each man in Linton Camp will spend one hour per fortnight in Padre's Hours. Many of the personnel have

had little association with the Church, and this is a missionary task. Much time is spent in counselling, much of this in the role of Welfare Officer.

He expressed his thanks to the church for its confidence in permitting him to serve as a Chaplain, and trusts that the experience gained will be valuable in future ministries in the Circuits.

The Rev. R. John Hamlin is completing a period of outstanding service at Woodbourne RNZAF Station, and it is probable that he will be transferred to another station within the next few months. During this year he was responsible for preparing a 'Character Guidance for Citizenship' Course for use in the Airman Cadet School—a mammoth task, which he carried out efficiently.

Chaplains of training establishments such as Linton and Woodbourne are responsible for the ministry in what is virtually a Union Church. Chapel attendance at Woodbourne has been well maintained, with an additional morning service designed for families (with a Young Worshippers' League).

Much of his time is spent in counselling and welfare work. There is a good relationship with the Circuit to which he is attached, although some questions have been asked about the amount of time a Chaplain is permitted to enable him to maintain his relationship with his denomination in its Synods and Conference.

The course of lectures in Character Guidance which has been taken by all cadets in their daily routine has brought added responsibility and opportunity. On occasion this has involved 19 lectures in one week.

A request has been received from the RNZAF asking that the Methodist Church of N.Z. permit Chaplain Hamlin to continue serving in Air Force Chaplaincy beyond his present term which is due to expire in January 1967. Mr Hamlin has not sought this extension, but is willing so to serve if the church permits him to do so. It would mean that he would go onto the permanent staff of R.N.Z.A.F. and that he would be available again for appointment to the civilian ministry when he retires from the Air Force at 49 years of age. The policy of Air Force is to seek such permanence for every branch of its service, and in accordance with this policy it makes this request to the Methodist Church. It is necessary that Conference 1965 should give an answer to the Air Force in this matter. The Chaplaincy Committee recommends that such approval be granted. The nomination is heartily supported by the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council.

The Rev. H. I. Shaw: A recent report tells of his movement with the Battalion from the base camp at Terendak to Kuching, in the Borneo area. The move and the active role has engendered excellent morale amongst the troops, and Chaplain Shaw is sharing in this. The two N.Z. Chaplains are responsible for more than 1000 New Zealanders, including soldiers and their families. In the Battalion's absence in Borneo, Mrs Shaw continues her husband's task amongst the garrison families.

He writes in appreciative terms of the contribution that N.Z. Methodists have made in gifts of reading material. The need will not diminish and further such gifts will be appreciated.

"My experiences," he writes, "have strengthened my conviction concerning the value of this work. The evidence is found in the con-

fidences which a Chaplain shares with the men, and the trust they place in him; also in their obvious search for something to grasp and to hold them as the situation develops in tension."

Chaplain Shaw's present contract with R.N.Z. Army expires in April 1968. It is probable that a future Conference will be asked to approve an extension of his Chaplaincy service for a further term on the permanent staff.

"C.F.": The Committee was asked to ascertain the rules which govern the use of the letters C.F. after the name of a Chaplain or ex-Chaplain. It has been informed that the letters are correctly used to designate Territorial Force Chaplains at present on the Active list, or retired Chaplains who served in the Regular Force.

Financial: The funds of the Chaplains' Committee showed a Credit Balance of £116 3s 5d at the end of the financial year. Expenses for the year totalled £123 17s, including a furniture grant of £100.

Chaplain Commandant: A special honour has come to the Rev. V. R. Jamieson (Past Senior Chaplain of the Methodist Church of N.Z.) when the Chaplains Dominion Advisory Council meeting in July 1965, nominated him to be Chaplain Commandant of the Royal New Zealand Army Chaplains' Corps. This is an honorary appointment to be the nominal head of the Chaplains' Corps in N.Z., and is a recognition of the outstanding services of the Rev. V. R. Jamieson over a long period.

R. F. CLEMENT (Senior Chaplain).

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted.
- That greetings be sent to the serving Chaplains of our Church, in particular to Chaplain Harry I. Shaw.
- That congratulations be extended to the Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., C.F., on his appointment as Chaplain Commandant of the Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Corps.
- 4. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and E. C. D. Watson be thanked for their services as treasurers and be re-appointed.
- That the Central Methodist Advisory Committee be:—The Revs. G. R. Thompson, E.D. (Chairman), R. F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), P. P. Rushton (Secretary), H. I. Shaw, R. John Hamlin, Mervyn L. Dine, and Messrs H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston, E. C. D. Watson, D. M. Hay, J. McKinney and H. F. Hart.
- 6. That the request of the R.N.Z.A.F. for continuation of the services of Captain R. John Hamlin be received, and that he be permitted to continue for a further three years beyond his present term.

QUESTION 56A.—What Ministers are to serve as whole or parttime Chaplains during the ensuing year?

R. J. Hamlin (R.N.Z.A.F.).

H. I. Shaw (Army).

M. L. Dine (Army).

C-Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

General:

The Society's affairs have proceeded quietly during the year, the most notable event in the organisation being the transfer of the Treasurership to the Rev. D. G. Laws of 4 Claude Street, Hamilton.

Circuit ministers are reminded of the importance of preserving historical records which may be valuable in the future. Historic photographs are also important and it is our policy to send these to the Alexander Turnbull Library (Photographic section) for copying and filing.

Proceedings:

Issues of the Proceedings of the Society published during the year 1965 are as follows:—

Vol 21, Nos. 1 & 2: "James Wallis" by C. T. J. Luxton.

Vol. 21, Nos. 3 & 4: "The Methodist Connexional Funds" by H. L. Fiebig.

Vol. 22, Nos. 1 & 2: "The Voyage of 'the Triton'," by Miss N. Buttle.

Annual Lecture:

This year's Lecturer is Mr W. Greenwood, of Timaru, who will speak on "The Riemenschneider Story".

E. W. HAMES, President. L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 58.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1(A) Church Union Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1965

The Annual Meeting of the Committee was held on 7th July at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, with twenty-seven present. The Executive Committee has had three meetings. The first report of the newly appointed Joint Commission on Church Union comprised of representatives of the five negotiating churches, will be made direct to Conference.

FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION.

The most significant event has been the first meeting of the Joint Commission on Church Union which was held in Church House, Wellington, on 18th and 19th May, and was attended by 35 representatives of the five Churches seeking Union. A service of worship and dedication to mark the occasion was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, Wellington. The Rev. J. E. Stewart, Convener of the Joint Commission, preached the Sermon and was assisted in the service by the Con-

veners of the Church Union Committees of the five churches. At the conclusion of the meeting members of the Commission responded to an invitation from the Governor-General to meet him and Lady Fergusson at Government House. During the two-day consultation the preparatory work of the three study committees was brought together.

- (a) The Faith of the Church: In presenting a draft Declaration of Faith, the work of the Auckland Committee on the Faith of the Church, the Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis stated that in the work of the Committee no theological barrier to Union had appeared but rather such agreement as to make Union a theological necessity. It is hoped that the Declaration will reach its final form by August of this year, for submission to the supreme courts of the negotiating churches.
- (b) The Ministry: The Rev. J. M. Bates presented a statement prepared by the Dunedin Committee on the Ministry and reported that the Committee had not encountered any theological problem which was likely to prove an insuperable barrier to Union. Ministry the statement affirms, springs from the basic Christian fact of the call of the people of God. Within this universal ministry, as servants of the servants of God He has given to His church the apostolic ministry of Word and Sacraments. In the history of the Church this ministry has been expressed in three modes, all aspects of pastoral oversight or episcope, in the Bishop, Presbyter and Deacon, and also in Churches of the reformed tradition in the elder and deacon. Discussion centred around the possible establishment of Bishop in Presbytery, Bishop, Presbyter, and Deacon, each being enabled to exercise the episcope committed to him by Christ, and each exercising it responsibly within the wider episcope of the Body. The Commission gave to this statement its approval and now refers it to the Union Committees for study and comment.
- (c) The Sacraments: The report of the Wellington Committee on the Sacraments was presented by the Convener, the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. W. Baines. The Committee had agreed that the sacraments of a united church must be sacraments of the Gospel and derive their authority from Christ Himself, and that, with regard to the necessity of faith for receiving grace, nothing may be said of the sacraments of the Gospel which may not be said of Jesus Christ.

The Joint Commission recognised the blessing of God upon different practices in Baptism, whether as infant or as believer's baptism, and affirmed mutual acceptance of one another as members of the Body of Christ. The Wellington Committee is continuing its work on the Sacraments.

- (d) Act of Commitment: The Commission has referred the above reports to the Church Union Committees of the five churches for study and comment. The sense of urgency which has animated the work of the Study Committees has characterised also the work of the Commission itself, and of its executive committee. The progress thus far has been impressive and it is the hope of the Commission that, at its next meeting on the 19th and 20th August, there will be sufficient agreement concerning the Faith of the Church, the Ministry and the Sacraments, to ask the Churches to proceed to an act of commitment to unite.
- (e) Further Study Committees: The Commission has established further Study Committees on Worship, Legal and Property Matters, and Finance. The methodist representatives are:

Worship-Revs. B. A. Walker, L. Greenslade and J. Ziesler.

Legal and Property Matters—Rev. W. R. Laws, Messrs H. de R. in Auckland on 16th August.

The Rev. J. A. Penman replaces the Rev. B. A. Walker on the Committee on the Faith of the Church.

(f) Conference on Theological Training: The Commission authorised the calling of an exploratory Conference of those responsible for theological education in the five Churches. The Conference which will be comprised of three representatives from each College, is to meet Flesher and Russell T. Garlick.

JOINT ACTION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL (Conf. Mins. 1964, p. 183, Res. 13).

During the year the Committee, in consultation with the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, has given general approval to several proposed schemes for joint action at the local level. At Porirua East (see Conf. Mins. 1964, p. 183, Res. 9) and at Halcombe the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are immediately involved. At Wairoa (Hawkes Bay) and Mangapapa (Gisborne) joint action is confined at present to Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and at Tokaro (Palmerston North), to the Churches of Christ and the Methodist Church. At Wakefield in the Waimea Circuit, Nelson, and at Newlands in the Johnsonville Circuit, Wellington, schemes for the establishment of Union Parishes have been approved by District Courts and appropriate resolutions seeking Conference approval are appended.

Reports from other districts also suggest that the movement for closer co-operation and joint action at the local level is beginning to snowball. While welcoming these developments the Committee has drawn the attention of Synod Standing Committees to the necessity of consulting with the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department and with the Convener of the Church Union Committee when proposals for united action are being drafted.

The Joint Commission has requested Church Union Committees to bring to the attention of their respective churches two important principles to be observed where united action is being considered.

- (a) That in all situations where joint action is contemplated, all the negotiating Churches in the locality be invited to participate in the consultation.
- (b) That where a negotiating Church is not represented on a Committee concerned with local co-operation, a copy of the minutes be sent to the Convener of the Church Union Committee of that Church.

Christian Education Programmes Where United Action is Planned: The Directors of Christian Education for the Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist Churches have drafted a series of principles to guide Christian Education programmes where joint action at the local level is planned. Guidance in this regard should be sought from the Department of Christian Education.

Publicity: The Joint Commission, together with the Union Committees of the negotiating churches, is concerned that there be effective publicity concerning progress in negotiations and in co-operation and joint action at the local level. Developments to date, have been forwarded to Synod Standing Committees and to the Methodist Times and publicity officers have been appointed in several districts. It is the hope of the committee that such officers will be appointed in all districts and that Synod Standing Committees will ensure that Publicity reaches circuits and local churches.

Transfer of Ministers as Between Negotiating Churches (see Conf. Mins. 1964, p. 183, Res. 6 and Conf. Mins. 1963, p. 195, Res. 7. Sect. 6).

The Home Mission Department is in consultation with the Home Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church concerning the question of possible interchange of ministers to overcome shortages on the one hand and to ensure security of appointment especially for Methodist Ministers. At the same time this issue has also been referred to the Joint Commission for their consideration and report to the Union Committees of the negotiating churches.

Presidential Address: The Committee records its appreciation to the Rev. G. H. Goodman, President of the Conference, for the strong lead given in his presidential address to the Conference. Copies of the presidential address were forwarded to the Convener of the Joint Commission for distribution to members of the Commission and two important issues raised in the address, viz. the appointment of a full-time administrative officer for the Joint Commission, and the preparation of a time-table of steps towards union, are under consideration by the Joint Commission.

Remit from S.C.M. Convention: A series of pertinent resolutions from the Annual Convention of the N.Z. Student Christian Movement in regard to Church Union negotiations was received by the Committee and also by the Joint Commission. A letter was sent to the S.C.M. Council thanking them for their encouragement and assuring them all the points mentioned in the remit are now under action.

Church Union Negotiations in Melanesia: At the request of the Overseas Mission Department the Committee has given serious consideration to a draft Statement of Faith and Polity for a United Church of Melanesia and comments and suggested amendments have been forwarded to the negotiating committee. The Committee has given general approval to the document as a whole, subject to the comments and suggested amendments made, and has conveyed to the Joint Standing Committee in Melanesia its sincere commendation on their achievements to date.

Observers at District Courts: The Joint Commission has asked Church Union Committees to suggest to their District Courts that invitations be extended to the other negotiating churches to send representatives to be present as observers on selected occasions. The notice of Synod Standing Committees has been drawn to this matter.

Committee Personnel: The Rev. R. G. Bell has been granted leave of absence from the Committee for twelve months as from August this year. The Rev. C. D. Clark is being nominated to replace him as one of the Methodist Representatives on the Joint Commission on Church Union. Mr R. H. Ellis who, together with the Rev. G. H. Goodman and the Convener, was an original member of the former Joint Standing Committee, is relinquishing his membership of the Joint Commission on Church Union in favour of Mr R. T. Garlick, the Vice-President Elect, who is being nominated as the Methodist Lay representative. The Committee records its sincere thanks to Mr Ellis for his able representation of Methodism on the negotiating committees for some fourteen years and wishes to retain him as a member of the Union Committee.

G. H. GOODMAN (President), Chairman. A. K. PETCH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That a grant of £150 from the Contingent Fund be made to the Joint Commission on Church Union for 1966.
- 3. That Synod Standing Committees appoint a Church Union publicity agent.
 - 4. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 6 herein.
- 5. That Methodist Representatives to the Joint Commission on Church Union for 1966 be: Revs. G. H. Goodman, Dr J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford, C. D. Clark, W. J. Morrison, P. A. Stead, A. K. Petch and Mr R. T. Garlick.
- 6. That the Rev. A. K. Petch be re-appointed Convener for 1966, and be thanked for his services.
 - 7. That the Rev. W. J. Morrison be elected assistant Convener.
- 8. That Conference recommends that the following points be observed whenever United Action is being considered.
- (a) That in all situations where joint action is contemplated, all the negotiating Churches in the locality be invited to participate in the consultation.
- (b) That where a negotiating Church is not represented on a Committee concerned with local co-operation, a copy of the minutes be sent to the Convener of the Church Union Committee of that Church.
- 9. That the Joint Commission on Church Union investigate the possibility of a hymnal for the Negotiating Churches.
- 10. That Conference commend united acts of worship and study with negotiating churches during Lent of 1966.

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

The Joint Commission on Church Union submits this, its first report to the negotiating Churches, dated 7th September, 1965.

The report comprises the following sections:

- 1. Introduction.
- 2. The Initial Task.
 - I-The Question.
 - II—The Answers:
 - (a) The Faith of the Church.
 - (b) Baptism.
 - (c) The Ministry.
- 3. The Preparation of a Basis of Union.
 - I-Method of Working.
 - II-Lines of Approach on Two Matters:
 - (a) Unification of the Ministry.
 - (b) A Probationary Ministry.
 - III-Subjects for Further Study.
- 4. Consultation and Co-operative Action.
- 5. The Next Step, an Act of Commitment.
- 6. The Process of Growing Together.
- 5. The Working of the Commission.

SECTION I-Introduction

I-The Formation of the Commission

Following the acceptance by the General Synod of the Church of the Province of New Zealand of the invitation to share in the negotiations for union, the Anglican Commission met with the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union which was comprised of representatives of the four Churches then negotiating for union. It was agreed to recommend to the Churches:

"That the new situation with the five Churches negotiating would be best served by the re-constitution of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union as 'The Joint Commission on Church Union' with the following order of reference:

'To seek God's will for His Church in New Zealand by studying the issues involved in union, by preparing the basis required for such a union, and by advising the Churches on any steps to be taken to this end.'"

It was agreed that the Draft Basis of Union and the Draft Declaration of Faith as prepared by the Joint Standing Committee, and the Lambeth Statement as accepted by the General Synod as a starting point, be the initial material for study.

It was agreed that the Joint Commission should consist of members appointed by the negotiating Churches as follows:

Anglican Church 8 members.

Associated Churches of Christ 5 members.

Congregational Union 5 members.

Methodist Church 8 members.

Presbyterian Church 8 members.

It was also agreed that there should be an Executive with each Church represented by the Convener of its Church Union Committee, and "That the Executive also have particular care to see that all possible means of working together among the Churches be taken and that it have general responsibility to see that the purposes of the Joint Commission are forwarded."

II-The Meetings in 1965

The Commission has met twice, at Wellington, on 18-19 May and on 19-20 August. The first meeting was fully attended and the second also, except for two representatives prevented by a failure of air transport.

The first meeting was marked by an opening service of worship in Wellington Cathedral. The five Conveners shared in the service, the sermon was preached by the Chairman and about 100 members of the public attended. The second meeting opened with worship in St. Andrew's Church conducted by the Rt. Rev. H. W. Baines. Meetings were held in the Board Room, Church House, and meals were served in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

III—The Executive

The Executive has met five times, on 24th November, 24th March, 7-8th July, 10th August and 7th September. It reported fully to the two meetings of the Commission.

IV-The Study Committees

The recommendations inaugurating the Commission included the setting up of three Study Committees. These were arranged as follows:

The Faith of the Church—in Auckland (the Rev. J. J. Lewis, Convener).

The Sacraments-in Wellington (the Rt. Rev. H. W. Baines, Convener).

The Ministry-in Dunedin (the Rev. J. M. Bates, Convener).

Each Study Committee comprised 15 members—four Anglican, two Churches of Christ, two Congregational, three Methodist and four Presbyterian representatives appointed by their own Church Union Committee.

The Commission draws the attention of the Churches to the energy, skill and devotion which these Study Committees have shown in their exacting work.

SECTION 2—The Initial Task I—The Question

In considering how the five negotiating Churches should approach the preparation of a basis of union, it was agreed that attention should be concentrated first on three areas in which in the earlier negotiations between the four Churches it had proved difficult to reach the desirable measure of agreement. These concerned the Faith of the Church, Baptism and the Ministry. It was noted that these matters are raised in the Lambeth Statement as of special significance. Study Committees were set up to deal with these matters, the first object in each case being to see whether there was some factor which could prove an insuperable barrier to union, and the second to provide some guidance to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union.

The three Study Commissions presented reports which were carefully considered and adopted. The reports are printed here in full, with the relevant recommendations of the Commission.

II—The Answers A. The Faith of the Church

The Committee appointed to consider the Faith of the Church accepted as its basic data the previous Declaration of Faith (Mark IV), the Presbyterian amendments to it, and the first two affirmations of the Lambeth Quadrilateral concerning the Bible and the Creed. While some felt that the Nicene Creed offered a sufficient definition of the Faith, others held the view that Reformation insights also required preservation. It became clear in discussion that reunion could not proceed without the preparation of some agreed Declaration of Faith whose main purpose would be to reassure one another with regard to the basic doctrines of the Church.

Certain principles guided the committee in its work. There was general agreement in intention: (a) to take seriously the materials entrusted to the committee and to produce a statement recognisably dependent upon previous work;

(b) to prepare a short minimum statement as a common basis upon which to work, at the same time ensuring that no major area of Christian truth should be excluded and leaving room for related insights to be added in later exposition;

- (c) to be willing to use the traditional phrase if that carried unity more effectively than the contemporary phrase but also to seek expression that is relevant and meaningful for today; not attempting to be original but recognising that any great, creative affirmation of faith must spring out of the resources and concern of the united Church;
- (d) to restrict the document, as far as possible, to the statement of principle and to leave commentary for later exposition;
 - (e) to have biblical authority for every affirmation;
 - (f) to avoid attempting to be more precise than Scripture;
- (g) to listen to the concerns of all sections of the Church involved, to bring out into the open diversity of opinion and then to seek the common ground of affirmation;
- (h) to act on the assumption that the Declaration is directed primarily to those involved in union discussion.

The committee, in its work, found no theological barrier to union.

FOREWORD

The negotiating Churches all belong to the witnessing Church of the centuries. In the course of history, they have interpreted the Christian Faith in a variety of ways, declared in confessions and in formularies.

It must be agreed that in the union of these Churches, Christian doctrine cannot be confined to any one historic or contemporary interpretation. Within each communion taking part in the negotiations there exists already a wide difference of doctrinal emphasis and theological interpretation. Both honesty of personal conviction and fulness of theological truth require all concerned to be frank, charitable and humble in according to others the liberty which is implicit in their own freedom to state the Faith once committed to the saints. This liberty permitted to members of our present Churches we must not deny to the future members of the Church uniting.

The negotiating Churches acknowledge their responsibility for constantly examining their understanding of the Faith, with a readiness to receive new insights from the Holy Spirit, and for proclaiming their faith in terms relevant to our day. They accept and adopt the accompanying statement of faith as an expression of the one holy, catholic, and apostolic Faith, as an assurance to one another with regard to the basic doctrines of the Church, in view of the preparation of a basis of union.

The basis of union will be accompanied by this affirmation of the Faith of the Church, to be used until such time as the united Church shall otherwise determine, subject to Scripture as the supreme standard, as interpreted by the Church, for the instruction of its own people and the guiding and ordering of its own life.

THE FAITH WE AFFIRM TOGETHER

The . . . Church as part of the Church Universal worshipping one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and holding to the apostolic Faith as expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, with joy affirms anew its belief in the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ, and sets forth the substance of its faith in the following declaration:

1. Revelation and the Bible

In creation and in history God has revealed Himself to men. The Bible is unique as the inspired record and interpretation of what God has wrought for our creation, preservation, and redemption, above all in His supreme act of self-giving and of self-disclosure in Jesus Christ.

The authority of the Bible depends ultimately upon God, and its witness within the Church in every generation is verified to faith by the Holy Spirit as the authentic work of God.

II. God

God is love and makes Himself known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God in Trinity.

God the Father is the Creator and Ruler of the universe, who has made all things for His glory, and who sent His Son into the world to reconcile the world to Himself, having prepared the way through Law and Prophet through His ancient people, Israel.

Jesus Christ is the eternal and only-begotten Son of God, who, in the fulness of time, was born of the Virgin Mary, truly God and truly Man, in the mystery of the Incarnation. In His life and teaching He revealed God's holy will, fatherly love and saving purpose. Though sinless, He died on the Cross for our sins. He was raised from the dead in triumph over sin and death to reign as Lord. He is exalted as our Advocate and Intercessor. He will come again in glory as our Judge and Saviour to accomplish the final victory.

The Holy Spirit is God at work in the world and in the lives of men, leading men to repentance and to faith in Christ as Saviour, bringing assurance of sonship, producing Christlike character, guiding, empowering and uniting the Church in love and in the service of God and man.

God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has made all things, has redeemed mankind, and sanctifies His Church.

III. Man and Sin

God has created man for His glory in likeness to Himself, having endowed him with freedom and responsibility, powers of reason and moral judgment, with power to love and with need to be loved. Man has capacity for fellowship with God as son and with man as brother. His true life is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Man, however, has defied in pride and in disobedience the divine intention for his life. Thus by sin he alienates himself from God, this alienation resulting in disorder, frustration, conflict and spiritual death. In the solidarity of the race in sin and guilt, all men have fallen under the wrath and judgment of God.

IV. New Life in Christ

God declares through the gospel of Jesus Christ His love for the world and His desire that all men should be saved. In Christ He has brought into being the new humanity. Men are able neither to reconcile themselves to God nor in their own power to fulfil the divine purpose for which they were created, but God by His grace calls, justifies, reconciles to Himself and sanctifies those who respond to Jesus Christ in repentance and in faith. This new birth is the work of the Holy Spirit who initiates the new life, preparing men to believe and enabling them to share in the victory of Christ.

V. The Church

The Church is the People of God, the Community of the Holy Spirit, the Body of Christ through which He continues His reconciling work in the world. The Church is one because it is one family under one Father, whose purpose is to unite all men in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Church is holy because it is set apart by God for Himself through the Holy Spirit to be His people in the world.

The Church is catholic because it is for all people, and for all times, holding the Christian Faith in its fulness:

The Church is apostolic because it is sent to preach the gospel in the world, and to proclaim the Lordship of Christ over the world, receiving its divine authority and teaching from Jesus Christ through His Apostles.

VI. The Sacraments

The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and of Holy Communion, appointed by Jesus Christ, are, in the power of the Holy Spirit, visible signs and effective means of grace.

The Sacrament of Holy 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, of death to sin and rebirth to eternal life through Him. By this Sacrament we are solemnly admitted into the household of faith for the life-long service of Jesus Christ.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper or of Holy Communion, as a showing forth of the Word of God, is the supreme act of Christian worship and the sign and seal of the covenant of redemption. It is the Thanksgiving or Eucharist in which the Church remembers with joy the incarnation of God in Christ, His perfect life on earth, His sufferings, death, resurrection, reign and presence. In this liturgy, the Church repeating Christ's word and action shows forth his death until He comes, and pleads his sacrifice, proclaims His victory over evil, and in Him shares together in life with God. Partaking in faith we receive Him sacramentally to our nourishment and growth in grace, presenting ourselves in Him a living sacrifice to God. In response to grace, we renew our covenant and communion with Him and also with those gathered in faith at the Lord's Table and with all God's company in heaven and on earth. Christ thus restores the penitent, assures them of God's steadfast love and draws them closer to Himself and to the whole Church.

Many within the Church recognise Confirmation, Penance, Holy Unction, Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony as ordinances of a sacramental nature and as special means of grace for particular circumstances or states of life.

VII. The Ministry

The Church's ministry derives from Jesus Christ who is Prophet, Priest, and King, the only Head of the Church, who, by the Holy Spirit, continues His ministry to the world through His Body the Church. The Church is thus called to a life of ordered yet varied service to God and man, in which every member shares.

Within this common ministry, for the perfecting of the saints and for the building up of the Body' that the People of God may fulfil their mission in the world, Christ has given to the Church through the Apostles the ministry of Word and Sacrament, of oversight and pastoral care. By prayer and the laying on of hands the Church ordains to this continuing ministry of Word and Sacrament those whose call it has tested and recognised in dependence upon the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit.

VIII. The World and the Church

The object of God's love is the world and He calls men to use all His gifts in accordance with His creative purpose. Jesus Christ is Lord over all life, individual, social, national and international, and over the whole creation. Human society, however, gives clear evidence of man's alienation from God in its divisions and in man's abuse of God's good gifts. Nevertheless Christ reigns and the Church is His servant people, called in a divided and estranged world to share in His ministry of reconciliation. Its vocation in the world is so to witness to Jesus Christ that all men may come to fulness of life in Him.

IX. The Christian Hope

It is God's purpose that men should glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. This life with God in Christ begins on earth for believers and will continue into purified joy and triumphant adoration. At a time He Himself appoints God will perfectly consummate all that He has begun. Christ Himself will be revealed in power and victory and glory. All men will be judged by God in Christ in the light of His perfect knowledge, holiness, and love. The end of history will see the victory of Christ and His people and the downfall of all evil. "Thus God will be all in all."

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen."

Recommendations of the Commission

The Commission wishes to make it clear that it envisages the Statement of Faith serving two purposes at different stages of the negotiations. At the present stage, it is a sufficient statement of the historic Faith held by each to enable them to share further in the preparation of a basis of union. At a later stage, after it is finally approved by the Churches, it will be appended to the Basis of Union. These two purposes, the immediate and the later, should be distinguished so that the particular kind of approval appropriate to each may be apparent. To help make this clear, the Commission passed a resolution with two sections as follows:

(a) That in order that the Churches may be able to declare a common mind upon this matter, the Commission suggests the following resolution for presentation to the supreme courts:

The Methodist Church approves the statement of Faith ("The Faith We Affirm Together") as a sufficient statement of the historic Christian Faith of the negotiating Churches and that on this common statement of the Faith the Church is able to share further in the preparation of a Basis of Union believing that the Faith here set forth is that of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

(b) That the Joint Commission draws the attention of the negotiating Churches to the fact that the statement of Faith ("The Faith We Affirm Together") will later be appended to the Basis of Union when finally approved by the Churches and for that purpose seeks the comments of the Churches upon the statement through Church Union Committees.

Therefore the Commission asks two things of the Churches in regard to the statement of Faith:

That the statement in its present form be approved by each of the Churches for the immediate purpose of giving evidence of a sufficient agreement in matters of faith to enable the Commission to proceed with the preparation of a basis of union;

(2) That the Churches give detailed study to the statement of Faith with a view to its final approval so that it may be appended to the Basis of Union. To this end, the Churches are invited to forward their comments to the Commission through their Church Union Committees.

Some Explanatory Notes on the Statement of Faith

Along with this statement of Faith, the Study Committee furnished some explanatory notes. The Commission agreed that these be commended "as a valuable guide which may be used in the study of the statement."

Foreword: The Foreword provides the essential setting for the Declaration whose intention is not to confine truth nor to stifle conscience but to show that there does exist a sound theological basis for union.

- 1. Revelation and the Bible: It all begins with revelation. The Church's faith is a response to the divine self-disclosure in particular through the history of Israel culminating in Jesus Christ and in His continuing ministry through His Church. The Bible witnesses to this unique revelation in Christ, the Old Testament as promise and the New Testament as fulfilment. By the Holy Spirit, the authentic work of God, breaking through the words of the Bible, speaks to men today. It is within the context of the believing community, the Church, that the biblical witness is rightly interpreted.
- 11. God. God is beyond understanding yet He has made Himself known. Not as a description of Deity but as a cry of faith, the Declaration affirms belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not as three Gods nor as three temporary modes of being but as One God in Trinity. Each affirmation is to be understood in the light of the unity of the final sentence.

It is recognised that the biblical references to the Virgin Birth are variously interpreted and that some discount the doctrine, perhaps more for its abuse than for the doctrine itself. The reference here is retained since the doctrine is held officially by the negotiating Churches, whether for its biblical authority or as a theological symbol. Furthermore it bears testimony to the uniqueness of the Incarnation.

- III. Man and Sin: Man has defied the divine intention for his life in pride and has gone his own way in his self-sufficiency. This is sin which comes under the divine wrath and judgment. The word "wrath" is a technical term used both to indicate the strength of the "judgment" and to express the reaction to sin of holy love.
- IV. New Life in Christ: The technical language of the Christian vocabulary, understood universally throughout the Church, has been used to affirm that the work of man's recovery and regeneration is God's. It is recognised that there are no words adequate to express the miracle and wonder of reconciliation.
- V. The Church: In this section biblical metaphors have been used, each of which contributes to a fuller understanding of the Church as a divine creation. The stress also is upon the mission of the Church in the world.
- VI. The Sacrament: Although their practice varies, the negotiating Churches are agreed upon the doctrines of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. The reference to other sacramental ordinances will bring many into new areas of thought. The Declaration acknowledges

liberty of interpretation both to those who recognise these ordinances as special means of grace and to those who do not share this conviction.

VII. The Ministry: The Declaration affirms that ministry derives from Christ and is His gift to His Church. Within the universal ministry, in which all Christians share as members of the Body of Christ, is the continuing ministry of Word and Sacraments. How that ministry is expressed in the united Church is to be stated in the Basis of Union.

VIII. The World and the Church: The world which was created for the glory of God is the sphere of the Church's mission. The Church welcomes all the light science can throw on the universe and its working but it has the distinctive function of interpreting the world and human history in the light of the Christian revelation. The Declaration affirms the Lordship of Christ over the whole creation.

IX. The Christian Hope: The Declaration moves out in this section beyond history. Following the biblical record, its emphasis is upon positive affirmation concerning the final victory and the fulness of life with God eternally. The triumph of God's holy love in the perfect City of God surpasses all human thought.

B. BAPTISM

The following statement prepared by the Study Committee on the Sacraments was adopted by the Commission.

The work of the former Joint Standing Committee on Church Union had revealed both in the Draft Basis of Union and in the Declaration of Faith a fundamental agreement among the four negotiating Churches concerning the nature of the sacraments. However a particular difficulty arose with regard to the administration of Baptism. Put briefly, it arose out of the difference in practice between three of the negotiating Churches on the one hand, which administer Baptism to infants and adults by immersion, sprinkling or pouring, and one Church on the other hand which administers it to believers only and by immersion. The Joint Standing Committee's report last year stated that "further thinking at fundamental levels on the nature of . . . Baptism would be required."

The Study Committee of the Joint Commission of the five negotiating Churches has proceeded from this basis, and has been aware that discussion of these matters is proceeding intensively within the ecumenical movement generally. It is clear that this discussion will continue. We have, however, reached a measure of agreement which enables us to say that the problems involved do not constitute a barrier to union.

TI

At the outset of this enquiry it is of first importance to recognise what we are seeking to attain. We are not endeavouring to reconcile the views of the Churches continuing in separation. Our object is rather to see whether within one fellowship of people committed to each other as members of Christ, with one Lord, one Faith, there can be also the acceptance of one Baptism.

III

1. The practices of the five present negotiating Churches fall into two groups:

(a) Four (the Anglican, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian) baptise (1) adults, upon repentance, profession of Christian

faith, and commitment to Christian discipleship, and (2) infants, upon the profession of faith of their parents or sponsors, who accept distinctive responsibilities in regard to their Christian nurture, in a service within which there is also recognition of the responsibility of the Church to aid this growth in faith. For both adults and infants, the modes of immersion, pouring and sprinkling are authorised the last two being most frequently used.

- (b) The Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand: (1) Baptise believers, i.e., persons who are considered capable of responsibly making a declaration of repentence, profession of faith and commitment to Christian discipleship. Immersion is the only mode that is used. (2) May receive infant children of believing parents in a service of presentation in which their parents and the congreation accept responsibility for their Christian nurture.
- 2. The special emphases of these practices may be stated as follows: (a) The particular witness of the Baptism of infants. The Baptism of Infants stresses our helplessness and God's grace on our behalf. It is also a witness to the corporateness of the Christian life. In the nurture of the covenant community it always anticipates personal profession of faith and Confirmation. Parental and congregational vows uttered in respect of the person baptised are thereby fulfilled. (b) The teaching emphasised in the Baptism of believers. Here the stress is on the conscious dedication and commitment of awakened faith. By God's gracious acts the individual is led to make a responsive decision that involves faithful obedience to the call of God in Jesus Christ. Since in actual practice the Baptism of a believer often follows upon the presentation of the individual in infancy, the witness of the Christian community is used to prepare and nourish him in the faith in which he is baptised. (cf. Report of the Consultation on Church Union, Princeton, 1964.)
- 3. The Churches of Christ consider that their practice of baptising believers only is required by loyalty to Scripture, and bears profound witness to the responsible and personal nature of faith. The other negotiating Churches consider that their practice of Baptism is also consonant with Scripture, and bears profound witness to the Gospel of the prevenient grace of God and the corporate nature of faith. The relationship between these differing practices of Baptism in the . . . Church constitutes the kernel of our difficulty.

IV

It is important, however, to see this problem in its true perspective. We have entered into these discussions as brethren in Christ, united in the worship and service of one Lord, and seeking the right way in which to manifest that unity. On this particular issue of Baptism we find a large area of agreement among us. We can state the following as what we hold in common as the essentials of the doctrine of Baptism:

- 1. The basis of Baptism lies in Jesus Christ His baptism, ministry, death and resurrection.
- 2. The observance of this sacrament with water and the invocation of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is an essential part of the Church's obedience to the risen Lord.
- 3. Baptism is a setting forth of the Gospel. (a) It stresses the priority of the grace of God the Father, who in this sacrament receives His children into His Family. (b) It applies the final work of Christ to the one baptised. (c) It admits to that community which

is the Body of Christ and the fellowship of the Spirit. (d) It conveys God's forgiveness of sin, His calling of men to be His servants, and His equipping of them for their ministry in the world through the gift of His Spirit.

- 4. Baptism is anticipatory, in that it looks forward to a life of faith in fellowship and the consummation of God's purpose. Especially is this so in the case of the Baptism of an infant, when the Church looks forward to his making his own profession of faith and being admitted to the full privileges and responsibilities of membership by Confirmation or its equivalent when he attains a mature age. But Baptism remains anticipatory, whether administered in infants or adults. In this sacrament we are admitted to membership of the Church, which is the Body of Christ, to remain in that membership, by God's grace, throughout our life. The two sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion thus bear witness to two aspects of our faith; as God gave His Son to die once for all, so we are baptised once into Him; and as God meets us ever anew in His grace and mercy, so we regularly celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.
- 5. In Baptism a personal covenant is established. We believe that God receives the one baptised into membership of His people. The one baptised is thereby committed to a life of faith; and he and the congregation receiving him are bound together in their common membership in Christ. This aspect of Baptism requires that the sacrament be always administered with great care, in the context of the pastoral care and discipline of the whole Church.
- 6. While Baptism is the rite of admission into the Church, yet initiation into the Christian community is better regarded as a process than as a momentary event, and this has been marked in the traditions of us all. In the Anglican, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, a person is normally baptised as an infant and after a period of Christian nurture and instruction makes his own profession of faith, and is confirmed or otherwise admitted to the full privileges and responsibilities of membership. In the Churches of Christ a person may be presented as an infant and after a period of Christian nurture and instruction makes his own profession of faith, is baptised, and thereby admitted to the full privileges and responsibilities of membership. The moment of Baptism is supremely important, but we all see it as part of the process of Christian initiation.

V

- 1. This general agreement with regard to the doctrine of Baptism is of particular importance for our unification in one Church, as it makes it possible for us to regard each other as baptised members of the Body of Christ, involving the following: (a) The recognition by the Churches of each other as Churches in the fellowship of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; (b) The recognition of all those baptised as members of the Body of Christ; (c) The recognition of the Baptisms of the negotiating Churches as of the . . . Church, despite variations in practice, as forms of the One Baptism.
- 2. In view of the distinctive position of the Associated Churches of Christ, the question has been asked whether it would be possible for them to recognise the Baptisms of the other Churches. Their representatives have furnished the following answer to this question:

"Because of this desire to find the way of reconciling the practice and meaning of Baptism in the . . . Church of New Zealand, the Associated Churches of Christ are asked to indicate in what way those who hold exclusively to believers' Baptism by immersion can accept infant Baptism as real Baptism. Obviously they do not and cannot accept infant Baptism as regulative for themselves in practice, but they do accept it as an existential order of the . . . Church because it is acceptable for a very great part of it, which they recognise as belonging to the Body of Christ.

"Also they recognise that Baptism, though it is intrinsically and proleptically related to its sacramental liturgical action, is more than simply the manner of the administration of the rite, important as this is. Therefore though one may disagree with the manner and conditions of the conducting of the rite yet one may properly acknowledge the genuine intention of the participants to fulfil an evangelical obligation; likewise the Divine purpose attaching to Baptism irrespective of human misunderstanding, controversies, or distortions, and the eschatological result of even an irregular order of Baptism may be recognised.

"Therefore though Churches of Christ are convinced that certain indispensable elements of Baptism, such as response to the divine Grace in desire for God's forgiveness, and confession of personal faith in Christ by word and by self-commitment to dying and living anew in Him, are not apparent in the rite of Infant Baptism as such; yet they must also recognise that in infant Baptism as a rite there is an objective outreach of the Divine Grace through the Church's intention to enfold the infant and childhood life in the community of the Covenant people.

"We must go further even than this because however, much we may think infant Baptism to be erroneous we believe nevertheless that those who practise it sincerely hold the intention of keeping the commandment of Christ to 'make disciples . . . baptising them (using water) in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

"And we likewise endorse their purpose (which we also seek to promote by a rite of Thanksgiving for Childbirth and the presentation of infants for Divine blessing) to enfold the child in a community of faith and provide every encouragement for the child to grow in Grace and to fulfil the promises made on his behalf, by voluntary acceptance of discipleship, profession of personal faith and becoming a communicant member.

"Furthermore we must recognise in the lives of those who came to communicant membership by this route those whom God has accepted and blessed who by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit cry 'Abba Father' as we are prompted to do. 'It is the Spirit himself bearing witness that we are . . . fellow heirs with Christ.'

"Since we are thus impelled by an honest facing of facts to recognise that a considerable section of the Church has acted (even though we may believe unadvisedly and not according to the order of the New Testament) to bring people through infant Baptism within the life of the Church and the realm of Heaven, it has in fact been Christ's agent of evangelism and discipleship.

"In so far then as the Church has thus acted in the name of Christ, Christ has in fact placed all whom the Church has thus received under the sign of His Grace. Their Baptism is therefore factual, it is real, even though it may not be of a good order, according to our understanding of scripture and of predominant pre-Nicene practice. To think otherwise would be to constitute a condition too terrible to contemplate. As Alexander Campbell wrote (1837): 'If there be no Christians in the Protestant sects for many centuries there has been no Church of Christ, no Christians in the world and the promises concerning the everlasting kingdom of Messiah have failed and the gates of hell have prevailed against the Church. This cannot be. I cannot . . . in my heart regard all that have been sprinkled in infancy without their knowledge and consent, as aliens from Christ and the well-grounded hope of heaven. There is no occasion . . . for making immersion on a profession of faith absolutely essential to a Christian.'

"If Churches of Christ are prepared to acknowledge that other Christian Communions are in fact real Churches, though sadly all of us are deficient through dis-unity, then logically it must follow that their Baptism is in fact a real Baptism (though one which may be believed to lack certain important marks of scriptural order).

"If, however, we are prepared to allow these two practices of Baptism to co-exist meanwhile within one Church, instead of as at present within divided forms of the Church, then both for the sake of love and truth the reality of each other's Baptisms should be accepted."

3. In view of this agreement concerning the doctrine of Baptism, we have reached a point where we can say that we do not see the differences of conviction regarding Baptism as a barrier to union. The differences of practice present difficulties that it will not be easy to resolve; but we believe that the unity in which we now share because of our Baptism can and must be expressed in one Church. Also, we are confident that within the fellowship of the one Church we shall the better be able to resolve these difficulties. It is clear therefore that the practice of the . . . Church will include the administration of Baptism both to sponsored infants and to those making personal affirmation of faith, and that the modes of administration will include pouring, sprinkling and immersion.

VI

It is necessary that even at this stage we recognise that there are various difficulties in practice which will need sustained attention in the . . . Church. These difficulties are already felt in our separation and as has been said are the subject of concern throughout the world. Our discussions have made us aware of three in particular which must be mentioned here.

1. Attention will need to be given to the ordering of the life of the Church so that adequate expression is given to the truth that Baptism means incorporation into the life of the believing community. This involves: (a) that it be administered in response to faith expressed by the person to be baptised or by those responsible for him; (b) that normally it be administered during public worship; (c) the responsibility of the believing community to provide an edifying setting of nurture for both believers and infants; (d) that due weight be given to the special responsibility of parents and sponsors in the case of the Baptism of infants; (e) emphasising that the Baptism of infants points forward to the time when the one baptised will as a mature person enter upon the full privileges of his Baptism. A statement from the representatives of the Churches of Christ says: "There is need to make provision for all Baptisms to be associated with living faith and personal commitment . . . for a significant form

of service in which the Baptism is affirmed with a free personal confession of the individual's faith and of his attachment to Christ." Attention will need to be paid to the service of Confirmation in this regard.

2. We have given a great deal of attention to the question regarding the pastoral care of those who come to have concern about the reality of their Baptism as infants. The representatives of the Churches of Christ state: "A person for whom a decision has been made by someone else that he be baptised in infancy has thus been deprived of the opportunity of making a personal response to divine grace in believers' Baptism. This is a serious limitation on the Reformation principle of personal liberty in responding to the Word of God. Churches of Christ feel this to be of vital importance. If a person who received the rite of Baptism as an infant is convinced that God's Word obliges him to receive the rite of Baptism as a responsible believer, provision needs to be made in a pastoral way for this need to be tested and satisfied."

We believe that it is not possible to lay down detailed provisions in advance to meet these situations. However, we consider that it is not only possible but desirable to give assurances: (a) that regard will be paid to the concern of the Church for the integrity of its action in baptising infants, the faithfulness of its teaching about Baptism, and its confidence in the reality of the sacrament; (b) that respect will be paid to genuine conscientious conviction, and some provision authorised that will give adequate expression for public profession of faith which builds on the Baptism as an infant and does not imply a denial of its reality as Baptism.

3. It will be necessary for provision to be made to make it clear that no one practice or mode of Baptism will be enforced on either ministers or people contrary to conscience.

VI

In conclusion we summarise the general position taken in this report, that the negotiating Churches may enter into this union in confidence that within the one Church we confess one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

Recommendation of the Commission:

The Joint Commission has adopted this report for submission to the Churches as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Baptism to enable the Churches to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.

The Commission therefore asks the Churches to convey to the Commission an expression of approval of the report for this purpose, and suggests the following resolution:

The Methodist Church approves the report of the Joint Commission regarding Holy Baptism as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Baptism to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.

C. THE MINISTRY

The following statement prepared by the Study Committee on the Ministry was adopted by the Commission.

Ministry in the Church:

 The Christian Ministry is to be seen as related to and springing from a basic Christian fact. This is that God has chosen and called to Himself a people, the People of God, and that both God and this people are to be known in Jesus Christ. He describes Himself as having come not to be served but to serve. As Christ is then the Servant Lord, so His people are to be the servant people. To be the servant people, the people, of the Cross, is the Church's glory.

- 2. This people is called out from the world to worship God in Christ, and so become mature in Him, in order that they may be sent into the world to serve God in serving man. As God sent Christ, so also Christ sends His people. Their task is to be the reconciled and reconciling community. This work is done as they testify, by what they are and do and say, to God's gracious act in reconciling them to Himself in Christ so that they are also at the same time reconciled to one another.
- 3. In order that the people of God as the reconciled and reconciling community may the more effectively bear witness in the world, God has called some of His servants to minister to all of His servants so that they may the better be ingrafted into Christ and do His work. Jesus called and trained the twelve and sent them out to preach to Israel. These men were with Jesus in His early ministry, and were admitted to a special role by their Lord. They became witnesses of the resurrection and were commissioned by the risen Christ to preach the gospel to the whole world. They, along with others, notably St. Paul, were known as apostles, and their place is unique.
- 4. Their witness, however, can be and is borne by others who receive it from them, and who become apostolic men by being commissioned to go out as servants of the servants of God, training them and helping them to carry out their mission in the world, and sharing actively in that mission. These apostolic men have a specific ministry, and are known as the ordained ministry. They are linked with the apostles, and must continue the fundamental apostolic task, yet they must do it in their own age and circumstances. Thus in the ordained ministry there will be strong bonds with the original apostles and also openness to new ways of bearing the apostolic witness.
- 5. Admission to the ordained ministry, "ordination," is authorised by the whole Church through its officers after the ordinand's call and fitness have been tested. God's call to this ministry is discerned and recognised by the person and the Church together. Ordination is carried out by those already ordained who thus admit the ordinand to this ministry. Ordination is with the laying on of hands and prayer that the Holy Spirit will empower the ordinand for the special tasks of this ministry. The laying on of hands is an expression of continuity with the apostolic witness and a sign of God's provision of gifts for the tasks to which He calls His servants. The fact that God calls some of His servants to this special ministry is evidence that it is "given" both in the sense that it is a gift, and in the sense that it is from God and not from man.
- 6. (i) Within the total life of service which it belongs to the nature of the Church to render, as being the Body of which the Servant Lord is the Head, the ordained ministry is commissioned to mediate Christ's reconciling work in three characteristic ways, prophetic, priestly and pastoral. The minister proclaims, interprets and teaches the biblical message; he leads the worship of the congregation and administers the sacraments; he cares for the people of his charge and recalls them to their obedience, guiding, training, encouraging and leading them in the way of Christ. All these func-

tions will be found within the ministry of the presbyter, which Ministry is throughout one of reconciliation given to every presbyter who is to bear the gospel of God's foregiveness to congregations and individuals and as a minister of the gospel. This ministry is therefore also priesthood, mediating the priestly work of the one High Priest, Jesus Christ, within the priestly body of His people. "Within the corporate priesthood of the whole Church every individual believer has his own responsibility of worship, witness and service and his own privilege of direct personal access to God in Christ for pardon and grace." (Report on Anglican-Methodist Discussions in England.)

