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## **HISTORICAL MEMORANDA**

Organised Methodism in Australasia as part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf. 1814.)

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

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

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

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

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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was also the First United Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the United Methodist Free Churches, and the Bible Christian Church in New Zealand, was held in 1897.

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**THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was held in 1903.

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

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**THE FIRST CONFERENCE**  
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Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand having taken effect on February 6th, 1913.



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Mr J. Stuart Caughey (Chairman), Revs. R. F. Clement, M.A., E. W. Hames, M.A., G. I. Laurenson, R. Rogers, A. H. Scrivin, B. M. Chystall, B.A., Messrs C. Darby, H. M. Denton, T. L. Hames, C. A. Mansell, C. N. Nicholls, M.A., P. Rushton, A. C. A. Sexton, LL.M., A. W. Westney, A. M. Winstone, A. J. Kidd, E. J. Beavis, B. K. Caughey, W. E. Donnelly and J. Beever.

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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1966, in the Pitt Street Church, Auckland, by the retiring President, Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A., after which the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., was inducted to the Presidency.

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

The Connexional Secretary, Rev. William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., was inducted to the office of Secretary of the Conference and took up his duties.



# LECTIONARY: 1967-68

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## APRIL

### MORNING

### EVENING

1st after Easter	2	Isaiah 25:1-9. John 21:1-22	Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 20:19-31
2nd after Easter	9	Deut. 4:1, 23-25 Luke 7:1-17	Exodus 13:17-22 John 15:1-11
3rd after Easter	16	Deut. 6:4-9; 17-25 Luke 8:40-56	Exodus 15:20-27 John 15:12-27
4th after Easter	23	Deut. 10:12-15, 17— 11:1 Luke 16:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15 John 16:1-15
5th after Easter (Rogation Day)	30	Deut. 11:13-28 John 16:16-33	Numbers 14:11-24 John 17:1-6; 9-11; 15- 17; 20-26

## MAY

Sunday after Ascension (Bible Day N.Z.)	7	Psalm 119:105-112 Hebrews 4.	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Romans 10:1-17
Pentecost (Home and Family Day)	14	Magnificat (No. 7) Acts 2:1-8; 12-21	Ezekiel 36:22-28; 35-36 Romans 8:1-17
Trinity or next after Pentecost (Aldersgate)	21	Psalm 130 (No. 59) Ephesians 1:3-14	Isaiah 63:7-16 1 Peter 1:1-21
2nd after Pentecost	28	Numbers 27:12-23 John 4:1-10; 13b-14; 19-26.	Exodus 1:8-10, 22; 2:1-10 Mark 1:14-28

## JUNE

3rd after Pentecost	4	Deut. 34:1-12 John 4:27-42	Exodus 2:11-22 Mark 1:29-39
4th after Pentecost	11	Joshua 2:1-9; 12-21 Acts 2:22-42	Exodus 4:1-16 Mark 2:1-12
5th after Pentecost	18	Joshua 3:7-17; 4:4-7 Acts 3:1-19	Exodus 6:2-12 Mark 2:13-28
6th after Pentecost	25	Joshua 5:13—6:5 Acts 4:1-12	Exodus 7:8-27 Mark 3:1-12

## JULY

7th after Pentecost	2	Joshua 6:12-16; 20 Acts 4:13-22	1 Sam. 1:1-11; 19-20 John 5:1-15
8th after Pentecost	9	Proverbs 1:1-9 Acts 5:12, 17-32	1 Sam. 4:1-14 John 5:16-29
9th after Pentecost (Youth Day)	16	1 Chron. 28:1-10 Matt. 13:44-58	Job 28:12-28 (No. 66) 1 Tim. 4:6-16
10th after Pentecost	23	1 Sam. 17:1-11 John 6:22-40	Proverbs 17:1-14 Ephes. 1:15-23
11th after Pentecost	30	1 Sam. 17:32-51 John 6:41-51	Joshua 24:14-24 Ephes. 4:17-32

**AUGUST**

12th after Pentecost	6	1 Sam. 21:1-4a; 6-9 John 6:52-71
13th after Pentecost (L.P. Sunday)	13	1 Sam. 26:5-25 Luke 10:1-20.
14th after Pentecost	20	1 Sam. 28:3-20 Luke 8:16-25.
15th after Pentecost	27	1 Kings 21:1-16 Luke 9:51-62

**EVENING**

Isaiah 30:8-18  
Ephes. 5:1-8; 14-21  
Isaiah 59:16-21  
Ephes. 6:10-20  
Nehemiah 8:1-3; 5-12  
Galatians 5:16-25  
1 Kings 22:1-17  
2 Cor. 5:20—6:10

**SEPTEMBER**

16th after Pentecost	3	2 Kings 5:1-14 Acts 18:24—19:6
17th after Pentecost	10	Hosea 2:14-23 Acts 19:21-41
18th after Pentecost	17	Hosea 6:1-6 Acts 20:17-38
19th after Pentecost (Christian Citizenship)	24	Jer. 35:1-10; 18-19 Romans 13:1-14

2 Kings 6:8-23  
Luke 5:1-16  
2 Kings 6:24-25; 7:1-6;  
16  
Matth. 21:33-46  
2 Kings 17:1-6; 24-28 ...  
Luke 14:1-14  
Isaiah 5:11-12; 18-24  
Matth. 19:1-9; 13-22

**OCTOBER**

20th after Pentecost (World Communion)	1	Micah 4:1-7 John 10:7-18
21st after Pentecost	8	2 Kings 23:4-14 Luke 13:1-17
22nd after Pentecost	15	Jer. 26:1-16 Luke 16:1-15
23rd after Pentecost (Industrial Sunday*)	22	Jer. 22:1-5; 13-19 Luke 17:5-21

2 Kings 22:3-11; 23:1-3  
Acts 24:24—25:12  
2 Kings 23:28—24:7  
Acts 28:16-31  
Jer. 36:1-4; 21-28, 32  
1 Cor. 9:24—10:13  
2 Chron. 36:11-31  
Luke 18:1-14

\*N.B. The Social Creed should be read on this day (See Minutes 1952, page 73)

24th after Pentecost	29	Ezekiel 11:14-20 Luke 18:35—19:10
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Jer. 38:1-13  
Matth. 21:23-32

**NOVEMBER**

25th after Pentecost	5	Ezekiel 18:1-4; 19-22; 27-32 Mark 12:13-27
26th after Pentecost (Remembrance Day)	12	2 Sam. 23:8-17 Rev. 7:9-17
27th after Pentecost	19	Daniel 4:1-9; 19-27 1 Cor. 1:18-31
Next before Advent	26	Haggai 2:1-9 2 Cor. 4:5-18

Ezekiel 33:1-9  
1 Tim. 1:12-17—2:1-7  
Joshua 4:1-9  
Romans 8:31b-39  
Daniel 6:1-23  
1 John 5:1-12  
Jer. 23:1-8  
John 12:37-50

**DECEMBER**

1st in Advent	3	Zeph. 3:1-8; 12-15 Mark 13:24-37
2nd in Advent	10	Deut. 30:8-20 Romans 15:4-13
3rd in Advent	17	Ezekiel 34:1-12 Matth. 25:14-30
4th in Advent	24	Ezekiel 34:20-31 Matth. 25:31-46
Sunday after Christmas	31	Isaiah 40:1-11 Luke 2:21-40

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Rev. 1:1-20  
Psalm 119:129-36  
Rev. 20:11—21:8  
Isaiah 26:1-9  
Rev. 21:9-16, 22—22:5  
Isaiah 29:9-19  
Titus 2:11—3:7  
Isaiah 42:10-17  
John 1:1-18



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## JANUARY

## MORNING

## EVENING

1st after Epiphany	7	Isaiah 61:1-11 Matth. 2:1-12	Isaiah 49:1-13 Ephes. 2:1-22
2nd after Epiphany	14	Jonah 1:1-17 1 Thess. 1:1-10	Gen. 37:3-14; 18-28 John 2:1-12
3rd after Epiphany	21	Jonah 2:10—3:10 1 Thess. 5:12-24	Gen. 39:20—40:22 John 3:22-36
4th after Epiphany	28	Jonah 4:1-11 Galatians 1:1-12	Gen. 41:14-15; 25-41 John 4:43-54

## FEBRUARY

5th after Epiphany	4	Isaiah 64:1-12 Galatians 5:16—6:5	Jer. 23:1-8 John 9:1-12
Septuagesima or 9th before Easter	11	Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-36 Matth. 5:1-16	Gen. 2:4-9; 15-25 1 John 1:1-9
(Covenant Sunday)			
Sexagesima or 8th before Easter	18	Exodus 20:1-17 Matth. 5:17-32	Gen. 3:1-21 Rev. 12:7-12
Quinquagesima or 7th before Easter	25	Leviticus 19:1-4; 9-18 Luke 19:1-10	Gen. 3:22—4:13 1 John 3:1-12

## MARCH

1st in Lent	3	Isaiah 58:1-12 Matth. 4:1-11	Gen. 6:5-8; 13-22 1 Cor. 10:1-13
2nd in Lent	10	Psalms 32 Luke 15:11-32	Gen. 7:24—8:13 Phil. 1:1-21
3rd in Lent	17	1 Sam. 24 Mark 11:19-26	Gen. 11:1-9 Phil. 3:1-16
4th in Lent	24	Psalms 27 (No. 27) Luke 9:28-36	Micah 6:1-8 Phil. 3:17—4:1, 4-9
5th in Lent	31	Job 19:21-27 Mark 10:35-45	Micah 7:1-9; 18-19 2 Cor. 5:1-19
(Passion Sunday)			

## APRIL

Palm Sunday	7	Zech. 9:9-12 Mark 11:1-11	Psalms 118 (No. 56) Phil. 2:1-11
Easter Day	14	Isaiah 25 & 26 (pt.) (No. 68) John 20:1-18	Isaiah 12 (No. 67) Matth. 28:1-15

## ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS

### Holy Week

Monday:	Job 19:1-9; 21-29	Mark 14:1-16
Tuesday:	Zechariah 13:1-9	Mark 14:32-52
Wednesday:	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 14:53-72
Thursday:	Leviticus 16:3-10; 20-22	John 13:1-20
Good Friday:	Isaiah 52:13—53:12 John 19:16b-37	Psalms 22:1-8; 15-18 22-24 Mark 15:16-41 Luke 23:26-49 Mark 15:42-47
Easter Even.:	Hosea 6:1-6	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Ascension Day:	2 Kings 2:1-15 Luke 24:36-53	Acts 1:1-14

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 Service:	Psalms 65; Psalm 126; Genesis 1; Matthew 13:1-9; Matthew 13:24-30.
Lay Preachers' Sunday:	Exodus 20:1-17; Isaiah 55; Psalm 111; Luke 10:1-20; John 1:35-51; Romans 10:1-15.
A Dedication Service.	Numbers 7:1-11; 1 Chronicles 28; Romans 12; Matthew 10:1-23.
Watchnight or End of Year:	Psalms 90; Exodus 12:31-36; Eccles. 3:1-15; Matthew 24:32-51; Luke 12:13-21.
New Year:	Psalms 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.



### QUESTION 1—Who are Members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 11 to 18 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?

Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.	
Edwin B. Clarke	Charles D. Shave
Ronald G. Major	Stuart G. Slinn
Barry W. Neal	Alfred E. Williams
Brian L. Olsen	

### QUESTION 3—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Ludwig Felderhof	<del>Neil E. Smith</del>
John H. Roberts	

Who have travelled three years

William A. Chessum, Mus.B.	C. Brice Herbert
Ronald C. Collingwood	Bruce E. Mackie
Hendrik Gerritsen	Napi Waaka
John G. Hayhurst	Norman J. West, (Ordained 1966)

Who have travelled two years

Roy M. Alexander	
Robert A. Allan	
A. Roy Bowden	
- Wallis F. Browne, B.A., (See Question 4a)	
- Ian L. Clarke, A.R.A.N.Z., (See Question 4a)	
- Ronald W. Ferguson, (See Question 6)	
- Daniel P. Harris	- Te Taotahi John Pihama
Richard J. Hendry	Donald F. Prince
John I. Manihera	Keith J. Taylor
- Alistair D. Pain	Robert Te Whare
	Stanley J. West

Who have travelled one year

### QUESTION 4—(a) What Preachers are now received on Probation?

Wallis F. Browne, B.A., (See Question 3).	
Ian L. Clarke, A.R.A.N.Z., (See Question 3).	
Colin G. Jamieson	David C. Pratt
Laurie A. Michie	Enid J. Slaney, M.A.

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

C. Beaumont	R. L. Hutching
S. Elia	J. McRae
R. Ellis	F. Tugia
Colin Hay	J. R. Walker
Grace Hong (Miss)	

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

Bruce L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com. (with permission to study overseas).

William R. G. Loader

Who are continued for a fourth year

Moke A. G. Couch

Darrell R. Curtis

J. Cedric Hay

Roger J. E. Hey

Alan J. Leadley, B.A.

Graeme McIver

Brian J. Malcournne

John D. Meredith

Ian C. Norwell

Donald J. Phillips, B.A.

Roger G. Sanson

Morehu Te Whare

Brian H. Turner

Also Wallace C. Chapman (Fiji Conference Student).

Who are continued for a third year

David R. Alley

Norman E. Brookes

Ashley I. Corlett

Pieter K. F. de Zoete

Brian R. J. Eagle

Barry H. Harkness, B.A.

Russell G. Rigby

Robert G. Stringer

Who are continued for a second year

**QUESTION 6—What Candidates are now received for Theological Training?**

Duncan R. Graham

Murray D. Munro

Rowan E. Smiley

G. Clive Smith

**QUESTION 7—Who are now admitted as Solomon Islands Ministers?**

Leslie Boseto

**QUESTION 8—Who remain as Solomon Islands Ministers on Probation?**

Tim Tarakabu, who has travelled three years.

George Maelagi, who has travelled two years.

Matthew Beaso, who has travelled two years.

Misarke Taruravu, who has travelled two years.

Jeconiah Kaskas, who has travelled one year.

Egan Lokakale, who has travelled one year.

Luke Pitu, who has travelled one year.

Egan Lokekale, who has travelled one year.

**QUESTION 9—Who are now received as Solomon Islands Preachers on Probation?**

Daniel Bula (See Question 10)

John Pratt

Nathan Sipuda

Esau Tuza

**QUESTION 10—(a) Who are now received as Solomon Islands Students for the Ministry?**

Palmer Bai

Daniel Bula (See Question 9)

Nelson Ivupitu

Misarke Kuriavana



(b) Who are to be continued in Training?

Elisha Itoro  
Aaron Lipa  
Burley Mesepitu  
Judas Redi  
Peter Sasabule  
Ronald Kevisi Tioko  
Goldie Veqo

Who are continued for a third year.

John Wesley Kitare  
John Wesley Pinoko

Who are continued for a second year.

**QUESTION 11—(a) What Deaconesses are Dedicated at the Conference?**

None.

(b) What Students are to be received on to Deaconess Probation?  
Jocelyn Gilling.

(c) What Students are to continue Deaconess Training?

None.

(d) What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?

Patricia Ruth Tattersall.

(e) What Deaconesses are received from other Conferences?

Merle Fechner (from Victoria and Tasmania Conference to serve in New Zealand for two years).

(f) Who are now to be received as Solomon Islands Deaconesses?  
None.

(g) What Solomon Islands Students are receiving Deaconess Training?

Emily Karingei  
Evelyn Piqe  
Mavis Qopu  
Mary Kuvia  
Roselyn Pose  
Peggy Eke  
Unisi Vausana

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

Ronald N. Simpson. Second Year.

G. Clive Smith. First Year.

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

W. Lloyd Divers  
Edwin S. Harkness  
Archer O. Harris  
E. Thomas Olds  
Cecil R. Taylor  
Ngatete Kukutai (Maori Minister)  
John W. Bayliss (Home Missionary)  
Te Akonga Pihama (Home Missionary)

#### **W. LLOYD DIVERS**

W. Lloyd Divers died at Medford, Oregon, U.S.A., while in the twentieth year of his ministry. He was born 45 years ago in Dunedin, and early showed a deep love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Ordained in 1949 he served the Church at Upper Hutt, Opawa, Pukekohe and Invercargill Central.

We remember him as a man most sensitive to the call of God, with a strong desire to be obedient. He was consistently a disciple: always seeing his call in simple and clear cut terms. His first task was to be a faithful minister, and to this end he set himself under strong discipline. Luxury and softness were to Lloyd Divers, real sins, and he eschewed both.

He was a good preacher, dynamic and compassionate. He preached with a deep social passion. His congregations were ably led and lovingly tended. He lived, a minister among men, and never liked to be separated from his duties.