- (ii) In their essence all these functions are apostolic. In the manner of their exercise in different times and places the Holy Spirit may lead the Church into new patterns.
- 7. These three elements (6, i) in the ordained ministry may be described as aspects of episcope or oversight, and this oversight is exercised both personally and corporately. As the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ exercises a unique personal episcope, but His servants exercise theirs for Him and under Him as members of Him and of one another. Their oversight is personal in that each minister must himself be responsible for those committed to his charge and give an account to God, and at the same time it is corporate in that it is shared with others in the Body of Christ and especially with other ministers.
- 8. Within this ministry three modes of ministry have appeared in the history of the Church. They are all aspects of episcope and have developed as spheres of episcope. Thus there is the oversight of human need: the care of the sick, the needy, the young and the old. There is the oversight of the congregation as such. There is the oversight which extends beyond the congregation and includes the pastoral care of ministers. These modes of ministry have sometimes been called the diaconate, the presbyterate and the episcopate. However they be ordered in detail and however they be differentiated in the future, they have in fact been important and distinctive features of the Church's service of God and man.
- 9. Episcope beyond the congregation has been variously exercised within the Church. Its distinctive elements have been to continue and promote the Christian way and faith as received through the witness of the apostles to Jesus Christ, as well as to care for ministers and people. The continuity and embodiment of this episcope has been expressed in the office of bishop as the apostolic man among apostolic men. It has also been expressed in a corporate or consiliar embodiment rather than an individual one. The need for continuity and consistency in the representative embodiment of episcope has led however to its expression in offices which are similar to that of bishop. It will be necessary to determine the way in which episcope is to be expressed in the united church in the relationship between its bishops and its councils.
- 10. We see all episcope as belonging to Christ, the Head, and as given directly by Christ in and through his Church to those in office at various levels of the Church's life, so that the authority of oversight is received at these levels with the call and the office itself. We see authority in the Church as one of continuing inter-relation between persons and groups. Bishop and presbyter must each be able to exercise the particular episcope committed to him by Christ and each must exercise it responsibly within the wider episcope of the whole body. The bishop, therefore, must have the freedom and

initiative necessary for his tasks and at the same time be responsible for their fulfilment to those with whom he shares the wider episcope. (It is recognised that this conception calls for careful and adventurous thinking.)

In considering the nature of the ministry it is inevitable that the negotiating churches should also consider the offices of deacon and of elder as known among them. The term deacon has been used to refer to persons having a limited commission and looking forward shortly to being ordained to the priesthood, to persons charged with a degree of pastoral and administrative responsibility, and to persons charged with responsibility for property and finance. In all of these there is an element of service of human need, but in none does it appear to be clear and constitutive. The report of the W.C.C. Faith and Order Commission in September 1964 indicates that the nature and function of the diaconate is being enquired into afresh in many quarters. But so far as such discussion bears on the regular ministry no clear picture of what the term "deacon" could refer to in the united church has appeared. What this Committee is, however, agreed on is that there is need for one who is to be ordained to the ministry to spend the final stage of his period of preparation in association with a senior minister who will encourage, counsel, form and practise him in Christian ministering. Should the negotiating churches resolve to unite a period of growing together before formal theologically sound pattern for the office of deacon in our circumstances.

12. The office of elder is a feature of churches of the reformed tradition and has its roots in Israel. At present the eldership is under scrutiny in the Church of Scotland. Defined theological positions with regard to it would be premature here. Nevertheless this Committee is agreed that whatever be the outcome of theological and historical work on the nature of the eldership, the churches do variously use designated persons to fulfil functions comparable with those of Presbyterian elders and that there is a distinct place in the Church for the exercise of these functions. That there should be lay persons, representative and elected, who command the respect and trust of the congregation because of their manifest Christian faith and life and are therefore able to share in the minister's episcope in their own degree, is desirable as an eminent expression of the ministry as the whole Body of Christ.

Recommendation of the Commission:

The Joint Commission has adopted this report for submission to the Churches as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice concerning the Ministry to enable the Churches to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.

The Commission therefore asks the Churches to convey to the Commission an expression of approval of the report for this purpose and suggests the following resolution:

The . . . Church approves the report of the Joint Commission regarding Ministry in the Church as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice concerning the Ministry to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.

SECTION 3—THE PREPARATION OF A BASIS OF UNION I—Method of Working

The Commission has been given in its order of reference the task of preparing a basis of union. To this end work on certain fundamental issues has given us good confidence for proceeding further. However, in order that the Churches themselves may be informed and reassured of this, the Commission in its present report has given the evidence for such confidence. The approval by the Churches of the various reports will greatly encourage the Commission in its future work.

The Commission desires to continue the same process of the study of important issues and subsequent consultation with the Churches.

II-Lines of Approach on Two Matters

The work of the Study Committee on the Ministry has made it possible for the Commission to submit two reports on particular questions which provide lines of approach that have commended themselves to the Commission. These are now submitted to the Churches.

A. UNIFICATION OF THE MINISTRY

The Act of Unification

It is envisaged that there will be an act of union in which the five churches come together through duly appointed representatives, accept one another as true churches of the one Lord Jesus Christ and become one church. Within this there will be an act of the unification of the ministries. At a separate service, probably the next day, the united church will consecrate new bishops.

The act of union should be viewed as first of all exhibiting more fully than hitherto in New Zealand the catholicity of the Church. The churches are trying to make explicit what is implicit in the recognition of their common faith in Christ. They have seen, and have admitted to themselves, that they should be one in Him. It is a matter of faith with them that the Church of Jesus Christ is one, and obedience to Him requires of them that they should manifest this unity both inwardly and outwardly, personally and corporately. If this goal can be reached it should result in a clearer witness to the nation and make the Church's mission more effective. In stating the nature of the unity we seek the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi spoke of Christians being "united with the whole Christian fellowship in all places and in all ages in such sense that ministry and members are accepted by all". This is the direction in which the union and the act of unification look.

At this stage it is not necessary to outline the sort of service which is desirable for the act of union. It is important, however, to consider in more detail the act of the unification of the ministries to discover whether there is agreement about the essentials of what is said and done. We have studied the plan for the unification of ministries in several recent schemes of union. The plan in the Nigerian scheme seems to us the most helpful. It has been used as the basis for the plan which follows.

The Intention

(a) The uniting churches believe that, in receiving from God that gift of union for the Church which He alone can bestow, and which being witnessed to by outward word and act it is desired and intended to receive at the Inauguration, it is necessary to offer Him the ministries of the uniting churches in humble penitence and

faith, and to receive from Him a ministry unified and authorised and equipped by Him to serve in the united church. Thus the ministries of the uniting churches will be unified from the outset and every minister of the united church will be able to exercise his ministry in any part of it.

- (b) The uniting churches mutually acknowledge each others' ministries to be real ministries of Christ in His Word and Sacraments in the universal church. Yet not only is it necessary that the method of unification must be acceptable in conscience to every minister concerned therein, it is also necessary that this ministry should be acceptable and without exception accredited in the eyes of all members of the united church and, so far as may be, of the Church throughout the world. To this end a form of unification of the ministry is here agreed to by the uniting churches. This form is designed to be given and received without prejudice to the reality or method of ordination previously given and received.
- (c) As soon as may be after the inauguration of the united church every previously ordained person shall submit himself to this form of unification in order that, through the laying on of hands with prayer by bishops and presbyters duly chosen, he may receive from God all that may be necessary for the fullness of his ministry in the universal Church and within the united church, and thereby be commissioned for such a ministry.
- (d) The churches believe that in this union God is bringing them into a new situation. Therefore the act of unification is unique and cannot be identified either with any existing form of ordination or with the ordination prescribed for all future ministers of the united church. Nevertheless the uniting churches believe that God will assuredly so answer prayer that any differences among ministers who have received ordination through the episcopate, through the presbytery, through the conference or through the synod will be transcended, and that God will bestow upon them the power and grace of the Holy Spirit to exercise a wider ministry in the Church of God as ministers within the united church.

The Procedure

- (a) The bishops and presbyters who shall participate in the representative act of the unification of the ministry shall include those bishops of the Anglican Church who will serve in the united church, the presbyters elected to be bishops, and not less than three presbyters from each uniting church, chosen in such a way that each diocese of the united church is represented in the act of unification by at least one presbyter.
- (b) They shall declare their assent to the scheme of union and their acceptance of the Constitution of the united church, and with one voice shall say:

In the conviction that God wills one communion and fellowship of all who believe in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as God and Saviour, I, believing myself to have been duly and lawfully ordained within the . . . Church to the ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the Church of God, am humbly prepared to submit myself to God, and through the laying on of hands with prayer to receive from Him such grace, commission and authority as it may be His will to bestow on me for my ministry in the Church of God within the united church.

(c) A representative of each church now united shall place on the communion table a bound volume containing the signed statements of the ministers of his church declaring their assent to the scheme of union and their acceptance of the Constitution of the united church.

(d) The words to be used at the laying on of hands shall be:

"Forasmuch as you were called and ordained within the ... Church to the ministry of the Church of God, and are now called to the ministry of the Church of God within the united church, may God by the Holy Spirit continue His gifts in you, and bestow on you, according to His will, grace, commission and authority for the ministry of a presbyter (bishop) of the Church of God within this church. Take authority to preach the Word of God, to fulfil the ministry of reconciliation, and to minister Christ's sacraments in the united church. See that you do all these things in brotherly partnership with God's servants whom in this union of churches He has made your fellow-workers."

(e) The method will be as follows:

- (i) Five representative ministers, one appointed by each of the churches now united, will lay hands on five ministers—the Anglican Archbishop, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the President of the Methodist Conference, the President of the Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ, and the Chairman of the Congregational Union (referred to below as officiating ministers)—using the form of words prescribed in (d) above. The representative ministers will then rejoin their delegations.
- (ii) All representative ministers present from each of the uniting churches in turn will then have hands laid on them by the five officiating ministers mentioned in the foregoing sub-paragraph (e) (i), who shall use the form of words prescribed in paragraph (d) above.

Recommendation of the Commission:

The Joint Commission has adopted this report concerning the Act of Unification for submission to the Churches for approval as a sufficient guide to the Comission in the preparation of a basis of union.

The Commission therefore asks the Churches to convey to the Commission an expression of approval of the report for this purpose, and suggests the following resolution:

"The . . . Church approves the report of the Joint Commission concerning the Act of Unification as a sufficient guide to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union."

B. A PROBATIONARY MINISTRY A Statement on the "Probationary Ministry"

One of the subjects about which there would need to be agreement among the Churches before an act of commitment could be entered into is the manner of co-ordinating the rank or stages within the "ministry". The Anglican Church speaks of bishops, priests and deacons; the Congregationalists speak of ministers; the Churches of Christ speak of ministers; the Methodists speak of probationers and ministers; the Presbyterians speak of licentiates and ministers. Anglican deacons and Methodist probationers serve a period of preparation after college before being ordained to the ministry of word and sacraments. Church of Christ and Congregationalist theological students on the completion of their studies are ordained to the ministry without a probationary period. Presbyterian students on completing their studies are licensed to preach the gospel and are eligible to be called to a parish. In this position they are frequently referred to as probationers for the holy ministry. It would be possible for a licentiate to remain such all his life. There is at least one university lecturer with this status. A person proceeding to further study overseas is licensed on completing his studies in New Zealand so that he has a associated with.

From this it becomes evident that there are three positions: (1) a probationary period before ordination which is devoted to final preparation; (2) a probationary status which may last a long time but which in present circumstances usually does not and is not regarded as a final stage of training; (3) an immediate change from the status of student to that of ordained minister. Those who practise (1) value it highly. A majority of those who practise (2) would welcome (1). Some of those who practise (3) would prefer (1) if they had the choice. This being so it appears that it should be possible to agree that the united church will provide for a period of post-collegiate training of an apprenticeship character.

After successfully completing such studies as the united church may prescribe, a candidate for ordination to the ministry shall be given to the care of a wise and capable senior minister who shall initiate him into the tasks of the ministry and guide him practically as he learns his life work. When the requirements of the Church in this regard have been met, the candidate may be presented for ordination. The length of time to be spent in this final stage of training before ordination is thought of as not less than a year.

When a candidate enters upon this final stage of his training he is very near to the point where he is no longer a layman but a minister. Nevertheless he is not yet a minister of the Word and Sacraments. We need to have some convenient way of referring to such a person. As among the terms already in use, namely probationer, licentiate and deacon, it seemed to the Committee that it would be advisable to use the term deacon since in other places united churches are using or are likely to use this word for this purpose. The exact term to be used, however, and the final function of the diaconate within the united church will receive further consideration.

Recommendation of the Commission:

The Joint Commission has adopted this statement on the Probationary Ministry for submission to the Churches for approval as a sufficient guide to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union.

The Commission therefore asks the Churches to convey to the Commission and expression of approval of the statement for this purpose, and suggests the following resolution:

The . . . Church approves the report of the Joint Commission on the Probationary Ministry as a sufficient guide to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union.

III—Subjects for Further Study

The Commission has arranged for study to be made of the following subjects:-

1. Lay Celebration of the Sacraments.

2. Women in the Ministry.

Confirmation.
 The Eldership.

5. The Government of the Church.

6. General Administration, the Life of the Church, and Finance.

7. Worship.

8. Legal and Property Matters.

9. Marriage and Divorce.

The Commission sees this work as part of the process involved in the preparation of a basis of union.

SECTION 4—CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATIVE ACTION

I-Joint Action

The Commission has been advised of various schemes for cooperation at the local level, including plans for the joint use of buildings. It has also been made aware of the need for a concerted policy regarding the obtaining of new sites. It is arranging a consultation involving the responsible committees of the Churches on these matters.

The Commission makes the following recommendations regarding co-operation:

- 1. That in all situations where joint action is contemplated, all the negotiating Churches in the locality be invited to participate in the consultation.
- 2. That where a negotiating Church is not represented on a committee concerned with local co-operation, a copy of the minutes be sent to the Convener of the Church Union Committee of that Church.

II—Theological Education

At the May meeting the Commission agreed that it was desirable to have as soon as possible an exploratory conference of those responsible for theological education in the five Churches, to consider the possibilities of co-operation in theological education.

This conference was held at Auckland on 16 August, and its report and recommendations were presented to the Commission at its August meeting.

The Commission decided to set up as one of its committees, a Committee on Theological Training.

The recommendations of the conference were considered and it was agreed:

- "1. That the Commission recommend to the Churches that a Board of Theological Studies be established by the negotiating Churches to have general oversight of theological training and responsibility for carrying out the wishes of the Churches. See resolution 9 etc.
- "2. That the recommendation of the Conference that there be established a Diploma of Theology of good standard, be referred to the Committee on Theological Training.
- "3. That the recommendation of the Conference that these matters be regarded as urgent in view of the fact that the Church of the Province of New Zealand is required to prepare a new syllabus in 1966, be referred to the Committee on Theological Training and to the Churches.
- "4. That the recommendation of the Conference that ideas towards this end be exchanged now by those responsible for theological training in the negotiating Churches, be referred to the Committee on Theological Training and to the Churches.

- "5. That the recommendation of the Conference that the Baptist Union of New Zealand be informed of the intention and progress of these negotiations and be invited to share in discussions concerning the syllabus, be referred to the Committee on Theological Training.
- "6. That the recommendation of the Conference that the Board of Theological Studies note and encourage the development of Theological Studies within the Universities and also consider their relationship to theological training generally, be referred to the Committee on Theological Training.
- "7. That the recommendation of the Conference that the normal course of training involve a period of three years' theological training with preliminary University study, preferably with the attainment of a degree, be referred to the Committee on Theological Training.
- "8. That the recommendation of the Conference that the questions of the relationship of the training both of Maori and of Island students to that of European students and of relating European students to the Maori and Islands' situations be referred to a special committee for study and report be referred to the Committee on Theological Training to make recommendations.
- "9. That the recommendation of the Conference that the negotiating Churches consider together the question of Deaconess training with a view to establishing a Union College for Deaconesses be sent to Churches and to the Committee on Theological Training.
- "10. That the recommendation of the Conference that the matter of lay training and of its relationship to the Boards of Christian Education be commended to the J.C.C.U., be referred to the Committee on Theological Training and to the Boards of Education of the member Churches and to the Churches."

It was also agreed that copies of the report of the Conference be sent to the Theological Education Committees of the Churches for inclusion in their reports to their supreme courts.

III-Christian Education

The Commission has learned with pleasure of the consultations promoted by the Departments of Christian Education of the negotiating Churches.

SECTION 5—THE NEXT STEP, AN ACT OF COMMITMENT The Act of Commitment

1. The five negotiating Churches have agreed that no insuperable barriers exist in the areas of "Faith of the Church," "Sacraments" and "Ministry in the Church" to the coming together of the Churches in an Act of Union.

Many other factors are yet to be determined in regard to the Actual Basis of Union which will require time, study, and common concern with reference to the Mission of the Church.

Already at the local level there is a growing evidence of desire for joint action in many spheres of the Church's life.

Two parallel courses of action now present themselves to the Churches. One is at the local level, in many forms of co-operation. The other is at the level of negotiations—the finding of a Basis of Union. To bind these two courses together, and to make further progress possible, we believe that an Act of Commitment is not only desirable but necessary.

2. As was stated in the last report of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union:

"At the first meeting, the possibility emerged of an Act of Commitment which would at once make evident our mutual and serious intentions as well as provide a basis of confidence which would encourage and facilitate various forms of joint action. Our past experience has been that joint action is often inhibited because of the lack of certainty whether union may eventuate. The Committee wishes it to be clearly understood that what is proposed is not intended nor should it be taken to be a decision to unite. But neither is it proposing an Act of Commitment which is a mere expression of a pious hope.

It proposes a serious action by the responsible courts of the Churches by which we commit ourselves in common obedience to Christ to the use of our best endeavours to achieve that unity which is according to His will."

3. The following is submitted as The Act of Commitment.

"In our faith in Jesus Christ as our one Lord and Saviour, and in our concern to serve His mission to the world, we now commit ourselves in a common obedience to Him and offer to Him our utmost endeavours that by the Holy Spirit we may be brought into one Church according to His will, to the glory of God the Father.

"We affirm that in this Church, as essential to its life, there will be found the Word of God in the Holy Scriptures as the supreme rule of faith and life, the historic faith as expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, the faithful preaching of the Gospel, the Divinely instituted sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, a ministry acknowledged by the whole Church, and a life ordered by the Holy Spirit in worship, godly discipline, humble service and loving fellowship.

"With the obedience we offer, we acknowledge our obligations to receive new insights and now to do together many of the things which in the past we have done separately."

- 4. The Commission recommends to the Churches:
- (a) that each Church decide to enter into the Act of Commitment by a decision of its supreme court, as may be appropriate in each case, so that this may be done at a joint service of worship to be arranged at a suitable place at a date to be arranged by the Joint Commission in consultation with the Churches through the Church Union Committees;
- (b) that the people of the Churches be called to thanksgiving for this action on the Sunday immediately following.

SECTION 6-THE PROCESS OF GROWING TOGETHER

The Commission desires to emphasise its conviction that the whole movement towards unity must proceed not from a series of resolutions by Church Courts but from a vital, organic process throughout the whole Body. It is, therefore, important that every opportunity be taken to foster the activities that will assist this process of growing together.

In order to promote understanding of the issues involved in the negotiations and of the progress that has been made, the Commission is arranging for the publication of a study booklet. The intention is that it will be available in December. The Commission trust that it will be widely used and it stresses the need for opportunities to study the issues involved, both at parish level and on an inter-Church basis.

SECTION 7—THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION I—The Meetings in 1966

The experience of the Commission in the past year has shown an increasing demand upon the time and energies of its members. It is clear that this process can only increase. Meetings have now been arranged for 15-17 February and 17-18 August in 1966. The first of these will be a residential meeting at St John's College, Auckland.

II-Secretarial Assistance

The structure of the Commission is under review, but an urgent need is the provision of secretarial assistance for the Chairman. The Commission seeks the approval of the Churches for the provision of the necessary finance.

III—Publicity

The Commission has been increasingly aware of the necessity for keeping the people of the Churches and the community informed of the progress in the negotiations. It has therefore appointed a Publicity Committee with general responsibility for publicity. The members are the Rev. I. W. Fraser, Convener, the Rev. C. Harrison, and Mr J. H. Hall.

IV-Fiannce

The Commission submits the following over-all budget for the coming year, 1966—£750, made up of £400 for secretarial assistance and the remainder for equipment, travelling and additional expenditure on postage, tolls and stationery. It recommends that the contributions of the negotiating Churches be allocated as follows:

Anglican Church Associated Churches of Christ Congregational Union Methodist Church Presbyterian Church	£250 50 50 150 250
	£750

J. E. STEWART, Chairman. 7 September, 1965.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the Methodist Church approves the statement of Faith ("The Faith We Affirm Together") as a sufficient statement of the historic Christian Faith of the negotiating Churches, and that on this common statement of the Faith, the Methodist Church is able to share further in the preparation of a Basis of Union believing that the Faith here set forth is that of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
- 3. That the statement, "The Faith we Affirm Together", be referred to Synod Standing Committees, Ministerial Committees, and Quarterly Meetings, for study and comment, and returned comments be forwarded to the Convenor of the Church Union Committee by 30th June, 1966.
- 4. That Conference commend the explanatory notes on the Statement of Faith as a valuable guide which may be used in a study of the Statement.

- 5. That the Methodist Church approve the report of the Joint Commission regarding Holy Baptism as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Baptism to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.
- 6. That the Methodist Church approve the report of the Joint Commission regarding Ministry in the Church as a sufficient statement of the doctrine and practice concerning the Ministry to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.
- 7. That the Methodist Church approve the report of the Joint Commission concerning the Act of Unification as a sufficient guide to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union.
- 8. That the Methodist Church approve the report of the Joint Commission on the Probationary Ministry as a sufficient guide to the Commission in the preparation of a basis of union.
- 9. That Conference agree to enter into the proposed Act of Commitment.
- 10. That Conference approve the recommendations of the Commission on Theological Education as follows:—
- (1) That Conference agree that a Board of Theological Studies be established by the negotiating Churches, to have joint oversight of theological training, and responsible for carrying out the wishes of the Churches.
- (2) That Conference agree that there be established a Diploma of Theology of good standard.
- (3) That Conference agree that these matters be regarded as urgent, in view of the fact that the Church of the Province of New Zealand is required to prepare a new syllabus in 1966.
- (4) That Conference give general approval to the recommendation that the normal course of training involve a period of three years theological training with preliminary University study, preferably with the attainment of a degree.
- (5) That Conference give general approval of the recommendation to the Joint Commission on Church Union, that the questions of the relationship of the training both of Maori and of Islands students to that of European students, and of relating European students to the Maori and Islands situation, be referred to a special Committee for study and report.
- (6) That Conference give approval to the negotiating Churches considering together the question of Deaconess training, with a view to establishing a Union College for Deaconesses.
- (7) That Conference approves that the matter of Lay training and of its relationship to the Boards of Christian Education be commended to the Joint Commission on Church Union for consideration.

QUESTION 58.—

2—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

(No report to be presented to this Conference. See 1964 Minutes, page 60, Resolution 8(d).)

RESOLUTION

- 1. That the financial report be received and adopted.
- 2. That the committee for 1966 be as printed on page 10 herein.

3—Finance and Stewardship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1965

I. Stewardship Missions. Up to the end of 1965 eighty-five Circuits will have had directed missions either with the Finance and Stewardship Committee or with the Victorian Department of Stewardship Promotion. Fifteen of these missions were directed by the Victorian Department, and of this number several have already been followed by review campaigns under the direction of the Committee's staff.

The demand for the services of directors is such that more and more Circuits are booking for campaigns three years ahead following the completion of a mission, and it is therefore still necessary that churches and circuits contemplating a campaign should make enquiries at least twelve months ahead. During 1964 the Committee's three Field Directors and the Executive Officer directed twenty-nine missions, showing an average increase over previous pledged giving of 70%. The staff has been working under pressure hence the need for a fourth Director.

Whilst not wishing to change the basic pattern of the stewardship programme, the Executive Officer and staff are always watchful for ways and means of improving the whole pattern of the approach to people, particularly in the case of circuits which are coming round to a third or fourth review campaign. Certain changes have already been made this year and others will be introduced during 1966.

The Committee is concerned that some circuits still attempt "self-run" campaigns, and would reiterate that, proven by experience in other circuits results are usually disappointing both spiritually and financially as compared with the "directed" campaign.

- 2. Lay Visitation. The Committee would once again emphasise the need for circuits to press on with the Lay Visitation programme. The benefits derived from the initial stage of a Stewardship Mission will not be fully realised unless this continuing work is kept up, and it is encouraging to know that so many circuits are discovering the value of this work in response to the concern shown to all people who have some link with the Church.
- 3. Publicity. The Committee would remind circuits, and in particular, superintendent ministers, that the film strip "Partners in Mission" is still in circulation. While many of our people have seen this film there are still many who have not done so. This is a film which can be used in all Church groups. The Home and Overseas Missions Departments, and the Department of Christian Education reverted to the use of Bulletins during 1965, but it is the intention of the Committee to produce another film strip in the near future.
- 4. Methodist Women's Fellowship. (Res. 3, Mins. of Conf. page 67, 1964). This resolution requests the Women's Fellowship, in collaboration with the Home and Maori Mission Department, the Overseas Mission Department and the Finance and Stewardship Committee to review the method of support by the women of the Church to Missionary funds. Information in accordance with this resolution has been supplied by the Women's Fellowship to the Committee. The Committee is studying this question and the Executive Officer will attend the M.W.F. Convention at New Plymouth in October when he will make a report.

- 5. N.Z. Council for Christian Education. (Res. 12, Mins. of Conf. 1964). As decided by Conference the sum of £400 was paid to the Council, leaving a balance of £539. However, the Council agreed to transfer the sum of £167 to their Capital Account. This was originally credited to the Council's General Account. The amount of £372 now outstanding will be paid during the 1965/66 financial year as funds become available.
- 6. Return of Surplus Funds. The Rev. Chrystall advised the Committee that the estimated amount required to meet increased stipends in the Home and Maori Mission Department was not as large as anticipated, and a surplus of £664 was therefore available in the 1965/66 Budget. The Committee decided to place this amount in Contingencies in the 1965/66 Budget on the assumption that the £372 due to the N.Z. Council for Christian Education would be paid from this item.
- 7. Status of the Executive Officer and Budget Treasurer. (Res. 11, Mins. of Conf. 1964). To assist in clarifying the position of these officers at Conference a draft constitution was drawn up by the Committee and forwarded to the Law Revision Committee, and appropriate recommendations will go to Conference this year from the latter Committee.
- 8. Budget Treasurer. It is with pleasure that the Committee can report that Mr Slater, after his unfortunate accident last year which resulted in the loss of a leg, is now making rapid progress and we look forward to his taking up the work of Budget Treasurer again in the near future.
- 9. Appreciation. The Committee wishes to express its warm appreciation of the work of Mr Derek Tayler, who has audited the Connexional Budget Accounts and also the Committee's Accounts since the introduction of the Budget system. Mr Tayler has devoted a large amount of his time in a most exacting manner, and we trust he continues to improve in health following the serious illness suffered earlier this year.

The Committee also records its appreciation of the continuing cooperation received from the Department of Christian Education, and also extends its thanks to the Wesley Trust for the use of their premises.

> H. C. R. BLACKWOOD, Chairman. E. C. FLYGER, Executive Officer.

ACTING BUDGET TREASURER'S REPORT.

The 1964/65 Connexional Budget. The picture presented at the close of the '64/65 Budget is most encouraging, and it is unfortunate that our Budget Treasurer, Mr Slater, who has had to bear all the teething troubles in connection with the initiating of the Budget system, has not been available to prepare and present this Report.

The position at 30th June showed the 1964-65 Budget as being 97.34% paid, compared with 95.68% last year. Within a week this percentage had increased to 98.2% as some of the slower payers came to hand At first glance this 1.66% increase may appear small but it must be taken into consideration that the Budget was £6,000 higher than the previous one.

Three Districts achieved 100% by 30th June, with Otago-Southland attaining 100.43%, and a further District reached the 100%

mark with late payments. As another three Districts are on 99% plus, it is possible that at least six Districts will have achieved 100% or better. This should be a spur to all Districts to see future Budgets fully subscribed.

Two Districts will need to take a good look at their position in relation to other Districts when it is considered that of the total outstandings at 12th July they are responsible for nearly 90% of the amount.

Apart from Taranaki-Wanganui, Wellington, South Canterbury and Otago-Southland Districts which were 100% paid by the 12th July, the position of the other six Districts is set out below, showing the percentage paid and the actual amounts outstanding:—

		£	S.	d.
Northland	99.42%	24	0	0
Auckland	98.84%	354	1	9
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	95.83%	758	9	3
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	98.27%	264	18	3
Nelson	99.75%	20	0	0
North Canterbury	93.52%	1577	0	2
		£2,676	9	5

The Circuit positions in the 'fully paid-up' category has shown a substantial and encouraging increase and this of course is reflected in the success of the Districts concerned. 127 Circuits were fully paid by 30th June compared with 115 last year, and this figure increased to 133 by the 12th July. Although only 42 Circuits had made all their payments in the month in which they were due, another 90 were so close as to be classified as 'near misses.' Eight Circuits exceeded their allocation by amounts ranging from £3 to £29.

This fine over all response to the 1964/65 Budget has meant that all Departments and Funds have benefited and payments have been made as under:—

		£	s.	d.	
District Expenses		2,426		0	
All amounted Ends fully said		27,890	0	0	
100% paid at 30th June University Chaplaincies (Dunedin)		111,986	0	0	
(ex '64/65 Budget Reserve)		125	0	0	
Finance & Stewardship Committee	******	125 594	17	2	
		£143,022	5	2	

The 97.34% achieved represents £140,228/6/-, but as £2,882/16/6 was received in arrears from the 1962/63 and 1963/64 Budgets and other monies, plus £1,835/16/5 brought forward as a Reserve from the 1963/64 Budget, it was possible to pay £143,022/5/2, leaving a balance of £1924/13/4 at Bank of New Zealand at 30th June, 1965.

The Connexional Budget and Stewardship. It is significant that the Districts which have made most advancement in the 1964-65 Budget, with one exception, are those where the majority of Circuits have had Stewardship Missions during the last three or four years.

This suggests that a greater understanding of stewardship has arisen among the people of the Church, and this is reflected at District level as well as at Circuit level. It is not too much to hope that this growing awareness of stewardship will result in the Connexional Budget being over-subscribed in the near future and that the Methodist Connexion will be in a position to contribute more generously to causes outside its own boundaries.

Banking. The system set up for the receipt and dispersal of monies paid in by Circuits is working very well but could be even better if the under-mentioned points were adhered to by all Circuit Financial Stewards, and would ensure that more funds were available for the various Departments and Funds at the end of each month.

1. The banking of circuit allocations at least three days before the end of each month so that the amount would be shown on that

month's Bank statement.

The prompt forwarding of the duplicate bank slip to the Budget Treasurer. This also gives him an indication of the monies available before the end of the month.

3. The banking of circuit allocations monthly and not quarterly. The Budget Treasurer pays out to the Departments and Funds each month. When a Circuit banks quarterly in the last month of the quarter it means that it is not possible for the Budget Treasurer to make full payments to Funds each month.

Future Budgets. As the Budget Treasurer stated in his report to Conference 1964, the demands of a growing Church must result in increases in future Budgets if we are to keep pace with this growth. It is therefore pertinent and proper that the Church should again be reminded that the challenge to Methodists will continue to be one which will demand more in sacrifice of time, talents and treasure.

E. C. FLYGER, Acting Budget Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement of the Finance and Stewardship Committee be received and adopted.

2. That the Report of the Acting Budget Treasurer be received

and adopted.

3. That the 1966/67 Connexional Budget for the period 1st July, 1966 to 30th June, 1967, amounting to £156,159 be adopted.

Supernumerary Fund	£9,360
Home Missionary Retiring Fund	217
Deaconess Retiring Fund	1,254
Removal Expenses Fund	6,500
Children's Fund	4,750
Contingent Fund	7,600
Connexional Secretary	550
"Methodist Times"	500
Overseas Missions Department	39,000
Home & Maori Mission Department	38,216
Department of Christian Education	7,300
Trinity College	7,506
Church Extension	20,000
Children' Homes—	20,000
Auckland	300
Masterton	1,750
South Island	2,500
Social Services	3,600
Deaconess Board	1,165
Finance and Stewardship Committee	

Miscellaneous Causes:

	760
N.C.C.	
N.C.C. Television	466
World Council of Churches	255
N.Z. Council of Christian Education	400
N.C.C. Prison Chaplaincies	30
Armed Forces Chaplaincies	75
New Zealand Alliance	200
National Society on Alcoholism	25
Religious Film Society	200
University Chaplaincies—	
Auckland	50
Wellington	120
Christchurch	120
Dunedin	150
Lay Preachers' Association	60
Spiritual Advance Committee	100
Board of Publications	105
Overseas Travel Fund	525
Hospital Chaplaincies — Psychiatric	450
Hospital Chaplameles — I sychiatric	
	£156,159

4. That the 1966/67 Connexional Budget District Allocations be as under:—

Northland	3,938
Auckland	31,842
Waikato — Bay of Plenty	20,506
Taranaki — Wanganui	11,491
Hawkes Bay — Manawatu	16,562
Wellington	18,500
Nelson	8,700
North Canterbury	25,765
South Canterbury	8,919
Otago — Southland	9,936
	£156,159

- 5. That the attention of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be drawn to the need for the creation of an inter-church council by which the Social Service Associations or equivalent bodies of the Churches sharing the support of Chaplains, can report to their parent bodies and control and direct the appointment and work of the Chaplains.
 - 6. That Mr L. A. Davis be appointed as a Field Director.
- 7. That the balance of £1924/13/9 shown in the Budget account at 30 June, 1965 be carried forward to the next year.
- 8. That the Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee if a layman shall be an ex officio member of the Conference.
- 9. That the relationship of the proposed General Treasurer and the present Budget Treasurer be referred back to the Commission on the Structure of the Church for further study in consultation with the Standing Committee on Finance and Stewardship.
- 10. That the Conference places on record its grateful thanks to Mr E. C. Flyger for acting as Budget treasurer in addition to his other duties over the past twelve months, also to Mrs Flyger.

- 11. That the Conference Committee of Detail be comprised of the President, President-Elect, Secretary of Conference, Chairman of Districts, General Secretary Overseas Mission Department, General Superintendent Home Mission and Church Extension Department, Director of Christian Education, Connexional Secretary, the Vice-President, Vice-President Elect, a representative of Trinity College Council, a representative of the M.S.S.A., Executive Officer of Finance and Stewardship Committee, Budget Treasurer, one Contingent Fund Treasurer, District Financial Secretaries and a sufficient number of Ministers and Laymen to make the number of Ministers and Laymen being appointed by the President from the members of Conference.
- 12. That the Conference asks the Finance and Stewardship Committee to investigate the possibility of Circuits using Bank transfers to pay their Connexional Budget allocations and advise the Circuits accordingly.
- 13. That Conference request the District Financial Secretaries and the Standing Committee to study and report to the Conference Committee of Detail 1966 on (a) the possibility of establishing a standard form for Circuit Accounts, including treatment of Stewardship funds where they are not held in the Circuit Account, with the intention that total balances in Circuit and Stewardship Accounts be reported in general statistics; (b) the long term approach in matters of stewardship, with a view to ascertaining whether after the initial period in which Circuits are being educated in the stewardship of money, the three-years cycle of stewardship missions might evolve into a scheme more closely woven into the continuing life of the church at Circuit level.
 - 14. That the Committee be as printed on Page 6 herein.

QUESTION 58-

4—Stipend Committee

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That Standing Committee on Stipends prepare and present an outline scheme for the establishing of a Central Stipend Fund.
- 2. That the Standing Committee on Stipends review the present standards of Deaconess remuneration, having regard to the scale of salaries in outside employment.
 - 3. That the Committee be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 59.—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 and Revs. C. O. Hailwood, E. S. Hoddinott, W. F. Ford, Messrs S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey, G. G. Slater and G. C. Burton. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

Committee of Exigency:

Wellington member of the above committee.

B. President's Committee of Advice:

Ex-President, President-Elect, Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs H. C. Matthews, R. Thornley, C. T. J. Luxton and J. D. Grocott. The Vice-President, Ex Vice-President, Legal Adviser and Messrs A. Marshall, E. A. Crothall, P. A. Le Brun, G. E. Hill and A. A. Dingwall. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION 60.-Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?

NORTHLAND:

All Ministers and Deaconesses in active work:

Messrs R. R. Fawcett, W. T. Grounds, D. R. Ambler, G. Keightley, D. B. Cole, D. H. Woodcock, R. M. Salmon, W. J. Court, R. A. Howard, A. G. Kelly, C. V. Berridge, G. H. Lendrum, A. L. Hutching, L. M. Hames, L. W. Bennett, T. Kawiti, M. Rogers. Secretary: W. J. Court.

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.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

All ministers in active work in the area, plus a lay representative of each Circuit. Secretary: Rev. A. Jolly.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:
All ordained ministers and Senior Home Missionaries in active work, one representative from Women's Fellowships, Men's Fell ships, D.E.C's and Deaconnesses, the District Property Secretary, the District Finance Secretary, and one lay representative from each Circuit: H. Watson, L. Cotter, D. H. Payne, G. E. Simpson, S. Yeoman, W. F. Walters, P. Ormsby, W. Thompson, F. J. E. Baillie, W. B. Young, R. E. Williams, J. Melville, A. Howell, R. Ingram, C. G. Horn, J. Davys, R. H. Fuller, L. A. Davis, K. Balme, S. C. Jones, A. Smith.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

All Ministers in active Circuit work and Messrs P. Mercer, G. A. Hutton, O. Sutton, L. C. Jago, D. R. Andrews, J. P. Harding, W. Oliver, R. J. Thomas, T. F. Davis, E. H. Donald, G. Wickham, D. Wansbrough, J. P. Whitlock, M. H. Whitlock, N. F. Dixon, A. L. Fox and one other to be appointed from the New Plymouth Circuit, Mrs M. Rogers.

MANAWATU:

All Ordained Ministers and Deaconesses, the Director of the Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre, the District Finance Secretary, the District Property Secretary, the District Agent for the Methodist Quarterly, and representatives from the following District organisations: Methodist Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Lay Preachers, District Education Council.

HAWKE'S BAY:

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 Methodist Women's Fellowship, Lay Preachers' Association, Hawke's Bay D.E.C., and Gisborne-Wairoa D.E.C. Chairman: Rev. J. B. Dawson. Secretary: Rev. R. E. James.

WELLINGTON:

All ordained ministers, one lay representative from each Circuit in the District and an additional lay representative for each additional Minister, a representative from each district organisation and all Conference officials. Convener: the District Secretary.

NELSON:

That the Committee for 1966 be: The Ministers of Blenheim, Jellyman, C. G. Parker, E. M. Brown, R. C. A. Marshall, V. Smart, G. B. Trathen, A. E. Wratt, Mrs L. G. White, Dr. E. Bassett; Women's Fellowship, Mesdames M. R. Best, M. V. Humphreys; Lay Preachers' Association, J. K. Woodley; D.E.C., Mrs J. Trathen; District Treasurer, H. R. Holland; District Property Officer, A. C. Barrington.

WEST COAST SUB-DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEE:

Ministers of West Coast Circuits and Messrs N. Leadley, B. Williams, F. Lindbom, P. Wilkins, Mrs Petherbridge, A. Pontifex, Mrs V. Smith, Rev. T. Steele, Mrs K. Darney, Mr G. A. Leary.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

The ordained ministers in the active work in the district; Messrs J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, D. A. White, H. W. Beaumont, L. S. Blackmore, E. Ridgen, P. A. LeBrun, A. C. Bowis, N. P. Alcorn, F. Bartley, E. J. Legg, W. F. Ashe, H. F. K. Hayman, H. G. Smith, C. C. Ayers, J. Pitman, L. T. Barnett and J. A. McKenzie, Dr. J. Fergusson, Dr. I. Blair, Mrs N. G. Dalley, Mrs G. Armitage, and Miss Jean Hay; the District Financial Secretary; the Presidents of the Lay Preachers' Association, the Women's Fellowship, and the Men's Fellowship; a representative of the D.E.C.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

All ministers and probationers in active work in the District, and the Minister of Marchwiel Union Parish, Miss R. M. Hodson, Messrs K. Fowke, R. Barnett, S. F. McIntosh, O. H. Neutze, K. L. Lee, E. D. Walker, C. G. Wills, F. Prestige, G. G. C. Thomas; one representative from the Women's Fellowship; District Financial Secretary Mr A. Marshall; District Property Secretary Mr P. G. Woodnorth. Secretary-Convener: Rev. N. Thornicroft.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Ordained Ministers of Dunedin and South Otago; Mrs A. J. Johnston, Miss M. Guthrie; Messrs J. Angell, E. W. Ashby, C. Chirnside, H. G. Clark, E. Hogwood, A. J. Ganderton, F. W. Pitcher, R. S. Russell, H. C. Vince, F. Wilson, J. Wilson, Dr. L. Robinson. SOUTHLAND SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers and Probationers of Southland; and laymen to be

appointed.

QUUESTION 61 (a)-What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?

Designation of President

1963 Minutes, Page 77, Resolution 2 (c).

1964 Minutes, Page 69, Resolution 10.

The 1963 Conference passed a resolution that the President officially be known as the President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. I have been asked to consider whether any further steps are required to give effect to the resolution.

For many years, the President has always been referred to as the President of the Conference. This title is still used in the Model Deed and in most of the Statutes affecting the Church and in the Law Book. However in the Methodist Union Act 1913 he is referred to as the president for the time being of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

In my opinion, the resolution passed in 1963 is in order. From the time of the passing of that resolution, the President should be referred to as the President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

As the President will always be the President of the Conference I do not think there is any necessity to have the Model Deed and the

various statutes amended.

However, to put the matter in order it is recommended that the first sentence in Section 173 Law Book page 31 be repealed and there

be substituted the following:—

173. There shall be a President of the Methodist Church who must be a Minister of not less than 15 years standing. He shall be the President of the Conference. He shall be elected by an absolute

majority of the votes of the members present at the Conference, the voting being by ballot, without nomination.

H. de R. FLESHER, President's Legal Adviser, September, 1965.

Law Revision Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1965

The Committee submits its annual report and its recommendations on the various matters referred to it by Conference.

Course of Study for Probationers (1964 Minutes, page 37, Resolution 4).

Matters relating to the Course of Study for Probationers concerning books lists and certain exemptions were included in the amendments passed at last Conference—see 1964 Minutes, page 219.

2. Candidates (1964 Minutes, page 37, Resolution 5).

The Committee was directed to harmonise Section 71 Law Book, page 11, with resolutions 5-6 and 2 set out in 1963 Minutes, pages 37 and 132 respectively.

The Committee submits the following:-

- 71. A Candidate for the Ministry in the Methodist Church shall have been baptised, shall be in full membership with the Church and either shall be a fully accredited Lay Preacher or shall have given satisfactory evidence as to his experience as a preacher, of his attendance at training classes, of his acceptability within the Circuit as a preacher and of his capacity and potential as a preacher.
- 72. Every Candidate, before being nominated shall have read Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and his sermons (1-44) and must approve of the general system of doctrine therein. He shall have read the Law Book and be prepared to accept the polity therein set forth and be willing to submit to the discipline therein enjoined.
- 73. A Candidate shall be nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Home Mission Station in which he is a member. In the latter case, the Chairman of the District may authorise another minister to act as his deputy. Prior to nomination, the Superintendent shall satisfy himself as to the fitness of a candidate by hearing him preach, ascertaining his acquaintance with the belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval and acceptance of its discipline.

73a. The Candidate shall be presented to the Quarterly Meeting in accordance with the following procedure:—

- (1) The Superintendent Minister shall, if possible, advise the December Quarterly Meeting of his intention to make a nomination at the following June Quarterly Meeting.
- (2) At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a small Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective candidate, investigate his case and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee, if the candidate is not an accredited Lay Preacher shall report on his experience as a preacher, on the training classes he has attended, on his acceptability within the Circuit, as a preacher and give an estimate of his capacity and potential as a preacher. In each case the Committee shall hear the Candidate preach, ascertain his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval of its discipline. It shall assure itself of the Candidate's piety and consistency, his acceptability and general fitness for the work of the Ministry.
- (3) As on page 11 of the Law Book.
- (4) As on page 12 of the Law Book.
- 3. Committees of Detail (1964 Minutes, page 60, Resolution 6).

In order to provide some flexibility year by year on the number and nature of Committees of Detail, the Committee recommends that Section 73, page 371 be amended by adding the following at the end thereof:—

"Provided that where deemed necessary the President and the Secretary of Conference may appoint additional Committees of Detail and allocate matters for their consideration."

4. Circuit Treasurer (1964 Minutes, page 60, Resolution 9).

To enable Circuit Treasurers or Circuit Financial Secretaries to have seats in their right on Quarterly Meetings, the Committee recommends as follows:—

Alter sub-title Section II, page 40

A. Circuit Stewards

B. Circuit Treasurer.

235a. Where deemed necessary a Circuit Treasurer may be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting on the nomination of the Circuit Stewards. He shall keep the circuit accounts. Where a Circuit Treasurer is appointed, he shall perform the duties of the Circuit Stewards as set out in Section 228 (b), 228 (bb), 228 (f).

Amend Section 277 (b) by adding the words "Circuit Treasurer if one appointed."

5. Lay Preachers Examinations (1964 Minutes, page 65).

To give effect to Resolution 2, 1964 Minutes, page 65, re the time allowed for passing Lay Preachers examinations it is suggested that the Secretary of Conference be asked to add an additional note to Section VII Course of Study for Lay Preachers as set out each year in the Minutes.

- (3) The time allowed for passing the Lay Preachers Examinations shall be not more than six years.
- 6. "Society" and "Other Preaching Place"

"Society" (1964 Minutes, page 69, Resolution 4, under Section II.)

The Committee has investigated the possibility of replacing the terms "Society" and "other preaching place" in Methodist polity.

In the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand there are set out recitals explaining the origin and formation of the Societies of the people called Methodist.

The term "Society" in the Model Deed refers to the local Church. But the term is also applied to-day to various devotional meetings in the local Church. In the minds of those who do not know the historical background to the terms "Societies" there is confusion.

In Australia the term "Society" used in reference to a local Church has been dropped altogether. In the definition of a "Church Meeting" it is stated that it was originally known as "The Society Meeting". In our Law Book it is stated that the Leaders' Meeting of each Society shall consist of etc. In the Australian one it is stated "A Leaders' Meeting shall be constituted in each Church and preaching place".

It is submitted that Australian terminology is more suitable to the requirements of to-day. There can be no confusion.

It is agreed that the historical significance should not be lost sight of and therefore the Committee suggests reference to "Societies" should be made to the historical note to the Law Book,

The Committee has come to the conclusion that the word "Church" be used instead of the word "Society".

It will be realised that many changes will have to be made if the change is approved. The Committee suggests that "Society" Stewards should be known as "Church" Stewards and the present "Church" Stewards (officers of the Trust) be known as "Trust" Stewards or "Property" Stewards.

The Committee suggests that if the change is approved that the necessary alterations be made in the new Law Book.

The Committee recommends that the term "Society" be ceased to be used and that the term "Church" take its place and that the necessary changes be made in the term of the new Law Book.

"Other Preaching Place"

The Committee has considered the term "other preaching place". It is unable to find any other term which so aptly describes places other than in Church in which Church Services are held. The Committee therefore has no recommendation to make on this term.

7. Recognition in Conference Records of Lay Connexional Appointments (1964 Minutes, page 80, Resolution 2).

The Committee has been asked to provide for the recognition in Conference records of lay connexional appointments in addition to the "Supply Ministry".

The Committee suggests that question 30 re stationing of Home Missionaries be altered to read as follows:—

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Question 30. How are the Home Missionaries and other layworkers employed by the Conference, stationed for the ensuing year?

- A. Home Missionaries
- B. Layworkers.

8. Return of Ministers to New Zealand after serving with an overseas Church or Conference (1964 Minutes, page 144, Resolution 8).

The Committee has been requested to prepare an amendment to safeguard the rights of Ministers who return to an appointment with the New Zealand Conference after service with an overseas Church or Conference, previously approved by the Conference.

The Committee has given consideration to this matter. The matter comes before Conference under question (21). What Minister or Probationers is it agreed to transfer to or receive from any other Conference?

If a Minister desires to return to New Zealand he will make application for a transfer to the New Zealand Conference in the usual manner.

In the case of a Minister serving with another Church he would probably have had permission "to rest" or be "without pastoral charge". On his return to New Zealand he could apply for an appointment.

In the opinion of the Committee both such cases are covered by the Church's existing law and practice and there is therefore no need for any amendment.

9. Synod Agenda (1964 Minutes, page 200 ,Resolution 2.)

Last Conference resolved that the Law Revision Committee revise the Synod Agenda with a view to removing redundant questions. The Committee will attend to this matter when the text of the new edition of the Law Book is being considered.

10. Appointment, Removal and Retirement of Trustees (1964 Minutes, page 200, Resolution 3).

The Committee has been asked to give consideration to the appointment or removal of Trustees.

The Superintendent Minister has the right to nominate new Trustees.

The Trustees then vote on the nomination. In cases where the vote is evenly divided, the Chairman, i.e. the Superintendent Minister, has a casting vote. This procedure has worked quite satisfactorily over the years. The Committee sees no necessity for any change.

When a Trustee dies, becomes incapacitated, refuses to act, resigns with the consent of the majority of his co-Trustees or withdraws from or ceases to be an adherent of the Church or removes to such distance, as, in the opinion of a majority of his co-Trustees renders it inexpedient for him to remain on the Trust, then his place becomes vacant.

There have been occasions when it has not been in the interests of both the Trust and Church that a person should remain on the Trust. His views on doctrine may have changed. He may be living in such a manner as to bring disgrace to the Church. In such case his membership of the Trust can be an embarrassment to the Trust. He refuses to resign. It seems proper that there should be some provision whereby if asked to resign and he refuses his place can be declared vacant.

To meet such cases the Committee recommends that Section 36 of the Model Deed be amended as follows:—

After the words "render it inexpedient for him or them to remain in the said Trust" insert the words "or if he or they be requested in writing by at least a three-fourths majority of his co-trustees, to resign PROVIDED ALWAYS that no such request to resign shall be made unless it shall first be considered at a special meeting of the trust called for that purpose and that the trustee concerned shall be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the meeting".

And also after the words "or removing as aforesaid" insert the

words "or having been requested to resign as aforesaid".

 Students living away from home and their membership rights and privileges (1964 Minutes, page 200, Resolution 4).

The Committee has been asked to investigate the possibility of amending the law to permit students living away from home, and whose membership has been retained in accordance with the Conference decision in their home circuits to have full membership rights and privileges in the Circuit in which they normally attend worship during their period of study.

A search has been made of the Minutes and no decision of Conference has been found stating that a student living away from

home should retain his membership in his home Circuit.

Each member of the Church has his name entered in the Members Roll of one Church. At any one time he can be a member of only one church. If he moves from one Circuit to another he should obtain a "Note of Removal" which he hands to the Minister of the Circuit to which he removes and on the presentation of such note his name is entered on the Members Roll of the Circuit to which he transfers. Such Church member is entitled to attend the Church Meeting of the Church in which he holds his membership. He has all the privileges of membership and in addition can be appointed a Class Leader.

It is clear that a member cannot hold membership in two circuits at one time. The member must decide for himself in which circuit he desires to hold his membership.

Retaining his membership in his home circuit does not prevent a member taking part in all activities in the Church he attends when away from home except that he cannot vote at a Church Meeting nor hold some official positions.

The Committee has no recommendation to make.

12. Constitution for Finance and Stewardship Committee.

The Committee after conferring with the Finance and Stewardship Committee has drafted a Constitution. The Committee now submits the following constitution and recommends its adoption:—

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- 1. There shall be appointed at each Conference a Finance and Stewardship Committee consisting of not more than 5 Ministers and not more than 10 Laymen in addition to ex officio members. The Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, General Superintendent of Home Mission and Church Extension Department and General Secretary of Overseas Mission Department shall be corresponding members.
 - 2. The Committee shall:-
- (1) Stimulate and promote stewardship within the Church and advise Districts and Circuits on all matters relating thereto.
- (2) Inquire from the Treasurers of all Connexional Funds, Departments, Institutions and Committees concerning their financial requirements for each ensuing year.

- (3) Draft the Connexional Budget, including the basis of District assessments, for submission to the Committee of Detail.
- (4) Supervise and administer the Connexional Budget.
- (5) Present to Synods and Conference an annual report, and to Conference annual financial statements duly audited.
 - 3. (a) There shall be a Director of Stewardship appointed by the Conference who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Committee. He shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
- (b) There shall be Field Officers appointed by Conference who shall be ex officio members of the Committee.
- (c) There shall be a Budget Treasurer appointed by Conference. He shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
- 4. The officers of the Committee shall be its Chairman, the Director of Stewardship and the Budget Treasurer. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Committee from its members.
- 5. Each District Synod shall annually appoint a District Finance Committee which shall allocate to each circuit the amount of its assessment and shall be responsible for ensuring that it is met.
- 6. Circuit assessments shall be paid in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- 7. In the event of a disagreement between a District Committee and a Circuit the matter shall be referred to the Finance and Stewardship Committee whose decision thereon shall be final. The Committee shall be entitled to call for all information it may require.
- 8. Any objection by a Circuit to a decision of the District Committee must be made to the Committee before the last day of February in each year.
- 9. No new appeal on a Connexional basis shall be allowed unless it receives the prior consent of the Conference. The procedure in connection with such appeal shall be approved by the Committee. In cases of urgency between Conferences approval may be given by the President on the recommendation of the Committee.

If the Constitution be adopted the Committee then recommends that the whole of Section IV, page 90 re Central Finance Committee be repealed and that the above constitution take its place.

13. Conference Committee of Detail on Finance and Stewardship.

It is expected that a supplementary report will be submitted in regard to this Committee.

14. New Law Book.

The Committee is engaged on the preparation of the new edition of the Law Book. It has had to pass over many sections on account of the various changes proposed by the Church Council in regard to connexional structure and organisation. These proposals affect many sections of the Law Book.

Further clarification of the relationship between baptism, confirmation and church membership is required. This matter has been referred to the Faith and Order Committee.

The Committee will do its best to complete the new edition as soon as possible. It, however, wishes to avoid publishing a Law Book containing sections which it knows will be considerably amended in the very near future.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted except section "On Other Preaching Place" and Sections 8, 9, 11 and 14 which were received only.
 - 2. That the committee for 1966 be as printed on page 7 herein.
- QUESTION 61.—(b) Who is appointed the President's Legal Adviser? Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.

QUESTION 62.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

REPORT FOR 1965

N.C.C. ACTIVITIES.

Chinese Visit: An invitation has been extended to the Chinese Christian Three Self Patriotic Movement to send a visitor to New Zealand.

Indonesian Visits: Eight Indonesian Christians in two separate parties visited New Zealand in early 1965 and valuable experience and fraternity was enjoyed by all who met them.

Resettlement: Baroness Anne Bonde completed her one year's service to the N.C.C. in may '65. An increased number of families have been sponsored by churches and a working relationship with the Minister of Immigration and the Dept. of Labour established during Miss Bonde's term. Some N.C.C. branches have appointed Resettlement committees to encourage and guide sponsorship and to promote fraternal contacts for immigrants.

The Christmas Appeal receipts up to June 23rd, 1965, total £65,375—target £65,000. Last year's total was £62,386.

Ecumenical Hymnary: This project was not favoured by sufficient member churches, but N.C.C. are hoping to make available "words only" copies of the E.A.C.C. hymnal.

Mission to the Nation: No reply has been received from the Billy Graham Organisation in response to an invitation forwarded. Other plans are being considered envisaging experiments in evangelism and study groups on related topics.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Though no statistical facts are available it is certain that a great step forward in this observance was made this year.

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS AND MEETINGS.

- A. Central Committee of W.C.C., Enugu, Nigeria—the first to be held in Africa.
- 1. The address on the main theme, 'the call to conversion and service and its meaning for the church's participation in God's work' was given by Rev. A. Adegbola of Ibadan Nigeria (see Ecumenical Review, April, 1965). In a debate on the wisdom of the title—service being interpreted as aid—it was considered that we cannot narrow works to one kind of service namely that of man's physical and social needs. The Church owes to the world what she alone can offer . . . an invitation to all men to enter by conversion into communion with God in Christ.

2. The Fourth Assembly of W.C.C. is planned for 1968 with the theme "Behold I make all things new". There will be a large representation of Orthodox delegates who are now the largest confessional

group in the W.C.C.

3. The World Conference on Church and Society planned for July 1966, in Geneva is to be a Christian response to the technical and social revolution of our time. Four volumes are to be published in January, 1966, in preparation for this Conference:

Theology and Social Ethics in a Changing World.
Responsible Government in a Revolutionary Age.
Economic Growth, Technology and the Welfare of Nations.
A Christian View of Man as Person in Community.

The central Committee urges that theologians and students of Christian social ethics must not carry on their work in isolation from the social scientists and other laymen. Contemporary trends in all societies must be evaluated so that there can be discrimination between the forms of secularisation which enlarge human life and those which are de-humanising.

4. Dr. Visser 't Hooft's tribute to Ecumenical Pioneers: This is a time to remember the men who had the spiritual imagination and the courage to create the movements which joined their forces in the W.C.C.; for Bishop Brent the father of "Faith and Order" was born in 1862, Dr John Mott, the father of the International Missionary Council in 1865, and Archbishop Nathan Soderblom, the father of "Life and Work" in 1866. Each had his own background and calling. Brent, the Anglican; Mott, the Methodist; Soderblom, the Lutheran . . Brent, pastor, missionary and fighter against social evils; Mott, layman, evangelist and Christian strategist; Soderblom, theologian, church leader and peacemaker.

Four elements of their work and message remain part and parcel of the life of the W.C.C.

- (a) True catholicity: We must arrive at such a caring and sharing that we bear each other's burdens and expect eagerly to receive spiritual gifts from each other.
- (b) Dedication to the whole task of the Church: Too many people in our churches care only for the specific concern of one department and too few seek to support the whole.
- (c) Unity for the sake of the Church's mission to the world: The call is to mission and service in all six continents, and the local congregation must have a missionary and not a conserving structure.
- (d) Readiness for the renewal of life: Tension between those who stand for renewal and those who would maintain existing structures must be a constructive tension and should not lead to a hardening of opposite positions. The W.C.C. must be able to live with that tension in its own life.
- B. Faith and Order Commission: Attended by Rev. J. Silvester, representing N.Z. N.C.C.
- 1. The Future of Faith and Order. It is only now that the full ecumenical task of this movement is becoming apparent. The previous area of discourse was more restricted than many had realised. The whole Christian family is now "on speaking terms" again. Five factors seem important in determining the range and character of future work:

The steady decentralization of Faith and Order Work and the increasing number of conferences etc. arranged by Regional or National Councils.

The relation of Faith and Order to Church Union negotiations. The greater part to be played by representatives of the Orthodox churches.

The establishment of more contacts with Protestant Evangelicals. The impact of new schools of thought in academic theology.

2. Conspectus of Faith and Order studies: Arising mainly from concerns of the Montreal meeting four major studies are outlined: In seeing the Church's unity in relation to the world in which it is set, study is being undertaken on the relation between Creation,

New Creation and the Unity of the Church.

Realising that differences concerning the Church's regularly commissioned ministry must be seen in the context of that ministry which the whole church exercises in the whole world, a renewed study is proposed on Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Ministry

In Worship, and articularly the central act of Christian Worship, the church's relation to the whole created order is to be considered in renewed study of the Eucharist—a Sacrament of Unity which has been the focus of the scandal of our disunity as well as a source of God's reconciling grace.

The fact that the Church is itself a part of the Creation as well as the dwelling-place and vehicle of the Holy Spirit suggests a study of the relation between the work of the Holy Spirit and the nature of the Church as an institution under the title, Spirit, Order and Organisation.

C. Relations with the Roman Catholic Church.

We have followed with interest the work of the Second Vatican Council and welcome the new attitude apparent in the Roman Catholic Church. The fact has emerged that the Roman Catholic Church has officially recognised the existence of the ecumenical movement. The elaboration of the Decree on Ecumenism has been itself the outcome of an ecumenical process. Now the Roman Catholic Church becomes an active partner in the ecumenical conversation. The differences are still considerable but we have entered into a relationship of study and dialogue. The establishment of a joint process of consultation between the Secretariat for Unity in Rome and the World Council of Churches is encouraging. At the local level we should accept all opportunities for fellowship, dialogue and common action with our Roman Catholic brethren.

D. Joint Action for Mission. Extracts from an E.A.C.C. publication by R. K. Orchard.

The Christian World Mission is Christ's not ours—this questions all decisions and plans made in isolation from our fellow Christians involved in mission in the same area.

As the "missionary movement" now involves all six continents and all lands, J.A.M. is applicable everywhere.

To take locality (all in each place) seriously we must refer both to geographical locality and the relationships of society—industry, agriculture, education or public administration. The true purpose of mission in social relationships is to point men from within these relationships to Jesus Christ, helping them to order and use the structures of society that men may be open to Christ in them rather than seeking to relate them to a particular denomination of the church. Mission is not identifiable with church extension.

The three basic steps possible while there is division, are:

1. The conviction of a common calling to mission.

2. A process of survey of needs and opportunities and total resources.

3. A readiness to receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit concerning our doing together the work of Christ's mission.

Effective J.A.M. requires certain pre-conditions:

1. Some degree of concern for Mission

2. Some relationship of mutual trust and confidence

3. The necessity to involve local congregations in the inspiration and consultation for such Joint Action.

The basic purpose is to bring the whole mission of the whole people of God in a given area into common planning and joint action.

MATTERS REMITTED BY CONFERENCE.

1963 Minutes, p. 233 Res. 11: Study of "The Laymen at the Place of Daily Work". We report that one study is completed and will be published through the Christian Education Handbook.

1964 Minutes, p. 206 Res. 6: Membership in Pacific Conference. The Committee makes these observations:

When the matter was discussed at N.C.C. Annual General Meeting in 1964 the following opinion of Dr. D. T. Niles was noted: "I do not think the churches in N.Z. and Australia should seek membership in the Conference of Pacific Churches. The Pacific Churches will not be comfortable if their founding churches are also members of their Conference. In any case if the question is to be raised at all it must be raised by the officers of the Conference of Pacific Churches."

We note also that we are making every endeavour to practise the belief that Maoris are primarily New Zealanders and that as such their place is just as important in Asian church associations as with the Pacific peoples.

Confirming Dr. Niles' final point we realise that we were invited by the E.A.C.C. to join that body.

These factors incline us to take no initiative in this matter but realize that for the future this is an open question.

1964 Minutes, p. 206, Res. 8: Chaplain's attendance at Church Courts. As this matter is included in the deliberations of a committee of the Church Council on Ministerial Appointments, and in a direction to the Faith and Order Committee, we ask leave to consider the issues further next year in the light of those submissions.

REPORTS.

The Women's Committee of the N.C.C. Reference is made to the passing in England, after a long illness of Deaconess Joan Spencer-Smith—a foundation member of the Committee and the first President. Contact by letter was maintained until her death.

Sixteen branch Committees report a variety of activities—Ecumenical Days, Inter-church, schools, Study Days, and Quiet Days. One Committee raised £550 to assist establishing a day nursery at On Koung, Hong Kong, for pre-school children.

The Committee is delighted that the study, "Maori and Pakeha", is being widely used. A new study, aimed to discover what Christianity has to say about the influences shaping contemporary New Zealand society, having in mind such concerns as family, work and leisure, education, culture, the local and wider community, should be available in September.

For the World Day of Prayer some 25,100 Orders of Service were distributed to over 300 groups. Nine areas held services for the first time. A short broadcast commending the Day was given by Her Excellency, Lady Fergusson. In some areas groups from the Seventh Day Adventist, Brethren, Assembly of God, Lutheran, Dutch Reform and Roman Catholic Churches took part. The offerings were distributed to the British and Foreign Bible Society, £617 15s 6d; N.C.C. Projects £1790 4s 6d; and £100 to the East Asian Church Women's Conference.

Mrs R. H. Hamilton attended the Planning Committee of the E.A.C. Women's Committee held in Manila in May and is nominated as delegate to the proposed Conference in Tokyo, July 1966.

N.C.C. Youth Committee. The N.C.C. Youth Committee has seen a great expansion of its work in the past year and the link with Asian young people has been especially important. From 28th December 1964 to 10th January 1965, 20 young New Zealanders shared in the first Asian Christian Youth Assembly in the Philippine Islands and afterwards visited several parts of South East Asia. Representatives of all denominations and from all parts of New Zealand were in the team and they returned to New Zealand profoundly moved by the experience.

Through Volunteer Service Abroad, World Youth Projects and ecumenical work camps other young New Zealanders are sharing in service to communities throughout the world. The forthcoming Ecumenical Youth Conference at Hamilton promises to be a highlight in the youth work of all churches and plans for coping with 1500 delegates are becoming well established. The visit of overseas speakers will be a major highlight.

Religious Film Society. For the past three years the Society has been without the services of a paid director, and has had to rely upon the services of an honorary officer and a paid assistant. This has led to a slowing down of the service the Society has been able to give to the constituent churches. In 1964 the honorary Director, Mr W. N. Mouat, at his own expense travelled overseas and made valuable contacts with the makers and distributors of religious films and film strips, and on his return reported to the Society. As a result of his report the Society was compelled to examine again its policy and its function as a servant of the churches, and its financial resources. Three points became clear: (1) That the Society could provide a cheaper and more efficient service in the supply of audio-visuals than any of the churches acting separately; (2) That an efficient service in the promotion and supply of audio-visuals whether by means of sale or hire depended upon the employment of a competent Director. (3) That the Society could not employ a Director out of the profits made from the sale and hire of films, and that it would need annual grants from the constituent churches to make such an appointment possible.

The Society has therefore appointed Mr W. N. Mouat as Director, the appointment to be effective from the 1st July 1965, with a budget covering, salary, office rent and travelling expenses of £2,100. It appeals to the constituent churches to find £1,250 of this budget by way of annual grants.

Our Methodist representatives on the Society suggest that our Methodist Grant be increased from £50 to £200 for the year 1966-67.

Maori Section of the N.C.C. At the Annual General Meeting held in Auckland in February the Rev. B. M. Chrystall assumed office as Chairman. During the year the Rev. Te Kaa died, depriving the Section of one of its most loyal members; in seventeen years he did not miss a single meeting.

The Section was pleased that two young Maori women attended the E.A.C.C. Youth Assembly, Miss Rua Winiata being one of them. Others having close association with the Executive are Canon H. Rangiihu who represented the Anglican church at the British celebrations of the Marsden anniversary; and Rev. M. Bennett who is the first Maori to be appointed to a Prison Chaplaincy.

During the year the Executive has sought the approval of all parent bodies to a statement calling on each church to honour the membership of other churches.

Rotorua N.C.C. Hostel: The last report showed that about half of the beds are taken by pakeha young men because of the difficulty being experienced in securing enough Maoris.

The ministry to Motueka seasonal workers suffered this year because of the death of Mr Kaa and the failure of another of the three visitors to fulfil his engagement. The Rev. N. Waaka visited for the Methodist Church. We understand from him that conditions have improved a great deal.

GENERAL.

The Committee has in hand our Church's representation at the World Methodist Council in London, August 1966. The President-elect and Vice President-elect, together with a M.W.F. representative, who will also attend the World Federation of Methodist Women, intend to be present. We ask authority to finalise our church's 5 representatives. We have in mind the adopted priorities for Overseas Travel as we make the financial arrangements.

> ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman. ROGER GIBSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

- 2. That the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal be commended to the Circuits over the signature of the President of Conference.
- 3. That the Fraternal Workers Fund be commended to our people.

4. That the representatives of the Church on the following committees be:

N.C.C.: The Revs. R. Thornley, R. D. Rakena, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws. Alternate Mr G. E. Hill.

N.C.C.Y.C.: Messrs C. Couch and R. J. Patchett, and Miss Alison Price.

W.C.N.C.C.: Mesdames J. R. Maddren, H. C. Matthews, W. R. Laws, R. Swindells.

Maori Section N.C.C.: The Revs. B. M. Chrystall, R. D. Rakena. R. Rogers, H. A. Darvill. Associates, the Revs. E. Te Tuhi, G. I. Laurenson and W. Tahere.

Council of the Religious Film Society: The Revs. B. M. Chrystall, A. Jolly, Miss M. Astley and Mr S. Eady.

- 6. That the Methodist Church of N.Z. be represented at the World Methodist Council by the Rev. A. R. Witheford (President of Conference), and Mrs A. R. Witheford, Mr R. T. Garlick (Vice-President of Conference) and Mrs R. T. Garlick and Mrs I. G. Baber and that the Ecumenical Committee make the appropriate financial arrangements.
- 7. That the Convener be encouraged to consult with the Ecumenical and Missions sub-committee of the Christian Education Dept. in order that practical suggestions for local inter-church action might be distributed via the various Church Education Departments.
- 8. That the attention of the March Ministerial Synods be drawn to the materials of the report section. "Significant Statements and Meetings."
- 9. That at the local level we should accept all opportunities for fellowship, dialogue and common action with our Roman Catholic brethren.
- 10. That the Ecumenical Committee report upon the question of presentation to Synods and Conference of Annual Reports on the work of Prison Chaplains and other full-time workers of our Church engaged in special activities outside the Church, e.g. Marriage Guidance counselling, C.O.R.S.O. work, overseas service.
- 11. That we congratulate Rev. B. M. Chrystall on his appointment as Chairman of the Maori Section of the N.C.C.

12. That the Committee be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 63.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1—Faith and Order Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

Status of Probationers:

The Committee has considered the question sent to it by Conference: "That the Faith and Order Committee be requested to clarify the status of Probationers in relationship to the fully ordained ministry" (Minutes 1964, P. 211, No. 7). We report as follows:

Lay Status: Under the present law of the Church, a Probationer's an accepted Candidate in training who has been appointed to a Circuit or Department. He is a member of all official meetings of the Circuit except Trustee meetings, although at these he may preside if so directed by the Superintendent. He is a member also of the Annual District Synod and he attends the meetings of the District Ministerial Committee but without vote. He cannot attend Conference as a member, even as a layman. In distinction from the ordained minister, the Probationer is a layman.

An Anomaly: The position of the Probationer in the Church today is anomalous since, in practice and intention, and in the understanding of the Church and of the Community, he exercises a ministry equivalent to that of Word and Sacrament. Only rarely is there withheld from him the annual authorisation to administer the Sacraments. Ordination then tends to become merely a regularisation of what has already been permitted during Probation.

Previous Discussion: In 1949 an augmented committee of the Board of Studies together with corresponding members (Minutes p. 29), later to become the Faith and Order Committee (Minutes

1950, p. 61), was appointed to consider the possibility of ordaining Probationers as Deacons. Conference accepted the findings of that Committee, that, unless there were instituted "a threefold ministry of Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons, it would be confusing to depart from the accepted parity of ministerial orders. In view of the movement towards the union of Churches, it would be undesirable to create further subordinate orders of ministry". (Minutes 1952, p. 176.) It was the judgment of the committee that ordination is a once-for-all act and that the term ordination should be restricted to the special ministry which involved both life-long commitment and adequate training. At this stage, the Deaconess Order was understood to be a lay order and consequently the additional suggestion of the ordination of Deaconesses was for this reason rejected. At the present time, this matter is under revision. A Probationer, however, is one who has not completed his training and thus, even in the present understanding of the situation, his position is not parallel to the Deaconess who has completed her training.

In the years since this discussion took place, the probationary system has continued, in effect perpetuating a subordinate order of ministry. Probationers have been placed sometimes in remote areas without proper guidance or supervision. They have carried the full responsibility of the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

A New Situation: Several factors call for a fresh look at the question of the status of the Probationer:—

- (a) Many Probationers find it impossible to do justice both to the work of the Circuit and to probationary examinations.
- (b) Circuits would prefer the leadership of ordained men able to give to their work full time service. The cost to the Circuit of employing married Probationers is little different from that of employing ordained ministers.
- (c) The developing ecumenical situation demands some clarification regarding the status of Probationers and the nature of their relationship to the Church. By many in the Church Universal this anomalous ministry is regarded as an offence.
- (d) The original need for a probationary system has passed, now that educational standards have risen and rarely do accepted candidates fail to have the full College course. It would appear that there is no justification for continuing the probationary system as it is. To remove the anomaly several possibilities present themselves:
- (1) That the probationary system be discontinued, and that the four-year College course be implemented immediately, the fourth year to be a year of guided probationary work under the direction of the College. That, at the end of the College course, approved students be ordained and received into full connexion.
- (2) That at the end of the College course, students approved by Conference be ordained but not received into full connexion until after two years' ministry with periods of in-service training.
- (3) That the present probationary system be worked as a system of unordained curacy.

Book of Offices:

The Faith and Order Committee has given some thought to the question of which orders of service should be included in the revised Book of Offices. We have come to the conclusion that only services which are in frequent use, or which are of special theological importance, should find a place in the revised book.

This will mean omitting services which have been included in the past. But orders of such services could well be made available to congregations in other ways, when required. An Order for the Dedication of Christian Education Workers, for example, might be held and supplied by the Department for Christian Education, and could be varied or revised as desired. When an authorised order seems desirable, as in the case of the Recignition of a Lay Preacher, copies of the authorised order could be held at a central place in each district, to be used when occasion requires (only rarely for any one congregation). If occasional orders of service are needed, as for the dedication of a church, a local church could well be responsible through its minister for producing such a service on the rare occasions it is required; or alternatively an authorised order could be held in each district.

Some have questioned whether it is wise to produce a revised Book of Offices in view of the current church union negotiations. We think, however, that ministers and congregations would welcome the stability of an authorised set of services after a long period of revision, even if it proved to be in use for only a comparatively few years. And after union it will be necessary to continue with existing orders of service until new orders are prepared.

We therefore propose that the revised Book of Offices should include only the following services, and that the Faith and Order Committee be asked to give special attention to completing its work on them as soon as possible:—

Order(s) for Holy Communion.
Order for Baptism.
Order for Confirmation.
The Marriage Service.
The Burial Service.
The Covenant Service.
Order for the Induction of a Minister.
Order for the Ordination of Deaconesses.

Burial of the Dead:

The Committee has revised the draft Order for the Burial of the Dead, largely in the light of comments from March Ministerial Synods. We have not produced an order in modern language, but we have tried in the order submitted to simplify the prayers, and to eliminate unnecessary archaisms and old-fashioned grammatical constructions. In the choice of prayers we have tried to provide under each heading one good representative prayer. Ministers need not necessarily feel bound to these particular prayers; there is a wealth of suitable material available, from which any selection is bound to appear somewhat arbitrary. But we think the prayers chosen and the biddings specified can at least serve as a guide to ministers, and should prove satisfactory for general use.

We have turned to modern translations for readings from Scripture, especially the Revised Standard Version, which seemed to us to be a very acceptable translation at this stage of adapting to modern versions. This does not mean, of course, that ministers cannot turn to other translations as they wish. We have resisted

various suggestions to introduce or categorise the scripture passages, judging it better to leave it to individual ministers to do this themselves to meet particular needs and occasions, as they wish. We consider the minister will always have an important personal contribution to bring to the service, and we cannot hope to capture this in what is printed. The order is not intended as a prescription but as a provision.

The Committee has asked itself about the purpose of the burial service, and it has seemed to us that the basic thing we do is to read the scriptures in the face of death; our praying and speaking arise out of this. We have therefore streamlined the original draft somewhat, to emphasise the centrality of the scripture reading and to keep everything else to a minimum. In this we have been guided and encouraged by the example of the Church of South India.

The Service

- * It is desirable that the service be held at the church.
- * The minister reads one or more of the following sentences: John 11:25f R.S.V. "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life'. . . ." John 5:25 R.S.V. "The hour is coming and now is when the dead
 - Psalm 16:11 R.S.V. "Thou dost show me the path of life . . ."
 Romans 14:8 N.E.B. "If we live, we live for the Lord . . ."
 2 Cor. 1:3f N.E.B. ". . . He comforts us in all our troubles." Psalm 30:5b: "Weeping may tarry for the night . . ." R.S.V. Deut. 33:27 R.S.V. "The eternal God is your dwelling place . . ."
- * At the burial of a child the following may be used: Isa. 40:11 R.S.V. "He will feed his flock like a shepherd . . ." Matt. 18:14, 10 R.S.V. "It is not the will of my Father . . ."
- * A hymn may be sung.
- * The following or another prayer is said:

Eternal God, our Father, who hast loved us with an everlasting love, and hast continued in thy faithfulness to us: help us now to wait upon thee with reverent and submissive hearts, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, may have hope, and be lifted above our distress into the light and peace of thy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* One or more of the following passages or other passages from scripture are read:

Psalm 23. Psalm 90:1, 2 4-6, 10, 12, 14-17.

Psalm 130.

Wisdom 5:15-16; 3:1-5, 9.

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 27. 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 50, 53-58. Romans 8:35, 37-39.

1 Peter 1:3-9. Rev. 21:1-7.

paragraphed in the case of longer passages, and all taken from the R.S.V.

These passages will be

printed in full, suitably

* The minister may speak some words of comfort and hope, showing the love of God in the redemption of man by Christ Jesus.

* The Lord's Prayer is said by all, and then the following or other prayers are said by the minister.

Let us give thanks to God:

Holy and merciful God, the refuge and strength of those who put their trust in thee, we thank thee that thou in thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon

him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. We bless thee for the victory over death and the grave, which he has obtained for us and all who rest in Him. And we thank thee for our fellowship with all who wait for thee on earth and with all the company of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commend N . . M . . to God:

Into thy hands, O God, we commend our brother as into the hands of a faithful creator and most loving saviour, beseeching thee to grant him pardon and peace. Of thine infinite goodness, wisdom and power, work in him the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who mourn:

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, look in tender love and pity on thy children who mourn; let not sorrow overwhelm them, nor anguish of heart turn them from thee. Remembering all thy mercies, thy promises, and thy love in Christ, may they yield themselves into thy hands to be taught by thee. Fill their hearts with thy love, that they may cleave more closely to thee, who bringest life out of death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for faith and hope: Heavenly Father, who in thy Son Jesus Christ hast given us a true faith and a sure hope; help us to live as those who believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting; and strengthen us by this faith and hope to be obedient to thee all the days of our life; through thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

* The following prayer may be used in specially distressing circumstances:

O God of infinite compassion, who art the comforter of thy children: look in tender love and pity upon thy servants to whom this trial has come. Be thou their stay, their strength and their shield, that they may be delivered from all bitterness, despair and doubt, and may trust in thee to lighten their darkness and to bring them out of their distress; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Here the minister may say, the people standing: And now, in sure and steadfast hope, let us declare our faith:

I believe in God the Father almighty . . .

* Or a hymn may be sung.

* The service concludes with the blessing. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

The Committal

- * The minister may read further passages or sentences of scripture as provided in the service above.
- * He then says:
 We know that if our earthly dwelling is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

We commend into thy hands, most merciful Father, our brother departed, †and we commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust†, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to life everlasting; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. (†...† in the case of cremation; and we commit his body to the elements, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.)

* Silence may be kept for a space.

* Prayer may be offered.

* The minister may then say one of the following: Te Deum—selection as in British Order. Rev. 14:13 R.S.V. "I heard a voice from heaven . . ." Rev. 7:16f R.S.V. "They shall hunger no more . . ."

* The minister says this blessing: Heb. 23:20f R.S.V. "Now may the God of peace . . ."

* or

The peace of God . . .

* or

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil, etc. . . Divine Worship p. 246).

Specialised Ministries:

As requested by last Conference (Minutes, p. 69, VII, Res. 3) the Committee has made an examination of the concept of the ministry of word and sacraments with special reference to the possibility of Methodist ministers serving with other communions, and to specialised ministries in chaplaincies and other fields. We report as follows:

All who are members of the church share in the universal ministry of the church and there is therefore a fundamental unity and equality for all members. It is not possible to divide the "world-centred calling of the layman and the church-centred function of the set apart clergy" for they participate in each other and distinctions are blurred.

Conference has stated that the ministry of word and sacraments is linked to a sense of call, lifelong commitment, testing and adequate training and is fulfilled in a ministry of pastoral care as a representative of the church under its discipline.

In specialised ministries there are two factors to be safeguarded.

1. It is a ministry of pastoral care.

The minister is a representative of the church, remaining under its discipline and therefore at its disposal.

It must, however, be possible for the church to give a flexible interpretation to these factors in individual cases if it seems desirable.

The concept of the ministry of the word and sacraments cannot be tied to preaching and Conference should be prepared to initiate and approve ministries which, although experimental, are undertaken in obedience to the Lord of the church.

The possibility of Methodist ministers serving with other communions with which we are negotiating for union does not raise any problem for this Committee.

Nature and Status of the Deaconess Order:

Following last year's report of the Commission on the Ministry of Women (Minutes p. 211-13) the Faith and Order Committee was asked to report further on the implications of the section on the Ministry (Resolution 3, p. 213). The following statement has been sent to the Deaconess Board during the year, and is now submitted for adoption:

1. The Church's ministry derives from Jesus Christ who is Prophet, Priest and King and who continues His ministry through the priestly and prophetic community, His Body, the Church.

- 2. There is a universal ministry in which every member, male and female, shares in virtue of membership in the Body of Christ.
- 3. Within this common ministry, for the perfecting of the saints and for the building up of the Body, Christ has given to the Church a special ministry of pastoral care. If the universal ministry is an expression of the corporate priesthood of all believers, this special ministry is an expression also of the prophetic calling to specific service and leadership in the Church. The term 'lay' has been reserved traditionally for the universal ministry of the laos, the People of God into which confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands constitutes an ordination. The term "ministry" has been applied to those whose sense of call and of lifelong commitment has been tested and to whom responsibility to act on behalf of the Church has been entrusted.
- 4. Within this special yet diverse ministry of pastoral care there is the more precisely defined and ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament. This ministry is entrusted with leadership in the Church and with authority to act on its behalf in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. It is also at the disposal of the Church and, in the Methodist Church, it is related to the principle of itineracy. Those ordained to this ministry generally are received into full connexion with the Conference sharing in its full rights, privileges and responsibilities. Both men and women participate in the ministry of Word and Sacrament.
- 5. The Deaconess Order falls within the special ministry of pastoral care in that it is called to the "exercise of a ministry which shall be essentially of a pastoral nature. This includes . . . conducting worship, evangelism, teaching, training for leadership and service . . ." Agenda 1964, pp. 179-80). In the Church's understanding of the Order, this calling involves life-long commitment, even though, at some period, jurisdiction may be modified or even withdrawn. In the light of the above the Order is therefore judged to be ministerial rather than lay. It is appropriate that the Deaconess be ordained to her special task by prayer and the laying on of hands.
- 6. Since the Deaconess is at the disposal of the Church, it is right that she should be represented in the Conference particularly at the point at which it relates to her own work. The Deaconess does not, however, undertake the full responsibility of the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and thus she cannot be received into full connexion with the Conference. The present practice of Deaconess representation in the Conference should be continued with the understanding that this involves the representation of an order of ministry.
- 7. Within the universal ministry of the Church, there is diversity of function. There are those who desire to serve but not necessarily to undertake pastoral care nor to undergo special training. In addition to the opportunities afforded by the local worshipping and witnessing congregation, and on the mission field, there is open to them the possibility of lay service within the Order of St. Stephen or within the Methodist Guild of Christian Service.

Ordination of Deaconesses.

The following draft order of service has been prepared, and is submitted for comment during 1966:

The Order begins with the preparation in the Order for Holy Communion (i.e. Collect and Commandments in present order).

The Presentation of the Candidates.

- * The people sit. The Secretary of Conference presents those to be ordained to the President, saying
 - Mr President, I present to you A. B. and C. D. to be ordained Deaconesses in the Church. We have enquired of them and also examined them, and judge them to be fit and worthy to exercise this ministry.
- * The President then says

Let us pray

Almighty and most loving Father, we give thee thanks that thou hast called us into the fellowship of thy Church, to be the Body of thy Son Jesus Christ, and to be in him thy servant in the world. We praise thee for the presence of thy Spirit amongst thy people, and for those whom in every generation thou hast raised up to serve that same Church. We praise thee that in thy mercy thou dost forgive the sins of men, and make them fellow-workers with thee. And at this time we bless thee for these thy servants whom thou hast called, asking thee that we, with them, may be worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

- * The following or other suitable passages from scripture are read, Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9.
 Epistle: I Corinthians 12:4-6, 12f, 27-31; 13:1-2, 13.
 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-40 or John 13:1-15.
- * The sermon is preached
- * All stand and say the Nicene or Apostles' Creed

The Examination

* All stand while the President addresses those to be ordained as follows

Dearly beloved, it is the work of a Deaconess in the Church of Christ to be the servant of all who are in need; to visit the sick, pray for the dying, comfort the sorrowing, teach the faithful, and to lead men and women to their Lord. Do you trust that you are moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this ministry, and do you, trusting in the help of God, accept it?

I do.

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as containing all things necessary for salvation and as the supreme standard of faith?

I do.

Do you accept the Apostles' Creed as witnessing to and safeguarding the faith that is set forth in Scripture?

I do.

Will you endeavour, by the help of God, to lead a prayerful and disciplined life, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of Christ?

I will.

Do you undertake by the same help of God, to show due obedience to those who are set over you in the Lord, and to place yourself without reserve at the disposal of Christ in His Church?

I do.

The Ordination

- * All kneel and the President calls the people to silent prayer.
- * The President then stands and says:

We glorify thee, O God, most merciful Father, that thou of thy great goodness didst send thy Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant and to humble himself, becoming obedient, even to the death of the cross. We praise thee that thou hast exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, and through him hast taught us that he who would be great should be the servant of all. We thank thee that thou hast graciously called these thy servants to be Deaconesses in thy Church; and, we humbly beseech thee.

* Here the President lays hands on the head of each ordinand in turn, in which he is joined by the other persons appointed.

As he does so he repeats the following words: Send down thy Holy Spirit upon thy servant, A., whom we, in thy name, and in obedience to thy most blessed will, do now ordain Deaconess in thy church.

* The people each time repeat: Amen.

* The President then continues, praying for all those ordained: Give them grace, we beseech thee, to be faithful to their promises, constant in their service, and bold to proclaim thy gospel; that having always the full assurance of faith, they may abound in hope, and continue rooted and grounded in the love of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

* The President delivers to each one, still kneeling, a Bible, saying: Study the things which are written in this book that you may wit-

ness to the gospel of the grace of God.

* All stand, and the President says
We declare that A.B., C.D., . . . are Deaconesses in the Church of
God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who hath made heaven and earth.
O Lord, bless thine handmaiden.

And let her find grace in thy sight.

Make in her a clean heart, O God.

And renew a right spirit within her

* A doxology is sung.

* The Order for the Holy Communion continues at the Intercession.

Notes:

It is suggested that the Warden of the Order and one sponsor chosen by the ordinand (deaconess or minister) should share in the laying on of hands, together with the President and any others. The deaconesses will need to be bareheaded for the service.

Where two letters are given—A.B. etc.—the Christian name and surname is used. Where one letter—A., etc.—only the Christian name.

Other Work.

The Committee is continuing its work on ministerial relationships (1964 Minutes p. 211, Res. 8) and the church calendar (Res. 10). We have done nothing in relation to the 1964 resolution on a

Charter of Christian Social Concerns, pending the report on Connexional structure and organisation. We have had to leave temporarily in abeyance work on the Order for the Recognition of Lay Preachers (Minutes p. 65, Res. 3).

The 1964 Conference requested the Committee to consider the structure and wording for alternative Orders for Holy Communion and Baptism in modern English (Minutes p. 211, No. 9). In Conference discussion this was linked with the resolution 13 authorising the co-opting of further lay members in 1965, and requesting a more widely representative selection of laymen in future nominations. It was quite impossible for us to handle this very complicated matter of alternative Orders at our normal afternoon meeting time, and we have therefore instituted an additional monthly evening meeting for the sole purpose of working on these alternative Orders. The laymen we have been fortunate to be able to co-opt on to the Committee have been prevented by their work from attending our afternoon meetings, but are making an excellent contribution to the evening meetings, which are at the same time attended by fewer ministerial members. This division of labour is working well. But the task of providing an alternative Order for Holy Communion has been of major proportions, and we shall be working for several more months before we have a draft to submit. We are assisted in this work by a special corresponding group of ministers and laymen, additional to the normal corresponding members of the Committee.

Additional work has meant additional expense, and involved the need for typing assistance. The Committee is therefore requesting an increased grant from the Contingent Fund.

The Marriage Service.

The Committee presents the following draft for consideration by fraternals and individual ministers, with a view to revision in 1966.

The Declaration.

* At the day and time appointed, the persons to be married stand together before the minister, the man on the right hand, and the woman on the left. Then the minister says:

We are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation to join this man and this woman in marriage. This is a way of life instituted by God, and Holy Scripture commands all men to hold it in honour. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed it by his presence at Cana of Galilee.

Hear what our Lord says about it:

From the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female" "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.' (Mark 10, 6-9).

Marriage is therefore not by any to be undertaken lightly or illadvisedly, but reverently and seriously, duly considering the purposes for which it is ordained.

It is ordained:

That husband and wife may give to each other life-long companionship, help, and comfort, both in prosperity and in adversity;

That God may hallow and direct the natural instincts and affections created by himself, and redeemed by Christ;

That children may be born and brought up in families in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of God;

That, marriage being thus held in honour, human society may stand upon firm foundations.

* The minister says

These two persons have come here to be made one in this holy estate. But if anyone here knows any just cause why they may not be married according to the discipline of the Church and the law of this land, let him now make it known, or else for ever hold his peace.

* If no impediment is alleged, he says to the persons who are to be married:

I charge you both in the presence of God, that if either of you knows any reason why you may not be joined together in marriage you do now confess it.

* If no impediment is alleged, the minister says:

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful Father, without whose help we cannot do anything as we ought, we pray that thou wilt enrich these persons with thy grace, that they may enter into the marriage covenant as in thy sight, and truly keep the vows they are about to make; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Marriage.

* Then the minister says to the man:

A.B. will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together according to God's word in the holy state of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all other, remain faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

- * The man answers: I will.
- * Then the minister says to the woman: (Same form of words and answer).
- * Then the minister may say:
 Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
- * And the father, or whoever takes his place, answers: I do.
- * Then the minister says to the man and the woman: You will take each other by the right hand.
- * And the man says after the minister:

 In the presence of God and before these witnesses I, A., take you, C., to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death do us part.
- * And the woman says after the minister: (Same form of words).

- * The minister, taking the ring, may pray:
 Bless, O Lord, the giving of this ring, that he who gives it and she
 who wears it may ever be faithful one to the other, and continue in
 love so long as they both shall live; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.
- * The minister delivers the ring to the man, who puts it on the woman's finger and holds it. The man then says after the minister: This ring I give you in token of the vow and covenant now made between us; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* If the woman gives the man a ring, the ceremony is repeated.

* Then the minister asks the people to rise, and says:

Forasmuch as A. and C. have covenanted together in n

Forasmuch as A. and C. have covenanted together in marriage before God and this company, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I declare them to be husband and wife.

* And he joins the right hands of the man and woman together and says:

Whom, therefore, God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

* The man and the woman kneel, while the congregation remains standing, and the minister says:

Most merciful and gracious God, our Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Send thy blessing upon A. and C., whom we bless in thy name; that, living faithfully together, they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy law; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully look upon you with favour; and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may so live together in this life that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing of the Marriage.

- * Here a hymn may be sung or psalm 67 said or sung (No. 9 in Ancient Hymns and Canticles).
- * The following or some other lesson is read from the new Testament:
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13.
- * A brief address may be given.
- * Then the minister says:

 Let us pray.

 Lord, have mercy upon us.

 Christ, have mercy upon us.

 Lord, have mercy upon us.

 Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed

 Lord, save thy servant and thy handmaid:

 And let them put their trust in thee.

 O Lord, send help from they holy place:

 And evermore defend them.

 Be unto them a tower of strength:

 From the face of their enemy.

 O Lord, hear our prayer:

 And let our cry come unto thee.

Almighty and everlasting Father, who hast given to mankind the ordinance of marriage, and dost hallow it with thy blessing: Bless, we beseech thee, thy servants A. and C., now joined together as husband and wife; and grant that, bearing one another's burdens, sharing one another's joys, and together fulfilling the duties of their home, they may ever be faithful to each other in love and obedience to thy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who didst share at Nazareth the life of an earthly home; Reign, we beseech thee, in the home of these thy servants as Lord and King; give them grace that they may minister to others as thou didst minister to men, and grant that by deed and word they may be witnesses of thy saving love to those amongst whom they live; for thy holy name's sake, who lives and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

* The following prayer may be omitted if the woman is past childbearing:

O merciful Lord and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased: Bestow, we beseech thee, upon these thy servants the heritage and gift of children, and grant that they may live together so long in godly love and honour, that they may see their children brought up in Christian faith and virtue, to thy praise and and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman. B. A. WALKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the report be received and adopted.
- 2. (a) That the statement on the Status of Probationers be adopted.
- (b) That Conference affirms that the Probationary system as at present exercised contains anomalies and requires alteration so as to preserve the benefits in the system.
- (c) That Conference refers this matter to the Examination Committee and Board of Studies for study and report to Synods and Conference.
- 3. (a) That the statement on the Book of Offices be adopted, and the Faith and Order Committee be asked to complete its work on the Orders of Service listed.
- (b) That the Book of Offices include services for morning and evening prayer.
- 4. (a) That the Title of the Service be the Order of Service for a Funeral.
 - (b) That it be adopted and printed.

- 5. That the report on Specialised Ministries be adopted.
- That the report on the Nature and Status of the Deaconess Order be adopted.
- 7. That the draft Order for the Ordination of Deaconesses be submitted for comment by March Synods, the Deaconess Board, the Deaconess Convocation, and any others interested, and be revised by the Committee during 1966.
- 8. That the Committee be granted £30 from the Contingent Fund.
- 9. (a) That Conference instruct the Faith and Order Committee to examine Methodist concepts of Church membership in the light of negotiations for Church Union, with a view to clarifying our present practices concerning non-active members.
- (b) That the Law Revision Committee and Faith and Order Committee confer on the matter of Church Membership.
- 10. That the Faith and Order Committee consider and report on the proposal: "That Conference adopt the 'Conference Badge' as it appears on Baptismal Certificates, as the official coat of arms of the Methodist Church of New Zealand".
- 11. That fraternals and individual ministers be invited to comment on the draft order of the Marriage Service early in 1966.
- 12. That the Faith and Order Committee be given permission to print the alternative Order for Holy Communion under preparation at present to be available for experimental use.
 - 13. That the Committee be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 63.—

2-Radio and Television Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1965

Two major factors in Religious Broadcasting this year have been the continuing growth in Television Coverage in New Zealand and the establishment by the N.Z.B.C. of linking for almost all National Radio Programmes.

The report of the N.C.C. Commission on TV is printed below as being the body responsible for initiating TV programmes for all denominations. Methodist personnel have been involved in TV in two telecast services from Taranaki St. and Durham St. Churches. Rev. L. Horwood, M. J. Campbell and G. D. Brough have been "talent" for other religious television programmes.

I. METHODIST RADIO PROGRAMMES

(a) The Use of Fewer Broadcasters. This factor in religious radio has meant a loss of the "local character" of Church Services and Devotional Sessions that was said to obtain under the previous arrangements. The Committee consider, however, that the linking procedure has introduced the possibility of directing the strongest and most relevant presentation of the Gospel to a wide public in which it can be presumed that there are many for whom relationship with a local church is not a factor.

It does point the need more than before that religious broadcasters need to establish rapport with the listener. It also highlights that local churches need to be all the more concerned with being such a community as can complement the radio presentation with outreach toward, and acceptance of, those who may have been touched by mass media.

- (b) Co-operation with the N.Z.B.C. A noticeable factor in religious radio in New Zealand is the seriousness with which the Corporation is ready to approach the Church's contribution. The Central Religious Advisory Committee is an effective committee of the N.Z.B.C. to which representatives of all broadcasting Churches are invited. The Corporation, through their C.R.A.C. and at the local level is encouraging enterprise in religious radio. Broadcasters who seek consultation with the N.Z.B.C. are usually met with a great willingness to co-operate. In that the Church in New Zealand has a unique protection for its Broadcasting, this suggests that we should make every endeavour to improve our contribution as radio programmers.
- (c) Inter-Church Co-operation: Co-operation between denominations in Television is indicated in the report of the N.C.C. Commission As yet, the Churches have no organisation to promote co-operative schemes for training broadcasters or mounting radio programmes. However, by their association in the TV Commission and the Corporation Advisory Committee (C.R.A.C.) representatives of the denominations share experience and co-operate in some fields of administration. A few Methodist broadcasters have been invited into schools organised by the Anglican or Presbyterian Directors with the N.Z.B.C.
- (d) The Supervisor's Travel: The Supervisor has spent a total of four weeks travelling through the country. Except for the arrangement of the Napier Youth Conference Service and involvement in an Anglican Radio School, this has been liaison between the Connexional Committee and local Methodists, and between our denomination and N.Z.B.C. officers.

Recurring elements in these travels have been: The need for—

-Professional help in production.

-More information on who is listening.
-Selection and training of broadcasters.

Critical comment from qualified records

Critical comment from qualified people.
 Consideration of appointing a Devotional Broadcaster on Link for a lengthy term.

(e) Matters Referred from the 1964 Conference.

- i. ALTERNATE LINKING FOR CHURCH SERVICES. On hearing the technical requirements for a 1YA-3YA-2YA-4YA Link the Committee thought it wise not to pursue the matter.
- ii. RESISTANCE TO PRIVATE COMMERCIAL STATIONS AND CHANNELS. This matter is being kept under surveillance by the N.C.C. Commission on TV, members of the C.R.A.C. and the Inter-Church Committee on Public Affairs, on which committees the Methodist viewpoint is represented. In June, 1965, a deputation from the I.C.C.P.A. waited on the Minister for Broadcasting, Mr Scott.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman. GORDON BROUGH, Convener.

II. EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE N.C.C. COMMISSION ON TELEVISION.

With just over four years of service to the constituent Churches and Societies the Commission has proved an effective instrument for our work in the developing pattern of Television in New Zealand.

(a) Programmes and Planning: Since May 1964 there has been a fifteen minute early programme each Sunday intended as the Church's main contribution to Television and a brief Meditation at the close of the Sunday transmission.

Ten Church Services were televised in 1964, all local and live.

(b) Overseas Contacts: With the visit of the Reverend E. H. Robertson opportunity was taken to acquaint the Commission with developments planned in International co-operation between those involved in Christian Broadcasting. A contribution of 50 dollars was made to the work of W.A.C.B. as an annual membership fee.

The Commission has links with Church broadcasting in East Asia through B.A.V.A.C.O., a Committee of the E.A.C.C. At the instigation of B.A.V.A.C.O. and at the request of the Churches involved, Rev. George Dallard conducted Inter-Church schools in Religious Broadcasting in Hong Kong, Colombo and Beirut. He also studied development in Radio and Television in U.K. and U.S.A., and met officials of W.A.C.B. and other international broadcasting organisations in Geneva and elsewhere.

(c) Future Development: Already approximately half the homes in the whole country have television sets and this means an estimated audience for our programmes of nearly half a million, with a possible maximum of double that number.

It should be obvious that we are operating on a "shoe-string" budget. The Commission employs two men half time and another man on not much more than a spare time basis, with office assistance. We have no budget for programme preparation other than petty cash incidental expenses. The N.Z.B.C. carries all costs for production of our programmes.

This means that programme planning and presentation must be carried through on a voluntary, amateur and time-bound basis.

If a second channel comes into operation within the orbit of the N.Z.B.C. it will almost certainly present an opportunity for extension of religious programmes, perhaps in a different form from the present.