Reared within Methodism, he freely acknowledged his great debt to the Church, and gladly preached all things Methodist.

He married Joyce Webber — a capable member of the Deaconess Order, and acceptable Lay preacher, and a devoted wife and mother. Their three boys were taught, early and late, that as sons of the Parsonage they too had a share in ministry, and had a duty to the Church.

His untimely death, cutting short a ministry full of promise, fills us all with a deep sadness. Though this promise and fulfilment be denied, our final hope is in Him, who maketh all things new.

### EDWIN SCAIFE HARKNESS

Edwin Scaife Harkness was born on May 21st., 1878. He came from a Bendigo, Victoria family, which was rich in Methodist tradition and service. The same family produced Robert Harkness who, in the years before World War 1, was official accompanist to both the Torrey-Alexander and the Chapman-Alexander Mission Team, and gained world-wide fame as a Gospel musician and composer.

Feeling the urge to full-time Christian service, Mr Harkness went to Tonga in 1910, entering the ministry of the Free Church there. He laboured there for ten years, and was greatly beloved by the Tongan people. When the late Queen Salote Tupou succeeded her father on the Tongan throne in 1918, Mr Harkness officiated at the coronation ceremony, and on this account, often used to refer to himself jocularly as a "sort of Methodist Archbishop of York". Queen Salote held both Mr and Mrs Harkness in very high esteem, and especially in later years after they had settled in Mt. Eden, she unfailingly sought them out whenever she was in New Zealand.

Transferring to the Ministry of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in 1921, Mr Harkness served with great acceptance in the following Circuits:

Opunake, Dunedin (St.Kilda), Wellington (Kilbirnie), Onehunga, Eltham and Pahiatua.

In 1947, Mr Harkness became a Supernumerary and he and his wife settled in Mt. Eden. Here for many years they served as honoured and devoted members of the Mt. Eden congregation.

Theirs was a home marked by friendliness and generous hospitality. Both Mr and Mrs Harkness, even when failing health necessitated absence from public worship, never allowed their interest in the affairs of the Kingdom of God to slacken. They were always eager to know the latest news both of the local church and the Methodist Connexion as a whole.

For 3½ years prior to his death, Mr Harkness patiently bore the suffering of a long, tedious illness, during which time he was cared for with singular devotion by Mrs Harkness and his daughters, Edna (Mrs Hemmings) and Sister Effie. As a tribute is paid to the man himself, gratitude to God must also be recorded for the loving care that was given to him during the weary months of his long illness.

He died at his home on Thursday, 21st April, 1966.



## ARCHER OVER HARRIS

Archer Harris was born in 1885 at the Madras Street Primitive Methodist Parsonage, and for almost all the 80 years that followed lived in a parsonage and loved it. At the age of 17 he began to preach and preached for 63 years in pulpits throughout New Zealand. He was the youngest child of a family of three. In 1910 he was received as a candidate for the Primitive Methodist Ministry at the Conference in Trinity Church, Timaru. There was some suggestion of sending him or another student to Cliff College for training, but because of the imminent possibility of union between the Primitive and Wesleyan Methodists the suggestion was dropped. He was ordained at the Methodist Conference of 1914, at Dunedin, and was married the same year to May Walker at Hawera by his father, and the Revs. W. A. Burley and E. O. Blamires. 1965 was the 55th year of his ministry in nine circuits and 14 years of so-called retirement. Many of his pastorates were for five years at a time when the average was three. Of recent years he had been the honoured guest at Circuits where he had been Minister 30, 40 and almost 50 years before.

Archer Harris impressed in three ways: he had a mind above the average: an acute, penetrating mind. He had intellectual curiosity. He read widely and deeply right to the last day. "The new Quest of the Historical Jesus" excited his imagination. The fresh look at St. John's Gospel stimulated him. The German theologians of today drove him back into the pulpits to proclaim the faith as he saw it. He revelled in the lectures of overseas theologians. He had an insatiable hunger for the insights of faith, and advancing years only increased that hunger. And from that hunger came his splendid expository gift.

He impressed by his compassion. He was ceaseless in his pastoral care of the unfortunate, the distressed, the aged and the defeated. His personal relationships were always good. They were the fruit of his integrity and utter selflessness. He was concerned for people, never for himself. Those who sought his counsel were sure of two things: his mature judgment and absolute confidential advice. Everyone in the Circuit trusted him implicitly.

He impressed by his fidelity to his Church. The Church gave him a life purpose. No task was too much for him to do for the Church. He lived in its atmosphere all his days, and the Church became his life. Her struggle in contemporary society was his struggle. Her encounter with the secular world was his encounter. Her cause was his cause. He thought the Church. He lived the Church. He served the Church. He loved the Church. The Church was the community of Christian people — a community wider than Methodism and wider than the western world.

All were enriched by A. O. Harris: especially his family, to whom he gave immense wealth and from whom he received more than earthly riches. His wife abundantly enriched and ennobled him for over 50 years, and his two daughters and three sons inherit his gifts as well as the tradition of faith that he gave them.

## EDWIN THOMAS OLDS

"Tom" Olds was born on 1st August, 1890, and he died on 25th August, 1966. He was born at Enfield, North Otago, one of eleven children in a humble Methodist home. His father and grandfather before him were unlearned but acceptable Local Preachers. This Cornish family was destined to give five ordained ministers to the Methodist ministry in New Zealand. Tom was educated at Oamaru and Christchurch, and while the family were at East Belt, he began to preach. In 1911 he was employed as a Home Missionary at Kuripuni, Masterton, and from there he was accepted as a Candidate for the

ministry, spending the following three years at Dunholme. In 1915, he enlisted in the Rifle Brigade and went overseas. He gave a good account of himself in the Army both as a soldier and as a Christian man, and was commissioned in the field. He acted as Brigade Intelligence Officer till he was severely wounded and invalided back to New Zealand in 1918.

In 1919 he was ordained, and married to Miss Kathleen Daisy Calvert of Wellington. He began his ministry at Hamilton East, and served successively at Hataitai, then as Assistant Home Mission Superintendent for three years. Then followed Mount Eden, the Auckland Social Service Mission, Napier, Auckland (Pitt Street) and New Plymouth (Whiteley Memorial). He reached the height of his ministry at Napier, where he was sent to help restore confidence after the earthquake of 1931, and at Pitt Street, Auckland, where he fulfilled a most popular ministry for fifteen years. He was Chairman of the Auckland District from 1943 to 1949, and President of the Conference in 1948. In 1950 he removed to New Plymouth where he remained till his retirement in 1957.

He was a most effective minister and a loyal friend. He was lively, gay and irrepressible. He gathered the young about him and was tender with the aged and unfortunate. He was a natural orator whom few could resist. He was dynamic and persuasive without the desire to dominate. He had charm; but he had also a deep and lasting faith to support his ministry. He was essentially an evangelist, a prophet of inspiration and hope. The young responded to his ardour and many elder people found new hope and courage as they listened to his voice. His long ministry in Pitt Street was a triumph, especially in the earlier years and during World War II, before the Chairmanship claimed so much of his time. His alert and open temperament, and the knowledge of men gained from his war experience, gave him an effective approach to those outside ordinary Church circles. His Friday night Open Forum outside Pitt Street Church was a lively attempt to reach the common man. As a broadcaster he was popular, attracting listeners from all over New Zealand.

During his retirement he was able to do very little. He suffered a great deal of pain. But the spirit never faltered. His testimony at the last was "He doeth all things well." He is survived by Mrs Olds, two daughters Kathleen and Margaret, and seven grandchildren. The only son David gave his life serving in the Fleet Air Arm during the Second World War.

### CECIL R. TAYLOR

Cecil Richard Taylor was born at Shropshire, England, on 26th August, 1892, and came to New Zealand with his parents in 1895, thus to face the changing and challenging years of the 20th century in this new country.

Following the First World War, Mr Taylor was accepted for training for the Ministry and was ordained at the Conference 1928.

His was a faithful ministry lovingly remembered by his people in the many circuits where he laboured. He brought the gift of a trained mind and wide reading to his task of proclaiming the Gospel. He longed to preach the living Word and cherished the hope that he might preach one Sunday and not be here the next.

He possessed outstanding gifts as a Secretary, and in three Districts, South Auckland, North Canterbury and South Canterbury, he served as District Secretary, and for four years he was a member of the Conference Secretarial staff.