(d) Finance: The Budget of the Commission has remained stationary since its formation, but in the past year an increase of 1/6th in the 1965 assessments was authorised to meet inflationary costs. In the light of the foregoing it may be that the Commission will have to consider major increases of its budget to face the increasing task.

The Commission gives thanks to Almighty God for the opportunities that have been presented to make the voice of the Church effective in the electronic mass media, to speak to our generation in a way never before possible, and to reach across barriers and enter closed doors with the Gospel of reconciliation.

Original Report made by-

GEO. DALLARD, CHARLES HARRISON, Co-Directors.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report of the N.C.C. Commission on TV be received.
- That the Report of the Radio and TV Committee be received and adopted.
- 3. That the Contingent Fund make a grant of £70 to the Radio and TV Committee.
- 4. That a grant of £466 be made from the Connexional Budget to the N.C.C. Commission on TV.
- 5. That the Methodist representatives on the N.C.C. Commission on TV be the Revs. R. Thornley and G. Brough.
- 7. That each District send the names of potential radio broadcasters to the Supervisor who will arrange for their assessment by the N.Z.B.C. and Connexional Committee.
 - 8. That the Committee for 1966 be as printed on page 8 herein.

Report by the Radio and T.V. Committee on Effective Supervision of Methodist Broadcasts

Background History:

The idea of a Connexional Appointment for Supervision of Radio and TV has been considered by the Conference over some years.

Decisions that have been made are:

- i. That the Connexional Committee act as Supervisor (1959).
- ii. That the Convener (as a Circuit Minister) act (1961).
- iii. That Local Radio and TV Committees act in conjunction with the Convener (1962).

From their experience of attempting to work under these arrangements the Radio and TV Committee now admit that none of these was sufficiently effective. Further factors leading to the Committee's present mind have been the establishing of linking procedures for religious broadcasting which makes it possible and desirable for supervision to be done from a central point as well as highlighting that broadcasts should be of a much higher programme value than in the past.

In the light of experience and familiarity with the developing situation the previous Supervisor submitted recommendations to Conference 1964 which were referred to a Consultation of Departments and the Committee. From the two meetings of the Consultation it became obvious that the action now desired by the Radio and TV Committee contained such matter as made it imperative for the Conference to discuss it and make a decision.

Our Present Mind:

The Radio and TV Committee affirm their strong conviction that if the Methodist contribution to mass media is to be most effective, and if Methodism is to play a full part in the ecumenical field of broadcasting, it is essential that the Connexion as a whole takes responsibility for the appointment and support of a Director on at least a 50 per cent basis.

Submissions:

I. A Methodist broadcast is Methodism as a whole in direct contact with a wide listening public.

We have considered that Methodism is a small denomination in New Zealand but submit that the work to which we are committed warrants the appointment and is within the Methodist tradition of concern for those outside the Church.

II. Because of the unfamiliarity of our Ministry and people with broadcasting techniques there needs to be some person having the authority of the Connexion to give direction in assisting Methodist broadcasters toward making best use of our opportunities. The appointment needs to have such standing in the Connexion as will give the N.Z.B.C. confidence in him as the Methodist agent.

III. Because of the creative character and "immediacy" of Broadcasting, and the evangelistic use of a specialised medium, this needs to be more than an administrative post. Competent professional supervision is required and in the light of the Radio and TV Committee's experience, they are sure that this cannot be done by a

Committee.

Comment:

1. We consider that the Methodist contribution to Television can continue to be handled effectively by the N.C.C. Commission and that the Methodist Director, as at present would be involved chiefly with developing our work in Radio.

At present, Methodism has the following opportunities in Radio, the supervision of which would fully occupy an officer work-

ing on a 50 per cent basis:

20 Church Services p.a. on Island Link.

36 Devotional Sessions p.a. on National Link.
5 Devotions p.a. on all X Stations.
5 Epilogues p.a. on all ZB Stations.

1 or 2 months of Children's Sessions p.a. on National Link. A number of local Broadcasts of "Plain Christianity".

3. The Department of Christian Education has advised that if a Director of Radio and TV were appointed, they can see useful ways of a suitable person being employed on a 50/50 basis within the Department.

Finance:

An estimate of cost based on the possibility of the Director being employed on a 50/50 basis with the Department of Christian Education.

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Stipend and Allowances including Superannuation and Home Acquirement Funds	£1150
Office including employment of further assistant in Dept.	900
Director's Travel including Insurance	300
Equipment: Tapes, Library, TV Licence, Insurance, Depreciation	100
Annual cost for Radio and TV Direction would be approx.	2450 1050
CAPITAL COST:	1000
Setting up an Office	225

Further Considerations:

1. Co-operation within the N.C.C. The N.C.C. Commission as constituted deals only with TV and the two co-directors with the Executive are fully extended in this. We would probably welcome an enlarging of the Commission into co-operation in the field of Radio Broadcasting but such a move would take some years to negotiate and, if established could well require that Methodism make a contribution at least as demanding as the one now requested. (The two present co-directors are maintained wholly by the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches which receive back £1,000 each from the N.C.C. Commission for their work as co-directors. The net cost for each denomination is over £2,000.)

2. The Possibility of Action within the N.Z.B.C. There is no move to establish a Department of Religious Broadcasting within the Corporation. We would probably welcome such a move, especially did we have an experienced officer to offer as a staff member.

In addition to the extensive clerical administration of religious radio and TV, the Corporation already takes responsibility for producing all religious TV programmes from ideas and personnel offered by the N.C.C. Commission. It also rosters staff to act as "Presentation Officers" for all religious radio programmes on link. Willingness is shown by the Corporation to co-operate in training programmes and in critical assessment of talent, as opportunity is given them by the churches.

It is doubtful if we would wish there to be a producer of "religious" programmes as distinct from other producers within the Corporation. The present system of co-operation, especially as it is becoming more firmly established, allows a greater range of flexibility and more competent assistance from a wide range of N.Z.B.C. personnel.

The Nature of the Appointment:

The kind of professional appointment sought is not that of a producer or technical expert (although some knowledge of these fields would be a requirement)—such competence is already available from the N.Z.B.C. We seek rather a Director to work from within the Connexion and in co-operation with fellow directors in other denominations.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.
GORDON BROUGH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. That the Report be received.
- 2. That Conference affirm the principle of the appointment of a Methodist Director of Radio and T.V. on the nomination of the Radio and T.V. Committee.
- 3. That the Radio and TV Committee confer with the Department of Christian Education on the nomination and employment of the Director on a 50/50 basis.
- 4. That the timing and cost of the appointment of a Methodist Director of Radio and T.V. be referred to the Church Council.
- 5. That at the appropriate time the Committee make application to the Finance and Stewardship Committee for inclusion of a suitable sum in the Connexional Budget.

Miscellaneous Business

1. SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE:

That Sections 165 and 166 (Law Book, p. 29) be repealed and that Section 171 (p. 30) be amended by adding after the words "The Connexional Secretary shall:—" the following:—

- (a) Act as the Secretary of the Conference.
- METHODIST REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP (1963 Mins., p. 244; 1964 Mins., p. 211, Res. 12):

That Conference decline the application of the New Zealand Branch of the Methodist Revival Fellowship for permission to use the title "The New Zealand Methodist Revival Fellowship", while recognising its right to continue as a Branch of the British Methodist Revival Fellowship.

QUESTION 64 .-

- (a) When Shall the District Synods be held? During the week ending August 27, 1966.
- (b) When and Where Shall the Next Conference he held?

On Wednesday, November 2, 1966, at Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

THE PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CHURCH FROM THE 1965 CONFERENCE

Greetings!

Our 1965 Conference has pointed us into a year of exceptional missionary challenge, both abroad and at home. We must all help.

Also, as the momentum of the spirit of unity among the Churches continues to build up, it will be a year of challenge to our minds. We must all be receptive to new truth and wider understanding.

The wind "blows where it wills" as our Bible reminds us. And this was a "theme" of our Conference. Just as we cannot confine or manipulate the wind, neither can we confine or manipulate the authority of God's Spirit. Co-operating with Him can lead us into unusual fields of service or demand new acts of obedience.

The news we received from the New Guinea Highlands mission field, is of a flood of people responding to the Gospel and needing Christian nurture; in the Solomon Islands there is a flood of children and youth in urgent need of education as well as of Christian leadership. For a few of us, the challenge here is to offer ourselves in service on the spot. For the rest, the challenge is to offer our prayers and our money in support of those who go. To those who feel able to do "something more", we commend the Overseas Missions Department's £30,000 extension appeal.

Likewise we commend to you the appeal of the East Asia Christian Conference for funds for relief throughout Viet Nam—a chance for positive peace-making; also the National Council of Churches' Christmas Appeal for aid overseas, and the South Africa Defence and Aid Fund to help the victims of apartheid.

We also pass on to you the observation of last year's Vice-President, Mr R. C. A. Marshall, in looking back on his year in office: That our church people have quickly accepted Stewardship, but have not yet accepted sacrificial giving.

Home Front:

The new year's particular missionary opportunity on the home front, lies in the Conference decision to launch in May our new Connexional newspaper. This has a potential for carrying the Church's message out to thousands who at present rarely come in to listen to it. Our own word to any who quail at the work involved is: Tackle it nevertheless with loyalty, enthusiasm, and faith in God's power.

It was startlingly impressive to find how quickly joint Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist ventures had been arranged in particular localities following the Anglican entry into the Church Union negotiations only 12 months ago. Also, the first report of the Joint Commission on Church Union, reflected the amazing progress in the chief fields of difficulty. It proved acceptable to the Conference. It contained joint statements on the faith of the Church, Baptism and the Ministry, which we considered sufficient to warrant an "act of commitment" to Union by the five Churches—"an engagement" which it is hoped may actually take place in the near future.

Meanwhile, for the improvement of our own Church's working, new constitutions and agendas for our Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings have been drawn up. Conference gave them general approval and sent them to local churches for study. At the same time, the broad pattern of our national administrative structure is also being revised.

The Connexional Budget:

It is good to see the Budget system now becoming quite settled in the life of the Church. It is being very well supported. This year's increased figure was accepted without grumbles from Conference speakers, except for a few who wanted even more added to assist the Overseas Missions work still further.

The President-General of the Australasian Methodist Conference, the Rev. Dr. W. F. Hambly, enriched the life of our Conference with four stimulating devotional addresses. The Church must be outward-moving, he reminded us. It is on a pilgrimage. It should not ever "settle down".

ARTHUR R. WITHEFORD, President. RUSSEL T. GARLICK, Vice-President. HOWARD E. HARKNESS, Secretary.

Amendments to Law Book

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE 1965 THE MINISTRY

SECTION 1 — CANDIDATES

Page 11, Sections 71, 72 and 73 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

71. A Candidate for the Ministry in the Methodist Church shall have been baptised, shall be in full membership with the Church and either shall be a fully accredited Lay Preacher or shall have given satisfactory evidence as to his experience as a preacher, of his attendance at training classes, of his acceptability within the Circuit as a preacher and of his capacity and potentials as a preacher.

72. Every Candidate, before being nominated, shall have read Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and his sermons (1-44) and must approve of the general system of doctrine therein. He shall have read the Law Book and be prepared to accept the polity therein set forth and be willing to submit to the discipline therein enjoined.

73. A Candidate shall be nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Home Mission Station in which he is a member. In the latter case, the Chairman of the District may authorise another minister to act as his deputy. Prior to nomination, the Superintendent shall satisfy himself as to the fitness of a candidate by hearing him preach, ascertaining his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval and acceptance of its discipline.

Add the following:-

73a. The Candidate shall be presented to the Quarterly Meeting in accordance with the following procedure:—

- (1) The Superintendent Minister shall, if possible, advise the December Quarterly Meeting of his intention to make a nomination at the following June Quarterly Meeting.
- (2) At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a small Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective candidate, investigate his case and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee, if the candidate is not an accredited Lay Preacher, shall report on his experience as a preacher, on the training classes he has attended, on his acceptability within the Circuit, as a preacher, and give an estimate of his capacity and potential as a preacher. In each case the Committee shall hear the Candidate preach, ascertain his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval of its discipline. It shall assure itself of the Candidate's piety and consistency, his acceptability and general fitness for the work of the Ministry.
- (3) Before the June Quarterly Meeting, the prospective Candidate shall take the prescribed Examination and shall conduct a Trial Service in a central Church at which the Committee shall be present. All Churches within the Circuit shall be notified thereof. Members of the Quarterly Meeting are expected to attend.
- (4) At the June Quarterly Meeting the Committee shall make a full report on the prospective Candidate. The prescribed Questionnaire, having been previously completed and signed by the

Superintendent Minister, shall be presented and read. The result of the Examination shall be reported. 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. (1965 Minutes, page 264.)

THE SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE

Page 29, Sections 165 and 166 are hereby repealed. (1965 Minutes, page 295.)

THE CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY

Page 30, Section 171, add the following directly after the words "the Connexional Secretary shall":—

(aa) Act as the Secretary of the Conference. (1965 Minutes, page 295.)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

Page 31, Section 173, is hereby amended by repealing the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:

173. There shall be a President of the Methodist Church who must be a Minister of not less than 15 years standing. He shall be the President of the Conference. He shall be elected by an absolute majority of the votes of the members present at the Conference, the voting being by ballot, without nomination. (1965 Minutes, page 264.)

VICE-PRESIDENT

Page 39, Section 223, is hereby repealed. (1965 Minutes, page 314.

LOCAL OFFICERS, ORGANISATIONS AND COURTS

Page 40 Amended sub-title Section II

A. Circuit Stewards

B. Circuit Treasurers.

Page 41, Add the following:-

235a. Where deemed necessary a Circuit Treasurer may be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting on the nomination of the Circuit Stewards. He shall keep the circuit accounts. Where a Circuit Treasurer is appointed, he shall perform the duties of the Circuit Steward as set out in Section 228 (b), 228 (bb), 228 (f). (1965 Minutes, page 265.)

THE CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING

Page 50, Section 277 (b) is hereby amended by adding the words "Circuit Treasurer if one appointed". (1965 Minutes, page 265.)

THE CONFERENCE

(a) Constitution

Page 69, Section 358, Add to (d) "The Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, if a layman, shall be ex officio a member of the Conference". (1965 Minutes, page 260.)

THE CONFERENCE

(c) General Proceedings

Page 73, Section 371, be amended by adding the following:—
"Provided that where deemed necessary the President and the Secretary of Conference may appoint additional Committees of Detail

and allocate matters for their consideration." (1965 Minutes, page 265.)

Page 73, Section 371, is hereby amended by adding the following:-

"(m) Finance and Stewardship Committee." (1965 Minutes, page 265.)

THE CONFERENCE Conduct of Business

Page 75, Section 379, sub-section 30, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

Question 30. How are the Home Missionaries and other layworkers employed by the Conference, stationed for the ensuing year?

A. Home Missionaries

B. Layworkers.

(1965 Minutes, page 266.)

STATIONING COMMITTEE

Page 86, Section 444, as amended is hereby further amended by adding after the words "the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department" the words "and the Principal of the Theological College." (1965 Minutes, page 320).

Page 89 add the following:-

M. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

469a. The Committee shall consider the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Stewardship and the draft Budget and such other matters as from time to time be allocated to it.

469b. The Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, General Secretary Overseas Mission Department, General Superintendent Home Mission and Church Extension Department, Director of Christian Education, Connexional Secretary, the Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, a representative of Trinity College Council, a representative of the M.S.S.A., Executive Officer of Finance and Stewardship Committee, Budget Treasurer, one Contingent Fund Treasurer, District Financial Secretaries and a sufficient number of Ministers and Laymen to make the number of Ministers and Laymen to make the number of Ministers and Laymen being appointed by the President from the members of Conference. (1965 Minutes, page 261.)

CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Page 90, Sections 476 to 482 repealed. (1965 Minutes, page 268.)
Page 90 add the following:—

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Section 476 (1) There shall be appointed at each Conference a Finance and Stewardship Committee consisting of not more than 5 Ministers and not more than 10 Laymen in addition to ex officio members. The Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, General Superintendent of Home Mission and Church Extension Department and General Secretary of Overseas Mission Department shall Le corresponding members.

- (2) The Committee shall:-
- (1) Stimulate and promote stewardship within the Church and advise Districts and Circuits on all matters relating thereto.

- (2) Inquire from the Treasurers of all Connexional Funds, Departments, Institutions and Committees concerning their financial requirements for each ensuing year.
- (3) Draft the Connexional Budget, including the basis of District assessments, for submission to the Committee of Detail.
- (4) Supervise and administer the Connexional Budget.
- (5) Present to Synods and Conference an annual report, and to Conference annual financial statements duly audited.
 - (3) (a) There shall be a Director of Stewardship appointed by the Conference who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Committee. He shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
- (b) There shall be Field Officers appointed by Conference who shall be ex officio members of the Committee.
- (c) There shall be a Budget Treasurer appointed by Conference. He shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
- (4) The officers of the Committee shall be its Chairman, the Director of Stewardship and the Budget Treasurer. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Committee from its members.
- (5) Each District Synod shall annually appoint a District Finance Committee which shall allocate to each circuit the amount of its assessment and shall be responsible for ensuring that it is met.
- (6) Circuit assessments shall be paid in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- (7) In the event of a disagreement between a District Committee and a Circuit the matter shall be referred to the Finance and Stewardship Committee whose decision thereon shall be final. The Committee shall be entitled to call for all information it may require.
- (8) Any objection by a Circuit to a decision of the District Committee must be made to the Committee before the last day of February in each year.
- (9) No new appeal on a Connexional basis shall be allowed unless it receives the prior consent of the Conference. The procedure in cases of urgency between Conferences approval may be given by the President on the recommendation of the Committee.

(1965 Minutes, page 301.)

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

A. Constitution and General Regulations

Page 98 Section 502 (15) is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof. (1965 Minutes, page 41.)

ORDER OF DEACONESSES

Page 122 Section 506 Sub-section 19 is hereby repealed.
(1965 Minutes, page 214.)

CONTINGENT FUND

Page 129 Section 510 Sub-section (8) is hereby amended by adding the following:—

(ee) Travelling expenses incurred by the Vice-President on official duties during his term of office. (1965 Minutes, page 103.)

THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Page 132 Sub-section (9) add the following:-

(f): In the purchase or subscription of fully paid ordinary or preferred shares, stock, bonds or debentures or notes, whether registered or unregistered and whether conveying the right of conversion to shares or not, or of any other Securities of any company or other incorporated body, which are at the time of acquisition listed in the official list of the Stock Exchange in New Zealand or in the Commonwealth of Australia or any state thereof, or in the United Kingdom, provided that nothing contained or implied in this paragraph shall authorise the investment of any part of the said Fund in the shares or other securities of any company whose business and objects, in the judgment of the Board, conflict with the general rules and usage of the Church and which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church. PROVIDED ALWAYS that at any one time the Board shall have at least 50% of its total assets invested in the manner provided in (a), (b), (c) and (d) hereof.

And also provided that the Board shall not invest more than 5% of its total assets in such shares and other securities in any one such company or other incorporated body and in no case shall the total sum so invested in such company or other incorporated body exceed 5% of the paid up capital of such company or other incorporated body.

(1965 Minutes, page 173.)

Page 137 add the following subsection:-

(34A.) Any Minister who has served 40 years or has attained the age of 65 and is continuing in the active work at any time after he has served the said period or has attained the said age, may apply to the Board for payment of a sum representing the Commutation of a specified part of his interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined as set out in Rule (34) and such payment shall be employed in the manner set out in the Regulation 34.

(1965 Minutes, page 173.)

MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND

Page 143, Section 512, subsection (2) (b) is hereby amended by deleting the figures "£2" and substituting therefor the figures "£4".

(1965 Minutes, page 153.)

THE METHODIST MODEL DEED OF NEW ZEALAND 1887

Page 23 Model Deed

Page 186 Law Book

Section 36 is hereby amended by adding after the words "render it inexpedient for him or them to remain in the said Trust" the words "or if he or they be requested in writing by at least a three-fourths majority of his co-trustees, to resign PROVIDED ALWAYS that no such request to resign shall be made unless it shall first be considered at a special meeting of the trust called for that purpose and that the trustee concerned shall be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the meeting."

Section 36 is hereby further amended by adding after the words "or removing as aforesaid" the words "or having been requested to resign as aforesaid".

(1965 Minutes, page 267.)

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 Mintues, 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)

Men's Fellowship

Page 156, para. 520. The name of the "Dominion Committee" shall be changed to the "National Committee".

(1964 Minutes, page 66.)

New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association

Page 199. The name of the "New Zealand Local Preachers' Association" shall be changed to the "New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association."

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, page 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.)

Covenant Service

Page 10, Section 10 is hereby amended by deleting the words "the first Sunday of the year" in the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "on the second Sunday in February each year" and by repealing the last sence thereof.

Church meetings. (1963 Minutes, page 224.)

THE MINISTRY

Section I — Candidates

Page 11, Sections 71, 72 and 73 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

71. A Candidate for the Ministry in the Methodist Church shall have been baptised, shall be in full membership with the Church and either shall be a fully accredited Lay Preacher or shall have given satisfactory evidence as to his experience as a preacher, of his attendance at training classes, of his acceptability within the Circuit as a preacher and of his capacity and potential as a preacher.

72. Every Candidate, before being nominated shall have read Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and his sermons (1-44) and

must approve of the general system of doctrine therein. He shall have read the Law Book and be prepared to accept the polity therein set forth and be willing to submit to the discipline therein enjoined.

73. A Candidate shall be nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Home Mission Station in which he is a member. In the latter case, the Chairman of the District may authorise another minister to act as his deputy. Prior to nomination, the Superintendent shall satisfy himself as to the fitness of a candidate by hearing him preach, ascertaining his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval and acceptance of its discipline.

Add the following:-

73a. The Candidate shall be presented to the Quarterly Meeting in accordance with the following procedure:—

- (1) The Superintendent Minister shall, if possible, advise the December Quarterly Meeting of his intention to make a nomination at the following June Quarterly Meeting.
- (2) At the March Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a small Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective candidate, investigate his case and report thereon to the June Quarterly Meeting. This Committee, if the candidate is not an accredited Lay Preacher, shall report on his experience as a preacher, on the training classes he has attended, on his acceptability within the Circuit, as a preacher and give an estimate of his capacity and potential as a preacher. In each case the Committee shall hear the Candidate preach, ascertain his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval of its discipline. It shall assure itself of the Candidate's piety and consistency, his acceptability and general fitness for the work of the Ministry.
- (3) Before the June Quarterly Meeting, the prospective Candidate shall take the prescribed Examination and shall conduct a Trial Service in a central Church at which the Committee shall be present. All Churches within the Circuit shall be notified thereof. Members of the Quarterly Meeting are expected to attend.
- (4) At the June Quarterly Meeting the Committee shall make a full report on the prospective Candidate. The prescribed Questionnaire, having been previously completed and signed by the Superintendent Minister, shall be presented and read. The result of the Examination shall be reported. 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. (1965 Minutes, page 264.)

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.)

Section VII - Appointment of Ministers - Invitations

Page 20, Sections 126 to 129 inclusive, are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

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

126A. No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either the Minister of by the Quarterly Meeting until the Minister has completed three years in his appointment.

126B. A Minister seeking a change of appointment shall notify the Circuit Stewards and the Chairman of the District to that effect at least twenty-eight days before the date of the June Quarterly Meeting.

126C. If the Circuit Stewards intend to raise the question of a change of appointment they shall notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District to that effect at least twenty-eight days before the date of the June Quarterly Meeting.

126D. If the Circuit Stewards do not take any action as provided in the previous section then any five members of the Quarterly Meeting may give written notice to the Circuit Stewards of their intention to move that consideration be given to a change of appointment. Such notice shall be given at least twenty-one days before the date of the June Quarterly Meeting to the Circuit Stewards. Upon the receipt of same the Circuit Stewards shall thereupon notify the Minister and the Chairman of the District.

126E. Seven days previous notice in writing shall be given of any June Quarterly Meeting at which the matter of the change of appointment is to be considered, such notice shall state the business to be discussed at the meeting.

126F. If a Superintendent Minister is involved the Chairman of the District or his nominee shall preside at the Quarterly Meeting where a change of appointment is being discussed.

126G. The voting shall be by secret ballot. In the case of an appointment for a fifth or sixth year a bare majority only is required, thereafter a two-thirds majority is necessary.

127. A Quarterly Meeting having decided to seek a change of appointment may stand adjourned or may arrange for a Special Quarterly Meeting for that purpose to be held not later than the 15th September in each year.

127A. Where a Probationer or a Home Missionary continues in an appointment after reception into Full Connexion his term on his appointment shall be deemed to have commenced as from the date of the original appointment.

127B. The Chairman of the District shall not later than the 31st July in each year forward the names of all Ministers not remaining in circuits in his District to the Secretary of Conference who shall thereupon communicate with all District Chairmen thereon.

128. Circuit Stewards shall forward particulars of all Invitations to Ministers to the District Chairman who shall notify the Secretary of Conference thereof before the 30th September in each year.

129. No circuit shall engage any agent without the sanction of the Conference or during the interval between Conference without the consent of the President of the Conference acting in consultation with the Home Mission Board. (1962 Minutes, page 234.)

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, subsection (o) is hereby amended by adding the words "or any other local Church meeting" after the words "Leaders' Meeting" and also by adding subsection (oo) "If he deems it expedient, appoint a Church member to preside at any local Church meeting, except official meetings. Any such appointment shall be made annually and no appointee shall hold office for more than three years consecutively." (1963 Minutes, page 224.)

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.)

District Chairman

Page 27, Section 159, is hereby amended by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: A District Chairman is a Minister in full connexion who is appointed by the Conference to exercise general pastoral oversight of a District and to carry out administrative duties as set out herein.

(1963 Minutes, page 76.)

Chairmen of Districts and Deputy Chairmen

Page 27. Add the following:

159a. Each Chairman may appoint a Minister in Full Connexion to act as Deputy Chairman of his District. Such Minister shall perform the duties assigned to him by the Chairman.

Page 28. Section 161 is hereby amended by deleting the words "a deputy" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "the Deputy Chairman or a Minister in Full Connexion."

(1959 Minutes, page 206.)

The Secretary of the Conference

Page 29, Sections 165 and 166 are hereby repealed.

(1965 Minutes, page 295.)

The Connexional Secretary

Page 30, Section 171, add the following directly after the words "the Connexional Secretary shall":—

(aa) Act as the Secretary of the Conference.

(1965 Minutes, page 295.)

The President of the Conference

Page 31, Section 173, is hereby amended by repealing the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:—

173. There shall be a President of the Methodist Church who must be a Minister of not less than 15 years standing. He shall be the President of the Conference. He shall be elected by an absolute majority of the votes of the members present at the Conference, the voting being by ballot, without nomination.

(1965 Minutes, page 264.)

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 preced 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.)

Page 39, Section 223 is hereby repealed.

(1965 Minutes, page 103.)

Local Officers, Organisations and Courts

Page 40. Add 226 (a) The following shall be deemed to be official meetings in the local Church and in the Circuit, Preachers' meetings, Leaders' meetings, Quarterly meetings, Trustee meetings and Church meetings. (1963 Minutes, page 224.)

Page 40. Amended sub-title Section II:

A. Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurers. B.

(1965 Minutes, page 265.)

Circuit Stewards

Page 40, Section 227, is hereby amended by deleting the word "two" in the third paragraph and substituting therefor the word "five".

Page 41, Section 228 (b) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:-

228 (b) Pay all stipends and allowances to Ministers by not later than the 20th day of the month for which they are due. Inability to make such payment shall be reported immediately to the Chairman of the District.

228 (bb) Pay the amounts due to Connexional Funds and all other

claims upon the Circuit Funds. (1962 Minutes, page 236.)
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.)

Page 41, Add the following:-

235a. Where deemed necessary a Circuit Treasurer may be appointed by the Quarterly Meeting on the nomination of the Circuit Stewards. He shall keep the circuit accounts. Where a Circuit Treasurer is appointed, he shall perform the duties of the Circuit Steward as set out in Section 228 (b), 228 (bb), 228 (f).

(1965 Minutes, page 265.)

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 237 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-(1957 Minutes, page 196.) Section (j).

Page 46 Section 261 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: "261. A Leader is a Church member who has been duly appointed to exercise a preaching, pastoral, educational or administrative responsibility within a Society. He is chosen primarily for maturity of spiritual experience, his faithfulness in attendance upon all the ordinances of grace and his loyalty to the Church."

(1964 Minutes, page 68.)

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 substitute "should the reports on the above." (1952 Minutes, page 55.)

Circuit Quarterly Meeting

Page 50, Section 277 (b) is hereby amended by adding the words "Circuit Treasurer if one appointed". (1965 Minutes, page 265.)

Representation of Local Women's Fellowship

Page 50, 1963 Conference referred the question of the basis of representation of Local Women's Fellowships at Circuit Quarterly Meetings to the Committee of the Church Council on Leaders' Meeting and decided that in the meantime each Local Women's Fellowship shall be represented at Circuit Quarterly Meetings by two members, one of whom shall be the President or her elected substitute.

(1963 Minutes, page 227.)

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 Zeland Society of Accountants." (1953 Minutes, page 181.)

Agenda For Quarterly Meetings

Page 53 sub-section (3) of Section 290 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

3 (a) What is the income and expenditure for the quarter?

(b) Have all payments to the Connexional Budget been made in full by the end of the month in which they became due?

Sub-section (6) of Section 290 is hereby amended by deleting the second sentence thereof. (1963 minutes, page 224.)

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) Provision of adequate transport for Ministers and/or Home Missionaries (June Meeting). (1952 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 purposes 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.)

Page 57 add the following:-

302 (b) The appointment of a Choirmaster and/or organist shall be made annually by the Trustees except in cases when remuneration is paid to professional organists, when the position shall be reviewed every five years. (1963 Minutes, page 64.)

Votes at Official Meetings.

Page 59, Section 316 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Provided always that where a vote requiring a certain specified majority of those present and voting is taken "neutrals" (although they may, and in some cases must be recorded for information) shall be ignored in determining the majority.

(1963 Minutes, page 75.)

Boundaries

Part V, Section I-District Synods

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 Synod Constitution.

Page 60 Section 323 is hereby amended by adding the following: (cc) The National President of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship if she resides in the District.

Section 323 is also hereby amended by repealing sub-section (f) and substituting therefor:—

(f) Two representatives of each District Education Council in the District.

Section 323 is hereby further amended by repealing sub-section (m) and (p) and substituting therefor:—

(m) Two representatives of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship who shall be appointed by the District Council of the Fellowship.

(1963 Minutes, page 227.)

Page 61 add the following:-

Section 323 (q): The District Financial Secretary, if a layman. (1962 Minutes, page 233.)

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.)

Section II—Synod Standing Committees Personnel of Synod Standing Committees

Page 68, Sections 351 and 352 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

351. Each Synod shall appoint a Standing Committee suitable to its needs, consisting of Ministers and Laymen, provided always that the number of Ministers shall not exceed the number of Laymen.

The Standing Committee shall submit an annual report to its District Synod.

352A. The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee.

352B. The Vice President of the Conference shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.

352C. Each Committee shall determine its own quorum.

Page 68, Sections 354 (a) and (b) (1956 Minutes, page 198) are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

354a. Where a District is subdivided into one or more areas pursuant to Section 318 the District Synod shall appoint an area subcommittee consisting of an equal number of Ministers and Laymen.

354b. The area sub-committee shall within its area carry out the duties of the Synod Standing Committee and shall submit an annual report and any recommendations to the District Synod.

(1962 Minutes, page 236.)

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.)

The Conference (a) Constitution

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 69, Section 358. Add to (d) "The Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, if a layman, shall be ex officion member of the Conference". (1965 Minutes, page 260.)

Page 70, Section 359 all 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 is hereby amended by repealing the words "(9) District Secretaries of Church Property" and substituting therefor the words: "(9) Either District Financial Secretaries or District Secretaries of Church Property." (1964 Minutes, page 69.)

Page 70. The Section 359: Add the following:-

(16) The Deaconess Order (additional two members).

(1959 Minutes, page 206.)

Page 70, Section 359 is hereby amended by repealing (11) Methodist Women's Missionary Union and (15) New Zealand Guild Fellowship and substituting therefor:—(11) The National President of the New Zealand Women's Fellowship (15) New Zealand Women's Fellowship (additional member). (1963 Minutes, page 227.)

Page 71. Section 366 is hereby amended by deleting the words "and no Home Missionary." (1959 Minutes, page 206.)

The Conference — (c) General Proceedings

Page 73, Section 371 be amended by adding the following:-

"Provided that where deemed necessary the President and the Secretary of Conference may appoint additional Committees of Detail and allocate matters for their consideration."

(1965 Minutes, page 265.)

Page 73, Section 371 is hereby amended by adding the following: "(m). Finance and Stewardship Committee."

(1965 Minutes, page 265.)

The Conference — Conduct of Business 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?" (1965 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 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.)

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?

(1965 Minutes, page 66.)

Page 75, Section 379 Sub-section 30 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

Question 30. How are the Home Missionaries and other lay workers employed by the Conference, stationed for the ensuing year?

A-Home Missionaries.

B-Lay workers.

Page 75, Section 379. Section 370 be amended by adding the following: "(31a). How are the Overseas Missionary Sisters stationed for the ensuing year." (1964 Minutes, page 144.)

Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing Question 33 and substituting therefor the following:—

- "31. (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: "63 (a) When shall the next District Synods be held?"

(1965 Minutes, page 66.)

Examination Committee

(3) Probationers:

Page 81, add Section 406A. A tutor shall be appointed by the Conference for each Probationer who has not been through the Theo-

logical College. Such tutor shall guide and assist the Probationer in his studies. (1954 Minutes, page 33.)

Page 81, Section 407 is hereby amended by adding to the first sentence thereof the words "but such exemption shall not be granted in his ordination year" and repealing the last sentence thereof.

(1964 Minutes, page 37.)

(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) is 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.)

Book Lists

Page 85, Section 436 is hereby amended by deleting the words "third year" in the sixth line thereof and substituting therefor the words "ordination year." (1964 Minutes, page 37.)

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.)

Page 86, Section 444 as amended is hereby further amended by adding after the words "the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department" the words "and the Principal of the Theological College". (1965 Minutes, page 103.)

Page 89 add the following:-

M. Finance and Stewardship Committee

469a. The Committee shall consider the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Stewardship and the draft Budget and such other matters as from time to time be allocated to it.

469b. The Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, General Secretary Overseas Mission Department, General Superintendent Home Mission and Church Extension Department, Director of Christian Education, Connexional Secretary, the Vice-President, Vice-President Elect, a representative of Trinity College Council, a representative of the M.S.S.A., Executive Officer of Finance and Stewardship Com-

mittee, Budget Treasurer, one Contingent Fund Treasurer, District Financial Secretaries and a sufficient number of Ministers and Laymen being appointed by the President from the members of Conference. (1965 Minutes, page 261.)

Standing Committee of the Conference Central Finance Committee

Page 90, Sections 476 to 482 repealed. (1965 Minutes, page 268.) Page 90, add the following:—

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Section 476, (1). There shall be appointed at each Conference a Finance and Stewardship Committee consisting of not more than 5 Ministers and not more than 10 Laymen in addition to ex officio members. The Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, General Superintendent of Home Missions and Church Extension Department and General Secretary of Overseas Mission Department shall be corresponding members.

(2). The Committee shall:-

- (1) Stimulate and promote stewardship within the Church and advise Districts and Circuits on all matters relating thereto.
- (2) Inquire from the Treasurers of all Connexional Funds, Departments, Institutions and Committees concerning their financial requirements for each ensuing year.
- (3) Draft the Connexional Budget, including the basis of District assessments, for submission to the Committee of Detail.
- (4) Supervise and administer the Connexional Budget.
- (5) Present to Synods and Conference an annual report, and to Conference annual financial statements duly audited.
- (3) (a) There shall be a Director of Stewardship appointed by Conference who shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Committee. He shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
 - (b) There shall be Field Officers appointed by Conference who shall be ex officio members of the Committee.
 - (c) There shall be a Budget Treasurer appointed by Conference. He shall be ex officio a member of the Committee.
- (4) The officers of the Committee shall be its Chairman, the Director of Stewardship and the Budget Treasurer. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Committee from its members.
- (5) Each District Synod shall annually appoint a District Finance Committee which shall allocate to each circuit the amount of its assessment and shall be responsible for ensuing that it is met.
- (6) Circuit assessments shall be paid in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- (7) In the event of a disagreement between a District Committee and a Circuit the matter shall be referred to the Finance and Stewardship Committee whose decision thereon shall be final. The Committee shall be entitled to call for all information it may require.
- (8) Any objection by a Circuit to a decision of the District Committee must be made to the Committee before the last day of February in each year.

(9) No new appeal on a Connexional basis shall be allowed unless it receives the prior consent of the Conference. The procedure in connection with such appeal shall be approved by the Committee. In cases of urgency between Conferences approval may be given by the President on the recommendation of the Committee.

(1965 Minutes, page 301.)

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, to report thereon to Synods and the Conference.

(1952 Minutes, page 171.)

World Peace Committee

Page 91, Xb. A World Peace Committee shall be appointed to 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) 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.)

Page 98, Section 502 (15) is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof. (1965 Minutes, page 41.)

2. Department of Christian Education

Page 101, Section 503, including sub-sections (1) to (42) and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

- 503. 1. There shall be a Department of Christian Education established under the control and direction of the Conference.
- 2. The object of the Department shall be to guide and supervise the Christian education programme of the Church.
- 3. There shall be a Methodist Council of Christian Education representative of all organisations in the Church promoting Christian education. The Council shall be appointed annually by the Conference and shall meet annually. It shall formulate the policy of the Church with respect to Christian education for consideration by the Conference and report thereon to the Conference. The Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, President-elect, Director of Christian Education, Field Directors of Christian Education, and such representatives of Synod and other organi-

sations engaged in Christian education as Conference may from time to time determine. The Director of Christian Education shall be Convener.

4. The Department of Christian Education shall be administered by the Board of Christian Education which shall be appointed annually by the Conference and shall consist of:—

(a) Chairman of the District in which the Board is located.

- (b) Director of Christian Education.
- (c) Field Directors.
- (d) Four Ministers.
- (e) Four members experienced in children's work.
- (f) Four members experienced in youth work.
- (g) Four members experienced in adult work.
- (h) Two representatives of the National C.Y.M.M. Convention.
- 5. There shall be a Director of Christian Education appointed by the Conference. He shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and adviser to the Department. He shall be responsible to the Board and to Conference.
- 6. The officers of the Department shall be the Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, the Director of Christian Education, and a Lay Treasurer who shall be appointed by the Board from its members.
- 7. Field Directors, as required for the Department's work, shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board of Christian Education.
- 8. In each District there shall be one or more District Education Councils which shall be appointed annually by the District Synod. Each Local Education Committee in the area shall have the right to submit nominations. The area in which each District Council shall operate shall be as determined by the District Synod. Each Council shall consist of:—
 - (a) The Chairman of the District or his nominee.
 - (b) Three Ministers.
 - (c) Three members experienced in children's work.
 - (d) Three members experienced in youth work.
 - (e) Three members experienced in adult work.
 - (f) One representative from each Local Education Committee in the area.
 - (g) District C.Y.M.M. Chairman and Secretary.
- 9. The Chairman of the District or his nominee shall be Chairman of the District Council. A District Education Secretary shall be appointed by the District Council from one of its members.
 - 10. The District Education Council shall:-
 - (a) Promote in the District the objective and programme of the Department of Christian Education.
 - (b) Supervise and evaluate all Christian education activities children's, youth, and adult.
 - (c) Act as advisory committee of the Board of Christian Education and of the Director working in the area.
 - (d) Guide and assist local Churches in all aspects of their Christian education programme.
 - (e) Promote leadership training.
 - (f) Arrange other district activities such as rallies, camps, and beach missions.

11. The District Education Council shall be responsible through the District Synod to the Board of Christian Education and shall report annually to the Board through the Synod.

12. There shall be a Local Education Committee in each Church in a Circuit, subject to the right of the Quarterly Meeting to group

several smaller Churches under one Council.

13. The Local Education Committee shall be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting. It shall consist of:—

(a) The Superintendent Minister and the Minister or Probationer of the local Church.

(b) The Superintendent of the Church School.

- (c) The Leader of each Department of the Church School, such departments being as from time to time determined by the Board.
- (d) Local Christian Youth Movement Methodist Chairman and Secretary.
- (e) One representative of such other groups engaged in Christian education as the Board shall from time to time approve.
- (f) Not more than six additional representatives appointed by the Leaders' Meeting on the basis of two for the first 50 Church members and one for each additional 50 or part thereof.

Provided always that in cases where the Church School is not yet functioning the Sunday School Superintendent, the Leader of each Department of the Sunday School and two representatives appointed by and from the Leaders of the Bible Classes shall be members of the Local Education Committee.

- 14. The Local Education Committee shall be responsible to the Leaders' Meeting of the Local Church. The Superintendent Minister or one of his colleagues shall be the Chairman of the Committee or it may on the nomination of the Superintendent Minister annually elect from its members as Chairman a layman. One of its members shall be elected Local Education Secretary.
 - 15. The Local Education Committee shall:—
 - (a) Promote and carry out in the local Church the whole programme of Christian Education according to the policy of the Department.
 - (b) Recruit, appoint (subject to Section 16 hereof) and train Church School staff, including leaders of through-the-week activities.
 - (c) Ensure that all members of the staff of the Church School and other leaders in the Christian education programme, where practicable, be members of the Methodist Church, but if not, that they accept and follow the Christian faith and are sympathetic with the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church.
 - (d) Approve of lesson material to be used in any Department of the Church School.
- 16. The Superintendent of the Church School or Sunday School and the Leader of each Department shall be appointed annually by the Leaders' Meeting on the nomination of the Local Education Committee.
- 17. Where it is impracticable to set up a Local Education Committee the Leaders' Meeting shall perform all the duties and exercise the functions of the Local Education Committee.

18. Each Church School, Sunday School, and all their respective Departments shall be conducted in distinct and avowed connection with the Methodist Church of New Zealand in accordance with its laws and regulations.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH MOVEMENT METHODIST

- There shall be a Christian Youth Movement Methodist under the authority of the Board of Christian Education. It shall consist normally of persons between the ages of thirteen and thirty who attend any youth group of the Methodist Church. Youth Leaders over 30 years of age may become honorary members, but shall be ineligible for election as Councillors.
 - The objects of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist are:
 - (a) To win youth for Jesus Christ as their Leader, Saviour and
 - (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.
- 21. The Officers of the Movement shall be the National President and Vice-President. A Director of the Department shall be Executive Officer and a member of the Council.
- 22. There shall be a National Council consisting of the President, Vice-President, ex-President, the Executive Officer, and eleven ordinary members of whom at least four shall be young women and four young men.
- 23. All Council members with the exception of the ex-President and the Executive Officer shall be elected at Convention, the annual meeting of the Movement. Normally the location of the Council shall change every three years.
- 24. The Council shall be responsible to the Board of Christian Education.
- 25. In each area in which a District Education Council operates there shall be one or more District Councils of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist each consisting of its chairman, secretary, three representatives of the District Education Council experienced in youth work, and up to ten other members of whom at least four shall be young men and four young women.
- 26. All District Officers and Council members with the exception of the representatives from the District Education Council shall be elected annually by the members of the Christian Youth Movement in that District or area. The election shall be held in such time and in such manner as shall be decided by the District Council.
- 27. The District Council shall be responsible to the District Education Council and shall act as its Youth Committee.
- 28. In each Church where practicable there shall be a Local Council of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist. The Quarterly Meeting may group several smaller Churches under one Local Council. Such Local Councils shall be responsible to and shall act as the representative of the Youth groups in a Church or Circuit. The Local Council may appoint a delegate to attend the District Council. Each such delegate shall have both a voice and, at the discretion of the District Council, a vote.

29. Each Local Council of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist, with the exception of the Minister and Counsellors, and its officers shall be elected annually by the members of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist in the Church or Circuit. The Local Council shall consist of the Superintendent Minister and/or the Minister of the local Church, two adult counsellors appointed from and by the Local Education Committee, the Chairman and the Secretary and up to ten other members. The Chairman, Secretary, and other elected members shall be members of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist.

ORDER OF ST. STEPHEN

30. There shall be an Order of St. Stephen which shall consist of those members of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist who are at least eighteen years of age and who have given a year of service

to the Church without remuneration.

31. The conditions governing the acceptance of candidates, fields of service and reception into the Order shall be as determined by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board of Christian Education. (1962 Minutes, page 81.)

Department of Christian Education

- (i) Page 23, Amend Section 140 by deleting the words "Youth Department" and substituting therefor the words "Department of Christian Education."
- (ii) Page 48, Amend Section 268 (6) by adding the words "Church Schools or" after the words "officer in."
- (iii) Amend the following sections by deleting the words "Local Youth Council" and substituting therefor the word "Local Education Committee."

Page 48 Section 269 (8).

Page 50 Section 277 (h) (1) (2) (3).

Page 53 Section 290 (5) (b).

(iv) Amend the following sections by deleting the words "Youtn Board" and substituting the words "Board of Christian Education."

Page 27 Section 157 (2).

Page 53 Section 290 (5) (d).

Pages 69/70 Sections 358 and 359.

(v) Amend the following sections by deleting the words "District Youth Council" and substituting therefor the words "District Education Council."

Page 60 Section 323 (f).

Page 61 Section 326.

- (vi) Page 73, amend section 371 (g) by deleting the word "youth" and substituting therefor the words "Christian Education."
- (vii) Page 75, amend section 379 (36) by adding the words "Christian Education" after the word "respecting."

Page 79 Section 388.

Page 92 Section 490A (2).

- (ix) Page 88, Repeal the title "G. Committee on Youth Work" and substitute therefor "G. Committee on Christian Education."
- (x) Amend section 459 by deleting the word "youth" and substituting therefor the words "Christian Education."

3. The Overseas Mission Department

Page 106, Section 504 including sub-sections (1) to (42) and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

- 504. (1) There shall be an Overseas Missions Department established under the control and direction of the Conference.
- (2) The Department shall be managed by a Board called the Overseas Missions Board (hereinafter called "the Board") which shall be appointed annually by the Conference.
- (3) The officers of the Department shall be the Chairman of the Board who, unless otherwise appointed by the Conference shall be the Chairman of the Auckland District, a General Secretary who shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II Section VII hereof and a Lay Treasurer who shall be appointed annually by the Conference.
 - (4) The objects of the Department shall be:-
 - (a) To represent the Methodist Church of New Zealand in Christian evangelism among non-Christian peoples in countries overseas to which its missionaries are or may be appointed.
 - (b) To organise Christian witness, education, medical and pastoral care and economic and social welfare within such countries.
 - (c) To co-operate with Churches in overseas countries where matters pertaining to the work of the Department, as the Board may consider necessary.
 - (e) To organise and promote missionary education within New Zealand in collaboration with interested Church Departments and other bodies.
- (5) The funds of the Department shall be derived from the following sources:—
 - (a) Offertories, subscriptions and donations.
 - (b) Gifts and legacies.
 - (c) Grants from governments and public bodies.
 - (d) Grants from connexional funds.
 - (e) Income from properties and investments.
 - (f) Other sources as from time to time may be determined by the Conference.
- (6) The Board shall comprise: the President of the Conference, the Officers of the Department, resident members, being members resident in the Auckland District, and non-resident members, being resident in other Districts.
- (7) The resident members of the Board shall comprise:—(a) The Chairman of the Auckland District (if not an officer of the Department), (b) Six Ministers and six laymen, (c) The General Superintendent of the Home Mission and Church Extension Department, or in his absence the Assistant Superintendent thereof, (d) one representative of the Department of Christian Education, (e) the President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union (if resident in Auckland District), (f) two representatives of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union nominated by the Union Conference.
- (8) The non-resident members shall comprise: (a) Four Ministers and four laymen, (b) the President of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union (if not resident in the Auckland District, (c) two representatives of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, nominated by the Union Conference, (d) the Chairman of the Solomon

Islands District, (e) one representative, ministerial or lay respectively from the Solomon Islands District and the Papua-New Guinea Highlands District Synods, such representative to be nominated by the respective Synods.

- (9) An annual meeting of the Board shall be held at which the work of the Department shall be reviewed, its financial position considered and its policy determined.
- (10) A special meeting of the Board, called by the General Secretary shall be held when recommended by the officers of the Department or when requested by a majority of the non-resident members of the Board.
- (11) The Board shall submit an annual report and financial statement duly audited to the Conference.
- (12) The President of the Conference shall be chairman of all meetings of the Board and in his absence the chairman of the Board shall preside. If neither is present those members present shall elect a chairman.
- (13) In the event of any member notifying the General Secretary of his inability to attend any meeting of the Board the President of the Conference may appoint a substitute from the appropriate category.
- (14) The Board shall have power to make and amend rules, regulations and conditions governing (i) the selection and training of all persons, except Ministers, employed by the Department, (ii) the service, medical examinations and furlough of all persons employed by the Department, (iii) the allowances other than the stipends of ministerial missionaries appointed from New Zealand, (iv) the stipends and allowances of ministerial missionaries received from other Conferences for service in our mission Districts, (v) the employment, remuneration and allowances of all other agents employed by the Board.
- (15) The non-resident members shall normally attend only the annual and special meetings of the Board. They shall receive all reports submitted to the Board and Minutes of all meetings.
- (16) At meetings other than annual and special meetings of the Board, the officers of the Department and the resident members shall have full power to conduct the business of the Department provided however that no alteration in the general policy determined by the Board shall be made unless any proposed alteration shall have been first submitted to all members of the Board and unless the same shall have been sanctioned by a majority of Board members.
- (17) A Candidate for missionary service, not being a minister, shall be a local preacher or shall be required to pass an examination in Methodist doctrine and polity before a committee appointed for that purpose.
- (18) Lay Missionaries shall be under the direction of the Superintendent of the circuit to which they are appointed.
- (19) The Board, after obtaining the consent of the President of the Conference, may recall a missionary provided that this power shall not be exercised except by a vote of an absolute majority of the Officers of the Department and resident members of the Board, the other members having been previously notified.
- (20) Any Minister transferred by an Australian Conference to the New Zealand Conference for appointment as a missionary under

the jurisdiction of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall have the right to return to the Conference to which he formerly belonged.