In 1926 Mr Taylor married Miss Mary Armitage, and through the years Mrs Taylor was a loyal and able partner. Mr Taylor retired



at the Conference of 1954 and after a short period spent in Oamaru the remainder of his retirement was spent in the St. Albans circuit Christchurch where he shared in the continuing work of the Church. He died in Christchurch on Tuesday, 21st June, 1966.

To his wife, daughter and son, the sympathy of the Church is extended.

### NGATETE KEREI KUKUTAI

After several years of faithful service on the Maori Mission field the Rev. Ngatete Kerei Kukutai passed away on 2 August, 1966, aged 87. His mortal remains have been laid to rest in the sacred soil of Taupiri Hill the ancestral burial ground of the Waikato people.

The place which a man has occupied can never be exactly filled by another, and when his character and gifts have been unique, it is all the more impossible.

He was 'born great', having come from the aristocratic line of the Tainui Tribe. He 'achieved greatness' by his wisdom in the Christian application of the talents that Providence had given him.

By virtue of his influence — coupled with the expressed need for Maori Mission workers on the field, he was recommended by his people and in 1934 received into the ranks of the Maori Home Missionaries. For seven years he served his people in this capacity. In 1941 he was ordained and became superintendent of the Maniapoto Maori circuit. He moved quietly and with dignity in his work.

He was a respected adviser and friend of the leaders of the King movement, notably to the late Princess Te Puea Herangi and the late King Koroki. He was at the very centre of Waikato Maori culture and custom and made a strong Christian witness.

In his years of retirement he did not relinquish service with the Church. He continued active work on the Auckland Maori Mission staff, until serious illness made it impossible for him to carry on. Yet though incapacitated physically at the time — his guidance was sought after — right to the end.

In recognition of service to Maoritanga and to the Church, Ngatete Kerei Kukutai was invested with the order of M.B.E. in 1961.

E MOE E KORO  
KUA NGARO KOE I TE AO  
KUA WHITI KI TE AO MARAMA  
TE AO KORE TE MATE  
RARO TE MARU O TO IHOWA AROHA.

### JOHN WILLIAM BAYLISS

John William Bayliss passed to his rest in June, 1966, at 78 years of age. His was a long retirement from the Home Mission work, necessitated by failing health due to wounds and the effects of poison gas from the First World War.

Born in England, James Bayliss migrated in his youth to Canada, thence to Australia and New Zealand. It was from New Zealand that he sailed for service in France during World War I.

After the war he entered the Home Mission work in Western Australia, and afterwards in New Zealand, where he served in many appointments in both Islands. His experience of the out-back and back-blocks was considerable.

He never married. A singularly quiet man, his preaching is remembered for its thoughtfulness and sincerity. Amongst his last appointments were Aramoho (Wanganui) and Mt. Maunganui (Tauranga). He retired from Northcote, Auckland, in 1954.

James Bayliss was a faithful toiler, content to labour without thought of reward other than the quiet joy of service for his Master.

## TE AKONGA PIHAMA

Te Akonga Pihama was born at Whatawhata in 1911 into a high-ranking Waikato family, a kinsman and close friend of the late King Koroki. His father, Te Aho-o-te-rangi, was an honoured Home Missionary and both father and son were members of the Rev. A. J. Seamer's touring Party. Te Akonga also toured Australia with the Waiata Choir.

After a period when he drifted away from the Church he became an honorary Home Missionary for two years and was then appointed to Ngaruawahia in 1956 and to New Plymouth in 1962. He died in June after some months of indifferent health.

Mrs Pihama, who survives him, was formerly Miss Betty Powhiri-whiri, and always gave him the most faithful support and encouragement. The members of the family are the Rev. John Pihama and Frances.

Mr Pihama's great strength was his deep love for the traditions and arts of his people, and his outstanding versatility in portraying these. This strength he dedicated to Jesus Christ and devoted to the service of the Church and the community. He honoured the good things in western culture and had many Pakeha friends, but his real home was in Maoridom and he never yielded in his belief that Maoridom had good things to offer God and men.

His wonderful capacity, even to the end, to get close to young people will be remembered by a great number of them who will be grateful for all he has given to them. During his Taranaki ministry he served on the Rangiatea Board and was co-Chaplain to the Hostel where he exercised a profound influence on the residents.

Te Akonga was a colourful personality. His deep and serious concerns in life were overlaid by a lightness and wit that sometimes deceived people. His first loyalty was to Jesus Christ, and he was almost fiercely proud of Methodism and Maoridom. The leadership which he had to offer will be greatly missed.

## 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  
Albert Blakemore  
Walter J. Enticott  
William Rowe  
Robert B. Tinsley  
Arthur A. Bensley  
James W. Parker  
William A. Burley, M.A.  
Charles H. Olds, B.A.  
Percy I. Cooke  
Arthur H. Scrivin  
Wallace S. Neal  
John Dennis

Alfred E. Jefferson  
Charles H. Kendon  
Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E.  
Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.  
Ernest E. Sage  
John H. Bailey  
George E. Brown  
Ernest B. Chambers  
Harry S. Kings  
Robert E. Fordyce  
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 V. Bitibule, M.B.E.  
 (Solomon Islands District)  
 Walter Parker  
 Ralph E. Patchett  
 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.

**QUESTION 15—(a) What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?**

T. Ralph Benny  
 Charles E. Dickens  
 Herbert William Payne  
 John W. Reddihough  
 Idris J. Ruck

**(b) What Deaconesses are retained on the Retired List?**

Ruth Fawcett  
 Airini Hobbs  
 Ivy Jones  
 Rita F. Snowden, F.I.A.L.

**(c) What Deaconesses are now placed on the Retired List?**

Jean A. Miller

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

**QUESTION 17—What Home Missionaries are to be—**

**(a) Retained on the Retired List?**

W. H. Wilson	T. Steele
R. T. Alexander	D. I. Robertson
Roy Coombridge	H. Prowse
Cyril Robinson	H. R. Wright
W. J. Bryant	F. E. Trim

**(b) Placed on Retired List?**

Alfred E. Tardif

**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.).  
 Ian W. Reid (with permission to serve with the Justice Department).  
 Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A. (with permission to serve as Chaplain to the Manapouri Project, under the Southland Branch of the N.C.C.).

**(b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission "To Rest" during the year?**

Charles H. Bell, B.A.  
 Leslie C. Clements  
 Wilf G. Eisner, B.A.  
 Allen H. Hall, M.A. (studying overseas)  
 Leslie A. D. Hayman B.Sc.(Agric), (serving with the British Methodist Conference)

Ernest S. Hoddinott  
Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A.  
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.  
O. McLennan Olds  
Ian W. Reid

**QUESTION 19—What Ministers are “left without Pastoral Charge”?**

Reginald Day  
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.  
David W. Edmonds  
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A.

**QUESTION 20—Is any Minister or Probationer Designated for Overseas Missions?**

A. Kerry Taylor.

**QUESTION 21—What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or Receive from any other Conference?**

Frank G. Glen (on transfer to the New South Wales Conference).

**QUESTION 22—Are there any Objections to any Minister, Probationer, or Home Missionary?**

No.

**QUESTION 23—What persons who were in Full Connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of the Conference?**

None.

**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**

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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. E. R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A.

2nd year: Rev. J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus.

3rd year: Rev. L. Greenslade.



Theology. 1st Section: Rev. B. A. Walker, M.A.  
 2nd Section: Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.  
 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. Ranginohooro Rogers.  
 Pre-Collegiate Course—  
 N.T.: Rev. E. R. Lewis, M.Sc., 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. Grundy, M.A.
2nd Section	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. E. R. Le Couteur.
3rd Section	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. W. 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	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. O. T. Woodfield, B.A.
New Testament	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. K. Brown.
Theology	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. M. Jackson Campbell.
Homiletics	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. D. B. Gordon, M.A.
The Church (History, Organization, 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 Missionaries

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 judgement 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, (d) to present annually a written report on the progress and state of the thesis to August Ministerial Committees and forward a copy to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

#### 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 II, Paper A, but no unseen translation.

##### OR — B. English Old Testament.

1st year: Deuteronomy and Hosea.

2nd year: Ezekiel.

3rd year: Job and Psalms (Selection).

Study and Reading to be directed by the Examiner.

##### 2. A. GREEK NEW TESTAMENT. Section for 1967.

1st year: Mark 1-9; Acts 3-4; 1 Thess. 4.

2nd year: Mark 7-10; Acts 2-4; 1 Thess. 4 and 5.

3rd year: Mark 5-10; Acts 2-4; 1 Thess. 4-5; 2 Thess. 2.