- (21) An Overseas Missions Committee shall be appointed by the Conference in each District to co-operate with the Board in furthering work of the Overseas Missions.
- (22) The Overseas Missions Department shall be the legal successor of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

- (23) The membership in the Solomon Islands District shall comprise the ministers and probationers stationed in the District, and such persons as shall satisfy the Minister and Leaders' Meeting of their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, their lives being in harmony with their profession. In accepting membership, they become pledged to seek fellowship with Christ and with His people, and they accept the duties and enter upon the privileges of the Methodist Church.
- (24) The Church Meeting of each Society which shall be held quarterly . . . shall consist of all those whose names are on the Members' Roll at the time the meeting is held, but only those who are eighteen years of age, and who have been in continuous membership in the Church for twelve months shall have the right to vote or to be elected to office.
- (25) The Church Meeting shall as far as practicable follow the provisions of Part IV Section IX provided that the questions to be asked at such meetings shall be decided by the District Synod.
- (26) The Leaders' Meeting shall be held quarterly under the chairmanship of the Superintendent Minister or his deputy.
- (27) The Leaders' Meeting shall, as far as practicable, follow the provisions of Part IV Section VIII, provided that the questions to be asked at such meetings and the qualifications for membership thereof shall be decided by the District Synod.
- (28) The Quarterly Meeting shall meet under the chairmanship of the Superintendent Minister, or one of his colleagues appointed by him for this purpose.
- (29) The Quarterly Meeting shall, as far as practicable, follow the provisions of Part IV Section X provided that questions to be asked at such meetings and the qualifications for membership thereof shall be decided by the District Synod.
- (30) The District Synod shall be held annually and shall comprise (a) the Ministerial Committee, and (b) the Representative Session.
- (31) The District Ministerial Committee shall comprise all Ministers whose names are on the stationing sheet of the District.
 - (32) The Representative Session shall comprise:-
 - (a) All members of the Ministerial committee.
 - (b) All Probationers.
 - (c) The Medical Superintendent if a member of the Methodist Church.
 - (d) The District Accountant if a member of the Methodist Church.

(e) Not more than two missionary laymen elected by the missionary laymen serving in the district.

(f) Four missionary sisters. Such sisters shall be elected by

the sisters serving in the District.

(g) One lay representative of each Circuit appointed by the Quarterly Meeting.

Page 106 Section 504 is hereby amended by adding to Sub-Section (32) the following: "(h) The District Engineer, if a member of the Church." (1964 Minutes, page 145.)

- (33) The questions to be asked at the ministerial committee and the representative session shall be as decided from time to time by the Conference.
- (34) The Synod shall receive reports from each circuit and each District institution, receive financial statements and prepare District statements of income and expenditure and of assets and liabilities and present these, duly audited, to the Board and the Conference.
- (35) (a) The Synod shall prepare estimates of Income and Expenditure for the ensuing year. These shall cover income locally derived and income by way of grants from New Zealand.

 (b) The Synod shall administer all funds locally derived (except

Government grants in respect of overseas staff).

(c) The Synod shall be responsible for the support of all agents locally appointed.

(d) The Synod shall prepare a sheet of stations and present

these for consideration and adoption by the Board and Conference.

(e) Any circuit or worker affected by the decision of the Synod shall have the right to appeal against such decision to the Board and from the Board to the Conference, whose decision shall be final.

(f) The Synod may submit to the Conference through the Board the name of a minister as its nominee for the office of District Chairman.

- (36) The Chairman of the District, when the Conference or the Board shall so direct, or when he deems it advisable, shall visit any Circuit within the District and take such action as in his judgment may be required in regard to the work carried on in the said Circuit, provided however that the Superintendent of such Circuit or any of his colleagues affected thereby shall have the right of appeal to the Board against any such action, and provided further that in regard to matters of character and disciplinary action in connection therewith, the rights of Ministers and Probationers shall in no way be affected.
- (37) No member of the staff shall leave the District without the consent of the Chairman of the District.

(1962 Minutes, page 151.)

Amendments Relating to Overseas Mission Department

(i) That the sections set out hereunder be amended by deleting the word "Foreign" and substituting therefor the word "Overseas".

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Page 17 Section 111	Page 66 Section 340 (37) (a)
Page 18 Section 115	Pages 75/76 Section 379 (20) (49)
Page 23 Section 140	Page 79 Section 388
Page 26 Section 154 (y)	Pages 81/82 Section 409-411
Page 49 Section 273 (3)	Page 86 Section 445 and 447
Page 50 Section 277 (i)	Page 92 Section 490a (2)
Page 53 Section 290 (6)	Page 122 Section 506 (25)
Page 61 Section 323 (h)	Page 146 Section 514 (5) (9)
Page 63 Section 337 (9) (f)	Page 147 Section 514 (17)

(ii) That the subtitle (b) on Page 81 of the Law Book be amended by deleting the word "Foreign" and substituting therefor the word "Overseas". (1963 Minutes, page 223.)

4. THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT Payment of Home Mission Grants

Page 115, Subsection (19) of Section 505 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(19) All grants shall be paid by the General Treasurer direct to the Circuits except in those cases where the Synod Standing Committee, in consultation with the Circuits concerned, requests that the grant for particular Circuits be paid through District accounts.

(1962 Minutes, page 164.)

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 (b) including sub-sections (12) to (17) inclusive of section 506 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(b) Candidates for Deaconess Work

- (12) A Candidate shall be a baptised member of the Church, of proved ability, and character, and of mature outlook. School Certificate or equivalent shall be regarded as the 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 Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective Candidate, consider her application 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 Committee shall report on the prospective Candidate, who shall present herself to the Meeting The prescribed questionnaire having been previously completed and signed by 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 same to the Chairman of the District, who shall present it to a Representative Committee of Synod.
- (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 Committee of not fewer than ten members, 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.
- (17a) Each Candidate shall sit the prescribed examination arranged for by the Board of Examiners.
- (17b) If the Deaconess Board is satisfied as to the suitability of the Candidate, it shall nominate her to the Conference through the Examination Committee to Conference. (1962 Minutes, page 234.)

Page 122, Section 506, Subsection 19 is hereby repealed. (1965 Minutes, page 214.)

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.)

e. Appointment of Deaconesses

Page 123, Section 506, sub-section (38) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: "(38) A Deaconess who retires, having served for at least 30 years, or having reached the age of 55 years while in the service of the Order, may, on the recommendation of the Board, have her name placed on the Retired List in the Minutes of Conference. (1964 Minutes, page 172.)

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.)

Page 129. Section 510, Subsection (8) is hereby amended by adding the following:—

(ee) Travelling expenses incurred by the Vice-President on official duties during his term of office.

(1965 Minutes, page 103.)

The Supernumerary Fund

Page 132. Subsection (9) add the following:-

(f) In the purchase or subscription of fully paid ordinary or preferred shares, stock, bonds or debentures or notes, whether registered or unregistered and whether conveying the right of conversion to shares or not, or of any other securities of any company or other incorporated body, which are at the time of acquisition listed in the official list of the Stock Exchange in New Zealand or in the Commonwealth of Australia or any state thereof, or in the United Kingdom, provided that nothing contained or implied in this paragraph shall authorise the investment of any part of the said Fund in the shares or other securities of any company whose business and objects, in the judgment of the Board, conflict with the general rules and usage of the Church and which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church, PROVIDED ALWAYS that at any one time the Board shall have at least 50% of its total assets invested in the manner provided in (a), (b) (c) and (d) hereof.

And also provided that the Board shall not invest more than 5% of its total assets in such shares and other securities in any one such company or other incorporated body and in no case shall the total sum so invested in such company or other incorporated body exceed 5% of the paid up capital of such company or other incorporated body.

(1965 Minutes, page 173.)

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.)

Page 137, add the following subsection:-

(34A.) Any Minister who has served 40 years or has attained the age of 65 and is continuing in the active work at any time after he has served the said period or has attained the said age, may apply to the Board for payment of a sum representing the Commutation of a specified part of his interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined as set out in Rule (34) and such payment shall be employed in the manner set out in the Regulation 34.

(1965 Minutes, page 173.)

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, add the following sub-section:-

(37a) A Minister who does not exercise the option of commutation may apply to the Board for permission to exercise the option of surrendering part of his own annuity in order to increase that of his wife should she survive him. In no case shall the amount surrendered be such as to make his widow's annuity greater than his own annuity. Each case shall first be reported on by the Actuary.

(1962 Minutes, page 143.)

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.)

Minister's Home Acquirement Fund

Page 143. Section 512, subsection (2) (b) is hereby amended by deleting the figures "£2" and substituting therefor the figures "£4".

(1965 Minutes, page 153.)

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 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.) Page 153. Add to sub-section 5 (b) of sub-section 517 the following:-

Plans for a new building or for alterations costing \$3500 or more must be prepared by a registered architect, but in the case of parsonage plans may be prepared by a member of the Master Builders' Association as approved by the District Property Committee. (1962 Minutes, page 115.)

Page 154. Section 517, repeal sub-section (15) and substitute therefor: (15) A Property Advisory Committee shall be appointed for each District. Its function shall be to act as a consultative adviser on policy matters to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and to Trusts and Circuits within the district as requested. (1963 Minutes, page 114.)

It shall consist of the District Chairman, District Secretary of Church Property and at least two other ministers and two laymen to be nominated by the District Synod. The District Chairman shall be Convener. (1963 Minutes, page 115.)

Women's Guild Fellowship District Guild Fellowship

Page 156. Section 519 (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 subsection 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.) Page 156 add:

18. The New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship

- 519. 1. There shall be a New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship under the control and direction of the Conference.
 - 2. The objects of the Women's Fellowship shall be:-
 - (a) To promote by worship, study and service, the spiritual and social life of its members so that they may make a Christian witness in home, church and community.
 - (b) To support the work of the Church at home and abroad.
- Membership shall be open to all women who desire to further the objects of the Fellowship.

Local Women's Fellowship

- 4. In each Church where practicable there shall be a local Methodist Women's Fellowship.
- 5. The officers of each Local Women's Fellowship shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and a Treasurer. There shall be an executive Committee consisting of the officers and such other members as shall be required.
- 6. An annual meeting shall be held in July at which shall be held the election of officers and executive committee and representatives to the District Council. The Minister of the Church shall have the right to preside thereat. It shall receive the annual report and financial statements duly audited and shall submit the same to the District Council and to the Quarterly Meeting.

District Council

- 7. In each Synodal District there shall be a District Council or Councils of the Women's Fellowship which shall have the oversight of the work of the Women's Fellowship within such District. Where there is more than one District Council the area which each District Council shall operate shall be as from time to time determined by the Annual Convention.
- 8. The District Council shall consist of the officers, the members of the District Executive Committee, the President and Secretary of each local Women's Fellowship, two representatives for the first 25 members or fraction thereof of each local Women's Fellowship and an additional representative for each 25 additional members or fraction thereof of such local Women's Fellowship.
- 9. The Officers of the District Council shall be a President, 2 Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers as may be required. They shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall hold office for a period not exceeding three consecutive years.
- 10. There shall be a District Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the District Council and at least three other members who shall be elected at the annual meeting. It shall have the general oversight of the work of the Women's Fellowship in the District.
- 11. The annual meeting of the District Council shall be held in each August. It shall receive the annual reports and financial statements, duly audited for each local Fellowship and hold an election of officers, District Executive Committee and representatives to the annual Convention. It shall submit an annual report and financial statements duly audited to the Annual Convention and an annual report to the District Synod.

Annual Convention

- 12. There shall be held an Annual Convention which shall determine and direct the general policy of the Women's Fellowship. It shall submit an annual report and financial statement duly audited to the Conference.
- 13. The Annual Convention shall consist of the officers, the members of its Executive Committee, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of each District Council, one representative for the first 200 members or fraction thereof of each district and an additional representative for each additional 200 members or fraction thereof of such District.
- 14. The officers of the Annual Convention shall be:—A President, 2 Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as may be required. They shall be elected at the Annual Convention and shall hold office for a term of three years.
- 15. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Annual Convention which shall consist of its officers and 8 other members who shall be elected at the Annual Convention and shall hold office for three years. It shall implement the decisions of the Annual Convention and have general oversight of the work of the Women's Fellowship. The Executive Committee shall be stationed in a District for three years.

General

- 16. (a) All officers of the Annual Convention and District Councils shall be members of the Church. (b) Officers of a local Women's Fellowship, where practicable, shall be members of the Church.
- 17. Substitute representatives to the Annual Convention and District Councils as required shall be appointed by the President of the respective Council and local Women's Fellowship, whose duly elected representative cannot attend.
- 18. There shall be an annual membership fee as from time to time determined by the Annual Convention. The Annual Convention may fix fees payable to it and to District Councils.
- 19. The Annual Convention shall have power to amend the Constitution of the Women's Fellowship by a three-fifths vote at its annual meeting provided three months' written notice of its intention so to do has been given to all District Councils and local Women's Fellowships. Before coming into force such amendments shall receive the approval of the Conference.
- 20. The New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship shall be the legal successor of the New Zealand Women's Guild Fellowship and the Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

(1963 Minutes, page 225.)

Men's Fellowship

Page 156, para. 520. The name of the "Dominion Committee" shall be changed to the "National Committee".

(1964 Minutes, page 66.)

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 coordinate social service work in the area. Each area committee shall submit an annual report to the General Committee.
- 9. Each Area Committee shall consist of the District Chairman stationed in the Area, one representative from each Synod Standing Committee in the area, one representative from each Children's Home in the area, four representatives from each City Mission or Social Service Trust in the area, one representative from any other social service organisation in the District which has been duly approved by the Conference and, in areas in which the Home Mission Department is actively engaged in Social Service work, a representative from that Department.

- 10. Each Area Committee shall elect its own officers.
- 11. Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide an area and may on the nomination of the area committee appoint sub-committees which shall within the sub-area carry out such duties as are allocated to it by the area committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.
- 12. There shall be established a General Social Service Fund which shall be operated through the General Purposes Trust Board or otherwise as directed by the Conference. Any moneys given or bequeathed to the said Fund shall be distributed by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Committee.
- 13. No new or major extension of Social Service activity involving major capital expenditure or requiring continued support shall be commenced without the prior approval of the Area Committee, the Executive and the Conference.
- 14. In cases of urgency between Conferences the approval of the Conference may be given by the President of the Conference on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee provided the approval of the Area Committee and the Executive be first obtained.
- 15. An Annual Report and Financial Statement shall be submitted by the General Committee to Synods and to the Conference.
 (1959 Minutes, page 205.)

Standing Orders of Conference

Page 161, Section 521 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 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.)

Page 161. Section 521, sub-section (10) (b) (as passed by Conference 1960) be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "provided always that any member making an explanation shall not without the consent of the President speak for more than one minute."

(1964 Minutes, page 60.)

Connexional Funds and Trusts

13. Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board Constitution.

(1945 Minutes, page 129.)

For amendments to constitution see 1957 Minutes, page 126, 1959 Minutes, page 133, 1962 Minutes, page 136.

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 subsection (3).

Page 198, Section 9 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section (b). (1957 Minutes, page 147.)

New Zealand Methodist Lay Preachers' Association

Page 199-200. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 (c), (d) and (e) be amended by deleting the word "Local" wherever it appears and substituting therefor the word "Lay". (1963 Minutes, page 70.)

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.)

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Section 36 is hereby amended by adding after the words "render it inexpedient for him or them to remain in the said Trust" the words "or if he or they be requested in writing by at least a three-fourths majority of his co-trustees, to resign PROVIDED ALWAYS that no such request to resign shall be made unless it shall first be considered at a special meeting of the trust called for that purpose and that the trustee concerned shall be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the meeting".

Section 36 is hereby further amended by adding after the words "or removing as aforesaid" the words "or having been requested to resign as aforesaid".

(1965 Minutes, page 267.)

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 Asheroft
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.
Christehureh	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. Macks v	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christehurch	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.
Christehureh	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.
Christehureh	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesney	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.
Christehurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

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PLACE	YEAR	President	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Aucklandt	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
Christehurch	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.,	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Palmerston		F.R.E.S.		
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
Christchurch	1962	Robert Thornley, M.A.	Frank M. Souster	Athol R. Penn
Wellington	1963	Athol R. Penn	G. Cyril Burton, B.A.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Hamilton	1964	George H. Goodman	R. C. A. Marshall	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Christchurch	1965	Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.	Russel T. Garlick, LL.B.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

^{*}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

1899-Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)

1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.) Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)

1901-Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.)

1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)

1906—Ryan, Henry (Sup.)

1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)

1908-Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)

1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.) Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)

Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)

1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.) Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)

Rowe, William (Sup.) ,, Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)

Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.) 1912-Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)

1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)

1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)

Olds, E. Thomas (Sup.) ** Slade, William G., M.A., D.D. ,, (Toronto) (Sup.)

1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.) Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St. J. ,,

Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.) ,, Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.) **

Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)

1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D. (Melb.) (Sup.)

Chambers, Ernest B. (Sup.) ,, Dennis, John (Sup.)

1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.)

Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.) Parker, James W. (Sup.)

1919—Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)

1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.) Hames, Eric W., M.A (Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.)

1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.) Brown, Hubert G. (Sup.)

,, Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A. (Sup.) ,,

Kings, Harry S. (Sup.) ,, Taylor, Cecil R. (Sup.)

1925-Peterson, Gordon R. H.

1926—Harris, G. Raymond (Sup.) Voyce, A. Harry (Sup.)

1927—Larsen, Norman P. (Sup.) Laurenson, George I ,,

Penn, Athol R. (Sup.) ,, Raynor, Ivo M. (Sup.) 99

Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.) ** (Sup.)

1928-Grocott, John D., B.A. Hailwood, Charlie O. ..

1929-Dickens, Charles E. Horwood, Leonard C. Kent, Arthur T.

Parker, Walter (Sup.) 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.

1931-Carr, Thomas H. (Sup.) Carr, W. E. Allon

,, 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. (Sup.)

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST-Continued

1934—Goodman, George H.

Johnston, Andrew J. Matthews, Howard C., B.A.

Burton, Ormond E., M.A. (Sup.) 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.

Churchill, John 1937 -

Francis, William R., B.A., B.D. (Lond.)

Norwell, Leslie T.

Harkness, Howard E., M.A. 1938-B.D. (Melb.)

Hoddinott, Ernest S.

,, Laws, William R., M.A., B.D. ,, (Melb.)

Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A. ,, Silvester, John, M.A. ,, Whitfield, Harris, E.D. ,,

Cochrane, Herbert A. 1939

Grice, Reginald ,,

Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agr.Sc ,, Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th. ., Oldfield, Charles B.

" Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.

-Dawson, John B., B.A. 1940-Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D. ,, Gilmore, Leslie R. M. B.A.

Greenslade, Lawrence

Jones, Alan O.

Bell, Charles H. B.A. 1941-

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. (Sup.)

1942—Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D. (Melb.) Ph.D., (London) Morrison, William J., M.A. ,, Rogers, Ranginohoora

Willing, Leonard V. Williams, J. C. Aldwyn

1943-Brown, Clifford G. Cramond, George W.

1943-Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A. Falkingham, Wilfred E.

Grounds, Edmund D.

Jolly, Albert **

Allen, Robert H., B.A. 1944-

Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. (Melb.)

Bycroft, Leslie F. ,,

Chambers, Wesley A., M.A. ,, Dorrian, A. Peter

Sherson, Donald G., B.A. ,,

Green, Warren 1945-Shapcott, Leonard

1946-McDonald, D. I. Alister

Moore, Harry Olds, Norman W. ,, Shepherd, Trevor

Thompson, George R., E.D.

Attwood, A. Francis (Sup.) 1947-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.

,, Cornwell, Gordon A. R. ,, Ford, Wilfred F., B.A. ,,

Garner, William M., (Sup.) ,, Keightley, Clifford J. ,, Olds, J. Stanley

,, Ramage, Ian C., E. M.A. ,,

Clark, Colin D., M.A. 1950 Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A. ,,

Ramsay, Phillip D. ,, Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D.

Woodfield, Frank H.

Woodfield, Owen T., B.A. ,,

Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D. 1951 Burrough, Amos W. ,,

Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed. Clucas, Ivan J. ,,

,, Gilbert, Geoffrey T. ,, Ruck, Idris J. ,,

Stead, Peter A. B.A. ,, Toothill, Harry W. ,, Olds, O. McLennan

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1952-Edmonds, David W. George, R. Leslie

,, Gibson, Loyal J. ,, Hall, John R. "

Handyside, Allan J. ,, Penman, John A., B.A. ,,

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

1952-Reid, Ian W.

Shaw, Harry I. .. Spindler, Sydney J. ,, Thompson, John H. ,,

Trebilco, George R.

1953—Baker, Frederick J. K. LcCouteur, E. Raymond ,,

Craig, Hughan M. ,, McKay, Archibald W. ,,

Newman, Alan ,,

Osborne, John H., M.A. ,,

Stubbs, David G.

1954 -Billinghurst, Noel D.

Dickie, Arthur W. ,, Eastwood, Eric R. " Grundy, John, M. A. ,, Heppelthwaite, Ernest ,,

Newton, Alan H. V. Rakena, Ruawai D. ,, ,,

Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D. ,,

Tahere, Te Awa W. ,, Trebilco, David L.

Watson, Alexander C.

1955-Abbott, William K Bennett, Trevor L. ..

Boyd, Edward P. ,, Cable, William J. ,, Peart, Cuthbert F. ,,

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. (Bristol)

B.D., (Lond.) 1957-Bell, G. Basil W.

Brough, Gordon D., B.A. ,,

Cropp, James F. ,, Fowler, Irwin J. ,,

Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., ,, Ph.D. (Camb.)

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.

Climo, Frederick J. 1958-Gilbert, Wilfred S ,, Glen, Frank G. ,,

Hamlin, John R. ,,

Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A.

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 A., M.A. ,, Christian, Owen L. ,,

Conway, James H. ,, Gust, Warwick, B.A. ,,

Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A. 79 Henderson, W. John (Sup.) ,, Hornblow, Maxwell A. ,,

Horrill, C. Seton ,,

McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D. ,,

Mullan, David S., B.A. ** Peterson, Frederick D ,, Reid, Andrew G. ** Roke, Charles E.

1961-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 E. ,, Hight, Arnold C. •• Hines, David L., B.A. ,,

Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B. ,, Jones, Barry E.

,, Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A. ,, Robertson, Ian H.

,, Rutherford, Maynard G. ,, Waine, Frederick E. ,,

Wakeling, W. J. Douglas ,, Woodley, Alan K.

1963-Ansell, David H.

Armstrong, David ,, Ball, Niven G. ,,

Fields, Ronald E. ,, Garside, Paul A. ,, Laws, Derek G. ,,

Rowe, B. Keith, B.A. ,,

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST-Continued

1963—Toomer, Kenneth, L., Tucker, W. Geoffrey

1964—Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com.

,, Felderhof, Ludwig ,, Gerritsen, Hendrik ,, Major, Ronald G.

" Major, Ronald G. " Neal, Barry W. " Olsen, Brian L.

", Roberts, John H.
", Shave, Charles D.
", Slinn, Stuart G.

" Smith, Neil E.

1965—Browne, Wallis F., B.A.

1965—Chessum, William A. Mus.B., Clark, Ian L.

", Clarke, Edwin B. Collingwood, Ronald C.

Hayhurst, John G.
Herbert, C. Brice
Mackie, Bruce E.

,, Waaka, Napi ,, West, Norman J.

1966—Alexander, Roy M., Allan, Robert A.

" Bowden, A Roy " Ferguson, Ronald W.

" Harris, Daniel P. " Hendry, Richard J. " Manihera, John I.

,, Pain, Alastair D. ,, Pihaina, Te Taotahi John.

", Prince, Donald F.
", Taylor, Keith J.
", Te Whare, Robert
", West, Stanley J.

Maori Minister-

1941-Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)

Solomon Islands District Ministers-

(including Tongan and Fijian missionaries)

1944—Piani, Timothy

" Palavi, Daniel " Taufa, John

1950—Vula, Aisake

1953—Teem, Tekieru

1955-Bitibule, John Veo M.B.E. (Sup.)

" Buadromo, Iliesa 1957—Pataaku, Samson

1958—Beraki, Serupepeli

1961—Bongbong, J. Francis

1962—Boseto, Leslie

" Mosusu, Moses

" Rotoava, Job

1964—Alu, Solomon ,, Maelagi, George ,, Tarakabu, Tim

" Tarakabu, Takarepu

1965—Beaso, Matthew ,, Tarurava, Misake

1966—Kaskas, Jeconaiah ,, Lokakale, Egan.

.. Pitu, Luke.

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.

O.M.—Overseas Missions

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2. H.M.—Home Missions M.M.—Maori Missions

1966

1959

C.S.—Connexional Secretary Th.C.—Theological College C.E.D.—Christian Education Dept. Ent. Years Name and Address Abbott, William K., Mersey St., P.O. Box 17, Rongotea ... Alexander, Roy M., 33 Clothier St., Putaruru Allan, Robert A., Te Kopuru, Dargaville Allen, Robert H., B.A., 112, 13th Ave., Tauranga Ansell, David H., 25 King St., Whakatane Andrews, Robert S., 33 Johnson St., Milton Armstrong, David, 1 Waterview Road, Mangere, Auckland, S.E.3 81 1955 45 1966 1 8 1966 1944 5 48 2 50 1963 . 137 1956 4 3 1963 Attwood, A. Francis, High Street, Katikati (1960) Bailey, John H., 317 Cambridge Rd., Hillcrest, Hamilton S 36 1947 1924 ... (1956)Ball, Niven G., Riemenschnieder St., Manaia Baker, Edward, King Edward Street, Eltham .. 62 1963 60 1949 Baker, Frederick J. K., 78 Church St., Mosgiel, Dunedin . . 135 1953 Barker, Peter S., 3 Buckland Rd., Tuakau Bell, Charles H., B.A., 162 King Street, Rangiora 28 1959 3 .. 122 1941 4 Bell, G. Basil W., Waitoa, Waikato ... Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., 82 Murray Place, 3 38 1957 1944 117 St. Albans, Christchurch, 1 1956 1955 3 1949 1 Bensley, Arthur A., 55, 13th Ave., Tauranga (1950) Besant, H. David, B.A., B,D., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin 1913 48 S . . 135 1951 3 . . 1954 1907 S . . Blakemore, Albert, Leigh Haven, Mt. Albert, Auckland 1923 ... S S.W.2. (1946) 18 Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.I. (1944) 1900 S 20 Blight, J. Montgomery, Ashhurst
Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 76 Halton Street, Papanui,
Christchurch, 5 (1958) 1930 78 1917 S

Bowden, A. Roy, 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch 1

Ent.	Y	ears	Name and Address	Circuit
1955		4	Boyd, Edward P., 23 Cuba Street, Marton	80
1960		3	Brazendale, Graham, Cavendish Street, Ashburton	129
1957		4	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., 7 Cleveland St., Brook	
1751		-4	Wellington, S.W.1	85
1943		5	Brown, Clifford G., 151 Kennedy Road, Napier	69
1916		Š	Brown, George E., Cates Rd, R/D Rototuna, Hami	
1910		3	(1956)	40
1941		3	Brown, Harold K., 88 Linwood Ave, Christchurch, 1	112
1924		Š	Brown, Hubert G., 27 Cobham St., Spreydon, Christchur	
1924		5		
			Browne, Wallis F., B.A., 9 Dunnotar Rd., Papato	115
	* *			25
1964		3	Auckland	
		S	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com., Kohukohu, Hokianga	4
1910		-	Burley, William A., M.A., 54 Albert St., Hamilton (1951	
1951		5	Burrough, Amos W., Box 12, Ruawai, Northland	9
1949		S	Burt, Douglas H., 28 Marion Ave., Mt. Roskill, Aucklan	
1935			Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Lupin Rd., Otaki (1960)	99
1944		4	Bycroft, Leslie F., 100 West St., Feilding	79
1955		6	Cable, Wilfred J., 18 West Road Northland, Wellington	1 86
1947		1	Campbell, M. Jackson, 474 Pakuranga Rd., Pakura	
1021		C	Auckland	16
1931		S	Carr, Thomas H., Clarks Beach Rd., R.D. Patumahoe	
1021		-	Auckland (1966)	27
1931		2	Carr, W. E. Allon, 320 Hardy St., Nelson	101
1951		1	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5023, Auckla	
1917		S	Chambers, Ernest B., P.O. Box 20018, Glen Eden, Auck	
		-	(1956)	19
1944		3	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 170 Fitzgerald Ave,	110
1000		-	Christchurch St. Change St. Change	112
1965		2	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., Liemen St., Otaut	au,
1000			Southland	142
1960		4	Christian, Owen L., Park Avenue, Oxford	124
1933		3	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 11 Kakariki Ave, Mt. Ed	den,
1027		2	Auckland, S.1., (P.O. Box 5023)	H.M.
1937		3 2	Churchill, John, Neville St., Warkworth, Northland	32
1950	4.4		Clark, Colin D., M.A., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington	87
1965		2	Clarke, Edwin B., 74 Main South Rd., Christchurch 4.	116
1942		10	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., 130 Grafton Road,	10
1047		11	Auckland, C.3	12
1947		11	Clements, Leslie C., 5 Rodrigo Rd., Kilbirnie, Welling Climo, Frederick J., Tauranga Rd., Waihi	gton 85
1958		7	Chaos Ivan I 67 Chaorman Street Waimata	127
1951		2	Clucas, Ivan J., 67 Shearman Street, Waimate	
1939		2	Cochrane, Herbert A., 24 Eden St. Oamaru	131
1965		Ś	Cooke Parcy I 70 Pleckhouse Pay Rd Ayandala	31
1915		0	Cooke, Percy I., 70 Blockhouse Bay Rd, Avondale,	18
1960		3	Auckland, S.W. 3 (1952) Conway, James H., 35 Mitchell St., Greerton Tauranga	
1905		S		
1903	* *	0	Copeland, Fred., Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. All Auckland (1947)	19
1949		3	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., Okato Taranaki,	63
1918		S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sci., 8 Sadlier St., Stoke (
1953		3	Craig Hughan M Methodist Parsonage Otorshanga	53
1943		2	Craig, Hughan M., Methodist Parsonage, Otorohanga Cramond, George W., Selwyn St., Leeston	120
1957		5	Cropp, James F., Munda, British Solomon Islands	[6]
1962		2	Currie, John B., 12 Gilberthorpes Rd., Islington, Ch	
1902		2	church church	119
1933		4	Daglish, J. Ainsley, 11 Hobart St., Miramar, Wellington	
1941		22	D 11 II 14 4 107 W-11 D 1 W	H.M.
1741		Lake	Darvill, Harold A., 107 Walni Road, Hawera	11.111.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address Circuit
1940	6	Dawson, John B., B.A., 801E Queen St., Hastings 70
1943	5	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 54 Chester St.W., Christchurch, 1 110
1932	. 4	Day, Reginald, 211 Sealey Street, Thames 33
1917	S	Dennis, John, 8 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay,
	0	Auckland (1954) 21
1929	4	Dickens, Charles E., 274 High Street, Carterton 95
1959		
1737	2	Dine, Mervyn L., C/o Linton Military Camp, Palmerston
1947	1	North
1941	1	Divers, W. Lloyd, 1433 Whitman Ave., Medford, Oregon, U.S.A.
1940	10	
1944		Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2500, Wellington. 91
	3	Dorrian, A. Peter, 18 Tennyson St., Opunake 63 Draper, Joseph C., Flat 10, 27 Greenslade Cresc., Northcote,
1930	S	Draper, Joseph C., Flat 10, 27 Greenslade Cresc., Northcote,
1025	4	Auckland N.4. (1960)
1935	4	Duder, Clifford L., 5 Princess St., Pahiatua 75
1954	4	Eastwood, Eric R., 22 Hakanoa Street, Huntly 43 Edmonds, David W., P.O. Box 4, Kaeo, Northland 3
1952	!	
1948	5	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 43 Miro St., Wellington E2 85
1911	S	Enticott, Walter J., Kumeu, Auckland (1948) 19
1943	16	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449,
1001	-	Christchurch, 1
1964	3	Felderhof, Ludwig, 17 Lyford Cresc., Takapuna Auckland
1000		N.2
1966	1	Ferguson, Ronald W., Westgate St., Ngaruawahia 42
1924	S	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 69 Westholme St., Christchurch
1000		(1964)
1963	3	Fields, Ronald E., 131 Livingstone St., Hokitika 109
1948	10	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 16 Duncan St., Tawa, Wellington C.E.D.
1916	S	Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth
40.55		(1957) 57
1957	1	Fowler, Irwin J., 4 Heath St., Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga 48
1937	4	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 149 Kamo Rd., Whangarei 7
1949	S	Garner, William M., Korari Cres., Mangakino (1958) 46
1963	2	Garside, Paul A., P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands [10]
1952	2	George, R. Leslie, Apiti 82
1964	3	Gerritsen Hendrik, 56 Foyle Street, Bluff 143
1952	7	Gibson, Loyal J., 28 Oxford Street, Richmond, Nelson 102
1959	5	Gibson, Roger M., Middelton St., Johnsonville, Wellington 89
1951	6	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 16 Belvedere St., Te Puke 49
1958	6	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 230 High Street, Dannevirke 73
1940	5	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, S.E.7 24
1958	4	Glen, Frank G., 32 Hammersley Ave., Shirley, Christchurch 112
1934	10	Goodman, George H., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North 77
1950	7	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A. P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin 132
1959	3	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., Waipawa, Hawkes Bay 83
1956	2	Grant Ian D,, 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe 27
1945	4	Green Warren, Dunback Rd, P.O. Box 54, Palmerston 132
1959	3	Greening, G. Kingsley, 23 Aynsley Tce, Opawa,
		Christchurch, 1
1940	2	Greenslade, Lawrence, 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera,
		Auckland S.E.2 17
1931	2	Greenslade, William H., 42 Malfroy St., Rotorua 47
1939	1	Grice, Reginald, 811 Pakowhai Rd., Hastings 70
1959	4	Griffith, Keith C., 9 Paynter's Ave., New Plymouth 57
1928	11	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton
		Christchurch, 1
1943	2	Grounds, Edmund D., 42 Melanesia Rd., Kohimarama,
		Auckland 17

E	nt.	Yea	ars	Name and Address Cir	rcuit
19	960		3	Grundy, Albert A. M.A., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho,	
19	954		4	Wanganui Grundy, John, M.A., 142 North Street, Timaru	65
	957		3	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 31 Beatty St., Melville,	
19	960	**	3	Gust, Warwick, B.A., 21 Horoeka St., Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt	91
	928		3	Hailwood, Charlie O., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	64
	947		4	Hall, Allen H., M.A., 16 St. Lucia Rd., Brisbane, Queeusland	
	952		5	Hall, John R., 82 Pah St., Motueka	103
13	923	**	S	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, 25 Lucerne Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1963)	17
1	958		6	Hamlin, R. John, R.N.Z.A.F., Woodbourne	105
1	952		6	Handyside, Allan J., 149 Hillhead Road, Corstorphine,	
-	25				135a
1	935	**	S	Hanna, L. Gordon, 20 Nogat Ave., Papatoetoe, Auckland (1960)	25
1	960		2		101
	916		S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland,	
				S.I. (1947)	16
1	938		6	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 48 Lincoln Road,	96
1	910	- 1	S	Masterton Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave, Spreydon,	90
1	910	[0	Christchurch, 2 (1951)	110
1	966		1	Harris, Daniel P., 25 Haerehuka St., Otorohanga (P.O. Box 9)	[4]
	926		S	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri St., Pt. Chevalier, Auck	
				W.3., (1966)	12
	900		S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940)	127
1	962		1	Hawkey, Graham E., 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington	90
1	965		2	Hayhurst, John G., 451 Tweed St., Newfield Invercargill,	141
1	939		9	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., The Manse, Cockfield,	0.5
1	000		C	Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, England	85 83
	960 966		S	Henderson, W. John, 43 Abbotsford Rd., Waipawa (1963) Hendry, Richard J., 24 Mouatt St., Waitara	58
	954		3	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 100 Waiwhetu Rd, Lower Hutt	91
	965		1	Herbert, C. Brice, 10 Freyberg St., Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	72
- 1	932		S	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 37 Albert St., Ashburton (1961)	129
	948		3	Hilder, Basil J., 135 Queen St., Northcote, Auckland, N.4	22
	962		1	Hight, Arnold C., 63 Tukapa St., Westown, New Plymouth	57
	962 938	* *	7	Hines, David, L., B.A., 22 Clarke St., Kamo, Northland Hoddinott, Ernest S., C/- Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie P.O.	,
1	230		,	Wellington	88
1	911		S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	70
	936		3	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Main Rd., Woodend, Canterbury	122
1	962		1	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill,	14
1	960		3	Auckland, S.2	138
	960		1	Horrill, C. Seton, Methodist Church, Kekesa Inus. Free Bag.,	
				P.O. Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea	[15]
1	929		6	Horwood, Leonard C., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert,	
1	959		4	Auckland, S.W.2 Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., Springston No. 4 R.D.,	18
1	,,,		-	Christchurch	119
1	942	++	S	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 29 Seddon St., Te Puke	
	061		2	(1966)	49
	961		7	James, Russell E., 81 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows, H.B. Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 30 Church St., Te Aroha	69
1	334			valideson, v. Roj, Mibibi, E.D., 30 Charen St., 16 Atolia	-

Ent.	Years	Name and Address Circuit
1919	S	Jefferson, Alfred E., Flat 2, 8 Shadwell Place, St. Heliers, Auckland, E.1., (1954)
1932	3	Auckland, E.1., (1954)
1934		Jenkin, William C., 77 Grey St., Woodville 74 Johnston, Andrew J., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin 134
1943	8	Jolly, Albert, 83 Kolmar Rd., Papatoetoe 25
1940	6	Jones, Alan O., 20A Wellington St., Hamilton
1962	-	Jones, Barry E., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin 136
1899	C	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green St., Lower Hutt (1940)91
1949	12	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission, Nipa, via Mendi,
1949	13	m 11 037 0 1
1916	S	Kendon, Charles H., 170 Lemon St., New Plymouth (1954) 57
1929	2	Kent, Arthur T., 17 Mahoe St., Inglewood 68
1924	S	Kings, Harry., 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956) 98
1959	1	Kitchingman, David L., B.A., Nipa via Mendi, Territory of
		New Guinea [19]
1957	6	Kitchingman, Henry W., 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland 18
1956	1	Kitchingman, Owen, B.A., N.C.C. Cnaplain Manapouri, 140
1961	2	
1901	3	Langley, John E., 84 Hackthorne Rd, Cashmere, Christ- church 2
1927	S	Church 2
1927	2	T 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1963	4	7 P 1 C 1 C 1 C 77 W F .
1938	2	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 17 Merivale Lane,
1930	3	Christchurch
1930	1	Leadley, E. Clarence, Methodist Church, P.O. Munda,
1930	1	
1953	5	British Solomon Islands [6] LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden,
1933	5	
1958	1	Auckland, S.1
1230		Auckland
1942	14	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., "Leigh House",
		Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3 Th.C.
1939	4	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., Hohaia Street, Matamata 44
1935	7	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Myers Rd. Manurewa, Auckland 26
1957	1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Myers Rd. Manurewa, Auckland 26 Mabon, John C. F., P.O. Box 453, Invercargill 140
1965	2	Mackie, Bruce E., 123 Waimea Rd., Nelson 101
1964	3	Major, Ronald G., 55 Warspite Ave, Porirua East,
		Wellington 90
1966	1	Manihera, John I., Hikurangi, Northland 6
1961	6	Marshall, C. Russell, 35a Halswell Rd., Christchurch, 3 115
1948	2	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., 10 New Bond St.,
-		Kingsland, Auckland 12
1934	7	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 Chapel St., Papanui
		Christchurch, 5
1946	1	McDonald, D. I. Alister, 176 West Tamaki Rd., Glen Innes,
		Auckland
1930	2	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 62 Wiggins St., Sumner
1550	4	Christohurch 9
1953	6	McKay, Archibald W., 30 Matai St., Hamilton 40
1960	2	
1900	2	ar I wil law no m one ver m
1946	1	Moody, Edward H., P.O. Box 930, Wellington
1931	2	** *******
1959		
1707	4	Morrison, William, 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata, Wellington 93a
1942	3	Morrison, William J., M.A., 37 Bank St. Te Awamutu 52
1960	3	Mullan, David S., B.A. 36 Kings Rd., Panmure, Auckland E2 16
1200	5	Training, Paris Si, Birt So Kings Rd., I aminute, Adekiana B2 10

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1964	3	Neal, Barry V	V., Murchison	1	104
1918	5			Christchurch 1. (1953) 1	
1953	2		in, 104 Manawapou Rd.		61
1954				Ave., Epsom, Auckland	01
	1	S.E. 3 .			16
1956	2		vor L., 106 Rata St., Lo		91
1959	5		hea M., B.A., 71 Copela		91
1937	1		ie T., C/- P.O. Box 931,		10
1939	6		rles B., 45 High Street,		105
1910	5	(1051)	H., B.A., 3 Masters Av	ve., Hillcrest, Hamilton	41
1915	5	Olds, E. Thor	mas, 28 Bannerman Rd.	, Auckland W.2 (1957)	12
1949	2	Olds, J. Stan	ley, 19 Hillside Cresc.,	Mt. Eden, Auckland	13
1946	3	Olds, Norman	W., 98 North Street	Timaru 1	25
1951	8		ennan, 2 Westend Rd.,		15
1964	3	Olsen, Brian	L., P.O. Bnx 5, Moerew	a. Bay of Islands	2
1933	34	Orr. A. Everi	, M.B.E., Box 5104, Wel	lesley St., Auckland C.1	13
1953	5	Osborne, Joh	n H., M.A., 12 Nahum	St., Paeroa	35
1966	1		D., Rodney St., Wellsf		11
1947	3	Parker, France	is H., 406 Thames St., 1	Morrinsville	38
1918	5	Parker, James	W., 143 St. John's Rd	., Meadowbank,	
		Auckland	i, S.E. 3 (1950)		17
1929	S		er, 261 Manukau Rd., E	psom, Auckland S.E.3	14
1030	2	(1965) .	ED MA PD 34	Edmonton Pd Hen	14
1930	2	derson .	y, E.D., M.A., B.D., 34	Edmonton Rd., Hen-	19
1933	5		ph E., 118 Knowles St.	Christohurch 1	19
1933		(1965)	ph E., 116 Knowles St.		10
1931	6	Payne Herbe	rt W., 77 Grey Street, O	nehunga Auckland	23
1955	2	Peart Cuthbe	rt F., C. F., Te Reinga S	t Vaitaia	1
1952	5	Penman John	A., B.A., 1 Tennyson	Ave Takanina N2	21
1927	5		R., 141 Mt. Albert Rd.,		21
1721		S.W.2 (196		With Photoi, Photoinia	18
1938	5	Petch. Ashlei	gh K., B.A., 24 Liverpo	ool St., Hamilton	40
1960	1	Peterson, Fre	derick D., Kiwi Rd., B	each Haven, Auckland	10
		N.5 .			22
1925	7	Peterson, Goi	don R. H., 235 Karori	Rd., Karori,	
1066	1	Wellingto		Ct To Vuiti (DO Pov	86
1966	1	102)	aotahi John, 15 Ward		[4]
1962	2	Pomeroy, Har	rold C., B.A., Mace St.,	Reefton 1	06
1966	1	Prince, Donal	d F., Esplanade, Te Ku	iti, (P.O. Box 102)	54
1954	5	Rakena, Ruay	wai D., 28 Mt. Albert R	d., Auckland, S.W.2	[2]
1949	1	Ramage, Ian Auckland.	C. E., M.A., 19 Scho	ofield St., Grey Lynn,	12
1950	3	Rameay Phill	ip D., C.F., 38 Cranford	St Christchurch 1 1	17
1901	S		ry, M.A., Litt.D., Fell		
2501			ven, 61 Allendale Rd.,		12
1927	S		M., 17 Iti St., Otaki (196	56)	99
1957	1	Reddihough	John W., 136 Signal Hil	Pd Onoho Dunadin 1	33
1960	4	Reid Andrew	G., P.O. Box 196, I	Pargaville	8
1952			c/o Witako Prison, Priva		0
1934	2	Camp .	C/O WITAKO FIISOII, PIIVE	Service and the service of the servi	92
1955	2		Main Rd., Greytown		94
1947	2	Riseley Benis	imin H., 31 Rarangi St.	St Heliers Auckland	16
1964	3		H., 3 Delta St., Duned		32
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Ent.	Years	
1962	2	
1942	12	Rogers, Ranginohoora, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.1 [2]
1960	7	Rogers, Ranginohoora, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.1 [2] Roke, Charles E., P.O. Box 400 Hamilton [3]
1963	1	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., 179 Regan St., Stratford 59
1911	S	Rowe, William, 60 The Esplanade, Paremata, Wellington
		(1949) 90
1951	4	
1954	5	
1057	1	Wellington
1957 1962	1	Russell, Kenneth H., 112 Cambridge St., Levin 98 Rutherford, Maynard G., 18 Robinson St., Foxton 84
1906	S	Ryan, Henry, 2 Gloucester St., Wilton, Wellington (1943) 86
1916	S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St., Mt. Albert, Auckland,
7100	11	S.W.2 (1955) 18
1959	5	Salter, Lawrence E., 19 Graham Ave, Te Atatu, Auckland 19
1956	8	Scammell, Bruce, 36 Taitua St., Taumaranui 55
1957	3	Scammell, Bruce, 36 Taitua St., Taumaranui
1950	2	Plymouth 57
1912	S	
1912	5	Auckland, S.E.3 (1952) 16
1945	5	Shapcott, Leonard, 43 Oueen St., Cambridge 39
1964	3	
1952	5	Shaw, Harry I., N.Z. Reg., Waiouru Military Camp 76
1946	4	Shepherd, Trevor, 356 Wairakei Rd., Bryndwr, Christchurch, 5
1944	5	Christchurch, 5
1344	0	Auckland N.5
1961	3	
		Territory of New Guinea [16]
1927	S	
1020	3	Bay, Auckland (1966) 21 Silvester, John M.A., Trinity College, Grafton Rd.,
1938	3	Auckland Th.C.
1915	S	
		Christchurch, 5 (1958)
1964	3	Slinn, Stuart G., Ohura 56
1964	1	Smith, Neil E., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch 2 113
1952	2	Spindler, Sydney J., 12 Marsden Rd., Greymouth 108 Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North 76
1951 1953	2	Stubbs, David G., 216 Earn St., Invercargill
1955	3	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., c/- National Christian Council of
		Indonesia, Djl Salemba Raya, 10, Djakarta IV/3, Indonesia [4]
1954	5	Tahere, Te Awa W., 38 Three Mile Bush Rd, Kamo,
100		Northland [1]
1961	3	
1924	S	
1966	1	
1966	î	Te Whare, Robert, 39 Hikurangi St., Trentham 92
1957	9	Taylor, Phillip F., Methodist Mission, P.O. Buin, Territory of
		New Guinea
1911	5	
1914	2	
1946	4	
1540		Wellington, N.4
1951	3	Thompson, J. Herbert, 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi 121

Ent.	Ye	ars	Name and Address	Circ	uit
1955		5	Thornicroft, Neville, 108 Talbot St., Geraldine		128
1935		10	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington,	, C.4	85
1908		S	Tinsley, Robert B., Kereone Rd., Morrinsville (1949)		38
1963		4	Toomer, Kenneth L., 112 High St., Masterton Toothill, Harry W., 50 Clevedon Rd., Papakura, Auckl Trebilco, David L., 17 Church St. Devonport, Auckland	**	96
1951		6	Toothill, Harry W., 50 Clevedon Rd., Papakura, Auckl	and	26
1954		3	Trebilco, David L., 17 Church St. Devonport, Auckland	NI	20
1952		2	Trebilco, George R., 120 Colombo St., Christchurch 2		114
1963		1 S	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, 58a Scotland St., Roxburgh Voyce, A. Harry, 17 Prospect Tce, Milford, Auckland, N	2	144
1926		0	(1959)	.2	21
1965		2	Waaka, Napi, 1060 Heaphy Tce., Claudelands, Hamilton		[3]
1962		1	Waine, Frederick E., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wangani	ui	66
1962		2	Wakeling, W. J. Douglas, 40a Henley St., Westport		107
1956		3	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., 19 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay	Bay	21
1912		S	Auckland Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera,		21
1			Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	- 2.5	17
1961		1	Wallace, William B.A., 24 Passmore Cresc., Maori Dunedin	Hill,	134
1945		11	Watson, Alexander C. Methodist Mission, Box 36 Honi		134
		-	British Solomon Islands		[7]
1939		3	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 22 Union St., New Bright		
1000		_	Christchurch 7		112
1965	**	2	West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd., Gisborne		71
1966		5	West, Stanley J., 6 Hastings St., Ohai, Southland.		142
1938 1959		1	Whitfield, Harris, E.D., P.O. Box 374, Kaikohe Widdup, Robert W., 336 Selwyn St., Addington,	**	4
1939		1	Christchurch 2 Addington,		115
1931		20	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Richmond Hou	ise",	
		-	Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3	TI	n.C
1943		7	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 463 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne		71
1942		3	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt		91
1935		10	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton		129
1953		S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth		57
1950		4	Woodfield, Frank H., 30 Kelso St., Tokoroa	**	46
1950		2	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 15 Verran Place, Bryndy	r.	
			Christchurch 5		117
1962		2	Woodley, Alan K., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga		5
1955		6	Wood, Ronald H., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 5 William St., Gore		140
1941		5	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 5 William St., Gore		139
1956		5	Ziesler, John, M.A., B.D., 134 Grafton Road, Trinity Col	lege,	
			Auckland, C.3	Th	ı.C.
			MAORI MINISTER		
1941		S	Kukutai, Ngatete, Gibsons Road, Tuakau (1954)		2
		-	MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES		0.00
					110
			Ralph, W. W., 304 Stanmore Rd., Christchurch Trost, Harold, C/- 20A Wellington St., Hamilton		112
			SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT MINISTERS		
			(including Tongan / Fijian Missionaries)		
1964	1	3	Alu Solomon, Munda, British Solomon Islands.		
1965		2		Guin	iea.
1955		S	Bitibule, John V., M.B.E., P.O. Munda, British Solomo		
			(1965)		
1958		3			
1961		1	Bongbong, Francis, Siangara, Buin, Territory of New Gu	iinea.	