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 1967 First Section. "God, Man, Sin".

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" —H. Wheeler Robinson; "Jesus and His Church"—W. N. Flew; "The Christian Sacraments"—O. C. Quick; "World to Come and Final Destiny" —J. H. 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 1967 First 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" —A. E. Garvie; "The Relevance of Christianity", —F. R. 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) Christian Education: "The Teaching Ministry of the Church" by James D. Smart (Westminster Press), and "The Clue to Christian Education" by Randolph Crump Miller (Scribner).
- (5) Maori Language (for 2 years).

1st year: Principles of Maori Grammar, conversation, dictation



and pronunciation. Translations—Maori into English, and English into Maori. Translation of unseen passages.

Text Books:—

“Teach yourself Maori” by Harawira. Special attention to graded lessons at the back of the book.

“First Lessons in Maori” by Williams.

The Bible (Authorised Version); Maori Bible (“Paipera Tapu”); Maori Service Book (“Nga Ihoi me nga Himene”). “He Konae Aranui” by Kohere.

Scriptural passages:—Psalms 1, 8, 23, 24, 95, 100 and 121. Matthew 5/1-16; 13/1-12; Luke 14/1-11; 15/1-24.

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

Text Books:—

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

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

Buck: “The Coming of the Maori”, especially Book 3.

Keesing: “The Changing Maori”.

Norman Smith: “The Maori People and Us”.

J. G. Laughton’s paper “Maoritanga” issued on request of R. Rogers).

Beaglehole: “Some Modern Maoris”.

Piddington: “Introduction to Social Anthropology” (Chapts. 1-4, X and XI).

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

N.B.—Probationers on O.M. Field take in this section, “Methodism” and “Comparative Religion”.

## REGULATIONS

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee, Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
3. Probationers, to whom (1) and/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a) Greek and Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors. Tutorial papers shall be done, marks being assessed as follows:—Correspondence work, 40; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning in mid-January and mid-May respectively. He shall mark the work sent in, return the corrected work together with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10). Each Tutor shall keep full records of every individual case, and, on or before October 1, forward a complete report to the Secre-

tar 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.
8. Examinations in the subjects 2, (Greek or English New Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in May and in the subjects 1 (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in September.
9. 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 (8k), 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

The course of study is found in the Minutes of the United Synod of Melanesia and in the Journal of this Conference.

### SOLOMON ISLANDS CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

The Course of study is found in the Minutes of the United Synod of Melanesia and in the Journal of this Conference.

## 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.

## 3. SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

1st year

God, Man, Sin.

2nd year

The Person and Work of Christ.

The Doctrines of Grace.

3rd year

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 I—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 Homiletics. 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

1. 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". W. E. Sangster.

### SECOND YEAR

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



2. Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology". W. N. Clarke. Pp. 1-181.
3. Bible Knowledge—"The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." J. S. Stewart.
4. Church History—"The Story of the Church". Church of Scotland Series.
5. Homiletics—"Heralds of God". J. S. Stewart. "The Craft of Sermon Illustration". W. E. Sangster.

### THIRD YEAR

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

### FOURTH YEAR

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chapters 7-11.
2. Theology—"An Outline of Christian Theology". W. N. Clarke. Pp. 369-427. "Christian Doctrine". J. S. Whale.
3. Bible Knowledge—"Introducing the New Testament". A. M. Hunter. (S.C.M. Press).
4. Homiletics—"A Preacher's Handbook". Book 2. Lewis. (Epworth Press).
5. Church History—"Household of God". Newbigin.

Bible Knowledge shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors marks being assessed as follows: Correspondence work, 50; Examination 50. Each tutor appointed shall send out study papers for five consecutive months beginning in mid-March. He shall mark the work sent in and return the corrected work with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10.) Each tutor shall keep full records of each individual case, and on or before 1st September shall forward a complete report to the Assistant-Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

## VI.—COURSE OF STUDIES — DEACONESSSES

### (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 Evangelical 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)—**

1. 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—**

1. Lecturers 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.
3. Theology: "An Approach to Christian Doctrine", Ed. by G. P. Lewis.



4. Homilectics: "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.
4. 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—

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

#### NEW TESTAMENT—

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

#### THEOLOGY—

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

#### HISTORY AND POLITY OF THE CHURCH—

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

#### TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP—

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

#### ENGLISH—

13. Grammar and Composition	1
14. Literature	1

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

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

The course is designed so that including (10) it will give a thorough preparation for the written Examination for L.P. status.

Including (12) it will prepare amply for the Certificate of Proficiency in Religious Knowledge of the N.C.C.

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

#### B. Regulations—

**Applications:** Applications for admission to the school shall be made to the Principal, with the support and approval of the Superintendent and the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit to which the applicant belongs. Applicants shall be members of the Methodist Church. A satisfactory medical certificate shall be presented. The Board of Studies shall have the right to refuse any applicant considered unsuitable or 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 1967—

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
	(Chaps. 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 Doctrine (pages 1-114)	G. P. Lewis
Bible Knowledge:	An Introduction to the N.T. G. P. Lewis (pages 1-153)	
	An Introduction to the O.T. H. Cleaver	
Homiletics:	Worship and Preaching (Chap. 2, 3, 6-9)	T. M. Morrow
The Church:	Teaching the Faith (pages 85-141)	E. W. Hames

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 1967 shall commence on the following dates.

Probationers—Tuesday, May 16th and Tuesday, September 12th.

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

Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, July 18th.

Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, September 12th.

Bible Knowledge for H.M. Probationers—Tuesday, March 7th.

Candidates for the Deaconess Order—Tuesday, July 18th.

Lay Preachers—First week in June and December.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1967 be the Rev. J. H. Woolford, M.A.

2. That congratulations be extended to Student B. L. Hosking, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., who has gained a B.A. degree (Auckland) during the year and that this be printed in the Minutes.

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 Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D., Assistant Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who has asked to be relieved of his responsibilities, be thanked for his services.

5. That the Rev. R. D. Rakena, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Examiners, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

6. That the Rev. J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus., be appointed an Assistant Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

7. That appreciation be expressed to the Revs. H. C. Matthews, B.A., and J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus., for secretarial work while the Secretary was overseas.

8. That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners attend the Board of Studies twice a year for purposes of consultation.

9. That South Island Districts be authorised to hold a School of Theology in 1967.

10. That the answer to Question 24 (II), "Course of Study for Solomon Islands Probationers and Candidates" be:— "The Course of Studies is found in the Minutes of the United Synod of Melanesia and in the Journal of Conference".

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES

## A—THE PROBATIONARY SYSTEM

Conference 1965 affirmed that "the Probationary system as at present exercised contains anomalies and requires alteration so as to preserve the benefits in the system" (Minutes, p. 289). In the discussions on this question three concerns emerged:

1. that the Probationary system should continue as a form of curacy for at least two years after the College course to enable each probationer to receive practical training under the guidance of a Superintendent;

2. that, except in very special circumstances, the right to preside at the celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion be withheld until ordination;

3. that the present Probationary system of examinations be discontinued in favour of periods of in-service training, with or without the preparation and presentation of a thesis.

The Board of Studies sees value in each of these concerns. The right to extend the College course to four years has already been granted, the fourth year to be a year of guided probation. Only in a few cases, however, has this privilege been given. The suggestion has been made also that the College year commence a fortnight earlier to enable students to have practical experience in Auckland circuits. This has not commended itself, in the main, to Auckland Superintendents. The present College course does not allow for much further expansion, if indeed any is possible. The need for practical training under the guidance of senior ministers in some form of Probation is thus made urgent. The Board of Studies favours a system of in-service training to replace formal examinations. It recommends also for all probationers the preparation of a thesis prior to ordination.

The Board of Studies further wishes to draw the attention of the Church to the need for higher entrance standards and envisages the time when the attainment of a degree will be the pre-requisite for theological training. It recommends that a committee be appointed to explore the possibility of providing assistance and guidance both for those intending to offer as candidates and for accepted candidates in pursuing a preparatory University course.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Secretary.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That commencing in 1970 the period of Probation, in addition to the College course, whether it be of three or four years, be two years in length.

2. That each Probationer be stationed under the supervision of a Superintendent Minister who shall guide him in his ministry within the Circuit and who shall arrange for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Communion by ordained ministers.

3. That commencing in 1970, during each year of Probation, each Probationer spend two weeks in in-service training under the direction of the Principal and Staff of Trinity College.