1962 2 Boseto, Leslie, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands.	
1955 7 Buadromo, Iliesa, Simbo, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Isla	ands.
1666 1 Lokakale, Egan, Munda, British Solomon Islands.	4
1964 3 Maelagi, George, Gove, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New 1962 5 Mosusu, Moses, Potats, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New	Guinea.
1962 5 Mosusu, Moses, Potats, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New	Guinea.
1944 I Palavi, Daniel, Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Island	ds.
1951 6 Pataaku, Samson, Honiara, British Solomon Islands.	
1966 1 Kaskas, Jeconiah, Buin, Territory of New Guinea.	
1944 1 Piani, Timothy, Rukutu, Marovo via Gizo, British Sc	lomon
Islands.	n do
1966 1 Pitu, Luke, Sasamungga, Choiseul, British Solomon Isla	nds.
1962 5 Rotoava, Job, Sasamungga, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon 1965 2 Tarakabu, Te Takarebu, Wagina, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon 1965	islands.
 1965 2 Tarakabu, Te Takarebu, Wagina, P.O. Gizo, British Se Islands. 	Diomon
1965 2 Tarakabu, Te Tim, Goldie College, Munda, British S	Solomon
Islands.	olomon
1965 2 Tarurava, Misake, Tearaka, Kekesu, Sohano,	
Territory of New Guinea.	
1944 17 Taufa, John, Roreinang, P.O. Kieta, Territory of New C	
1953 2 Teem, Te Tekiera, Wagina, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon I	slands.
1950 6 Vula, Aisake, Sege, Marovo, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon	Islands.
HOME MISSIONARIES	
Entd. Names and Addresses	Years
1919-J. W. Bayliss, (Retired) Awaroa Road, Henderson, Auckland	27
1922—C. Robinson, (Retired) 108 McGrath Street, Napier	14
1924—R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah Street, Motueka	14
1924—W H Wilson (Retired) 31 Rangitoto Tce, Takanuna Auckland	
1924—W. H. Wilson (Retired) 31 Rangitoto Tce., Takapuna, Auckland 1928—R. Coombridge (Retired), 2 Coronation Road, Birkenhead,	
Auckland N 5	15
1939—H. R. Wright, (Retired) 7 Tor St., Westown, New Plymouth	6
1940-W. J. Bryant, (Retired) 201 James Street, Whakatane	10
1941-T. Steele, (Retired) Dick Street, Reefton	8
1948—H. Prowse, (Retired) 34 Harris Street, Marton	7
1952—F. L. Johnson (Senior Home Missionary) Paparoa	2
1956—F. E. Trim (Retired), Durham St., Rangiora	5
1961—A. E. Tardif (Senior H.M.) Ford St., Opotiki	3
1937—D. I. Robertson (Retired), 50 Puriri Ave, Beach Haven,	
Auckland, N.5	7
UNION CHURCHES MINISTERS	
Raglan— Oliver, J. H., The Manse, Raglan	40a
Taita— Reid, A. R., B.A., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hu	tt 91a
(Fowler Dichard W RA RD 115 Main Rd Wainvior	mata 93a
Walnulomata Morrison, William, 6 Derwent St., Walnulomata	93a
Marchweil— Mackley, P., 24 Tyne St., Timaru	126a
Corstorphine- Handyside, Allan J., 149 Hillhead Rd., Corstorphin	e.
Dunedin	135a
MAGRI HOME MISSIONARIES	
MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES	.,
Ent. Name and Address	Years
(a) Full time:	
1954—Te Akonga Pihama, 5 Mission Street, New Plymouth	5
1960-Matu Makiha, Methodist Parsonage, Waima Hokianga	7
1962—Herehere Maihi Maaka, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	4
1962—Te Orahi Tonga, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	5

(b) Honorary:			
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland		. 38	8
1930—Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired) P.O. Box 24		. (9
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Raglan		. 18	3
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato (Retired)		. 20	0
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, via Kawhia		. 14	4
1938-Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Ave, Tamaki, Auckland		. 13	2
1940—Wiremu Tonga, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton		. 8	3
1942-Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Is	slands .	. 2	4
1946-Waiwera Rangawhenui, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country		. 20	0
1946-Tumu Te Huia, C/o 60 Churchill Avenue, Maeroa, Frankto	n		
Junction		. 20	0
1946—Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau, Waikato		. 20	0
1946—Henere Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, R.D. Te Kopuru		. 20)
1947—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki		. 19	9
1948-Nguru Winikerei, Marokopa Valley, R.D. 4 Te Kuiti	-		
1950-Hotai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167, Kaikohe, Northland			
1950—Te Awikau Waaka, R.D. No. 4, Rotorua			
1951—Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamu			
1952—Matene Hori De Thierry, Pukekohe		1	
1952—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato		1	
1952—Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Avenue, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland 1952—Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Road, Onerahi, Northland		4	
1055 Ware Cough Pay 20 Lyttelton		1	
1957—Taipua Te Uira, C/o Mrs Armstrong, Karewa, Kawhia			9
1958—Himiona Waata, No. 3 R.D., Hikurangi			8
1960—Hoera Whakaari Hakopa, Whatawhata, Waikato	- 2		6
1962—Robert Taka, C/o Post Office, Kaeo, Northland			4
1964—Para Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands		. 2	2

DEACONESSES

RETIRED DEACONESSES

1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 17 Upland Rd., Remuera, Auckland S.E.2.

1928—Sister Ivy Jones, M.B.E., 52 Grange Rd., Mt., Eden, Auckland. 1928—Sister Rita Snowden, F.I.A.L., "West Hills", Titirangi Road, Titirangi, Auckland.

1929-Sister Airini Hobbs, Box 400, Hamilton.

DEACONESS "SUPPLIES"

Mrs G. George, P.O. Waihaha, Bay of Islands

MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sister Myra Fraser, Bilua, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

Sister Norma Graves, P.O. Box 90 Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea.

Sister Mary Addison, Tonu, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea.

Sister Patricia Jacobson, Kihili, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea. Sister Gladys Larkin, P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Sister Beryl Grice, Sasamungga, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.

Sister Patricia Hulks, Skotolan, P.O. Sohano, Territory of New Guinea.

Sister Muriel McCormack, Kihili, P.O. Buin, Territory of New Guinea. Sister Esther Watson, Kekesu, Inus Private Bag, P.O. Rabaul, Territory of New

Guinea.
Sister Lynette Sadler, B.A., Goldie College, P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Sister Beverley Withers, P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands.

Sister Catherine Scott, Nipa via Mendi, Territory of New Guinea.

Sister Rosemary Bettany, Roreinang, Kieta, Territory of New Guinea.

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. W. R. Laws, P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, 1., New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abbey, William H.E.	Melbourne	1883	1907	8th August, 1944	Fawkner, Melbourne
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, N.Z.	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	— June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in Tararua
Asheroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christehureh
Avrton, 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
Bateup, Frank	Patea, New Zealand	1884	1924	29th November, 1962	Hamilton East
Battey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christehurch
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

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Blamires, Ernest O.	Warrnabool, Victoria	1881	1904	6th June, 1963	Auckland
Blamires, Henry L.	Melbourne, Australia	1871	1896	18th August 1965	Auekland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria
Brasell, H. Maurice	Masterton, New Zealand	1910	1949	9th July, 1953	Napier
Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Brooks, Leslie, A. G.	Christehurch	1894	1922	25th February, 1964	Hamilton
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August ,1919	Christehureh
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christehurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gu
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Burnet, Oswald	Woodend, Nth. Canterbury	1888	1914	4th March, 1960	Christehurch
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christehurch
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	Christehurch
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, deorge S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Cottom, Harry	Birmingham, England	1879	1909	10th February, 1963	Christehureh
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	Christehureh
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend

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Dewsburv. 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	Christehurch
Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D.,	Suva, Fiji	1904	1931	10th December, 1963	Napier
Dukes, John F.R.E.S.	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auekland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchureh
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
Fairelough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christehurch
Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	24th June, 1951	Christehurch
Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. Aus,
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.
Ford, Herbert	Latchford, England	1882	1919	28th November, 1962	Christehureh
Foston, Charles A.	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4th June, 1944	Levin
Fowles, Arthur H.	Davenham, England	1885	1911	7th April, 1963	Christehureh
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29th March, 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auekland
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	Christehureh
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

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Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christehurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auekland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3rd October, 1951	Christehurch
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hall, James H.	Invercargill	1901	1926	5th November, 1963	Auckland
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
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	Christehurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christehurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christehureh
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
Hinton, George B.	Durham, England	1884	1912	10th March 1965	Auckland
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
Hunt, George P.	Rongotea	1875	1900	29th January, 1964	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 Octber, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D. F.R.E.S.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auekland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland

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Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.		1000	1880	and and	Christehureh
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	Christehureh
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.V
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1851	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Leadley, Frank E.	Yorkshire, England	1010	1900	25th July, 1964	Auckland
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	Christehureh
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.	Christehurch	1880	1909	3rd March, 1961	Blenheim
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christehureh
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	Christehureh
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	14th August, 1956	Paeroa

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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	Auekland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.	Auckland	1886	1911	26th August, 1959	Auckland
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auekland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March, 1947	New Plymouth
Odell, Henry J.	New South Wales	1002	1915	16th March, 1961	London
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christehurch
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
	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Paris, Percy R. Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christehurch
Patchett, Ernest D.	Styx, North Canterbury	1878	1902	13th September, 1958	Auekland
	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Patene, Wiremu	Orakei	100000	1882	1910	Kaipara
Paul, Hauraki	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Auckland
Peat, Harold T.		1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima		1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	I Notorua

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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.
Prosser, Frederick O.	Blaenavon, Wales	1883	1943	26th March, 1963	Wellington
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	Durindin, Dingamid	1000	1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rakena, Rakena P.	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	February, 1956	Rapaki
Rands, Frederick	Methyen, 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	Christehurch
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, Henry L.	Moonta, South Australia	1883	1911	14th August, 1961	Christehureh.
Richards, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7th March, 1957	Christehurch
Richards, Raymond	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christehureh
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, Victoria	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	Wellington
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in Tarary
Rigg, Charles W.	Hoteingham, England	1010	1850	July, 1883	Diownou in Turara
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	Christehureh
Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.	Tongala, Victoria	1877	1903	17th September, 1963	Auckland
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	2011	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A.	Christchurch	1885	1910	27th September, 1956	Christehurch

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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
Skuse, Thomas	Wales	1890	1918	27th July, 1965	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, G. Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1st June, 1951	Greytown
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christehureh
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
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	Christehurch
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	Christehureh
Utting, Harry V.	Auckland	1904	1927	25th September, 1965	Auckland
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christehureh
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
Werren, Samuel J.	Little River, Canterbury	1890	1914	10th September, 1965	Hamilton
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plyroouth
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	Auekland
Woodward, William Coombs	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

	LIABILITIES		ASSETS
Accumulated Funds Plus Bequests & Con- tributions	£ s. d. £ s. d. £ 125,537 4 8 15,520 5 1 141,6	Loans Account Loans Current Less Working Expenses	£ s. d. £ s. d. 141,995 16 3 7,149 10 1 134,846 6 2
Church Extension Grants as at 31st May, 1964 Plus Less Grants Taita Union Broad Bay Havelock North St. Luke's Halswell Masham Lincoln Road Havelock North Masham Lincoln Road Te Atatu Islington Islington Taita Union Taita Union Takapuna	500 0 0 500 0 0 500 0 0 500 0 0 500 0 0 250 0 0 500 0 0 500 0 0	Trust Account Sites Fund Account Administration Account	6,211 3 7 743 0 8 246 15 1 1,166 10 6 1,478 8 2 168 12 8
Takapuna –	6,935 0 0		
Trust Accounts		246 15 1	
SITES FUND ACCOUNT Balance at 31.5.64 Less Revenue Account	1,704 9 1 537 18 7 1,	166 10 6	
Administration Account Capital		300 0 0	

Balance as at 31.5.64 Transfer from Revenue A/c. 1,224 6 2 122 14 8 1,347 0 10 £144,860 16 10

£144,860 16 10

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, 1965.

W. R. LAWS, H. de R. FLESHER, Treasurers. H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. E. R. SHERRIS, A.C.I.S.,

Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1965

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To Loans as at 31.5.64 New Loans Advanced		 £156,116	11	d. 10 9	By Loans Repaid Loans as at 31.5.65		1	£ 21,270 34,846 56,116	s. 12 6	d. 5 2
		SITI	ES FI	UN	DACCOUNT					
Grants— Glenfield Paraparaumu Wainoni Kaikohe North Beach Halswell West New Plymouth Mt. Albert Upper Riccarton Dargaville		£ 150 200 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 150 1	0000000	d. 00000000000 0	By Contributions:— Home Mission Department Fire Insurance Fund Bank Interest Balance			£ 400 500 42 537	s. 0 0 1 18	0000
	A 12	ADMINIS	TRA	TIO	N ACCOUNT					
Fo Administration Costs Stationery & General Expenses Balance to Capital Account		 £ 800 568 122	0 14	9.00%	By Working Expenses Trust Contributions Interest Brochure Commission			985 150 185 1 168	s. 12 10 16 6 3	1
		£1,491	8	8				£1,491	8	

NEW ZEALAND "METHODIST TIMES" REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1965.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME		
To Printing and Publishing Addressograph Plates Process Blocks Distribution Charges Agent's Commission Editor's Honoraria, Expenses & Contributors' Fee Office Expenses Authorised Appropriation Excess Income over Expenditure		14 6 11 17 4 2 0	1879684	Subscriptions Advertising Less Unexpired Values Connexional Budget Committee's Grant Donations Bank Interest	4	15
	£4,849	2 1	11	AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY O	£4,849	2 1

L	IABILITIE	S					ASSETS	
Advertisements (Unexpired Va Subscriptions Prepaid Agents' Commission Provision Contingent Fund Reserve	lues)		 	177 86		5 0	Advertisements in Arrears 190 1 Accumulated Deficit as at 30.4.64 444 0 6 Less Balance from Revenue A/c. as at	s. 8 2 19
							30.4.65 425 8 4	12
				£780	2	7	£780	2

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 April 30th, 1965.

W. R. LAWS, W. R. LAWS, B. C. BASCAND, Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., F. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S, Auditors

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

EXI	PENDIT	TURE						INCOM	IE .			
Office Administration To Salaries Office Rent Telephone & P.O. Charges Stationery & General Expens Office Equipment Reserve Salaries Reserve Account Parsonage Allowances	ses		 	£ 3,772 150 97 229 100 100 15	8 0 17 8 0 0	d.	By Appropriations Registration Fees Board Room Rents Bank Interest Budget Account	 		 	4,602 51 14 11 365	s. 0 13 15 9 0
House Property—17 Merival Repairs & Furnishings Rates Insurance Interest Maintenance Reserve Surplus	e Land		 	21 51 8 75 100 323		687009						
			-	£5,04	4 18	-2				£	5,044 1	8

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

LI.	ABILITIES						ASSETS		
Sundry Creditors		£	s. d.	£ 231	s. 3	d. 3	Bank of New Zealand £ s.	d. £	s. 1
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund House Mortgage Less Reduction		2,500 250	0 0	2,250	0	0	House Property—17 Merivale Lane Furniture as at 30.6.65 Office Equipment as at 30.6.64 767 17 Equipment, 1965 42 12		
Provision and Reserves Salaries Fluctuation Reserve Office Equipment Reserve House Maintenance Reserve			12 5			5	Sundry debtors	£5,592	0
Capital Account Balance as at 30.6.64 Plus Surplus		1,221	1 5	1,544	11	2			
				£5,592	6	10			

I report that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended the 30th June, 1965. 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, 1965.

W. R. LAWS, H. de R. FLESHER, Treasurers.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., Auditor.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1965.

	D.C.	NOT DITTE NO	at other metalony troop			
Sundry Creditors Sports & Equipment Fund Less Purchases Renovations & Improvements Permanent Capital Account Accumulated Funds Less Deficit	12,456 5	66 19 5 6 3 13 10 405 7 5 10,062 11 9	Sundry Debtors		2,053 0 493 12	150 19 2 6 0 - 12,637 2 6 4,363 17 0
Less Dentil		12,380 6 3	Less Depreciation Livestock			- 2,319 13 3
			Less Sales Less Depreciation Implements & Tools Plus Purchases Less Sales		127 7	7
		North No.	Less Depreciation	rd	274 12 40 0	234 12 1 250 0 0 1 7 - 546 2 4 1,605 16 4 142 15 1 30 0 0
		£22,918 18 8	Bank of New Zealand			£22,918 18 8

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the period ended 31st March, 1965, and all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and the attached Revenue Account have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the Books. W. R. LAWS.

Treasurer.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE, Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1965.

Salaries & Wages	EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	House Supplies Drapery, Clothing etc Lighting & Heating Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance Stationery, Stamps & General Expenses Insurances Board & Residence Payments Travelling Expenses Rates Grounds Jubilee Fund Expenses Miscellaneous Expenses	5,629 2 4 2,055 10 1 807 11 7 696 1 6 297 12 9 605 2 4 166 5 10 1,373 12 11 320 13 5 210 15 5 39 0 2 61 3 61 3 6	By Post Office Interest Bank Interest Donations & Collections Combined Orphanage Appeal Church Finance & Stewardship Budget A/c. Donation Mackenzie Trust Donation Arthur Fletcher Hall Trust Maintenance Fees Miscellaneous Receipts Rent F.A. Rule Grant from S.I. Orphanage Investment Board	10 0 1 483 3 1,966 13 2,054 10 366 13 282 0 6,332 14 10 10 20 0 2,000 0

EXPENDITURE			INCOME			
Investment Fluctuation Reserve Legacies transferred to Capital A/c. Grant to South Island Methodist Orphanage Balance to Income Account	£ s. d. 31 4 4 50 0 0 5,923 5 10 2,000 0 0 312 12 9	By Interest Earned Bank Interest Legacies Received		 	£ 2,277 116 5,923	6 9
	£8,317 2 11			£8	,317	2 11

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1965.

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
South Island Methodist Orphanage	Sundry Debtors £ s. d. £ s. d. Mortgage Investments 9,589 0 6 Plus Accrued Interest 113 6 5 9,702 6 11
Plus further provision	Debentures & Govt. Stock 35,642
Plus Nett Revenue for Year 53,284 15 11 312 12 9 53,597 8 8	N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. 350 0 0
£56,503 5 0	£56,503 5 0

W. R. LAWS,

Treasurer.

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CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE, Auditors.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE				
	£	S.	d.			£	S.	d.
Balance as at 30th June, 1964: Cash at Bank of N.S.W. Wellington Payments received from Connexional Budget Treasurer Interest:	4,450		3	Grants to Ministers: For twelve months ended 30/6/65 Funeral Allowance Sundry Expenses:		4,357	10 10	
As allowed by Bank of N.S.W	2	2	9	Exchange £4 18 Bank Interest 1 4	9			
				Repayment of Temporary Loan Balance as at 30th June, 1965:		6 70	2	
				Cash at Bank of N.S.W. Wellington		12	9	3
4	£4,453	12	0	The street of th	£	4,453	12	0

Audited and found correct J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor. ROBERT THORNLEY, T. M. PACEY, Hon. Treasurers.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

We have examined the Book, Accounts & Vouchers of the RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD for the year ended 30th June, 1965 and certify that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair view of the Trust's Affairs, according to the best of our knowledge and the information given to us and as shown by the records of the Trust.

MORINE & JAMES, Hon. Auditors. New Plymouth, 5th August, 1965.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD (Incorporated under the Religious Charitable and Education Act) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

	INCOME		EXPEN	NDITURE			
pes and and terest asse arants & Donations and Camp		45 17 1 Repairs & Renewals Telephone & Tolls Insurance Petty Cash Deaconess Retiring Fu Rates Interest on Overdraft Secretary's Honorarium Audit Fees Advertising, Printing Sundry Expenses	s and	y	1, 2,	306 ,301 ,472 351 627 48 232 55 6 242 56 200 52	100
		Depreciation: Furniture & Equipm Hostel Buildings 1%	nent 10%	£4833		483 616	
						,663	

ESTATE OF ROBERT GIBSON Statement of Account 30th June, 1964, to 30th June, 1965. DEVISE ACCOUNT

PAYMENTS						RECEIPTS
dministration Expenses: Costs and Disbursements in connection	£	S.	d. £	S.	d.	£ s. d. £ s. Balance Brought Forward Assets Transferred to Robert Gibson Trust:
with Court Order-						Shares—
Crown Law Office			0			Kaponga Co-op. Dairy Co. Ltd. 636 £1 fully paid 636 0 0
O'Dea & O'Dea Moss, Horn & Co	333	10	0			636 £1 fully paid 636 0 0 Farmers' Co-op. Org. Society of N.Z.
J. A. Flesher & Son	399	14	6			Ltd. 42 £1 Ordinary fully paid 42 0 0
Public Trustee	210	0	0			Newton King Ltd. (approximate mar-
	_		1,084	18	3	ket value at 30.6.65)—
alty Improvements Account:						5 10/- Ordinary fully paid at 11/9d 2 18 9 5 5/- Ordinary fully paid at 5/9d 1 8 9
Bottom Farm—						Plant Top Farm—
Payments on account Pump Shed	73	10	2			G.V.B. Milking Plant & Sundries 34 17 5
Hay Barn	249	0	0			Plant: Bottom Farm—
Hay Barn	249	0	0			L.K.G. Milking Plant & Sundries 79 2 11
		_		10	2	Farm Properties— Top Farm and Bottom Farm 31,780 0 0
ndry Expenses			6	14	8	31,760 0 0 32,576 7
bert Gibson Methodist Trust Board:						Plant:
Assets Transferred	32,576	.7	10			Depreciation Transferred—
Balance Payable	48,343	17	80,920	5	5	Top Farm 4 8 2 Bottom Farm 8 15 10
arge for Administration			489	7	3	12 4
						Farm Accounts:
						Net Profit Transferred:
						Top Farm 1,981 16 8 Bottom Farm 1,830 6 11
						3,812 3
						Public Trust Office:
						Interest 31.3.64 to 30.6.65 at 48% 2,523 5 Dividends:
						Farmers 'Co-op. Org. Society to 31.3.64 1 18 6
						Newton King Ltd. to 30.6.64 5 3
						2 3
			£83.072	15	9	£83,072 15

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965.

	FOR YEAR ENDING	30th JUNE, 1965.	
Advertising, Printing & Stationery Interest on Loans Land Tax Postages & Petty Cash Secretary's Honorarium Grant to Rangiatea Maori College Trust Renovations to Mission Hill Dwelling Renovations to Old Mission House & Church City Council Rates Legal Expenses Insurances Sundries Surplus for Year	99 11 5 301 5 10 9 9 6 175 0 0 1,000 0 0 47 9 4 197 13 11 28 15 9 18 10 6 5 13 2 1,901 17 5	Rentals Noting Fees Bank Interest	6 6 0
	BALANCE SHEET AS	AT 30th JUNE, 1965.	
Accumulated Funds as at 30.6.64 Less Repaid off Loan Add Surplus for Year	£ s. d. 1,001 13 5 457 15 5 543 18 0 69 18 11	ASSETS Balance Bank of N.S.W.	£ s. d. 613 16 11
	£613 16 11		£613 16 11

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

		LOAN	ACCOUN	NT (Home Mission Board)		
Balance due 1.7.64	LIABILITIES		£ s	d. 5 5	Repaid during Year Balance Owing as at 30.6.65	ASSETS	£ s. 457 15 3,000 10
			£3,458 !	5 5			£3,458 5

W. P. OKEY,

Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet of the Grey Institute Trust for the Year ending 30th June, 1965. All Receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been banked and vouchers produced for all payments. I have also checked the various Lessees accounts and found same in order.

12th August, 1965.

G. V. DUFF, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

INCOME	EXPENDITURE			
To Balance at 30.6.64 8 Levies @ £30 0 0 Interest credited by Bank of N.9.W. to 31st March, 1965	£ s. d. 202 11 9 240 0 0 8 10 3 By Travelling Expenses 1965 Annual Meeting Stamps & Stationery and Duplicating Minutes of Annual Meeting Advertising in N.Z. Law Journal	100	0 00	0 60
To Balance at 30.6.65	Balance at Bank of N.S.W	247 £451		6

Audited and found correct.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z. Hon. Auditor.

Wellington, 26th August, 1965.

T. STEPHENS, Hon. Treasurer. 23rd August, 1965.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Balance 1st July, 1964— £ s. d.	£ s. d Removal Expenses 4,892 2 2 General Expenses 9 11 Interest 40 0 Balance—30th June, 1965— Post Office Savings 2 4 Bank of New Zealand 383 4
£5,327 3 6	£5,327 3 (
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE	EAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.
EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	INCOME
£4,741 13 10	£4,741 13 10
BALANCE SHEET AS	AT 30th JUNE, 1965.
LIABILITIES	ASSETS
£ s. d. General Purposes Trust Board—Loan 2,500 0 0	Post Office Savings Bank £ s. d. £ s. d. 2 4 9 Bank of New Zealand 383 4 8

£2,500 0 0

W. R. LAWS, W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers. Audited and found correct.

F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., Auditor.

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£2,500 0 0

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TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

		EXPEND	ITURE				S.	d.	INCOME £ 6
stipends and Allowar Divinity Student Fer Sursaries Jurnaishings Juriversity Fees Insurance Rent Tutor's House Fravelling Expenses Printing & Stationer Jank Charges Seneral Expenses N.C.C. Conference Interest, Bank of Ne	y zw Zeala	nd		5/66 as		4,252 3,600 234 222 100 240 33 271 54 99 1 25 35	5 0 0 0 0 18	000000640116001	Connexional Budget
1 . 0 1						500 313		0	
					t	9,984	0	0	£9,984 O

BUILDING FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME			
Land Improvements (Sealing Driveway and Trees) New Room—Library, W. G. Archer & Sons Ltd. Tutor's House—Permit & Surveying	£ s. d. 522 15 6 510 5 5	Estate Thomas & Price Estate Thomas & Price (Renovation Library) Probert Trust Loan	500 205 4,500	5.000	0000
Architects' Fees: Wilson, Moodie & Gillespie Builders—W. G. Archer & Sons Loan to House Service Account Transfer to Library Renovations Account	1,000 0 0	Overseas Travelling Expenses J. Silvester, Balance unused transferred Interest Bank of New Zealand Furnishings—Samoan Fellowship, Pitt Street Connexional Fire Insurance Grant Excess Expenditure over Income		10 0	800
	£7,274 10 5		£7,274	10	5

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

Credit Balance at 1st July, 1964 Excess Expenditure over Income		Bank of New Zealand—Overdraft Library Renovations Account	£ s. d
Balance overdrawn at 30th June,	1965 £297 15 9		£297 15 9
	ORGAN	FUND	
	Balance 1st July, 1964 Add Dividends Add Bank Interest	66 0 0	
	Less Repairs	78 17 4 1,937 0 9 3 5 9	
	N.B. Balance of £ 933 15 0 inc South British Shares valued	£1,933 15 0 cluded 1080 at £1,440.	
	CAPITAL	ACCOUNT	
Loan and Probert Trust Balance c/d		Ist July, 1964 Balance Excess Income from General Account	£ s. d. 88,718 2 9 813 7 8
		Asset Additions: Land Buildings Loan to House Service Account	522 15 6 5,330 14 11 1,000 0 0
	£96,385 0 10	Balance b/d	£96,385 0 10

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE HOUSE ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

	E)	PENDIT	URE						INCOME
House & Services Gener	ral le					2.829	s. 11	d.	£ s. d. £ s. Hostel Fees 6,575 12
uel						501	13	2	Divinity Fees 3,600 0 0
Housekeeping Contract						2,192	1	2	Less Living Out Allowances 1,160 0 0
Repairs & Maintenance				*****		933		8	2,440 0
urnishings				****		276		4	Loan from College Council Building Fund 1,000 0
elephones						3,584		1	New House Furnishings Allowance from Council General Account
Administration Fee to Co	llege	Council				500		ò	Sundry Income 151 1
Rates and Insurance						442		1	Interest Bank of New Zealand 48 4
									Excess Expenditure over Income 1,031 18
					-	11 205		_	
					t	11,385	11	9	£11,385 11

HOUSE AND SERVICE ACCOUNT FUND

Opening Balance 1/7/64 Less Excess Expenditure over Income	£ s. d. 2,797 11 8 1,031 18 6	£	S.	d.
Closing Balance Less Deposits from Students Held for Paris Library	416 8 0	1,765	13	2
		456	8	0
This amount includes the loan from		£1,309	5	2
Building Fund Leaving a Balance of		1,000	5	0

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS
Capital Account Organ Fund Loan Probert Trust Bank of New Zealand No. 2 Account Library Renovations Account House Account Deposits from Students & Special Funds	205 0 0	Freehold Land
		House Account Bank Balance 1,765 13

I have examined the books, vouchers, and bank statements of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council, and have compared them with the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1965, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of the Council as at that date.

10th August, 1965.

E. P. SALMON, F.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

		INC	OME					EXPENDITURE			
Balance National Bank Affiliation Levy Sales—Study Books Donations Interest	N.Z.	Ltd.,	1/7/64	 	7 31	12	40000	Stationery Postage Duplicating and Printing Balance National Bank N.Z. Ltd., 30/6/65	14	s. 19 17 15 2	d. 3 4 8 1
					£52	14	4		£52	14	4

L. E. ARMSTRONG, National Secretary. 10th July, 1965.

Audited and found correct.

T. I. BATHURST, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

1	395		
4	S		

EXPENDI			,	INCOME
Grant to Rangiatea Trust General Expenses Interest (St. Adv. Mortgage) Depreciation Reserve A/c. Excess Income over Expenditure	 	95 14	10	Interest on Depreciation Fund Investment 61 15 9
	£	1,114 6	7	£1,114 6 7

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965

LIA	BILITIES	Survey of the	ASSETS
Loan Account Less Repaid		2 5 0 0 0 0 0 557 10 0	E s. d. £ s. d. E s. d
		£16,515 5 2	£16.515 5 2

C. O. HAILWOOD, 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, 1965, and in my opinion the above accounts and balance sheet show the true financial position of the Trust at 30th June, 1965.

D. R. SMART, Qualified Accountant Honorary Auditor.

5th July, 1965.

		INCO	ME			£		4			EX	PENDIT	TURE		£	s.	d
Balance brought Connexional Bud Miscellaneous Interest						372 100 2 9	0	d. 3 0 0 3	Tolls & Postage Stationery Travelling Miscellaneous					 	10 14 48	19 16 5 17	1200
									Bank Balance			****		 	78 404	18 9	60
						£483	7	6							£483	7	6
					0	VERSE	AS	VI	SITORS' FUND								
		INCO	ME	-	this is	£	s.	d.	VALUE OF STREET	100	EX	PENDIT	TURE		£	s.	d
Balance brought Prof. Coulson— Districts	forward					382	12	0	Bank Balance						586	6	5
						89	11	5									

£586 6 6

Audited and found correct. 13/7/65.

E. E. CALLAGHAN, M. H. WHITLOCK,

Auditors.

£586 6 6

EXPENDITURE £ s. 570 0 "Expenses 36 7 "Excess Income over Expenditure 11 14	0	By Interest Harbour Bridge Loan No. 9 "Interest Govt. Inscribed Stock "Interest Bank of New Zealand "Interest Auckland Savings Bank "Interest National Savings A/c.			292 290 12 4 18	10 15 4 1	0 11 0 11
BALANCE SHEET	AS .	AT 30th JUNE, 1965					
LIABILITIES	0	ASSETS N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 5% 1974-76 Auckland Harbour Bridge Loan No. 9, 43% 1971 Cash Balances: Auckland Savings Bank	£ s.	10	5,810 6,000		
£12,934 15	7	National Savings A/c. Bank of New Zealand		7	1,124		_

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auditor.
Auckland, 5th July, 1965.

(Signed) L. W. PEAK, Chairman. (Signed) E. E. PAGE, Secretary.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME
House Supplies Light and Heat Wages and Salaries Telephone Repairs Rates Advertising Insurance Depreciation Transfer to Property Reconstruction Fund Transfer from Trainees Expenses & Warden A/c. Balance	152 19 9	Hostel Receipts 3,728 0 Board for Trainees 465 0 Rent 65 2 Grant 65 2
	£4,258 2 9	£4,258 2 9
TRAIN	EES AND WARD	EN EXPENSES ACCOUNT
EXPENDITURE	£ s. d.	Note.—Since closing the books a further £55 was received from the
Board, 2 Trainees 1 year, 2 ½ year Printing and Stationery Lecture Fees Travelling and Honorarium Library Balance of Trainees Allowances Share of Warden's Stipend Share of Parsonage Share of Local Travelling Expenses Warden's Deputation Expenses	465 0 0 40 17 10 30 15 0 75 0 0 39 19 4 87 18 3	the Budget allocation for the year. INCOME £ s. d.
Printing and Stationery Lecture Fees Travelling and Honorarium Library Balance of Trainees Allowances Share of Warden's Stipend Share of Parsonage Share of Local Travelling Expenses	465 0 0 40 17 10 30 15 0 75 0 0 39 19 4 87 18 3 458 0 7 50 0 0	the Budget allocation for the year. INCOME £ s. d. Budget Allocation for Year ending 30/6/65
Printing and Stationery Lecture Fees Travelling and Honorarium Library Balance of Trainees Allowances Share of Warden's Stipend Share of Parsonage Share of Local Travelling Expenses	465 0 0 0 40 17 10 0 75 0 0 0 75 0 0 0 39 18 3 458 0 7 50 0 0 20 0 0 0 28 11 8 £1,296 2 8	INCOME £ s. d. Budget Allocation for Year ending 30/6/65 1,045 0 0

£439 6 4 Balance 30th June, 1965

£439 6 4 £137 1 11

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

LI	ABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ e	d. £	S.
Trainees' Emergency Fund Sister Lenna Button Fund Furniture Renewals Property Reconstruction Fund Maori Library Accumulated Funds		5 5 0 Freehold Property Furniture and Plant	12,900 0 1,000 0 13,900 0 3,483 6	0 0 8 10,416 1,127 202	13 6 5
		General Purposes Trust Bank of New Zealand		1,204	
	£12	,992 14 9		£12,992	14

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman. F. T. BARTLEY, Treasurer. Audited and found correct, 2/7/65.
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Auditor.

EMSLEY TRUST STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURF FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

400	To Interest from National Savings Account ,, Interest on Debentures to 1/3/65		£ s. 0	By Trinity Co ¹ 'age 95	0	d. 0			
	INVESTMENT ACCOUNT								
	To Capital		£ s. d	By Auckland Electric Power Board Debentures, 5% 1/3/1970		d. 0			
			£1,900 1	£1,900	1	0			

Audited and found correct.

A. R. MARTIN, R. EVANS,

Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Treasurer.

July 20th, 1965.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

							AT 30th 30th, 1703.
	LIABIL						ASSETS
Capital Account Deposit Account	in in	£	s. d	50,000 5	0	0	Freehold Properties: Land
Balance as at 30th June, Building Renewal Fund				20,804 27,000			Buildings Renewal Fund Investments: Debentures—
Government Valuation, (Unimproved Value Value of Improvements	1/1/65	126,600					Auckland City Council, 5% 1/2/69 3,000 0 0 Auckland City Council, 5% 1/10/69 2,000 0 0 Auckland Hospital Bd., 5% 1/11/69 2,000 0 0
Capital Value							Auckland Hospital Bd., 5% 1/2/66. 2,000 0 0 Registered Stock—
ealization Account uddle, Weir & Co				33 565	26 10		Auckland Harbour Bd., 5% 10/8/70 2,000 0 0 Auckland Hospital Bd., 5% 5/8/73 3,000 0 0 Auckland Transport Bd., 5% 31/7/69 1,000 0 0 Mortgages—
							N. G. Dunning, 6½% 10/3/70 7,000 0 0 N.Z. Govt. Stock, 5% 15/8/67-69 5,000 0 0 27,000 0
							Debentures: Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority, (£8,300), 4% 31/7/65 3,242 13
						3	Trinity Methodist Theological College 4,500 0 Mortgages:
							W. P. Pennell, 6½%, 1/12/66 1,700 0 0 C. Plumpton, 6½% 26/11/65 2,000 0 0 B. G. Pirrit Ltd., 6½% 26/7/66 2,500 0 0
							Post Office Savings Bank 6,200 0 Registered Stock: 26 7
							Thames Valley Electric Power Board (£2,000), 5% 1/6/67 . 1,978 0 0 Auckland Regional Authority Drain-
							age Division, 5% 5/6/70 3,000 0 0 4,978 0
							Bank of N.Z.: Current Account 30 13 Cash in Hand 277 0
				£98,408	4	10	£98,408 4

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1965, 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, 1965, as shown by the books.

A. R. MARTIN, R. EVANS, J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman F. M. IZZARD, Secretary. July 20th, 1965.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME
Repairs, Maintenance £ Renovations: No. 1 Block No. 2 Block No. 3 Block Cottages etc. Insurance Premiums Rates Sundries: Audit Fee Land Tax Sundries Secretary's Salary Commission on Rent etc. Collected Surplus for the Year	111 228 851 53 1	s. d. £ 4 10 8 10 9 9 9 7 1,245 266 19 0 0 3 1 1 1 673 8,377 £10.581	2 5 5 10 9 7 11 4	Rent
EXPENDITURE Appropriated to Building Renewal Fund Paid to Theological College Balance, 30th June, 1965		£ 2,500 2,000 20,804 £25,304	s. d. 0 0 0 0 12 2	INCOME £ s. 6 Balance, 30th June, 1964

Examined and found correct.
R. EVANS,
A. R. MARTIN,
Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman. F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

1964—June 30 £ s. d. £ s. d.	\$\text{\$\frac{\partial}{\partial}\$ \text{\$\frac{\partial}{\partial}\$ \text
£18,472 12 7	", Balance at Credit Bank of N.Z. 30 13 10 277 0 4 26 7 9 334 1 1

Examined and found correct.
R. EVANS,
A. R. MARTIN,
Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman. F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965. GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS To Balance forward, 1st July, 1964 "Church Budget Committee "Subscriptions from Branches "Interest— General Purposes Board "Interest—National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. "Interest—N.Z. Government Stock	60 0 0 63 5 6 36 0 0 2 14 0	PAYMENTS By Presentation Book Purchases "Printing "Preacher" "Typing & Duplicating "Travelling Expenses "Sundry Expenses "Balance		11 85 33 5 5	19 6 0 12	100590111
	BENEVOLE	NT FUND				
	£ s. d. 135 12 6 11 17 6 2 10 0 £150 0 0	PAYMENTS By Balance				0
	INVESTMENT	T ACCOUNT				
RECEIPTS To Balance, 1st July, 1964: N.Z. Government Stock General Purposes Trust Board " Interest N.Z. Government Stock " Interest General Purposes Trust Board	23 15 0	By General Account: Interest General Purposes Board Interest N.Z. Government Stock Benevolent Fund: Interest N.Z. Government Stock Balance N.Z. Government Stock Balance Seneral Purposes Board	£	36 11	17 17 0 0	06 600

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS					
Seneral Account: National Bank of N.Z. Ltd	S. C		s. 12 0		National Bank of New Zealand Ltd Investments: N.Z. Government Stock			230 500	0	11
Renevolent Fund: National Bank of N.Z. Ltd 150 Investments 1,000				11	General Purposes Trust Board INVESTMENTS as listed are held for:— General Account: N.Z. Government Stock	s.		900 £1,630 £ 400	12	11
		-,,,,,,		_	Benevolent Fund: N.Z. Government Stock 10	0 0		1,000		(
		£1,630	12	11			- 1	£1,400	0	(

Audited and found correct.
C. H. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.
Auckland, 26th July, 1965.

F. G. DAVIDGE, Chairman. P. DELLOW, Treasurer.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

Accumulated Fund at 1/7/64 Add Legacy—Est. F. R. Collison	£ s. d. £ s. d. 29,425 14 7 72 0 0	ASSETS Land & Buildings (vested in Wellington Board £17,894 1 8): Laundry Installation Depreciation	70 0	0	S.	
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income Accumulated Fund at 30/6/65 Police Charity Fund Further Donation	425 8 9 29,072 5 10 107 7 2 168 0 0 4 16 2	Furniture & Equipment Additions	628 0 436 10	0	0	0
Less Expended	280 3 4	Implements Depreciation	52 0	- 852 0 0 - 40		(
Provision for Maintenance under action Sundry Creditors	250 0 0 553 12 4	Investments held by Wellington Board P.O.S.B.—Police Charity Wellington Board—Current Account Sundry Debtors Bank of New Zealand: Depreciation Fund Account—		27,239 155 350 82	3	1
		1964 1965	302 10	6 6 123	11	
		Maintenance Fund Account Current Account		250 251	0	
	£30,046 1 6	CANADA CA		£30,046	1	

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home for the year ended 30th June, 1965, 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, 1965, and the result of its transactions for the year ended at that date.

Masterton, 7th September, 1965.

J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z.,

Freasurer.

R. R. DEANE, W. G. SADLER,

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDRENS' HOME INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

To Salaries and Superannuation House Stores and Expenses Repairs and Maintenance Drapery and Clothing Advertising Fares of Children Farm Expenses General Expenses Heating and Lighting Insurance Motor Car Allowance Manager's Disbursements Optical and Dental Postages and Telephones Rates Secretary's Expenses Recreational Expenses Less ex Police Charity Fund Stationery and School Requisites Travelling Expenses						INCOME		
Depreciation Excess of Income over Expenditure (1	£202 125	12 7 0 0	2,034 778 256 17 24 97 57 502 43 200 158 6 40 172 25	16 9 11 11 14 4 15 3 9 0 0 0 8 5 9 0	329637000490	Maintenance 1,24 Social Security Benefits 8: Government Capitation 5: J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant 2: Masterton Trust Lands Trust School Requisites Grant Income from Estates 2: Interest Wellington Board—Grant of ½ Share of Income 1,61	3 10 2 15 31 15 8 3 60 0 35 0 23 6 18 12 8 4 8 4 8 4 8 4	

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1964

SUNDRY CREDITORS:	S.	d. £	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d. £ s.	d.
Loans on Mortgage— Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Memorial Rest Homes Trust State Advances Cor-	0 0	0				TMPROVEMENTS: 170,144 16 0	
poration—Suspensory Loan 20	00 0	0				PLANT AND EQUIPMENT: 217,294 16	0
Trade Accounts Undistributed Scholarship		- 9,200 6,798	19 11			Farm Machinery 577 0 0 Motor Vehicles 2,652 0 0 Furniture and Equipment 11.873 0 0	
Income		373	2 2	16 372	2 1	STOCK ON HAND:	0
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:				10,072		Livestock 3,212 15 0 Produce and Sundries 3,212 15 0 1,671 5 7 4,884 0	
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston 2,000 George Winstone 1,000	0 0	0				SUNDRY DEBTORS 7,977 12 4 Less Reserve for Bad Debts 150 0 0	7
Stephen James Ambury 1.000	0 0	0				Less Reserve for Bad Debts 150 0 0 7,827 12	4
War Memorial Fund (Maori) 38- Henry Wills Memorial 250	4 10	0	10 0			GENERAL INVESTMENTS: Shares Auckland Co-op. Milk Producers Ltd. 299 0 0	
SPECIAL FUNDS:		0,047				Bank of New Zealand 17,800 16 2 Savings Bank Accounts 1,794 16 1	
Blacklock Library Bequest 150 Capital Investment 283	0 0	0				SCHOLARSHIP & SPECIAL FUNDS 19,894 12	3
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:		435	0 0	5,984	10 0	INVESTMENTS: N.Z. Government Stock (Maturity Value £2,400) 2,384 10	0
Balance at 1/1/1964		461	12 0			Loan on Mortgage	
Maori Purposes Fund Board Gra Sale of Grafton Property Excess of Income over Expenditi	ent .	164	0 0			Debenture 500 0 0 Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd.	
Excess of Income over Expenditu	ure .	13,420	8 6			(1500 Shares of £1 each fully paid) 1,125 0 0 Savings Banks Accounts 975 0 0	
		248,715	5 9			5,984 10	0

Less Bad Debts Written Off 84 6 8 248,630 19 1 £270,987 11 2

Capital Commitments in respect of Paerata Property:
Balance on Residence, £1,000,

£270,987 11 2

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

Tennis Courts, £1,500.

G. B. C. MINOGUE, F.C.I.S., Secretary.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Board so far as appears from our examination of those books. In our opinion, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the said books, 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 the Board's affairs as at 31st December, 1964, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date. 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.

Auckland. 31st January, 1965. HUTCHISUN, EL'IFE, CAMERON & CO.,

Auditors.

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Provisions Repairs & Maintenance Fuel & Light Depreciation Reneficiary Work	35,509 12		. d. £	s. d.	FARM WORKING ACCOUNT: Dairy Receipts		
Less Fees Charged	53,730 0 353 2	55,176 7 0 0 54,083 2		5 3	Repairs & Renewals 1,346 16 8 Depreciation 128 10 0 Other Expenses 1,985 19 8 MAURICE HARDING PARK:	1,396 19	9 5
DEPRECIATION BUILDINGS and IMPROVEMENTS: ADMINISTRATION and GENERAL EXPENSES			2,741 1	8 5	Scoria Royalties		
INTEREST: EXCESS INCOME over EXPENDITURE Charged		956 12	13,420	8 6	383 15 5	13,171 16	6 10
Less Received		329 10		1 10	Rents 4,758 18 0 Timber Royalty 250 0 0 Less Rates 678 12 9 5,008 18 0		
					Other Expenses 149 0 0 827 12 9 GRAFTON PROPERTY: Rents		5 3
			£19,678	4 10	£	19,678 4	4 10

MT. ROSKILL AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

o Wages Groceries & Provisions Repairs & Renewals Clothing & Shoes Farm & Garden Fuel & Light Printing & Stationery Medical & Dental Stamps & Telephones Travelling & Truck Expenses Petty Cash Insurance Rates Audit Fee Sundry Expenses School Fees Grant, Travelling Expenses to Youth Conference	£ s.	d. £ s. d. 3,904 12 11 813 19 0 367 13 6 607 18 5 162 7 7 229 2 7 125 1 3 15 4 6 140 18 2 274 13 10 300 15 8 141 8 6 325 17 4 25 0 0 153 7 9 360 12 2	Separate Separate
Furnishings Motor Van Rotary Hoe Graveley Mower Morrison Mower Fiat Car Mt. Roskill Buildings	400 0 16 0 12 5 5 0 6 0 110 0 1,500 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
		£10,097 18 2	£10,097 18

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965

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15,575

.... 68,935 1,500 0 0

.... 1,500 0 0 500 0 0

1,521 6 6

3,672 10 0

400 0 0

.... 315 11 2 3,988 1 2

Board

Auckland Metro, Drainage

Stock—at cost Auckland Savings Bank

Less Depreciation

Furnishings & Plant

Add Additions

9,180

67,435 1 6 2,116 10 0

1,353 0 0

5.882 10 0

2.000 0 0

4,021 6 6

3.588 1 2

0 0 2,000 0 0

0 0

0 0

3.000

2.000

4.000

	LIABILIT							ASSET\$
K. S. Dight Gabriel Lyons	£650 0 257 12 1,051 12	135,317 0 5 6	15		£	S.	d.	Properties: Epsom—Sections at valuation Wesley—Sections at valuation Mt. Roskill—Land & Improvements Mt. Roskill—Home
Less Revenue Account Less Revenue Deficit	1,959 4 1,827 3	3	1		35,449	17	5	Office—Central Mission Building
Endowment Legacies: M. Caughey Preston Eliza Gilmore Trust		2,000	0	00	00,117		ŭ	E. Astley & Sons Ltd.— 1804 Ordinary 10/- Shares at valu- ation
John Rendell F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:		200			3,200	0	0	New Zealand Government Stock: (Including Investment of Endowment Legacies) New Zealand Government Stock, £6000
Capital Add Surplus for Year		3,830			4,021	6	6	at cost Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board Stock—at cost
					731 737	4	2 9	Auckland City Council Stock—at cost Auckland Hospital Board Stock—at cost Auckland Electric-Power Board Stock— at cost
Sunshine Fund					17	6	8	North Shore Drainage Board Stock—at cost Investment for Asset Replacements— Auckland City Council Stock—at cost Investment F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund— 40 Milford Road

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	Motor Vehicles: Bedford Van Rotary Hoe Graveley Mower Morrison Mower Fiat Car		61 25	0				
	Less Depreciation		747 149	1 5	6	597	16	
	Stock on Hand Payments in Advance & Sundry Debt	ors				50 546	0	10
	Bank of New Zealand— Deposit Account Current Account, Town Hall		4,511	7	7	5,000	0	0
	Current Account, Mt. Roskill		400	0	-	4,911	7	7
					£1	44,157	9	6
6	Trounson Bequest—with General Pu	rposes	Trust	Boa	ard	£510	0	0

F. E. FINLAY HOLIDAY FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

£144,157 9

EXPE	NDITURE				INCOME			
		£	S.	d.	1000 1 000	£	S.	d.
1965—June 30th To Rates			4 0		1965—June 30th By Rent—Milford Road Property Interest—	156	0	0
" Insurance "Expenditu			12		Auckland Savings Bank Local Body Debentures & Stock			8 6
		£249	17	2		£249	17	2

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, 1965, 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 by the books of the Trust.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant, Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP "KURAHUNA" ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1965. MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Cash, Bank N.Z. 1/8/64 Fees, Social Security Benefits, staff Board N.Z. Women's Fellowship Revenue A/c. Memorial Gift late Miss Sally Street, Wellington Donations Buttle Memorial Gift for Assistance with Fees Toll Charges Refunded Bank Interest Distribution Estate late Mrs Trewin Holiday Rentals	2,107 13 11 20 0 0 0 38 5 5 3 25 15 0 7 14 6 2 10 3 24 11 5 20 0 0	Administration Household Expenses Provisions Furnishings & Fittings for Staff Bedroom late Miss S. Street Renovations and Repairs— Labour and Material Interior Decorating Contract and Extras Concreteing and Tarsealing Topping Pine Trees Barbecue Set (Christmas Gift to Girls) Credit Balance Bank N.Z. 31/7/65	ex Memorial	781 22 95 183 176 45 5	6 9 17 1 2 0 0 0 11 8 17	751 0 50006 03
	£3,338 5 3			£3,338	5	_3
	STALL A	CCOUNT				
Cash Bank N.Z. 1/8/64 Bank Interest "At Home" Proceeds Stalls and Donations Subscriptions Presentation	£ s. d. 117 8 6 3 12 9 138 14 9 2 0 0	Outings, Books, Prizes and Presentation Television Set			0 15 0	40 48

LEGACY ACCOUNTS

Estate late Mrs E. J. Jones:		£	S.	d.	£	s.	d.	SUMM
Cr. Balance Auckland Savings 1/8/64 Interest	Bank	26	1 14	00				Maintenance Stall Account
Less Assistance with Fees			15 15					Legacy Acc
Estate late Mrs A. Woodward: Cr. Balance Bank N.Z. 1/8/64 Bank Interest			0 18	0 5	114	18	5	
Estate late Mrs E. Denton: Cr. Balance Bank N.Z. 1/8/64 Bank Interest	-	203	0 6	0 3	212		3	
					£327	4	8	

SUMMARY OF BANK BALANCES 31st JULY, 1965.