4. That a 20,000 word thesis on a subject approved by the Board



of Studies and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners be presented prior to ordination by each Probationer.

5. That the present probationary system written examinations be discontinued from 1970.

6. That a committee be appointed to explore the possibility of providing assistance and guidance to enable candidates for the ministry to pursue a University course prior to theological training.

7. That Probationers be authorised to preach, conduct worship and exercise a ministry within the Circuits of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the Report and Recommendations of the Board of Studies on "The Probationary System" be referred to March Ministerial Committees which shall forward findings to the Board of Studies which, in turn, shall report to August Ministerial Committees and general Synods.

## B—SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR CANDIDATES

Conference 1965 requested the Board of Studies, with co-opted members, ministerial and lay, to review selection procedures for candidates for the ministry of Word and Sacraments and for the Deaconess Order (Minutes p. 41, No. 6). This larger committee has not yet been established.

In preparation for the work of the Committee, however, the Reverend D. S. Mullan was invited to present a report, on the basis of his research, concerning the use of psychological tests in the selection of candidates. His careful survey tends to confirm the reasoning behind a previous decision of Conference to treat this matter with caution and to continue the accumulating of evidence regarding the validity of selection tests through "the long-range programme of using I.Q. tests with accepted theological students" (Minutes 1963, p. 133). Mr Mullan's report was accepted by the Board of Studies and is being circulated to members of the Examination Committee.

The Board of Studies seeks permission to continue psychological testing within the College and also to arrange for full investigation of the present selection procedures.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the long-range programme of using I.Q. tests with accepted theological students be continued.

3. That the Board of Studies together with co-opted members, ministerial and lay, continue investigation into present selection procedures for candidates.

**QUESTION 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?

## **WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY**

### **Hauraki Plains**

(1) That Conference sanctions the establishment of a Union Parish incorporating the Hauraki Plains Methodist Circuit and the Hauraki Plains Presbyterian Parish.

(2) That the proposed Constitution be approved and that the Parish be established as from February 1st, 1967. The staffing of the Hauraki Plains Union Parish to be one ordained minister.

(N.B.—Synod Standing Committee to maintain in its records the boundaries of the present Hauraki Plains Circuit so that the total area be kept under the purview of the Schultz Trust.)

(3) That the agreement be filed in the Conference Journal.

(4) That **Patetonga** be included in the Morrinsville Circuit as from February 1st, 1967.

(5) That **Maramarua-Kaiawa** be included in the Bombay-Tuakau Circuit and that the Synod Boundary be Highway 27.

### **Chartwell, Hamilton**

That the final agreement between the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist 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 be ratified, and that the Chairman of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District be authorised to sign the document at the appropriate time for the Conference.

That the document be filed in the Conference Journal for reference.

## **HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU**

**Gisborne:** That Conference sanctions the establishment of a Union Parish involving the Knox Presbyterian Parish of **Mangapapa** and the Atkinson Street Methodist Church in the Gisborne Circuit to take effect as from February 1, 1967.

## **WELLINGTON**

**Wellington North:** That the Boundary of the Wellington North Circuit be altered so as to include **Paparangi** and **Newlands** in the new **St. Oswald's Union Parish**.

## **NELSON**

**Nelson South:** That Conference sanctions the establishment of a Union Parish involving the Knox Presbyterian Parish and the Nelson South Methodist Church, the boundaries of the Union Parish to be:—

The western side of **Rutherford Street**, **Waimea Road**, from **Rutherford Street** to **Franklyn Street** and thereafter the **Grampians** which shall jointly form the "**Eastern Boundary**". A direct line to the southernmost point of **Princess Drive** from **Bishopdale** shall form the "**Southern Boundary**". **Princess Drive** and **Britannia Heights** shall form the "**Western Boundary**". **Stanley Crescent** and **Haven Road** shall jointly form the "**Northern Boundary**". The parish to be constituted as from 1st February, 1967, the first Minister to be a Presbyterian.



## Westport

(a) That Conferences approves the establishment of a Union Parish involving the Westport Methodist Circuit and the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish, Westport, in accordance with proposals based on the model constitution and agreed upon by the respective Courts of the two Churches.

(b) That this Union Parish be constituted in February 1968, subject to the previous year's amalgamation of worship, Christian Education and Week-day activities having been found satisfactory.

### Additional:

That the H. M. Board and Church Union Committee confer on the proper procedure for reporting to Conference the development of Reciprocal membership schemes of the Hillsborough and similar patterns.

## QUESTION 25—(b) What new Districts, Circuits, or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

Hauraki Plains Union Parish.

Mangapapa Union Parish, Gisborne.

St. Oswald's Union Parish, Newlands, Wellington.

Nelson South Union Parish.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS:—

That GIZO be constituted a circuit to include all the villages of Gizo Island and Rarumana, Hunda and New Mala.

(b) 2: What is the list of priorities for filling of vacant additional appointments in the Districts?

Recommendations from Districts were considered by the Stationing Committee.

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

### HAURAKI PLAINS:

See Question 25 (a).

(b) To what Circuits are additional Preachers appointed?

### HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Mangapapa Union Parish: Methodist appointment.

### WELLINGTON

Porirua: That the staffing be three ordained ministers.

Levin: That the staffing be two ordained ministers.

### NORTH CANTERBURY

Riccarton: That the staffing be two ordained ministers and a Probationer.

(c) From what Circuits are Preachers to be withdrawn?

### WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Hauraki Plains becomes a Union Parish.

### TARANAKI-WANGANUI

Eltham -Kaponga: The staffing to be one ordained minister.

#### HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Gisborne: The staffing to be one ordained minister.

Dannevirke-Norsewood: The staffing to be one ordained minister.

#### NELSON

Nelson: The staffing to be two ordained ministers.

**QUESTION 27—What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now constituted?**

See Question 25 (b).

**QUESTION 28—What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a married minister?**

Rotorua (3) is due.

Ohura is due and is prepared to fulfill its obligations.

Levin (2) is due.

Riccarton (2) is due and has fulfilled its obligations.

St. Kilda (2) is due.



QUESTION 29—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

## LIST OF STATIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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President—REV. ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, B.A.

Vice-President—Mr HUIA W. BEAUMONT, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Secretary—REV. WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., B.D.

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### STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1967

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 143 and [1] to [23] for Maori and Overseas Mission Circuits is a Circuit. The Minister first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Probationer, in which instance the Chairman of the District is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

#### I. NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1. **Mangonui**—  
Cuthbert F. Peart (who shall supervise the North Hokianga Circuit).
2. **Kaikohe-Bay of Islands**—  
Gordon A. R. Cornwell  
David G. Pratt.
3. **Whangaroa**—  
Bruce E. Mackie.
4. **North Hokianga**—  
Colin G. Jamieson.
5. **Hokianga**—  
Alan K. Woodley.
6. **Hikurangi**—  
John I. Manihera.
7. **Whangarei**—  
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.  
David L. Hines, B.A.
8. **Dargaville**—  
Andrew G. Reid  
Robert A. Allan.
9. **Ruawai**—  
Charles D. Shave.

10. **Paparoa—**  
One wanted.
11. **Port Albert—**  
Alastair D. Pain  
One wanted.

**Maori Mission—**

**[1] Northland—**

Charles E. Roke  
Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.).  
6 Home Missionaries  
3 Deaconesses.  
WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A., B.D. (Chairman of the District).  
W. J. COURT (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)  
Ranginohoora Rogers (Senior Maori Supt.)—residing at Hamilton.

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

**Auckland Hospital Chaplain—**

Benjamin H. Riseley.

**12. Auckland Central—**

R. Frederick Clement, M.A.  
J. C. Aldwyn Williams (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.  
Benjamin H. Riseley (Hospital Chaplain)  
R. John Hamlin, C.F.  
James W. Parker (Sup.)  
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.)  
A Deaconess.

**13. Auckland Central Mission—**

A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.  
J. Stanley Olds  
Two Deaconesses.

**14. Auckland South—**

Harry Moore  
Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B. (Roskill-Sandringham)  
Douglas H. Burt  
Children's Home Chaplain, Edgar R. Hornblow.



15. **Auckland West—**  
George I. Laurenson, C.B.E.  
O. McLennan Olds (resting).
16. **Auckland East—**  
M. Jackson Campbell  
John H. Osborne, M.A.  
One wanted.  
David S. Mullan, B.A.  
Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Home Mission Department)  
Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
17. **Orakei—**  
Lawrence Greenslade (Chaplain to Winstone Lodge and Joint  
Chaplain to Seamer House)  
Edmund D. Grounds  
D. I. Alistair 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 Tylor  
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.)  
Walter Parker (Sup.).
19. **Henderson—**  
Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D.  
Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. (Glen Eden)  
One wanted  
Walter J. Enticott (Sup.)  
Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.).
20. **Devonport—**  
David L. Trebilco  
E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
21. **Takapuna—**  
Robert Thornley, M.A.  
Bryan A. Walker, M.A.  
Ludwig Felderhof  
John Dennis (Sup.)  
A. Harry Joyce (Sup.)  
Joseph C. Draper (Sup.)  
A. Wharton E. Silvester, M.M. (Sup.)  
Herbert W. Payne (Sup.).
22. **Birkenhead—**  
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.  
Frederick D. Peterson (Beach Haven)  
Basil J. Hilder (Northcote).
23. **Onehunga—**  
David Armstrong  
Philip F. Taylor (Joint Chaplain to "Kurahuna").

24. **Otahuhu—**  
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
25. **Papatoetoe—**  
Albert Jolly  
Wallis F. Browne, B.A.  
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. Teacher-Chaplain, Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.
28. **Bombay-Tuakau—**  
Edward Baker  
One wanted.
29. **Waiuku—**  
Lewis A. Bowen.
30. **Kaipara—**  
William E. Moore.
31. **Whangaparaoa—**  
One wanted  
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed. (resting).
32. **Mahurangi—**  
John Churchill.
- [2] **Auckland—**  
Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary and Superintendent, Joint Chaplain to Seamer House and "Kurahunā"),  
7 Home Missionaries  
3 Deaconesses.  
COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.  
R. FREDERICK CLEMENT, M.A. (Chairman of the District).  
C. T. J. LUXTON (Deputy Chairman—South Auckland Sub-District)  
A. R. TURNER (Financial Secretary).

### III. WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

33. **Thames—**  
Harris Whitfield (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station).  
Reginald Day (without pastoral charge).
- 33a. **Hauraki Plains Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment (Rev. L. Andrews).
34. **Paeroa—**  
Alexander C. Watson.
35. **Waihi—**  
Frederick J. Climo  
A. Francis Attwood (Sup.).
36. **Te Aroha—**  
V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D.



37. **Morrinsville—**  
Francis H. Parker  
G. Basil W. Bell  
Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.).
38. **Cambridge—**  
Leonard Shapcott.
39. **Hamilton—**  
Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A. (President of the Conference)  
Alan H. V. Newton  
Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.  
Charlie O. Hailwood (President's Supply).
- 39a. **Raglan Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment (J. H. Oliver).
40. **Hamilton East—**  
Trevor Shepherd  
Derek G. Laws, F.R.A.N.Z.  
George H. Goodman  
William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.)  
Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.)  
John H. Bailey (Sup.)  
George E. Brown (Sup.).
41. **Ngaruawahia—**  
Barry W. Neal.
42. **Huntly—**  
Eric R. Eastwood.
43. **Matamata—**  
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
44. **Putaruru—**  
Roy M. Alexander.
45. **Tokoroa—**  
Brian L. Olsen  
William M. Garner (Sup.).
46. **Rotorua—**  
William H. Greenslade  
Ian H. Robertson  
One wanted.
47. **Tauranga—**  
Robert H. Allen, B.A.  
Irwin J. Fowler  
James H. Conway  
Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
48. **Te Puke—**  
Geoffrey T. Gilbert  
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (Sup.).
49. **Whakatane-Kawerau—**  
David H. Ansell.
50. **Opotiki—**  
One wanted.
51. **Te Awamutu—**  
William J. Morrison, M.A.  
One wanted.
52. **Otorohanga—**  
Hughan M. Craig.

53. **Te Kuiti**—  
Donald F. Prince  
A Home Missionary.
54. **Taumarunui**—  
Bruce Scammell (who shall supervise Ohura Circuit).
55. **Ohura**—  
Laurie A. Michie.
- [3] **Waikato**—  
Ranginohora Rogers  
10 Home Missionaries  
4 Deaconesses.
- [4] **King Country**—  
Te Awha W. Tahere  
Te Taotahi John Pihama.  
Daniel P. Harris  
12 Home Missionaries  
3 Deaconesses.

**KAWHIA**—  
A Home Missionary.

**COROMANDEL**—  
A Home Missionary.  
ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, B.A. (President of the Conference,  
Chairman of the District).  
V. ROY JAMIESON, M.B.E., E.D. (Deputy-Chairman).  
DEREK G. LAWS, F.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

#### IV. TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

56. **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.)  
Idris J. Ruck (Sup.).
57. **Waitara**—  
Richard J. Hendry.
58. **Stratford**—  
B. Keith Rowe, B.A.
59. **Eltham-Kaponga**—  
Leslie T. Norwell.
60. **Hawera**—  
Alan Newman  
A Home Missionary (Patea).
61. **Manaia**—  
Niven G. Ball.
62. **Opunake**—  
A. Peter Dorrian  
Amos W. Burrough.
63. **Wanganui Central**—  
Alan O. Jones  
Charles H. Bell, B.A. (resting).
64. **Wanganui North**—  
Albert A. Grundy, M.A.



65. **Wanganui West**—  
Frederick E. Waione.
66. **Taihape**—  
Keith J. Taylor  
Harry I. Shaw (C.F.) (who shall supervise the Taihape Circuit).
67. **Inglewood**—  
Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise the Waitara Circuit).
- [5] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—  
Lane M. Tauroa (New Plymouth), Circuit Superintendent.  
Naapi Waaka (Hawera)  
12 Home Missionaries  
3 Deaconesses.  
LEONARD P. SCHROEDER, M.A., B.D., Chairman of the  
District).  
A. L. FOX (Financial Secretary).

#### V. HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

68. **Napier**—  
Clifford G. Brown  
Russell E. James  
One wanted.
69. **Hastings**—  
John S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus.  
Reginald Grice  
Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
70. **Gisborne**—  
Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the  
Wairoa Circuit).
- 70a. **Mangapapa Union Parish**—  
Norman J. West.
71. **Wairoa**—  
C. Brice Herbert.
72. **Dannevirke-Norsewood**—  
Wilfred S. Gilbert
73. **Woodville**—  
William C. Jenkin.
74. **Pahiatua**—  
Clifford L. Duder.
75. **Palmerston North (St. Paul's)**—  
Peter A. Stead, B.A.  
Enid J. Slaney, M.A.  
Mervyn L. Dine, C.F.
76. **Palmerston North (Trinity)**—  
Loyal J. Gibson  
One wanted.
77. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—  
J. Montgomery Blight.
78. **Feilding**—  
Leslie F. Bycroft  
A Deaconess.
79. **Marton**—  
Edward P. Boyd.
80. **Sanson-Rongotea**—  
William K. Abbott.

81. **Apiti—**  
R. Leslie George.
82. **Waipawa-Waipukurau—**  
Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.  
W. J. Henderson (Sup.).
83. **Foxton-Shannon—**  
Maynard G. Rutherford.  
PETER A. STEAD, B.A. (Chairman of the District).  
CLIFFORD G. BROWN (Deputy Chairman).  
RONALD INGRAM, B.Com. (Financial Secretary).

## VI. WELLINGTON DISTRICT

### Department of Christian Education—

Director: Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.

Associate Directors: See Question 30.

84. **Wellington Central—**  
John A. Penman, B.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).
85. **Wellington West—**  
Gordon R. H. Peterson  
Wilfred J. Cable  
Henry Ryan (Sup.).
86. **Wellington South—**  
Colin D. Clark, M.A.  
One wanted.
87. **Wellington East—**  
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.  
J. Ainsley Daglish.
88. **Wellington North—**  
George R. Thompson, E.D.  
Roger M. Gibson.
- 88a. **Newlands Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment.
89. **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.).
90. **Lower Hutt—**  
Leonard V. Willing  
Ernest Heppelthwaite  
Warwick Gust, B.A.  
Trevor L. Nicholls  
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (without pastoral charge)  
Dorothea M. Noble, B.A. (without pastoral charge)  
R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).