	£	S.	d.
Cr.	5	17	3
Cr.	10	0	8
Cr.	327	4	8
	Cr	Cr. 5	Cr 10 0

£343 2 7

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	11	NCOME								
alances in Banks and Loan at	t Call 31/	/8/64			£	s.	d.	£ 14,128	s. 17	d.
entributions from Districts as	per Sum	mary:			FOO	10	4			
Membership Fees Missions, General A/c.	****			1	508	10	11			
Kurahuna		****	****		2,171	0	3			
Stamps etc. Fund				****	2,016	10	6			
Legacy A/c Other Objects	****	****	****		50 230	0 5	0 7			
Other Objects	****	****		****	230	3		17,924	1	7
terest: General Missions A/c.					134	0	8			
Kurahuna Emergency A/c		****			53	9	Ö			
National Executive Expens	se A/c.	****			1	4	6	100	,	,
onation to National Executive	e toward	s Trave	ellina	Exes.		-		189	6	-
ale of Literature								13	0	
nethurst Estate: Rents, Inter	est etc.							538	2	
							£	32,808	9	-
SUMMARY OF CAPIT	AL FUN AT 31st					T	ACC	COUNT	rs	
				1703	£	s.	d.	£	s.	(
Kurahuna Capital and Deprec Credit Balance 1/8/64		c.:			1,806	5	3			
Depreciation Reserve 2	years	****	****		46	12	0			
Interest accrued 1 year					73	3	8	1 004	^	,
Kurahuna" Bequest A/c.:								1,926	0	,1
Credit Balance 1/8/64					500	0	0			
Interest accrued 1 year	(1.1)	****	****	****	20	3	10			
					520	3	10			
Less Interest transferred t	o Revenu	e A/c.			20		10			
methurst Estate Investment	A/c.				-		_	500	0	
Credit Balance 1/8/64	m/ c				4,000	0	0			
Interest accrued 1 year	****				130	0	0			
					-			4,130	0	
Less Payment to Maori M Maori Minister					130	0	0			
Maori Minister	****	. "		****	130	0	0	4,000	0	
								7000		
				BA	LANG	CE	SHI	EET A	SA	T
	LI	ABILIT	IES							
					£	s.	d.	£	s. 7	
Aissions, General A/c				****				7,401	17	
Overseas Travel Fund	*******			****				2,016	10	
Overseas Travel Fund 'Kurahuna'' Maori Girls School	ol Hostel:		****					.,,	.,	
Revenue A/c	444	****		****	3,147	14	3			
Maintenance, Stall & Le Emergency A/c.	egacies	***			1,680					
Bequest A/c	2000				500	0	0			
Capital & Depreciation					1,926	0				
Property A/c			****	****	7,161	8	0	14,758	10	,
									10	
					1 007	3 5	0			
Smethurst Estate: Revenue A/cs.		****			1,287					
Revenue A/cs		****		****	4,000	0	0			
Revenue A/cs						0	0		15	5
Revenue A/cs		****		****	4,000	0	0		_	_

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1965.

EXPENDITURE						
1964 Convention Resolutions:	£			£	s.	d
Overseas Mission Dept. Grant Overseas Mission Dept. Additional Gift Special Objective, Seamer House Additions and Altris.	3,700 400 2,500	0000	00000			
Kurahuna Revenue A/c. Stamps etc. Fund Overseas Workers' Medical, Educational and Gift Box	2,107	13	3			
Fund Honorarium, National Treasurer Epsom Church: Use Office and Telephone 1 year	1,120	0	0			
Allowances Deaconess Trainees: 1 @ £22 0 0 p.a. for 1 quarter £5 10 0 4 @ £22 0 0 p.a. for 3 quarters 66 0 0				15,769	3	2
4 @ £22 0 0 p.a. for 3 quarters 66 0 0 Sister E. Dobby: Annual Grant Sister C. Fell: Uniform Allowance for Dedication				71 55	0	0
bister C. Fell: Uniform Allowance for Dedication Depreciation Reserve I year Kurahuna Capital A/c. Distribution Funds "Other Objects" as specified by Districts (excluding Overseas Travel Fund, £15; National				25 23	6	-
Executive Working Expenses, £30)				185 50		
rinting & Stationery				- 31		
curing requirements Overseas Workers 5 0 0 0 nouncements overseas Workers 5 1 5 1 ravelling Expenses 1 1 5 1 ravelling Expenses 1 1 5 1 ravelling Expenses 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1						
xecutive Expenses etc 76 6 8				520	12	
ubscriptions: National Council of Women World Federation Methodist Women		15	6	13		
methurst Estate: Sundry Expenses			_	362	17	
Aredit Balances: £7,401 7 4 Missions, General A/c. £7,401 7 4 Kurahuna Revenue A/c. 3,147 14 3 Stamps etc. Fund 2,016 10 6 Kurahuna Emergency A/c. 1,680 4 7 Smethurst Estate 1,287 15 Overseas Travel Fund 198 19 8				17,075	18	1
Overseas Travel Fund 198 19 8				15,732	11	
			£	32,808	9	
31st AUGUST, 1965.						
ASSETS						
Credit Balances at Banks Coan at Call, Methodist Home Mission Dept. Coeposits General Purposes Trust Board Crainage Board Debentures			****	13,847 2,228 1,926 4,500	0	
"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Hostel Smethurst Estate			***	7,161 4,000	8	
			£	33,663	3	

I have examined the accounts of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship and have received all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above accounts show the true and correct position of this organisation as at 31st August, 1965.

4th September, 1965. W. T. WALTON, A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I., Auditor.

EXPENDITURE	£ s. d. INCOME	£ . d
Interest on Trust Account Administration Stationery & General Expenses War Damage Insurance Excess Income over Expenditure	3,778 6 10 Interest Earned Commission 2 11 0 186 17 7	4,660 7 9 89 0 11
	£4,749 8 8	£4,749 8 8

LIABILITIE			d	£		4	1
Personal and Church Trusts	-	3.		85,034			
	11,057 460		0	11,517	Q	2	
Winstone Memorial Trust: Permanent Capital A/c. as at 30.6.64	31,393	11 1		11,517	0	2	

Plus transfer from Revenue A/c	460 3 0	11.517	0	2
Winstone Memorial Trust:		11,517	0	2
Permanent Capital A/c. as at 30.6.64				
Transfer from Revenue A/c	547 11 4	31,941	2	3
Grants Capital as at 30.6.64	13.685 19 11	31,741	3	3
Plus Revenue Less Grants	1,321 2 7			
General Purposes Trust Board:		15,007	2	6
Capital Fund	2,734 13 4			
Plus Revenue	186 17 7			

Current Assets: Bank of New Zealand 9,608	s. d.
Current Assets: Bank of New Zealand 9,608	
Newbold Trust	8 1
Investments: Debentures & Government Stock 87,059 7 4 Less Investment Fluctuation Reserve 977 9 9 86,081 17 7	
Debentures & Government 9tock 87,059 7 4 Less Investment Fluctuation Reserve 977 9 9 86,081 17 7	7 1
Mortgages 14,261 10 4 Loans to Trusts against Deposits 4,779 16 10 Loan to Methodist Transport Board	
(Winstone Trust) Loans to Removal Expenses Fund 2,500 0 0 Freehold Property (Winstone Trust) 19,645 16 8	1 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1965.

2,921 10 11

£146,421 16 7

W. R. LAWS, W. E. CLOTHIER,

Treasurers. CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,

Auditors.

£146,421 16

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

LIABI	LITIES		ASSETS	
Current Liabilities: Sundry Creditors Subscriptions Paid in Advance	£ s	3	Current Assets: £ s Cash at Bank of New Zealand 3,684 9 Sundry Debtors—	
Rates Accrued Deposits by Subsidiary Funds Property Maintenance Provision— Balance at 30/6/1964	317 9	- 2,000 10 5 62,538 6 3	Ministers' Personal Payments £136 0 0 Fire Insurance Commission 57 11 1 Hymn Book Commission 114 12 8 Sundries	
Plus Provision ex Revenue Less Expended During Year Accumulated Funds: Balance at 30/6/1964 Plus Capital Appeal Fund	1,200 0 1,200 0 1,200 0 162,070 15 100 0	0 0 9	Ministers Subscriptions Due 1,080 5 Annuities Prepaid	1 9 8 5 0 8 10,609 2
Less Annuities Compounded and muted	1,789 16		Investments: Debentures and Government Stock 28,741 10 Mortgages 160,944 1	0
Plus Transfer from Revenue A/c.	160,380 19 12,612 2	7 7 — 172,993 2 2	Less Fluctuation Reserve 4,671 10 Fixed Assets: Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) 57,658 15 Less Depreciation Provision 15,750 0	6 8 — 185,014 0 1 9 0 — 41,908 15
		£237,531 18 10		£237,531 18 1

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, 1965. W. R. LAWS,

W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE, Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

EXPENDITURE			4			4	INCO	ME	-					-
Working Expenses:	£		d.	t	5.	a.	Fund Contributions:		£		d.	£	S.	C
Administration Charges	919		0				Circuit Subsidies, etc.		9,589	0	0			
Audit Fee Stationery & Geenral Expenses	246		8				Personal Subscriptions		0,203	0		15,794	0	
Government Earthquake Premiums	22		7				Commissions:					,.	-	
_		_		1,257	0	3	Hymn Book Commission				3			
nterest on Deposits				2,695	4	3	Fire Insurance Commission		57	11	1	194	7	
	0,958	9 1	1				Interest Earned:					174	'	
Furniture Grants	920						Bank Interest		182	3	8			
Personal Subscriptions Refunded or			_				Mortgage Interest		8,102		8			
Transferred	440	4		2,318	14	4	Debenture Interest Arrears of Subscriptions Interest		1,627	2	4			
Appropriations:	-		- 14	2,310	14	*	Arrears of Subscriptions interest		23	11	0	9,935	13	
Investment Fluctuation Provision	200	0	0				Property Income					4,059	0	
Property Depreciation Provision	500	0	0											
Property Maintenance Provision	400	0		1,100	0	0								
Balance Transferred to Accumulated				1,100	U	0								
Funds			12	2,612	2	7								
			£29	9,983	1	5					£	29,983	1	

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BENEVOLENT FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

EXPENDITURE	INCO	ME	
To Grants Balance as at 30/6/1965	£ s. d. 354 12 6 314 8 11 By Balance as at 30/6/64 Interest	£ s 394 13	s. d. 3 4 2 4 5 9
	669 1 5	£669 1	1 5

		BALANCE	SHEE	TA	S	AT 30th JUNE, 1965.
	LIABILITIES					ASSETS
Capital Account Revenue Account			1,400 314	s. 0 8	d. 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund 1,702 18 Sundry Debtors 11 10
			£1,714	8	17	£1,714 8

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, 1965.

W. R. LAWS, W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,

O THE REST OF THE PERSON OF TH			
To Retiring Allowances & Withdrawals Balance as at 30/6/65	£ s. d. 877 6 6 6 23,898 16 2	INCOME	0
REVENUE A	CCOUNT FOR THE TE	AK ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.	
To Interest to Contributors' Account Office Expenses— Administration Charges Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expenses Balance as at 30/6/65	£ s. d. £ s. d. 868 6 5 75 0 0 11 17 11 86 17 11 1,060 17 4 £2,016 1 8		£ s. d 855 8 2 1,160 13 6
	BALANCE SHEET AS	AT 30th JUNE, 1965.	
LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Personal Accounts Capital Account Revenue Account Sundry Creditors	£ s. d. 23,898 16 2 2,560 0 7 1,060 17 4 70 13 4	Debentures and Government Stock	£ s. d 1,200 0 0 11 0 1 26,197 7 4 182 0 0
ALL AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF	£27,590 7 5		£27,590 7 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, 1965.

W. R. LAWS, W. E. CLOTHIER,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD 8 MOORE,

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

Balance as at 30/6/1965 1,190 11 5 Contributions— Personal 72 0 0 112 0 0 0 112 0 0 0 104 0 0 0 288 0 104 0 0 104 0 0 0 104 0 104 0 0 104 0 0 104 0 0 104 0 0 104 0 0 104 0 0		
EXPENDITURE £ s. d.	£ s. d. To Retiring Allowances & Withdrawals 161 4 9 Balance as at 30/6/1965 1,190 11 5	By Balance as at 30/6/1964
Section Contributors Account Section Section	REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YE	AR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.
LIABILITIES	Linterest to Contributors' Account £ s. d. 39 7 4	£ s. 6
End of the personal Accounts £ s. d. (190 11 5) £ s. d. (200 11 5) 300 0 0 0 0 0	BALANCE SHEET AS	AT 30th JUNE, 1965.
	Personal Accounts £ s. d. Sundry Creditors	£ s. 0 Debentures

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, 1965.

W. R. LAWS,

W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,

RECEI	DTC						
	PIS	£	s.	d.	£	S.	d
For Balance 1/7/64: Balance in Bank Plus balances held by Districts		1,645	5 7	10	1,694	12	14
Connexional Budget Grant District Collections & Interest:					6,400	0	
Northland		7 20	8 8 4	060			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty Taranaki/Wanganui		18	3	0			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu Wellington	****	10	3	6			
Nelson North Canterbury South Canterbury		11	16 6 18	11 8			
Otago/Southland		18	1	3	109	10	
Collections: Opening Service		97	0	0	107		
Ordination Service		130	3	3	227	3	
Sales: Agendas					43	14	
Interest					42	19	1
		arried F			8,518 8,518	0	

								_
EXP	ENDIT	TURE						
By Cost of Conference: (a) Travel to Hamilton—			£	s.	d.	£	S.	d.
Equalisation Fund			647	3	0			
Official Representatives			495	6	8			
					_	1,142	9	8
(b) Printing and General—			620	10	0			
Agendas Supplementary Agendas				18	0			
Minutes			820	12	6			
Station Lists			30	19	Ö			
O/S Mission Accounts			36	3	9			
Home Mission Accounts			45	15	0			
Stationery			43	7	4			
Secretary's Expenses			110	0	0			
			38	0	0			
Platform Staff			37	10	0			
Printing General			39	18	9	1 0/0		
District Expenses:					_	1,868	15	4
Northland			121	8	3			
Auckland			122	17	ŏ			
Waikato			281	0				
Taranaki/Wanganui			99	17	7 5 2			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu			58	14	2			
Wellington			116	11	6			
Nelson			101	2	6873			
North Canterbury			124	2	7			
South Canterbury			109	5				
Otago/Southland			218	9	1	1 050	_	
Synod Expenses:					_	1,353	8	6
Northland			101	0	0			
Auckland			18	ő	6			
Waikato			127	16	6			
Taranaki/Wanganui			73	19	7			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu			71	0	8			
Wellington			79	14	10			
Nelson			81	15	0			
North Canterbury			1	12	6			

CONTINGENT FUND — Continued.

South Canterbury Otago/Southland		26 106	3	2	687	3	11
Supply:		-			00/	3	
Nelson					50	0	0
Church Council:					50		
Northland		34	2	0			
Auckland		47	8	ŏ			
Nelson		7	9	Ö			
North Canterbury		19	4	0			
South Canterbury		19	5	2			
Otago/Southland		18	2	0			
					145	10	2
				-			_
	Car	ried Fo	orwa	ird	5,247	7	7
	Brou	ight Fo	orwa	rd	5,247	7	7
Grants:							
Public Questions Committee		50	0	0			
World Methodist Council		25	5	2			
Ecumenical Committee		10	0	0			
Temperance Committee		35	0	0			
Radio and T.V. Committee		50	0	0			
Faith and Order Committee		20	0	0			
International Affairs		30	0	0			
Church Union		24	0	0			
Welfare of the Church		10	0	ŏ			
Wesley Historical Society Spiritual Healing Committee		10	0	0			
Connexional Paper		100	Ö	0			
Connexional Paper		100		U	374	5	2
Commissed Boundary					3/4	3	2
Connexional Payments: President Balance 1963/64		7	0	0			
President's Personal Allowance		65	ŏ	0			
President's Travel & Expenses		253	2	6			
Pesident's Supply		425	ō	Ö			
President's Gown		17	17	6			
Printing—							
Order of Induction		94	17	6			
Membership Certificates		94	0	9			
Baptismal Cards		95	0	0			
Committee Travel & Expenses—				_			
Church Union		376	16	9			
Structure of Church		214	5	6			

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3 4 2
                   Treasurer
                                                                7,627 9 11
                           Total Expenditure
                   Balance Bank of New Zealand
                   Balances due to Districts-
                   Northland
                          Dr. £167 7 8
                             104 11 2
                   Auckland
                                     Cr. £47 15 6
                   Waikato
                   Taranaki/Wanganui
                   HB/Manawatu 37 14 3
                                86
                                86 7
                   Wellington
                   Nelson
                   N. Canterbury 9 13
                                    Cr. 12 3 9
Cr. 37 8 8
                   S. Canterbury
                   Otago/Southland
                                                  -Dr 372 4 10
                                                                  890 10 7
£8,518 0 6
                                                               £8,518 0 6
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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, 1965, 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.

Stock of Booklets 1st August, 1964 Printing Booklets: Hymn Book Inserts "Coming of the King" Conference Reports Lenten Leaflets	£ s. d. 10 5 0 98 15 0 104 9 0 204 8 9	443	s. 5		Sale of Booklets etc. Grant—Connexional Budget Interest—Auckland Savings Bank —National Bank of New Zealand Ltd. —Investment Funds Board	8 22	s. 9 4 14	3	£ 939 105	0
Prayer Manuals "Who are the Mormons" Manual for Candidates Born of the Virgin Mary	185 17 9 59 7 0 116 16 0 60 15 0		13	6	Donations					8 10 5 1
Less Stock of Booklets 31st July, 1965		1,283 448	18 12	7 2						
Cost of Sales Petty Cash, Postages, Wrapping etc. Cravelling Allowance		835 91 10	6 8 0	5 2 0						
Total Expenditure Excess Income over Expenditure for year		936 153	14	7 4						
		£1,090	5	11				£	1,090	5 1
625	BALAN				AT 31st JULY, 1965.		in		.,,,,,,	•
		£	S.	d.		£	S.	d.	£	s.

Accumulated Funds: Balance 1st August, 1964 Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	£ s. d. 2,203 17 2 153 11 4	Cash at National Bank of New Zealand Ltd. Cash at Auckland Savings Bank	£ s. d. 996 18 11 291 1 6	£ s. d.
Balance 31st July,1965	2,357 8 6	Loan at 3 months call—Investment Funds Board Sundry Debtors Stock of Booklets as per list Typewriter at Cost		514 14 7 73 11 4 448 12 2 32 10 0
	£2,357 8 6		-	£2,357 8 6

Audited and found correct, R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

	nterest	 	 	 	1 962	s. 8 17	d. 10 Te	o General Expenses Legal Expenses	 		4 1	s. 11
					£3,436	6	4	Land Tax Secretarial Fee	 	 10	4 1	15
						_	3	Travelling Expenses	 	 	-	_
ву в	alance		 	 	3,236	7	3	Balance Carried Down	 	 3,23	9 1	17
										£3,43	6	6
							T	o Masterton Childrens Home Rangiatea Maori College		 1,61		4 4
					£3,236	9	3			£3,23	6	9

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

Capital Account Masterton Home: Capital Account Add Bequests Current Account Newcombe Trust Prize Fund Add Interest Rangiatea Maori College Trust	27,167	s. d. 70,700 15 1 6 10 0 0 27,239 6 10 350 4 11 5 0 0 0 57 5 0 1,018 4 8		\$ \$. 0
The said of the sa		£99,365 16 6	The state of the s	£99,365 16

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 30th June, 1965, and have received all the information and explanations that I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Board.

T. M. STEPHENS, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—BUDGET ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS				
	s. d. £ 1,835	s. 16	d.	Supernumerary Fund Fund Home Missionaries Retiring Fund		8,911	00	
alance at Bank of New Zealand 30/6/64 962-63 Budget—	1,033	10	5	Deaconess Retiring Fund		1.088	0	
Auckland	24	0	0	Removal Expenses Fund		4,450		
63-64 Budget—				Contingent Fund		6,500	ő	
North Auckland 109	0 0					20,000	Õ	
Auckland 156	0 0			Church Building and Loan Fund (Ch. Extn.) Home and Maori Mission Dept. Overseas Mission Department Department of Christian Education	3	35,155	0	
	0 0			Overseas Mission Department	3	34,675	0	
Taranaki-Wanganui 182				Department of Christian Education		6,000	0	
	0 0			Trinity Theological College		7,088	0	
Nelson 78				Deaconess Board		1,100	ñ	
North Canterbury 627	19 0			Connexional Secretary Fund		365		
Otago-Southland 127	0 4			Children's Homes—		505	-	
	2,184	19	4		0			
64-65 Budget 96 Northland 99.42 4,092				Masterton 1,500 0	ő			
Northland 99.42 4,092	0 0			South Island 2,000 0	Ö			
AUCKIANG 90.04 20,744	10 3			300til Island 2,000 0		4,500	0	
Waikato-Bay of Plenty 95.84 17,280	10 0			City Missions		4,500		
Taranaki-Wanganui 98.63 10,830	2 6			City Missions— Auckland 754 0	0			
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu 96.69 14,867	1 9							
	0 0							
Nelson 99.75 8.044	0 0			Christchurch 689 0 Dunedin 468 0	0			
North Canterbury 92.76 21,929	19 10			Dunedin 468 0	U	0 100	-	
South Canterbury 100.00 8.292	0 0				_	2,600	0	
South Canterbury 100.00 8,292 Otago-Southland 100.43 9,087	13 8			Methodist Times		503		
				Miscellaneous Causes Funds		3,295		
97.4%	140,228	6	0	Finance and Stewardship Committee		464	0	
nance and Stewardship Committee				District Expenses—	_			
(Advance payment to Children's Fund				Northland 132 0				
from Budget-loaned from F. & S. Com-				Auckland 875 0				
mittee)	100	0	0	Waikato-Bay of Plenty 192 0				
rplus Funds returned (As Res. 6, Mins.		-			0			
of Conf. '64)—				Wellington 96 0				
Supernumerary Fund 18	0 0			Nelson 24 0				
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund 350	0 0			North Canterbury 572 0				
Deaconess Retiring Fund 75			- 3	South Canterbury 85 8				
Deaconess Retiring rund 75	112	0	0	Otago-Southland 312 0	0			
	443	0	0		_	2,426	8	
	£144,816	1	9	Balance at Bank of New Zealand 30/6/65		1,924	13	
Audited and found correct,	£144,010		1					
D. Tayler, B.Com., F.R.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,			13					
Auditor.								
Wellington, 26th September, 1965.					£1.4	14.816	1	7
Zotti September, 1703.					2017	7,010	_	ı

CONTI	KIDOTOKS ACCOUNT TO	TEAR ENDED Soll Solle, 1705	
EXPENDI	TURE	INCOME	
To Withdrawals — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —		Personal Subscriptions	£ s. d. — 32,749 1 2 — 1,216 13 2 — 514 0 0 — 1,488 5 0
	£35,967 19 4		£35,967 19 4
RE	VENUE ACCOUNT FOR YE	AR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.	
Interest to Contributors Administration Charges Stationery and General Expenses	£ s. d. £ s. d 1,488 5 0 - 95 10 0 - 30 14 1 - 126 4 1 44 18 4 £1,659 7 5	Balance as at 30/6/64	£ s. d. 147 15 11 40 0 0 1,471 11 6
	BALANCE SHEET AS	T 30th JUNE, 1965	
LIABILI		ASSETS	3
Personal Accounts Sundry Creditors Revenue Account Surplus	33,899 5 2 34 0 0 44 18 4	Debentures Debentures Interest Accrued Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	1,000 0 0 0
	£33,978 3 6		£33,978 3 6

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1965.

W. R. LAWS,

W. E. CLOTHIER,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
O Directors' Salaries, Superannuation Office Salaries and Superannuation Office Accommodation Parsonage Property Expenses Grants—D.E.Cs Travelling Expenses Christian Education Handbook Home Sunday School and Bible Class Depreciation Printing and Stationery Postages	and A	llowances	£ 3,035 1,320 156 105 145 859 441 277 347 673 178 389	s. 16 2 0 16 0 3 10 5 13 11	d. 1120902354921	By Budget Bookroom Grant Duplicating Interest Audio Visuals Adult Summer Conference Excess Expenditure over Income	6,000 1,500 24 6 57 23 535	0 0 8 0 9 16	0
Order of St. Stephen			43 11	12	8 6				
Missionary Education			39	10	10 7				
Family Campe			19	4	3 4				
			£8,147	1	2		£8,147	1	2

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, A.R.A., N.Z., A.C.I.S., Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965.

National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. Sundry Creditors Home Mission Board Loan (Secured by mortgage on Wellington Property) Special Reserves: Special Appeal Car Fund Special Purposes New Ventures Parsonage Furniture Missions—Overseas Missions—Topicat	1,948 4 495 2 122 122 128 90 5 86 1 268 13 58 15 36 7	28 1,13 5 2 10 1 8 6 7 6 0 10 10	4 11 2 4	10	ASSETS
Tools for Teachers Diverseas Travel Suspense Accumulated Funds: Balance 1/7/64 Add Transfer from Furniture Reserve	5160 2	0 4,411 129	7 10 9 15	4 2	Stock—Printing and Stationery
Less Excess Expenditure over Income	5,235 8 535 6		2	0	
		£11,26	1 11	2	£11,261 11

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, A.R.A., N.Z., A.C.I.S., Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965. BALANCE SHEET

	DALAIT	JE SIILE!	
Sundry Creditors Building Fund Reserve Capital Account (1/7/64) Transferred to Dept. of Christia Education Nett Profit for year	£ s. d. £ s. d. 1,302 8 9 2,500 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Stock in hand—Trade 4,800 0 —Printing & Stationery 225 0 Equipment (Book value less deprc.) Loan on Mortgage	d. £ s. d 10 4 519 5 0 5,025 0 0 5,14 0 0 2,000 0 0 242 0 0 33 5 4,691 3 5
	£13,024 13 7		£13,024 13
To Stock (1/7/64) Purchases Sales in Advance (1965) Gross Profit	£ s. d. 4,000 0 0 12,250 0 1 4,467 3 4 6,963 15 4	Sales in Advance (1964) Stock in hand (30/6/65)	£ s. c 18,456 10 4,424 8 4,800 0
	£27,680 18 9 PROFIT and L	OSS ACCOUNT	£27,000 TO
To General Expenses Printing and Stationery Postages Salaries and Superannuation Depreciation Rent Loss on equipment sold Nett Profit	405 7 0 2,871 18 11 372 11 0 156 0 0 53 14 0	By Gross Profit	£ s. d 6,963 15 149 3
	£7,112 18 7		£7,112 18

H. C. R. BLACKWOOD, Chairman.
E. C. FLYGER, Acting Treasurer.
Wellington,
26th September, 1965.

Audited and found correct,
D. TAYLER, B.Com., F.R.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1965

LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
Accumulated Funds 36,000 0 0 0 Plus Transfer from Profit & Loss A/c. 1,400 0 0	£ s. d.	## s. d. Mortgage Investments 18,800 0 0 Mortgage Interest Accrued 142 6 1		s.	d.
Fire Loss Reserve 39,795 19 4 Plus Provision 204 0 8	0,000 0 0 3,244 17 10	Debenture & Govt. Stock Investments 59,157 1 3 Debenture Interest Accrued 800 19 1	18,942 59,958	0	4
Profit & Loss Appropriation A/c Grants Recommended	264 12 10	Sundry Debtors Premiums Due Government War Damage Due Bank of New Zealand		3 7 9 12	7 7 5 3
183	8,516 19 3		£88,516	19	3

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, 1965.

W. R. LAWS, B. A. CAYGILL,

Treasurers.

F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S. H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1965

EXPENDITURE			INCOME	
Administration Costs Stationery & General Balance to Profit & Loss Appropriation Account	1,200 312 7,858	s. d. 0 0 0 2 9 8	Premiums and Commission Mortgage Interest Mortgage Interest Accrued Debenture Interest Deposit Interest Deposit Interest	1,924 7
	£9,370	9 10		£9,370 9 10
PROFIT AND LOSS	APPROPRI	ATION	ACCOUNT AS AT 31st MAY, 1965	
Recommended Grants Fire Loss Reserve Transfer to Accumulated Funds Balance Forward	1,400	s. d. 0 0 0 8 0 0 12 10	Grants (Refunded) Balance as at 31.5.1964	£ s. d 2 0 0 8 3 10 7,858 9
	£7,868	13 6		£7,868 13 (

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1965 Part I

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	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers an	Home Missonaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year		20 & Over	Other N.Z. Ccts	Other	Other	By Death	Other N.Z. Cets	Other	Other	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th Junethis year.	Net increase	Net decrease	Infants	Beliavers
NORTHLAND AUCKLAND WAIKATO—BAY OF PLENTY TARANAKI—WANGANUI HAWKES BAY—MANAWATU WELLINGTON	37 70 56 36 46 47	44 31 56 7 11 11 23	23 64 42 23 32 34 19 53	15 45 32 15 22 31	13 70 40 18 27 41	1 4 5 1 1	- 3 - 1 2 1	50 150 82 41 68 82	1493 6360 4374 2233 3205 4126	23 151 104 72 42 73	25 122 65 25 33 34	33 474 319 121 149 286	1 29 9 - 8 30	16 12 3 12 27	16 90 58 36 45 58	62 419 318 137 183 267	1 17 13 3 3 19	2 28 36 26 12 67	4 68 39 10 33 54	1490 6530 4419 2242 3173 4111	170 45 9	3 - 32 15	161 630 534 201 227 341	
Nelson	23 60 21 49	23 13 7 10	19 53 15 28	13 31 9 24	14 41 11 22	1 -		46 105 29 44	1660 4888 1548 2609	29 133 38 69	21 63 12 47	82 311 59 141	17 - 19	8 27 7 11	22 65 30 43	76 326 87 164	5 22 3 5	5 41 16 32	10 45 6 16	1686 4940 1522 2636	26 52 		152 350 91 162	1
TOTALS FOR 1965 TOTALS FOR 1964	445 450		333 338	237 235	297 287	16 18	9	697 711	32496 32389	734 691	447 670	1975 1872	117	123	463 543	2039 1955	91	265	285 628	32749 32496	329 334	76 227	2849 3249	151
INCREASES	5	25	5	2	10	2	1	14	107	43	223	103	117	123	80	84	91	265	343	253	5	151	400	151

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1965 Part II

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CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and/or	r. Travelling (car) allowan	O Ownership W Car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances exclu- ding balances held for special purposes £	Total Debit Balancer
NORTHLAND AUCKLAND WAIKATO—BAY OF PLENTY TARANAKI—WANGANUI HAWKES BAY—MANAWATU WELLINGTON NELSON NORTH CANTERBURY OTAGO—SOUTHLAND	282 1318 1070 416 762 978 342 1039 334 471	222 1075 922 331 471 728 303 759 163 364	238 1031 801 365 435 631 235 641 183 381	317 1395 971 437 577 864 298 1174 223 487	175 905 642 311 417 576 269 651 154 336	133 609 430 196 306 403 166 423 154 191	138 450 425 166 248 345 144 414 110 212	53 398 167 86 180 240 36 363 60 128	202 523 421 149 442 286 285 345 218 175	2161 9716 6367 3375 4732 6946 2655 7647 1776 3944	6582 30385 20196 9817 14213 20284 7559 22613 3570 11171	33982 26479 12095 17853 25005 10064 23205 6969	182 40 108 353 285 65 130 124 -50	3748 7415 6123 2788 3953 5567 2011 4496 1669 3974	2 12 2 42 4 29 1 14 21 1 29 2 10 1 29 8 1 22	1471 2169 1975 2604 8566 245 1220 3247	633 9223 4495 288 1476 2127 343 906 15 1501	3784 10873 10646 8627 10050 23521 3854 15618 4085 11974	1885 23916 15283 5606 2478 12810 461 8926 30 5359
TOTALS FOR 1965	7012 7778	5338 102 101		6743 7500	4436 5086	3011 3163	2652 2594	1711 2078		49319 48393		184305 171466		41744 40174			21007 23951	103032 125028	76754 137683
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	CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Confi	mation pu to	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members of at 30th June this	Net Increase	Net Decrease	ıts	Believers
		Chu	Othe	Scho	Pars	Mini	Hom	Dea	Lay	No.	Under 20	20 an	Circ	Othe	Othe	By [Othe	Othe	Othe	Cea	No.	Net	Net	Infants	Beli
12	AUCKLAND CENTRAL	5		5	6	9		1	12	527	15	20	44	5	1	10	50	2	9	4	537	10	13	62	4
13	CENTRAL MISSION	1		1	3	2		1	5	207	2	3	5	7		4	7	2			211	4		11	
14	AUCK SOUTH	5	3	4	3	3			11	474	12	6	33	2	5	3	49		1	10	469		5	66	3
15	AUCK WEST	2		2	1	1			4	88		5	7				8			4	88			11	
16	AUCK EAST	4		4	4	9			13	557	21	23	89			17	43			6	624	67		35	3
17	ORAKEI	4		3	3	6			9	504	18	6	44	6	2	6	36	1	5	11	521	17		31	1
18	AVONDALE	4	2	4	2	9		1	10	472	3	5	27			7	20	1		5	474	2		31	
19	HENDERSON	4	5	7	3	5	1		8	409	8	9	31			5	25	2		7	418	9		17	
20	DEVONPORT	2		2	1	2			2	113			6	2		4	9			7	101		12	15	
21	TAKAPUNA	5		3	2	6	1		21	690	18	6	52		4	12	31	2	2	3	720	30		54	4
22	BIRKENHEAD	4	3	4	3	3	2		10	437	13	2	18	3	2	6	21	2	1	3	442	5		67	1
23	ONEHUNGA	4		6	2	2			6	196	9	13	5	2		4	5				216	20		31	
24	OTAHUHU	1		2	1	1			3	167			14				12	1	1	1	166		1	36	
25	PAPATOETOE	5		3	2	3			5	443	10	5	24			1	37	1	4	1	438		5	27	3
26	PAPAKURA	3	1	2	2	2			6	317	10	6	33	1	2	2	14	1		3	349	32		59	
27	PUKEKOHE	5	2	4		2			8	255	7	3	-8			1	20				252		3	19	1
28	BOMBAY - TUAKAU	3	4		2	1			5			2	12			2	7		2		100	3		8	
29	WAIUKU	1	3	1	1	1				126			3			1	2			1	125		1	18	
30	KAIPARA	4	3	4	1	1			4	86		2	1			2	1			1	85		1	11	
31	WHANGAPARAOA	3		1	1	1		1	3	73	5	5	14		-		8	2	1	1	85	12	-	9	1
32	MAHURANGI	1	5	2	1	1			3	122		1	4	1		3	14		2		109		13	12	
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND DISTRICT

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Total 1965	70	31	64	45	70	4	3	150	6360			474	29	16		419	17	28	68	6530	211	41	630
Total 1964	70	32	65	45	69	4	3	146	6285	152	167	424			103	424			114	6360	140	65	627
Increase					1			4	75			50								170	71		3
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		Ch	ildren			1	outh		Adults	Past	oral					Ci	rcuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
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CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
12 AUCKLAND CENTRAL	99	47	49	57	47	26	28	35	35	671	1760	840.13.0 815 815	50	180 135 135	M M	353.1.2		496.15.11	5920. 0.10
13 AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	43	12	14	12	10	7	4	2	20	220	910	900 815		All exp	м		82. 3.4.	825.11. 6.	9015.17. 2
14 AUCKLAND SOUTH	118	76	92	126	92	.53	39	46	26	761	1987	815		78 78 108	C M M		1110. 4.5.	1798.19. 5.	6238.18. 9
15 AUCKLAND WEST	41			19		5		7			-	812.11.7 826		90.9.3 160	M		32.12.0.		2474. 0. 5
16 AUCKLAND EAST	61	40	40	99	_51	28	34	.37	53	732	1959	811 701		145 145 130	M	20.11.6		445. 9. 7.	85. 4.11
17 ORAKEI	75	47	55	94	79	45	49	53	47	655	1838	815 815 815		175 175 175	M M	135.3.0		619. 0. 2.	2
18 AVONDALE	59	61	31	114	63	59	34	30	45	560	1700	815 815 364	50	140 140 260	M M	~	397	383.19.10.	
19 HENDERSON	55	74	65	105	59	34	20	13	80	700	3000	845		150 150 180	M		3687.17.9.	306.12. 1.	214. 3.1
20 DEVONPORT		30					1	26			600	815	36	141		58.10.3		517. 2. 2.	
21 TAKAPUNA	129	54	86	68	88	59	62	55	66	918	2577	815 718.10.0	23	150	M	5.19.8		230. 0.10.	2007. 2.
22 BIRKENHEAD	228	153	126	157	104	54	34	10	20	797	2843	815 815 815		127 245 135	M M		2505. 4.1.	572.10. 2.	818.10.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND DISTRICT

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		Ch	ildren			1	outh		Adults	Past	oral					Cir	cuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
									Ad		Care			car)	ar			Total Credit	
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
23 ONEHUNGA	12	32	65	76	42	17	17	19	20	450	1350	815 815		120 120	M		200.14.11	487.16.11	1725.17. 4.
24 OTAHUHU	78	58	49	31	54	24	7	6	15	275	800	815		200	M	33.17.3			393. 4. 0
25 PAPATOETOE	8	114	94	159	61	62	23	19	12	717	2871	840 656		260 180	M		1003. 0. 9	11.17. 5.	11.17. 8
26 PAPAKURA	155	158	100	133	61	51	31	17	36	806	2450	815 815		240 234	M	181.18.2		2841. 6. 0.	
27 PUKEKOHE	65	34	39	31	16	29	23	7	7	310	786	808.10.0		273.2.1		627. 1.0		539.15. 6.	112.13. 4
28 BOMBAY - TUAKAU	21	25	27	19	11	11	10			115	394	683. 6.8		470.6.1	м		115. 9.10	99.18. 0.	
29 WAIUKU	12	16	11	9	10	8	9			200	650	815		220	С	29. 0.0		103.12. 9.	174.12.10
30 KAIPARA	3	16	19	31	27	7	6		12	90	320	815		240	M		3. 0.0	234. 6. 6.	42. 3. 6
31 WHANGAPARAOA	4	5	12	20	8	3	7	10	5	153	380	736		170	M	26. 0.0		68. 7. 8.	
32 MAHURANGI	41	16	14	10	8	7	8	6	18	110	360	815		255	М	1	85.19. 8	299.19.10.	
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Total 1965	1318								523									10873. 1. 6.	
Total 1964	1329	-	2114	1657	1026	604	448	470						7005.19.4	C2	3039.11.9	9880. 1.9	38616.18. 2.	25021 . 14 .
Increase					121	5	2	72		43	27	276 2 .15.11	78	309.9.5				27743.16.8.	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND NORTHLAND DISTRICT

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1	MANGONUI	4		2	1	1			4	117	9	5	2			4	6		1	3	119	2		7	
2	KAIKOHE	4	9	2	2	2			2	119	4	6	6			3	10				122	3		34	2
3	WHANGAROA	2	3	2	1	1			5	119			1				8				112		7	3	
4	NORTH HOKIANGA	3	4	2	1	1			6	45			7			1	1			1	50	5		13	
5	HOKIANGA	3	3		1	1			2	88		4	1			1	6	1			85		3	12	3
6	HIKURANGA	1	5	1	1	1			1	53	2	6					6				56	3		8	2
7	WHANGAREI	4	5	4	2	2			14	355	5		10	1		2	8	-	1		360	5		42	3
8	DARGAVILLE	3	6	5	2	2			6	276	2	4	2			3	4				277	1		18	L
9	RUAWAI	3	1		1	1			5	85		-				1	.6				78		7	5	L
10	PAPAROA	3	4	1	1		1			86			1			1	3				83		3	10	L
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		Ch	ildren	L		1	Youth		Adults	Past						Cir	cuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
CIRCUITS	ery	Kindergarten	ary	or	Intermediate	or	Intermediate	or	Ad	of Families	Care eldoed to	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special	Total Debit Balances
	Nursery	Kind	Primary	Junior	Inte	Junior	Inte	Senior		No.	No.	Ann	A	Allo	OW			purposes	
1 MANGONUI	15	24	21	27	18	13	22	4	22	182	586	815		200	М	887.13.7		154.18. 1.	2
2 KAIKOHE	5	9	36	40	27	25	29	16	24	382	710	875 750		821	M	23.14.1		834.14. 8.	556. 2. 7
3 WHANGAROA	6	10	17	11	18		4		18	132	271	815		214	M		40.15. 3.	517. 8.10.	
4 HOKIANGA NORTH		5	6	8	5	1	2			106	388	705		400	C		39. 0. 0.	21. 0. 0.	
5 HOKIANGA	5	13	10	16	5			-	22	127	442	850		400	C	12.9		675.10. 4.	29.14. 2
6 HIKURANGI	26	12	6	11	8	5	6	4	12	127	335	843		175	M		44.17. 3.	551. 9. 7.	
7 WHANGAREI	108	38	41	65	26	38	41	10	81	402	1185	820 767		181 176	M		307. 0. 0.	48. 0. 0.	
8 DARGAVILLE	27	49	36	57	23	23	17	16	12	270	1100	798 738		417	М		100. 7. 8.	87.17. 7.	1300. 0. 0
9 RUAWAI	24	5.	15	28	17	9	6	3	11	117	417	819		290	М		102. 0. 8.		
10 PAPAROA	19	18	10	10	7	6				106	348	794		174	М	70.19.11		208. 9. 6.	
11 PORT ALBERT	47	40	40	44	25	13	11			230	800	815		300	м	97.10. 0		684.17. 1.	-
																			3
																	-		
	282	222	228	217	175	122	128	52	202	2161	65R2	11204	-	3748		1080.104	633.15.10	3784. 4. 8.	1885.16

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DIST. GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

		Part												CH	URCH	HE!	MBER	RSHII	9				BAPT	"MS
		ces							Soll		Durin	ers Reco	ear		1	Member Durin				Roll				
		<u>a</u>			13	98			t ye			By Tra	nsfer f	from		By T	ransf	fer to	P	on F				
CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Confin	mation pue a	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
THAMES	3	0	2	1	1	Ĭ	à		148	500	060	6	6	0	8	9	0	0	Ö	154	6	ž	12	2
HAURAKI PLAINS	3	2	1	1	1	-		1	64	,	3	1				8				60		4	21	
	1	-	1	1	1			1	68		2	5			2	3	1			69	1	-	3	-
PAEROA WAIHI	1	3	1	1	2			1	87	4	-	8			1	9				89	2		7	
TE AROHA	3	1	2	1	1			_	180	19	8	11			5	9		3	4	197	17		10	3
MORRINSVILLE	3	5	3	2	3				305	5	2	13			3	22		-	-	300		5	48	1
MURRINSVILLE	,	1	,	-	,				30)	-	-	-,			,	-				300			-	-
CAMBRIDGE	3	1	2	1	1			6	191	5	5	11			3	12	3	-		194	3		29	2
HAMILTON	5	2	4	3	4				620	20	13	43	2		9	44	1	8	3	633	13		63	
n n	-	-	-	1	-		1		020	-	-	-							-		-			
HAMILTON EAST	5	2	6	2	6	1		12	470	11	2	46	3	3	4	32			3	496	26		47	1
#	-											1												
																	-							
HUNTLY	1	5	1	1	1			5	106	6	7	13			4	8	- 3			120	14		15	3
MATAMATA	3	1	2	1	1		-	3	238	13	2	6			3	14				242	4		33	1
PUTARURU - TOKOROA	1	6	2	2	3	1		1	150			29	1		1	19	1	2	6	151	1		39	1
11	177									- 13						-	-						- 2	
					- 3		1			1		1												
												5		-										
	32	28	27	17	25	1	-	46	2627	92	44	192	6	3	35	189	6	13	16	2705	87	9	327	20

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														CHI	URCH	ME	ABER	SHIP					BAP	T
		ses							===		Membe Durin	ers Rece	eived ear		1	Member During	s Ren	noved Year		. Ilo				
		Plac				60			yea			By Tran	nsfer	from		Ву Т	ransfe	er to	_	yes				ı
CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Confirmation S	20 and noitem		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	
	32	28	27	17	25	1		46	2627	92	44	192	6	3	35	189	6	13	16	2705	87	9	327	2
ROTORUA	-4	1	2	2	3			7	323			17	1	1	8	25	4	15	10	280		43	35	
- п																								ı
n:																								ı
TAURANGA	3	3	1	3	4			4	438	8	9	46	2	1	9	31	2	1	2	459	21		44	ı
11			-																					ı
н																								ı
TE PUKE	1		1	1	1			2	78			5		1		3			1	80	2		18	ı
WHAKATANE	1	1	1	1	1	1		5	118	-	1	12			1	14			8	108		10	13	1
OPOTIKI	2		2	. 1		1		3	74	1	8	1				5	1	2	2	74			10	ı
TEAWAMUTU	2	3	2	1	2			4	258			12		3	3	7				263	5		22	1
OTOROHANGA	1	9	1	1	1			4	121			- 4				6		4		115		6	16	1
TE KUITI	1	2	1	1	1			1	60			4			2	6				56		4	13	1
TE AWAMUTU	1	-5	1	1	1				67	2		6				3				72	5		4	1
OHURA	3	3	1	1	1			2	45			6				5		1		45			2	1
KAWERAU	1							2	23			8				3				28	5			+
RAGLAN		-									1									61				ł
NGARUAWAHIA	3	1	1	1		1		1	57	1	3	4				15				50		7	20	4
COROMANDEL	1		1	1		1		1	19			2		3		1				23	4		1	+
KAWHIA									5							5						5		+
																			4					1

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DIST. GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

			CHR	ISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION					STIP	PEND	S, ETC.		51	ATE OF F	NANCES AT	30th JUNE
		Cl	ildren			1	outh		st in	Past	oral				1	Cir	rcuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Ad	No. of Families	No. of People auen	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
THAMES	35	13	14	21	8	4	16	11	18	220	450	790	40	160	м	2. 3.5			588.11. 1.
HAURAKI PLAINS	3	11	13	9	7		8		18	107	397	736		216	м		33. 6. 3.	118.18. 4.	177.17. 9.
PAEROA	15	14	12	14	15	7	3	1		85	320	815		120	М		18. 9.	93. 5.10.	
WAIHI		9	20	10	8	8	13	3	8	143	478	850		150	м		518. 0. 0.		13. 0. 0.
TE AROHA	22	43	21	37	14	39	5	7	4	200	550	818	-	250	М		33. 0. 0.	274. 7. 1.	
MORRINSVILLE	143	95	67	88	47	40	45	6	50	456	1266	837 2/3		365	м	364. 2.3		318.14.11.	
-									-			812 2/3		352	М				
CAMBRIDGE	50	23	16	23	.7	5	18	5	20	213	681	815		132	м	142. 0.0		159.11. 3.	
HAMILTON	153	111	148	150	103	58	65	22	98	776	2592	886		100	М	100	2703.0. 0.	6114. 3. 9.	
-												850		50	c	1			
												850		198	М				
HAMILTON EAST	103	155	115	135	89	62	54	6	43	676	2028	876		106	c	51. 0.0		1067. 4. 9.	1535. 7. 4.
												850	02	158	м			1	
-								1				689		9	М			0.	
HUNTLY	20	14	21	38	20	8	8	6	25	319	1132	847		265	М	3	106. 5. 7.	286. 1. 1.	
-												22 (studer	nt)						
MATAMATA	10	33	44	45	40	28	33	21	10	255	905	818		273	М	653. 8.2		35. 5. 2.	212. 9.10.
PUTARURU - TOKOROA	80	56	58	51	27	34	11	1	30	349	1396	720		220	М		247. 0. 0.		1422. 8. 7.
-	-								7 3	-	3	820		220	М				7. 7
						-					-								_
	634	577	549	621	385	293	279	89	326	3799	12 195	14702	40	3344	M16	1212.13,10	3641.10.7	8467.12. 2.	3949.14. 7.

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			CHR	ISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION					STI	PEN	OS, ETC.		ST	ATE OF F	NANCES AT	30th JUNE
		Ch	ildren			1	outh:		Adults	Pasto	oral					Cir	cuits	Trust A	ccount Totals
									Ad	-	Care	-	-	car)	car		0.13	Total Credit	Total Datis
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
	634	577	549	621	385	293	279	89	326	3799	12195	14702	40	3344	C2	12 12 . 13 . 10	3641.10.7	8467.12. 2	3949.14. 7.
ROTORUA	95	71	49		64	39	32	28	11	411	1306	817		222	M		240. 7.2	670. 1. 8	2932. 3. 6.
-												708		120	м				
		-										588		108	M				
TAURANGA	98	50	33	85	54	32	45	21	20	546	1648	860		241	М	43.18.0		164.18. 6	1236.11. 7.
						-			1			834		241	м				
									3			834	100	195	м				
TE PUKE	29	26	15	7	13	3	4	1		136	484	850		163	М		94. 0.0	301. 8. 5	7165. 0. 0.
WHAKATANE	33	16	12	20	20	7	7	3		184	525	815	-	200	М		139. 0.0	39. 0. 0	
OPOTIKI	29	17	13	25	8	8			30	93	332	775		138	М	315. 0.0		243.11.11	
TE AWAMUTU	65	43	38	51	28	16	26	20		330	1020	840		380	М	363. 0.0		300. 0. 0	
OTOROHANGA	30	25	9	21	30	12	3	8	4-1	185	555	828		63	C	135.16.1		11.10	
TE KUITI	10	11	7	17	9	6		4	20	180	450	790		150	M		77.8.11	39. 3. 1	
TAUMARANUI	20	18	11	8	10	6	11	l _e	10	173	690	815	-	184	M		10. 4	196. 8. 4	
OHURA	11	38	29	17	11	2	10	4	9	100	314	630		200	C		52.5. 3	23. 3. 2	
KAWERA	2	6	9	8	5	2	2		6	82	250					41. 0.0		26. 0. 0	
RAGLAN																			
NGARUAWAHIA	12	22	25	26	25	11	10	2		103	325	689		174	М		249.18.8	165.15. 3	
COROMANDEL	2	2	2	1	5					45	102	104	-			57.19.5		8. 6. 7	
			0.0		(1)		100	460	100	-		20467	10	6123	M 2	400	Lios o	10616 0 11	15283. 9. 8

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

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		seo							toll		Membe Durin	ers Rece	eived ear		1	Member Durin	s Ren	noved Year		toll				
		10				50			t ye			By Tra	nsfer f	rom		Ву Т	ransf	er to	P	on B				
CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Under 20	over and part of the contract	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Dallavare
NEW PLYMOUTH	6		5	3	6	1	1	11	605	38		34			16	32		2	4	623	18		49	
WAITARA	3	2	2	1	1			3	132	3	2	6		2	1	9				135	3		17	
STRATFORD	5		2	1	1			3	180	4	3	6			1	13		1		178		2	20	L
EITHAM - KAPONGA	2		2	1	1			3	137	4	3	8			3	3		1		145	8		7	
HAWERA	3	-	1	1	1			2	222	2	1	19			4	24		4		212	1	10	16	
MANAIA	4		1	1	1				81			2				7				76		5	9	
OPUNAKE	6		5	2	2			4	192	11	6	7				13		2	1	200	8		28	
WANGANUI - CENTRAL	1		1	1	1			4	281	1	5	24			6	12	2	6	4	281			20	
WANGANUI - NORTH	2	2	2	1	1			6	127	3	6	5			2	14	1	1		123		4	11	L
WANGANUI - WEST	2		-1	1	1			4	119	3		5			1	2		1	1	122	3		13	L
TAIHAPE	1	1	1	1	1				41						1					40		1	2	ı
INGLEWOOD	1	2		1	1			1	108	3		5		1	1	8		1		107		1	9	-
		-							-														-	+
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	36	7	23	15	18	1	1	41	2225	72	25	121		3	36	137	3	19	10	2242	40	23	201	

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	1		CHR	ISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION					STI	PEND	S, ETC.		ST	ATE OF F	INANCES AT	30th JUNE
		Ch	ildren	1		1	Youth		Adults	Past	oral					Cir	cuits	Trust A	ccount Totals
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Ad	No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NEW PLYMOUTH	124	83		102	66	51	32	27	8		2380	890 815		144	M				
												815		150	M			2443	2071
WAITARA	4	28	41	37	30	10	9		23	251	782	817	21	277	м	51.0.0		362	794
STRATFORD	52	25	24	37	29	14	15	5	25	244	785	815		200	М	21.0.0		95	2573
EITHAM - KAPONGA	28	29	17	19	13	18	14	8		209	569	815		215	м	1317.0.0		281	
HAWERA	5	28	34	43	23	19	10	6	16	287	756	825		156	М	99.0.0		481	
MANAIA		18	14	12	9	12	9	1		120	400			267	М	97.0.0		141	
OPUNAKE	65	30	29	41	45	22	30	6	12	332	1099	814	1	438	M		8. 0.0.	537	168
WANGANUI - CENTRAL	51	25	43	30	29	16	14	10		350	950	809	82	145	М	370.0.0	-	3506	
WANGANUI NORTH	24	20	17	39	18	12	12	10	20	195	597	815		150	M		74. 0.0.	421	
WANGANUI WEST	49	30	52	43	24	15	17	1	16	228	762	814		125	м		135. 0.0.	146	
TAIHAPE	13	9	5	12	11	4	3	3	17	56	200	703		102	М	20.0.0		122	-
INGLEWOOD	_ 1	16	17	22	14	3	1	9	12	180	617	814	5	139	М		71. 0.0.	92	
																	2 - T		
						0						5				- 50			
		-																	
	416	331	365	437	311	196	166	86	149	3375	9897	12095	108	2788	#14 ¢1	1975	288	8627	5606

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DIST. GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

		Part												CH	URCH	HE!	MBER	RSHIP	,				BAP	Γ'n
		ces							Roll		Durin	ers Rece	ear		1	Member Durin				Roll				
		<u>a</u>				65			t ye			By Tra	nsfer	from		By T	ransf	er to	P	on E				
CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	2	Configure 20	y mation	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Dallavare
NAPIER	5		4	2	4			11	360	3		17	1	1	3	13				375	15		40	2
HASTINGS	3		3	2	3			8	488	11	3	18	3	2	8	32	2	5	5	473		15	36	
GISBORNE	3	2	1	-2	2			2	204	3	4	10		2	7	8		1		207	3		30	2
WAIROA	1	1	1	1	1				41		1	8	- 1	2		4		2		47	6		7	L
DANNEVIRKE - NORSEWOOD	3		1	2	1			3	156		1	7			4	6		3		151		5	16	L
WOODVILLE	1		1	1	1				112						3	5				104		8	2	L
PAHIATUA	3	1	2	1	1			4	129			5			1	14			1	118		11	10	
PALMERSTON NORTH (ST. PAUL'S)	3	1	2	2	4		1	16	395	6	5	24			4	30	1	1	18	376		19	18	1
PALMERSTON NORTH (TRINITY)	3	1	2	1	2			5	336			22		1	2	.7			3	347	11		10	
ASHHURST - BUNNYTHORPE	3		3	1	1			4	126			1			2	20			2	103	9	23	7	
FEILDING	4		4	2	1		1	6	364	15		15		3	9	17			1	370	6		13	
MARTON	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	78		7	2				1				86	8		8	
SANSON - RONGOTEA	3	1	2	1	1			3	149	4		4		1		6			1	151	2		12	L
APITI	4	1		1	1				86			5	2			4			1	88	2		5	L
WAIPAWA - WAIPUKURAU	2	2	2	1	2			1	56			5	1			3			1	58	2		5	L
FOXTON - SHANNON	4		3	1	1			3	125		3	6	18		2	13				119		6	8	1
												-			-					- 3				1
	46	11	22	22	27	1	2	68	3205	42	33	149	8	12	45	183	3	12	33	3173	55	87	227	

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			CHR	ISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION	1				STI	PEND	S, ETC.		ST	ATE OF F	INANCES AT	BOTH JUNE
		Ch	ildren			1	Youth		Adults	Past	oral					Cir	cuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Ad	No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NAPIER	171			116	79	79	49	16	85		2900	850	30	156	м		108	5407	8
п											7	850	20	156	м				
HASTINGS	90	59	46	39	31	32	33	14	67	590	1760	868	30	205	м	41		183	
III		1										832	20	164	м				
GISBORNE	80	55	54	66	48	35	17	14	40	400	1250	812	100	150	м				
m .						-						704		125	м		340		333
WAIROA	27	12	10	9	8		8		5	73	234	815	100	146	м	120		65	
DANNEVIRKE -NORSEWOOD	50	28	18	27	14	9	16	5	25	222	737	850		205	М	50		103	
WOODVILLE	14	14	12	11	21	5	2	5		96	340	834		135	М		63		
PAHIATUA	39	10	16	22	14	11	7			184	503	835		208 -	м	311		192	
PALMERSTON NORTH ST.PAUL'S	61	19	35	77	36	28	32	13	24	601	1512	860	70	158	М		873	272	209
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PALMERSTON NORTH (TRINITY)	16	54	42	61	48	26	34	35	57	325	1045	893	83	263	М	28		166	
	-											850		200	М				
ASHHURST - BUNNYTHORPE	25	23	16	21	12	11	3	15	22	200	515	815	100	136	м		20	126	
FEILDING	-62	27	35	48	42	35	29	31	40	413	1239	850 474	100	225	n	1873		1022	
MARTON	27	.11	21	17	14	6	6	2		117	315	815		137	М	3		1099	1800
SANSON - RONGOTEA	24	31	25	40	30	15	2	22	26	113	400	713		360	М	96		446	114
APITI	9	14	5	12	5	4		7		100	362	708		250	М		72	123	
WAIPAWA - WAIPUKURAU	41	12	7	6	10	4	4	5	11	157	471	815		224	М	30		277	14
FOXTON - SHANNON	26	16	10	5	5	6	6	3	40	237	630	850	10	215	М	52		569	
Totals	762	471	435	577	417	306	248	180	442	4732	14213	17853	353	3953	M21	2604	1476	10050	2478

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON DISTRICT

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CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	Z ,	Confin	20 and motion	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z.	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	2		2	2	8			7	448	12	3	65	7		11	59	6	2	19	438		10		2
WELLINGTON WEST	3		3	2	2			8	301	6	1	19	2	2	3	18	2	4		304	3		17	1
WELLINGTON SOUTH	2		2	2	1			4	131		3	11	1		3	9		2	4	128		3	11	
WELLINGTON EAST	4		2	2	2			3	292	5	1	35			5	23		4	2	299	7		20	
WELLINGTON NORTH	3	1	4	2	2			9	246	6	1	29	5	3	3	15	4	6	1	261	15		18	
PORIRUA	6	1	1	4	4	1		9	364	13	4	19	1	8	6	10	2	13	2	376	12		34	
LOWER HUTT	6		4	4	6	1		10	687	11	9	39	9	3	10	38	1	13	8	688	1		47	
UPPER HUTT	2	2	4	1	2		1	9	225	2	4	16	5	2	3	15		6	1	229	4		28	
PETONE	1			1	1			2	150	5		7			4	10		1		147		3	8	
GREYTOWN - FEATHERSTON	2		3	1	1			6	88					5	1	6		2		84		4	10	
CARTERTON	2		1	1	1				110		1	3			1	4		3	2	104		6	13	
MASTERTON	3		2	2	2		-	8	362	2	5	11	10	1	4	13	3		3	358		4	19	
EKETAHUNA	2	4	1	1	1				84			1			1	4				80	-	4	6	
LEVIN	1		2	1	2			4	351	9	2	18		3	3	24		1	9	346		5	24	
OTAKI	2		1	1	2			3	85			2				7	1		1	78		7	4	
PARAPARAUMU	3	2	1	1	1				107			7				3		1		110	3		21	
TAITA UNION	1			1	1				40	2						7		9		26		14	14	
WAINUIOMATA	2	1	1	2	2				55			4				2			2	55			18	
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TOTALS	47	11	34	31	41	3	1	82	4126	73	34	286	30	27	58	267	10	67	54	4111	45	60	24.4	-

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CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	A	No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debi Balances
WELLINGTON CENTRAL										326	905	1000 850		252 135	M	3277		4306	1127
WELLINGTON WEST		2							1	322	857	970		150 175	M		19	1597	
WELLINGTON SOUTH							1			167	500	565	40	160	М	130	1 1 7 7	1440	
WELLINGTON EAST										450	1350	880 850 831	15	160 140 135	M	392		1407	1
WELLINGTON NORTH									1	392	1154	831		135	M	47		681	6546
PORIRUA				-						547	1750	835 835		135 204 223	M	1376		452	
						- 1			1	-		725		137	M				
LOWER HUTT									-	1060	2713	900 900	80 40	167	M	35		10908	
							1	1				900 900	40	167 167	M		100		
UPPER HUTT					13	1				392	1176	900 900 834 542		317 63	M		111		3206
PETONE										216	650			160	м	228		211	
GREYTOWN- FEATHERSTON										140	370	815		240	м	97		1362	
CARTERTON										138	425			189	м	181		218	
MASTERTON						1	1			473	1387	900 832		229 176	M	25		310	740
EKETAHUNA						-				117	433	627		300	м		27	176	
LEVIN										520	1482	875		303	м	2515		273	-
OTAKI										120	300	815	15	266	М	66			1191
PARAPARAUMU				-						248	721	810		175	М	197		180	
TAITA UNION												900		150	м		70		
WAINUIOMATA		7 1								822	2811	900 850		180 120	M				
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CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers		Confi	20 and over		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	
NELSON	2	1	3	3	3			18	465		5	33	1	3	6	28	4		3	482	17		36	
WAIMEA	5	1	2	1	1			3	175	1	2	5	1		1	6		1	4	172		3	8	
MOTUEKA	2	1	3_	1	1	1		4	123	.7	2	6			3		1			134	11		10	
MURCHISON	1	4	1		1				29		2			2					1	32	3		6	
BLENHEIM	7	9	6	4	4	1		13	476	2	10	17		3	6	17		1		484	8		45	-
REEFTON	2	2	1	1	1	1		1	56	3		2	1			5		1		56			9	
WESTPORT	1		1	1	1			3	92			4			3	3		2	1	87		5	10	
GREYMOUTH	2	3	1	1	1				180			12			2	11			1	178		2	24	
HOKITIKA	1	2	1	1	1			3	64			3	1		1	6				61		3	4	
	23	23	19	13	14	3	1	45	1660	29	21	82	4	8	-22	76	5	5	10	1686	39	13	152	

			CHE	RISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION					51	TIPEND	S, ETC.		ST	ATE OF F	INANCES AT 3	Oth JUNE
		C	hildren	n		,	Youth		Adults	Pastr	oral					Cir	cuits	Trust Acc	count Totals
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten.	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Adi	No. of Families	No. of People aue	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NELSON	99	68	70	80	67	55	45	4	100	723	1898	2335	65	400	M	67		1524	
WAINEA	51	69	52	41	38	17	14	5	15	256	770	815		235	М		84	545	
MOTUEKA	38	33	15	18	38	19	13	2	52	216	581	827		144	м	70		239	
MURCHISON		6	6	5	6	5		5	7	110	395	643		181	м	62		134	
BLENHEIM	37	92	61	107	77	45	35	6	66	618	1797	2360		366	CC M	17		609	
REEFTON	37	4	-4	9	5	6	6	2		136	439	703		120	М		245	5	
WESTPORT	35	14	12	5	18	12	9	3	12	190	525	815		120	м	25		24	
GREYMOUTH	29	9	9	24	17	5	16	6	14	325	926	815		210	М		14	743	461
HOKITIKA	16	8	6	9	3	2	6	3	19	81	228	751		135	М	4		31	
Total	2 212	303	235	208	260	166	144	36	285	2655	7559	10064	65	2011	M10	245	343	3854	. 461

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

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			CHR	RISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION	1				STI	PEND	S, ETC.		ST	ATE OF F	INANCES AT	30th JUNE
		Ch	ildren	1		1	Youth		Adults	Past						Cin	cuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
				-					Ad	-	Care			car)	car			Total Credit	
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of c	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
DURHAM STREET	74	66	43	109	54	61	70	94	82	801	1898	850	45	183	М	5. 7.5		1004.14. 3.	5711. 9.11.
												816	25	196	М				
CENTRAL MISSION AND	5	2	1	1						120	360	850		conf r	М	64.19.6		4360.15. 3.	980.19. 5.
CAMBRIDGE TERRACE CHURCH								-				815		220	М				
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	233	171	144	252	120	113	109	66	90	1666	5355	835		120	М	399. 1.0		1930. 0.11.	1139. 5.10.
												810	-	120	М				
												810		120	М				
			1998		-							810		120	М				
						1 -3						810		120	М				
WOOLSTON- LYTTELTON	49	35	34	95	65	47	53	37	12	675	2067	834		146	М	19-1		2170.16. 6.	
												834			C				
												355		56	М				
SYDENHAM	35	16	18	36	24	25	21	16	30	209	560	815		161.10.0	М	55. 0.0		536. 6. 4.	
SPREYDON	81	89	46	81	42	50	42	18		598	1877	815		150	м		56.0.0	18.12. 2.	964.14. 2.
									-			815		135	м				
RICCARTON	87	77	51	83	61	32	44	15		590	1770	815		150	м	54. 6.0		253.16.11.	93.15. 2.
												695		120	м				
ST. ALBANS	193	96	121	216	98	83	54	50	50	1281	3456	836	15	120	М			1938. 5. 1.	-
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

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CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and o	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Deb Balances
PAPANUI	66	46	47	73	31	33	23	18	35	380	1100	810		165	м	324.8.6		427.14. 2.	
												815		259	м				
SPRINGSTON	17	37	41	65	44	14	15	11	8	303	947	707.15.2		120	М		394	497	
LEESTON	30	24	10	11	9	6	5	1		148	516	815		240	м	6.2.6.		673.11. 5.	
KAIAPOI	52	33	21	46	32	15	16	1	3	259	808	810		156	м	229.0.6.		92.11.10.	36. 6.
RANGIORA	80	33	39	63	45	37	46	31	29	429	1237	834		234	M		456.0.0.	954. 5. 1.	
												834		234	М				
GREENDALE	25	16	14	25	11	6	9	2	9	85	332	815		250	М	80.0.0.		331. 0. 0.	
OXFORD	12	18	11	18	15	1	7	-3		103	330	815		240	M	1.13.3.		428.14. 9.	
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		759		1174		423		363		7647		23205.15.2		4496.8.1		1220.17 .9		5618. 4. 8.	-
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

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CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers		Confir	20 and over		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Dollavara
BANKS STREET	1	1		1	1				155			8			4	3				156	1		14	
WOODLANDS STREET	4	1	4	1	1			5	278	16	2	4		2	6	12	2	2		280	2		18	1
(APPROX) MARCHWIEL (METHODISTS)	1	1	1	1	1				76	1	1	8			1	3				82	6		5	
VAIMATE	2		1	1	2			1	180	10	4	2		2	7	12			5	174		6	5	
GERALDINE- TEMUKA	2		1	1	2*			3	147			8			3	10	1	1		140		7	7	
ASHBURTON	4	2	3	2	3		1	12	407	11	2	11		1	5	23		4	1	397	- 3	10	18	2
WILLOWBY	4	2	3	1	1			4	106		1	4			1	14		6		90	-	16	7	
CAMARU	3		2	1	1			4	199		4	14		2	3	10		3		203	4		17	3
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			18																					
	21	7	15	9	11		12	29	1548	38	12	59	1	7	30	87	3	16	6	1522	13	30	91	6

^{* 1} MINISTER ON RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP - NOT SHOWN IN TOTAL.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

			CHR	ISTIA	IN E	DUCA	TION					STIF	PEND	S, ETC.		ST	ATE OF FI	NANCES AT 3	Oth JUNE
		Ch	ildren	1		1	outh		Adults	Paste						Cin	cuits	Trust Acc	ount Totals
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Ad	No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
BANKS STREET	40	19	13	23	15	9	11			227	698	860	50	150	М	31.17.1			30. 8.
WOODLANDS STREET	50	19	33	48	24	38	33	11	38	340	1180	815	50	150		2090		410. 0.6	
MARCHWIEL	60	8	31	28	18	15	11		4	135	574	300 presbyter	ian	50 appoint	M	211.0.10 t			
WAIMATE	20	14	8	10	13	11	12	10	67	190	580	834		135	М	345.1.10			
GERALDINE-TEMUKA	8	7	9	13	13	10	9	3	7	130	375	815		280	М	52.0. 0		512. 9.1	
ASHBURTON	79	34	51	47	42	39	27	27	63	417	1120	865	10	150 234	М	224.18. 8		1854. 5.3	
WILLOWBY	10	13	13	26	12	6	2	1	7	96	320	850		370	M.	292.15. 8		1113. 7.0	
OAMARU	67	51	25	22	17	26	5	8	32	241	723	815	4	200	М		14.18.4	195. 9.0	
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OTAGO- SOUTHLAND DISTRICT GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1965

														CH	URC	H ME	MBER	RSHIP					BAP	T'N
		ses							===		Memb Durin	ers Reco	eived ear			Member Durin	rs Rer	moved Year		oll N				
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CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year		mation ox	- 40	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	3 13 13 13 18 5 5 16 4 2 5	Infants	-
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CENTRAL CHURCH & MISSION (DUNEDIN)	4	1	1	3	3			7	237	2	2					11			4				7	+
NORTH DUNEDIN	6		4	2	1			3	181	2	7	9	1	2	3	3		2		194				H
DUNEDIN WEST	3		3	3	1			5	266	19		6	1		4	11		-	2	279	13	.0	9	+
DUNEDIN SOUTH	4		3	3	2			2	336		1	12			2	23		5		318		10		t
CORSTORPHINE UNION	-	1			1			2	43	5		6			1	5				48			3	H
ST. KILDA	4		1	1	2		-	3	234	3	1	20	4		7	12	3	1		239	-		12	H
MILTON - LAWRENCE	2	1	2	. 1	1	. 10			56			8	1	2	1	3				72			6	H
BALCLUTHA	2	2	1	1	1			5	131	10	5	3	4		2	13		4		135				Н
GORE	4		2	1	1			1	124	2	3	7			1	6		2	1	126	2		1	+
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	3		3	2	2			1	304	6	8	16	2	2	6	12		10	1	309	5		24	H
INVERCARGILL - ST. PETERS	3		2	2	2			7	354	11	11	17	6	1	4	42		3	8	341			45	1
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	6	3	4	2	2			4	178			7			4	13		-		168				H
BLUFF	2			1	1				66	1	1	-		2	1	3		1		65		1	13	-
ROXBURGH	3			1	1			1	47			1		- 1		1				47			2	-
CROMWELL - ALEXANDRA	3	2	2	1	1			3	52	2	1	7		- 3	1	6				. 55	3		2	H
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

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			CHR	ISTIA	N E	DUCA	TION	-				STI	PEND	S, ETC.		51	TATE OF F	INANCES AT	30th JUNE
		Ch	ildren			١	outh		Adults	Pasto						Cit	rcuits	Trust Ac	count Totals
									Ad		Care			car)	car			Total Credit	
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of c	Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
CENTRAL CHURCH & MISSION	10	10	8	21	11	6	16	17	30	296	621			235		131.11.1		5604.19. 6.	5126. 0. 9
(DUNEDIN)												815 706		200	C				
NORTH DUNEDIN	11	25	16	18	15	8		-	20	155	460	815		134	M		47. 9. 1.	88.11. 0.	
DUNEDIN WEST	44	28	38	61	39	28	44	14		365	1100	815		125	M	-	288.14. 8.	2292. 9. 3.	90.18. 5
DUNEDIN SOUTH	27	52	61	62	54	24	27	12		514	1377	815 815		137 135	M		221. 7. 3.	1595. 0. 4.	
CORSTORPHINE UNION	8					4	6	5		300	900			135	м				
ST. KILDA	30	44	33	40	26	9	10	12	17	289	780	800 306		117 53	M	567.10.8		222.13.10.	63. 8. 0
MILTON - LAWRENCE	18	10	19	11	16	4	7		10	115	323	683		248	м	10. 7.2		206. 0. 0.	11. 0. 0
BALCLUTHA	27	13	14	9	.11	13	12	2	10	182	564	815		240	М		70.15. 1	160. 1. 1.	
GORE	28	20	26	26	18	8	5			180	530			181		112.18.8		731. 1.10.	3.10. 7
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	62	37	39	64	45	.33	30	34	44	460	1240	830 830		120 150 200	M	247. 0.0		645.18. 9.	
INVERCARGILL - ST. PETERS	112	63	68	98	58	33	29	26	38	496	1600	736	35 15	150 290	M	16. 7.2		84.19. 5.	
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	25	19	19	36	14	11	15	2		260	730	658		290	M		576. 6. 1.	170. 2. 1.	64. 5.11
BLUFF	29	16	19	17	15	2	5			160	400	658		135	м	98.15.7		3. 0.11.	
ROXBURGH	15	8	10	10	8	4	2	4		70	216	815		126	М	47.2.10		170. 1. 8.	
CROMWELL-ALEXANDRA	25	19	11	14	6	4	4		6	102	330	691		248	М		296.15. 2		
								-											-
								-											
												17454		3974	M22			11974 - 19.8.	

ADDENDUM

HOME MISSION ESTIMATES 1966

ADD UNDER NELSON DISTRICT

Westport—M.	200
Reefton—M.	200
Reefton—Special	100
Hokitika—M.	200
Murchison—P. (R.B.)	300
	£1,000

ADD NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT (Grants as printed)

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1965

REC	EIPTS	
BALANCES AT 31st JULY, 1964:	Smethurst Interest 13	
General Account 265	TRINITY THEOLOGICAL	- 4,230
Legacies for Disbursement 1,230	COLLEGE 16	50
Removal Expenses Fund 52 H.M. Training Conference 108		- 160
Picture Department 331 Edith Winstone Blackwell	CONNEXIONAL BUDGET	
Edith Winstone Blackwell	11 months 1964-5 32,37	2
Trust 263	1 month 1965-66 2,96	4
LEGACIES received during the	A Company of the Comp	- 35,336
year 2,556	INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD	
	Interest etc	3,772
SUNDRY INCOME:	OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Maori Circuits 1,554 General 240		0
Dept. Christian Education —		8
camps etc 90	Duplicating 1 Edith Winstone Blackwell	
METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOW-	Rent, Connexional Property	6
SHIP:	Rent, Connexional Property	_ 277
Annual Grant 3,700 Special Grant 400		-
Special Grant 400	1	£50,464
Harmon Harra	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT	
	MENTS	
EGACY DISBURSEMENT	CIRCUIT GRANTS:	
GRANTS	Northland District:	
Taupo Parsonage	Hikurangi 22	
Helensville Church	North Hoklanga 43	
Dargaville Trust	Whangaroa 14 Paparoa 2	
Dargaville Trust	Kaikohe—Bay of Islands 18	
Bluff Hall 50		- 1,028
Russell Parsonage Loan 40	Auckland District:	
Department of Christian Education 150	Kaipara 3 Bombay—Tuakau 18 Birkenhead 32 Mahurangi 22 Avelland 32	
— 990	Bombay—Tuakau 18	
DITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL	Birkenhead 32 Mahurangi 22	
TRUST GRANTS:	Auckland West 5	
	Whangaparaoa 17	
Kaikohe—Bay of Islands 38 Bombay—Tuakau 50 Rotorua 50	Onehunga 15 Takapuna 16	
Rotorua 50	Takapuna 16 Auckland East 5	
Putaruru 50	Henderson 35	
Taihape 50 Wainui-o-mata 13	Paparoeroe o	0
Wainui-o-mata 13	Auckland South 17	
MAORI MISSION:	Pukekohe 7	- 2,020
a) Maori Mission Account	Waikato-Bay of Plenty Districts:	- 2,020
Stipends 15,824	Coromandel 2	2
Travelling 2,797	Tauranga 20	
Circuit Expenses 500	Tauranga 20 Taumarunui 10 Ngaruawahia 18	
	Ngaruawahia 18	
Deaconess Cars 1,712	Kawerau 57	
Deaconess Cars 1,712 I.F.B. Rents 1,225 Mission Hill Rent 175	Hauraki Plains 1:	
	I Waihi 15	0
b) European Minister in Maori	Putaruru—Tokoroa 700	
Work:	Hamilton East 12	7
Stipend 820 Travelling 250		
Travelling 250 Rent 200	Huntly 150	
tions, the two says and the many	Rotorua 42	
c) General		- 2,905
Maori Section N.C.C 38	Taranaki-Wanganui District:	
	Inglewood 150	
Staff Conference	Manaja 120	5
South Island Travel 100	Manaia 12: Taihape 13: Waitara 6:	7

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1965 (Continued)

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District:	500		Auckland Hospital Chaplaincy	
Waipawa-Waipukurau			Ministerial Supplies 50	
Dannevirke	83			
Apiti	40			310
Wairoa	213			211
THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O	_	836	OFFICE & GENERAL EXPENSES:	
Wellington District:			Office Salaries 812	
Paraparaumu	125		Staff Superannuation Subsidy 29	
Wainui-o-mata	199		Office Rent and Rates 703	
	400		Expenses, Postages etc 134	
opper tratt in in in in	550		Light. Power and Cleaning 86	
Porirua	330	1,274	Telephones and Tolls 114	
The same of the sa		1,2/4	Printing and Stationery 255	
			2,	134
Nelson District:			MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS:	
Westport	150		Publicity 437	
Reefton	275		Share of "Lotu" 110	
Hokitika	125		Deaconess Retiring Fund 51	
Murchison	200		Additional Travel 98	
The state of the s		750	Insurances 50	
North Controlum Districts			Audit Fee 35	
North Canterbury District:	140			
Riccarton	140			
	225			
Springston Ann and ann	325		Sundry Expenses (Includes	
Spreydon	175	-	Overdraft Fee £6) 130	
St. Albans	180	371.40		961
Rangiora	25	S. J. Line	SUPERINTENDENTS (TWO):	
	_	1,070	Stipends 1,640	
Otago-Southland District:		13000	General Allowances 100	
Cromwell-Alexandra	135		Travelling 500	
D1 44	65		I.F.B. Rents 400	
	25		2,0	540
	213	100	PICTURE DEPARTMENT	22
	213			
	127		REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND	68
- 1	137			
	138		BALANCES 31st JULY, 1965	
	150	/10/11/	General Acount 2,771	
North Dunedin	50		Legacies for Disbursement 2,796	
and the same of th	-	913	E. W. Blackwell Trust 256	
(Total Circuit Grants £11,269)			H.M. Training Conference 108	
			Picture Department 309	
SUNDRY GRANTS:		10	Tistare populition in in our	
	400		6,240	
M.S.S.A.	60		Less Removal Expenses	
Wesley Circulating Library	25		Fund (Dr.) 7	
Colportage Society of Otago-	25		- 6,2	22
Southland	38		- 0,2	.33
			050	
Seamer House Hostel	200		£50,4	104

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1965, 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.

M. C. COPELAND, Auditor.

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1965

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
ALANCE, Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/64:			INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:		
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	261		Through Mornington	3	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	1,060		Through Invercargill	9	
Kinross St. Sales A/c Avondale Circuit	1,715		Direct	3,760	
M.W.F. Emergency Fund	1,027				3,77
On Account of Capital	2,142		LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT		2,55
			AVONDALE CIRCUIT: Kinross St. Sales		1,71
	6,205		CAPITAL INVESTED:		
On Account of Maintenance	279		Special Loans	31,598	-
On Account of Maintenance	217	6.484	Auckland Hospital Board Stock	1,000	
	700	0,404	Otago Hospital Board Debentures	200	-
ASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:			Temperance Building Society, Edinburgh	1,049	-
Estate of H. S. S. Hart	50		Space in office building	2,540	
I U Oldham (final)	2		P.O. Savings Bank	1	
Mathew Discon (final)	300		Winstone Ltd. Shares	198	
M H Marlay (final)	130				36,58
Gabriel Lyons	1.049		PROPERTIES:		
M. H. Barnitt	100		Auckland Maori Parsonage	141	
. G. P. Hunt	300		Dargaville Deaconess Cottage	5	-
G. Phillips (oddit.)	22		Hawera Maori Parsonage	40	-
C Dhilling	25		Hamilton Maori Parsonage	45	-
, S.E. Evons	100		Manurewa Mission House	5,050	
T. E. Price (final)	205		28 Mt. Albert Road	115	-
Marcaret E. Belton	250		Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage	35	-
Margaret Smith	-		Tokoroa Mission House (furniture)	268	
" S. J. Gibson	245		Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel (extension)	4,577	
J. L. Moss	200		Kawakawa Maori Centra	401	
Walter's Farm Trust	50		Te Kuiti Maori Centre	38	
Winstone Ltd. Bonus Shares	198		REPAYMENT OF LOANS:		10,71
Otago Hospital Board, Debentures	200		Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	260	
orago respectation board, become as an in in in in			Hamilton Te Rahui Tane	160	
	6,886			39	
to Describe to District			Kamo Maori Parsonage		
Less Proportion for Disbursement	2,000		Loans at Call	1,301	

LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT	2	2,556	SUNDRY CREDITOR		116
NEW LOANS AT CALL	37	,298	EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST, EXPENDED		1,078
REPAYMENTS OF SPECIAL LOANS	10	,960	INTEREST DISBURSED		
REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGE		626	George Buttle Centennial Gift	26	
NEW CAPITAL:			Thomas Buddle Memorial Library Fund	5	
Kaeo Property Sale	53				- 31
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	4,786		BALANCES BANK OF NEW ZALAND, 31/7/65:		
Kawakawa Maori Centre	11		Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	254	
M.W.F. Emergency Fund	36		T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	1,097	
	4	,886	M.W.F. Emergency Fund	1,063	
SINKING FUNDS		.237	On Account Capital	6,491	
THE REV. T. G. & MRS. BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND	37	-			
THE THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND	5			8,905	
THE REV. GEORGE & MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT	26		On Account of Maintenance	449	
THE E. D. & M. E. JONES LOAN REPAYMENT	10				9,354
		78			
A. J. SEAMER LEGACY ACCOUNT		300			
NET INTEREST AND RENTS		3.687			
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST: Net Rents	200	1.071			
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS: Net Receipts		170	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE		
maintenance accounts. Het keceipts		.,,	PAONIFICE CINCIL S. C. S.	_	
	£73	3,683	Travelle for openignmen	£	73,683

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1965

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
CREDITORS:		CASH, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:	
Loans at Call 91,	500	Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust 254	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund, 31/7/64 1,060		T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund 1.097	
Added during year 37		M.W.F. Emergency Fund 1,063	1
1	097	On Account of Capital 6,491	
	482		
-	95,179	On Account of Maintenance 449	
SUNDRY FUNDS:	100		
	100	CHAIRDY DEPTARS	9,354
George Buttle Centennial Gift Fund	500	SUNDRY DEBTORS	123
E. D. & M. E. Jones Trust	- 600	INVESTMENTS:	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	254		
M.W.F. Emergency Fund	1.063	Memorial Gifts, Local Body Stock	
A. J. Seamer Legacy Account	300	George Buttle Memorial Gift	
71 7. Souther Edgacy Freedom	000	Thomas buddle Library Fund 100	600
RESERVES:		General:	000
Working Expenses, Maintenance Account	487	Mortgages 566	
Sinking Fund, 31/7/64 10,392		Government Stock 4,700	
Added during year 1,237		Debentures and Stock 22.500	
	529	Sundry Shares	
	400	Post Office Savings Bank	
Loan Repayment Reserve 2,1	300	Space in Central Mission Building 12,165	
The second secon	- 15,316	Investment of Gabriel Lyons Trust 1,049	
MAORI CENTRES AND HOSTELS:		1,017	45,510
Mortgages:		Special Loans:	,
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel 2,645			
Less repaid during year 260		E. D. & M .E. Jones Trust 40	
	385	General 117,609	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel 1,360			- 117,649
Less repaid during year 160		PROPERTIES:	
- 1,		Parsonages, etc.	39,414
Capital Receipts to date:	3,585	Maori Hostels and Centres:	
		Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel 20,		Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel 12,		Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel 11,953	
	348	Dargaville Maori Centre 2,058	
	098	Hawera Maori Centre 2,395	
	372	Kawakawa Maori Centre 4,372	
	029	Otorohanga Maori Centre 3,471	
	425	Te Kuiti Maori Centre 1,413	
	850	Opunake Deaconess Centre	
aparterio Decetoricas Corniro in in in in in in	71	Dargaville Deaconess Cottage 34	
_	52,133		- 69,000

Capital Receipts, Sundry: Hawera Deaconess Cottage Hokianga Deaconess Cottage Opunake Deaconess Cottage Dargaville Deaconess Cottage Kamo Maori Parsonage Taheke Deaconess Cottage Kaeo Property Sales Kakariki Avenue Property Sale CAPITAL: Balance, 31/7/64 Add Legacies and Gifts 6 Less transfers to Disbursement Account 2	383 25 100 2,110 135 175 1,689 1,069 ————————————————————————————————————	Mt. Wesley, Maungawhare 1,866 Mt. Wesley, Parsonage Site 1,497 Kaeo 2,384 Kaeo Farm Development 120 Opononi 469 Waima 100 Kawhia (Te Waitere) 100 Raglan 50 6,586	
	1200,230	1200,230	

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Misson and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1965.

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, 1965.

M. C. COPELAND, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1965

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Repairs	463	Rent and Rates	2,066
Rates	241		
Insurance	188		
Commission	103		
	995		
Depreciation Reserve	275		
Net Income Carried Down	796	The state of the s	
	2,066		2,066
	-		-
Transfer to Capital	160	Net Income Brought Down	796
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve	150		
Transfer to Home Mission Fund	243		
Transfer to Investment Funds Board	243	SHOP THE SHO	
		TO COUNTY OF THE PARTY OF THE P	-
	£796		£796

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1965

LIABILITIES			122	ASSETS		. 20
CAPITAL				BUILDINGS		10,000
Balance, 31/7/64	12,	,954		INVESTMENTS:		
Added during year:			3.5	National Savings Investment	1,340	
From Income	160			P.O. Savings Bank	25	
From Interest	146	306		Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority Stock	2,500	
	_		3,260	Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board Stock	2,500	
DEPRECIATION RESERVE:	-		2665	Waitemata County Council Stock	1,000	
Balance, 31/7/64	5,	,069		Manukau County Council Stock	1,500	
Added during year:		5.1			-	8,86
From Income	275					
From Interest	254					
	-	529				
	-	100	5,598			
MAINTENANCE RESERVE:						-
From Income		150				3.3
Less overdrawn, 31/7/64		143				
		100	7			
SMCORIE VICE EN 1940			2000	LAGICANT LEVY ENEMIE 315, 1953, 1978	-	
		£1	8,865	TYCK MANY INDIA	£	18,865

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (AUCKLAND) TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965

Add Doughases	6,398 13,799	Sales 18,058
000	£20,197	Colombia
Less Stock at 30/6/65	7,520	
	12,677	
Gross profit	5,381	
2776	£18 058	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE
	£18,058	£18,058
Accountancy and Audit	53	Gross Profit 5,381
Advertising and Stationery	108	Loss for year 17
Commission	70	HARACTER THE STATE OF THE SERVICE OF
General Expenses	118	ALL ST
Classica	48	
Insurance	39	
Interest	12	the state of the s
Telephone	39	
Light and Power	110	THE STREET WHITE PROTECTION OF THE PERSON OF
Postages	287	
Rent	1,751	And the state of t
Rates	199	emilian v jvo sas is
Salaries	2,346	Children Sander In
Depreciation	218	ARONAHOA SIROKAS ADDIW (A
	£5,398	£5,398

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	CURRENT ASSETS:
Bank Overdraft 386	Cash in hand 15
Trade Creditors 1,404	Cash in hand 1
Bills Payable 54	16
Subs. in advance 32	SUNDRY DEBTORS 2,189
	Less Reserve for Bad Debts 50
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 1,877	2,139
VAN REPLACEMENT RESERVE 1,545	Stock on hand 7,520
CAPITAL:	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 9,675
30th June, 1964 9,161	Loan — Hamilton 854
Less Loss for year 17	Superannuation in advance 52.55 97
9,144	Furniture & Fittings at 30/6/65 2,120
	Additions 38
10.50 1	2,158
	Less Depreciation 218
STATE COVERS	1,940
£12,566	£12,566

I have audited the books and accounts of the Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) for the year ended 30th June, 1965, and certify that in my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet correctly sets out the position of the Bookroom as at 30th June, 1965, as disclosed by its books and the information and explanations I have received.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Estimates for 1966

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

(1)	PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS	3,200
(2)	METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:	
	Grant 3,700	
	Special Gift 400	
	Smethurst Interest 130	4,230
(3)	EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST	
	(for Circuit Grants)	256
(4)	MAORI CIRCUITS	1,800
(5)	MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS	300
(6)	TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:	
	(Living out allowance, 2 students)	240
(7)	CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:	
	1965-66 (5 months) 15,599	
	1966-67 (7 months)	37,892
		£47,918

ESTIMATED PAYMENTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT Maori Work.		Investments Funds Board— Parsonage Rents:	
Minister—Stipend	900	Woima	125
Travelling	250	Kamo	200
Parsonage Allowance	15		£4,972
Supernumerary Minister—Honorarium	52		14,912
Travelling	125		
Home Missionary—Stipend	780	Circuit Grants	
Travelling	200	Circuit Grants	
Parsonage Allow.	15	Hikurangi—P.	450
General Circuit Expenses	100	Whangaroa—M.	150
Deaconess—Stipend	506	Kaikohe-Bay of Islands-M. & P	200
Rent	78	" (E.W.B.)	50
Provision for car	150	North Hokianga—P.	350
Deaconess—Stipend	548	" (Travelling)	150
Rent	78	Paparoa—S.H.M.	50
Provision for car	150		
Deaconess Supply—Stipend	550		£1400
Travelling	150		

AUGULAND DISTRICT			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT Macri Work		Deaconess (half time)—Stipend Rent	262 78
Senior Maori Superintendent—		Trovelling	75
Stipend	900	Investment Funds Board—Rents:	1
Travelling	250	Ngaruawahia	100
Special Travelling	25	Heaphy Terrace	200
Parsonage Allowance	15		
Supernumerary Minister — Travelling	75		£8,532
Non-resident Student Supply-	700		
Stipend	730	(B) King Country Circuit	
Parsonage Allowance	150	Minister—Stipend	900
Non-resident Student Supply—	13	Travelling	250
Stipend	730	Parsonage Allowance	15
Travelling	150	Probationer—Stipend	780
Parsonage Allowance	15	Travelling	150
Circuit Expenses	100	Probationer—Stipend	702
Deaconess—Stipend	602	Travelling	150
Rent	78	Rent	78
Provision for Car	150	H.M. Supply	50
Deaconess—Stipend	602	Circuit Expenses	50
Rent	78	Deaconess (No appointment)	400
Travelling	25	Deaconess—Stipend	602
Deaconess—Stipend	626	Rent	78 150
Provision for car	150	Investment Funds Board—Rents:	150
Investment Funds Boards—Rents:	150	Kawhia	150
Tuakau	150 250	Te Kuiti	200
Manurewa	250		
Wallarewa	250		£4,305
	£6,066		
		Circuit Grants	
Circuit Grants		Waihi—M.	250
Birkenhead—3 M.	650	Hamilton East—3 M.	350
Onehungo—2 M.	200	Huntly—M.	150
Auckland South—3 M.	100	Ngaruawahia—P.	100
Henderson—3 M.	300	Putaruru—P.	150
Whangaparaoa—P	150	" (E.W.B.)	50
Whangaparaoa—P. Bombay-Tuakau—M.	200	Tokoroo—M.	375
" —(E.W.B.)	50	Tauranga—3 M.	150
Mohurangi—M.	235	Rotorua—2 M. & D	150
Kaipara—M.	125	T- Dista (E.W.B.)	50
Pukekohe—M. & S	200	Te Puke—M	200 150
	£2,210	Te Kuiti—P.	200
	£2,210	Taumarunui—M.	100
		,, for Turangi (R.B.)	300
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DIST	RICT	Ohura—P.	300
(A) Weikete Circuit		Coromandel—S.	20
Maori Work			
Minister—Stipend	900		£3,045
Rent	250		
Travelling	175	TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRI	CT
Parsonage Allowance	15		•
Probationer—Stipend	780	Maori Work	
Travelling	150	Minister (Missionary in Maori Work)-	
Parsonage Allowance	780	Stipend	900
Home Missionary—Stipend	75	Parsonage Allowance	250 15
Prov. for Car	125		816
Parsonage Allow.	15	Senior Home Missionary—Stipend Travelling	100
Home Missionary—Stipend	780	Prov. for Car	150
Travelling	200	Pars. Allow	15
Parsonage Allow.	15	Circuit Expenses	75
Rent	210	Deaconess—Stipend	548
Circuit Car—Travelling	150	Rent	78
General Circuit Expenses	150	Provision for Car	150
Deaconess—Stipend		Deaconess—Stipend	506
Rent	78	Rent	78
Provision for Car		Provision for Car	150
Deaconess—Stipend		Investment Funds Board—Rent:	200
Rent Provision for Car		Grey Institute Trust—Rent:	200
Descenses Supply Stinged	150 584	New Plymouth	175
Deaconess Supply—Stipend		THEM PHYMICALITY	-113
Deaconess Supply—Stipend			£4,206
Provision for Car	150		
Trovision for Cur	100		

Circuit Grants	200	GENERAL EXPENDITURE	
Taihape—P.	150	Maori Work	
Taihape (E.W.B.)	50	South Island Deaconess-	
Inglewood—M.	75	Honorarium	52
Manaia—M.	125	Travelling	26
the same of the sa		Hostel Subsidies	200
	£400	N.C.C. Maori Section	40
41		Deaconess Car Depreciation	150
		Maori Students	180
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DIST	RICT	South Island Travelling	100
Circuit Grants		Staff Conferences	50
		Additional Ministerial Travel	500
Wairoa—P.	100	7 14	61 000
Apiti—M.	100	100	£1,298
Waipawa-Waipukurau—M. (R.B.)	500	General Grants	
Waipawa-Waipukurau Special	100	Church Sites Fund	400
	5000	N.Z. M.S.S.A.	30
	£800	Wesley Circulating Library	25
	-	Auckland Hospital Chaplain (1)	650
WELLINGTON DISTRICT		Southland N.C.C. Chaplain to	
11	1948	Manapouri	150
Circuit Grants			
Porirua-2 M. & P	600		£1,255
Eketahuna—H.M.P.	100	Miscellaneous	
Upper Hutt-M, & P.	275	H.M. Publicity and General	300
Wainui-o-mata	167	Visual Supplies	50
Wainui-o-mata E.W.B.	6	Staff Insurance	40
Taita Union	80	Ministerial Supplies	100
		President's Supply	150
	£1,228	Share of "Lotu"	135
		Methodist Times	13
		Interest and Bank Charges	20
NELSON DISTRICT		interest and bank charges	
Circuit Grants		1 1	£808
Riccarton-M. & P.	100	Superintendents (2)	2000
Spreydon—2 M	150	Stipends	1 000
5pringston—2 M	400		1,800
St. Albans—4 M	100	Travelling	100
Woolston-Lyttelton-2 M, & P	200	General Allowances Parsonage Allowances	30
Rangiora—2 M.	100	Investment Funds Board Rent (2)	500
		investment runds bourd Kent (2)	300
2.4.4	£1.050		£2,930
115.00		Office Expenses	22,730
		The same of the sa	
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT	_	Bookkeeping, Secretarial and Wages	900
	2000	Office, Interest and Rates	710
Central Church and Mission 2 M	150	Light, Cleaning, etc.	100
Western Southland—2 P.	100	Telephones Tolls and Postages	250
Bluff—P.	100	Printing and Stationery	300
North Dunedin—M.	200		62.260
	6450	2	£2,260
	£450	CRAND TOTAL	C40 215
	-17	GRAND TOTAL	£48,215
	4.0	H 1273	

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES FOR CONNEXIONAL YEAR, 1966

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Maori Circuits 1,8 Miscellaneous Donations 3	
1965-66 15,5	599
1966-67 22,2	
* Estimated Deficit	297
£48.2	£48,215

^{*} Estimates for Macri Work and Circuit Grants adjusted according to the stationing approved by Conference.

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