- 90a. **Taita Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment (A. R. Reid, B.A.).
91. **Upper Hutt—**  
Trevor L. Bennett  
Robert Te Whare  
Ian W. Reid (Chaplain with Justice Department).
92. **Petone—**  
Frank H. Woodfield.
- 92a. **Wainuiomata Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment (R. W. Fowler, B.A.)  
Laurie E. Salter (Associate).
93. **Greytown-Featherston—**  
Frank S. Rigg.
94. **Carterton—**  
Ian L. Clarke, A.R.A.N.Z.
95. **Masterton—**  
C. Russell Marshall (who shall supervise Eketahuna Circuit)  
One wanted.  
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, C. Russell Marshall.
96. **Eketahuna—**  
One wanted.
97. **Levin—**  
Kenneth H. Russell  
One wanted.  
Harry S. Kings (Sup.)  
Norman P. Larsen (Sup.)  
Ivo M. Raynor (Sup.)
98. **Otaki—**  
Alfred E. Williams  
Ormond E. Burton, M.A. (Sup.).
99. **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**
100. **Nelson—**  
W. E. Allon Carr  
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A.  
Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Sup.).
- 100.a **Nelson South Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment. (Robert T. Murphy).
101. **Waimea—**  
Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z. (who shall supervise the  
Murchison Circuit)  
One wanted.
102. **Motueka—**  
John R. Hall.
103. **Murchison—**  
Ronald C. Collingwood.
104. **Blenheim—**  
Charles B. Oldfield  
William Morrison  
One wanted

105. **Reefton—**  
Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A.
106. **Westport—**  
W. J. Douglas Wakeling.
107. **Greymouth—**  
Sydney J. Spindler  
One wanted.
108. **Hokitika—**  
Ronald E. Fields.  
CHARLES B. OLDFIELD (Chairman of the District).  
H. HOLLAND (Financial Secretary).

#### VIII. NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

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

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

109. **Christchurch (Durham Street)—**  
W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.  
John E. Langley  
One wanted  
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Connexional and Conference  
Secretary)  
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.).
110. **Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church—**  
Wilfred E. Falkingham  
A. Roy Bowden  
A Deaconess.
111. **Christchurch East—**  
Harold K. Brown  
Wesley A. Chambers, M.A. (Warden of Deaconess Order)  
Peter S. Barker  
John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.  
One wanted.  
Wallace S. Neal (Sup.).
112. **Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)—**  
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.  
G. Kingsley Greening  
Neil E. Smith.
113. **Christchurch (Sydenham)—**  
George R. Trebilco  
David W. Edmonds (without Pastoral charge).
114. **Christchurch (Spreydon)—**  
Robert W. Widdup  
Kenneth L. Toomer  
Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
115. **Christchurch (Riccarton)—**  
John D. Grocott, B.A.  
Edwin B. Clarke  
One wanted.



116. **Christchurch (St. Albans)—**  
R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M.  
Phillip D. Ramsay  
Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.  
John B. Dawson, B.A.  
Charles E. Dickens (Sup.).
117. **Christchurch (Papanui)—**  
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.  
South Island Orphanage—Chaplain: Howard C. Matthews, B.A.  
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.)
118. **Springston—**  
Neville Thornicroft  
John B. Currie.
119. **Leeston—**  
George W. Cramond.
120. **Kaiapoi—**  
J. Herbert Thompson.
121. **Rangiora—**  
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.  
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
122. **Greendale—**  
Noel D. Billinghamurst.
123. **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

124. **Timaru (Banks Street)—**  
Norman W. Olds.
125. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)—**  
John Grundy, M.A.  
One wanted (Kensington).
- 125a. **Marchweil Union Parish—**  
Presbyterian appointment.
126. **Waimate—**  
Ivan J. Clucas  
Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
127. **Geraldine-Temuka—**  
Archibald W. McKay.
128. **Ashburton—**  
E. Raymond Le Couteur  
Graham Brazendale  
D. J. Donald Hickman (Sup.).
129. **Willowby—**  
Geoffrey E. Scarr.
130. **Oamaru—**  
Herbert A. Cochrane.  
NORMAN W. OLDS (Chairman of the District).  
A. MARSHALL (Financial Secretary).

#### X. OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

131. **Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)—**  
D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.

- John H. Roberts  
Warren Green  
A Deaconess.
132. **North Dunedin—**  
Ronald H. Wood
133. **Dunedin West—**  
Andrew J. Johnston  
William L. Wallace, B.A.  
John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S. (Sup.).
134. **Dunedin South—**  
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.  
Frederick J. K. Baker  
One wanted.
- 134a. **Corstorphine Union Parish—**  
Alan J. Handyside.
135. **Dunedin (St. Kilda)—**  
Barry E. Jones  
One wanted.
136. **Milton-Lawrence—**  
Robert S. Andrews.
137. **Balclutha—**  
Maxwell A. Hornblow.
138. **Gore—**  
J. Henry Woolford, M.A. (who shall supervise the Western Southland Circuit).
139. **Invercargill Central—**  
John C. F. Mabon (who shall supervise the Bluff Circuit)  
Stuart G. Slinn  
Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A. (N.C.C. Chaplain, Manapouri).
140. **Invercargill (St. Peter's)—**  
David G. Stubbs  
John G. Hayhurst.
141. **Western Southland—**  
William A. Chessum, Mus.B.  
Stanley J. West.
142. **Bluff—**  
Hendrik Gerritsen.
143. **Central Otago—**  
W. Geoffrey Tucker.  
ANDREW J. JOHNSTON (Chairman of the District).  
F. W. E. PITCHER (Financial Secretary).

## XI. SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

- [6] **Roviana—**  
Solomon Alu (Roviana)  
James F. Cropp (Banga)  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).  
**Goldie College—**  
James F. Cropp  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher)  
One Missionary 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 (Accountant)  
One Lay Missionary (Engineer)  
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—**  
Paul A. Garside  
Samson Pataaku.
- [8] **Marovo—**  
Aisake N. Vula  
Timothy Piani  
One Missionary Teacher.
- [9] **Simbo—**  
Iliesa Buadromo.
- [10] **Gizo—**  
Leslie Boseto  
Tim Tarakabu (Titiana).
- [11] **Vella Lavella—**  
Daniel Palavi (Bilua)  
Nathan Sipunda (Paramata)  
John Pratt (Koriovuku)  
Egan Lokakale (Lale)  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher)  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted  
One lay missionary (Plantation Manager).
- [12] **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.
- [13] **Central—**  
Te Takarebu Tarakabu  
Te Tekieru Teem.
- [14] **Buin—**  
A. Kerry Taylor (Tonu)  
Francis J. Bongbong (Nagavisi)  
Jecooniah Kaskas (Dui sei)  
One Missionary Sister (Deaconess)  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted.  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse)  
One Lay Missionary (Plantation Manager).  
**District Girls' School—**  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher)  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted  
One Missionary Sister (Matron).
- [15] **Kieta—**  
John Taufa  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher)

- [16] **Teop—**  
C. Seton Horrill (Kekesu)  
Misarke Tarurava (Tearaka)  
Daniel Bula (Tio)  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

- [17] **Buka—**  
Brian W. Sides (Hutjena)  
Moses Mosusu (Patats)  
George Maelagi (Kunua)  
Esau Tuza  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher)  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted  
One Lay Missionary (Assistant Business Manager).

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**

- [18] **Mendi—**  
David R. Clarke (North Mendi)  
One wanted (South Mendi)  
One Missionary Sister (District Worker) wanted.  
**District Headquarters—**  
Clifford J. Keightley (Chairman)  
A. Graham Smith, L.Th. (St. Paul's College)  
One Missionary Sister (Book-keeper) wanted.  
One Lay Missionary (Stores Manager) wanted.
- [19] **Tari—**  
C. John Hutton, B.Sc.  
One wanted (North Basin)  
Three Missionary Sisters (Nurses)  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted  
One Lay Missionary (Teacher)  
One Lay Missionary (Manager, Hansenide Colony).
- [20] **Huli—**  
Matthew Beaso.
- [21] **Nipa—**  
David L. Kitchingman  
One wanted (Pumbetel)  
One wanted (Wage)  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher)  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse)  
**District School—**  
One Missionary Teacher  
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) wanted  
One Lay Missionary (Builder).
- [22] **Lai—**  
Sione Fiusati, L.Th.  
One wanted  
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) wanted.
- [23] **Magarima—**  
Aminiasi Qalo.

N.B.—David R. Clarke, A. Graham Smith, Sione Fiusati, Aminiasi Qalo are ministers of the New South Wales Conference.  
CLIFFORD J. KEIGHTLEY (Chairman of the District).



## OVERSEAS MEDICAL AND LAY MISSIONARIES

- Ronald W. Pattinson, M.B., Ch.B. (Melb.) (Medical Superintendent), Munda, British Solomon Islands.  
Terence R. Kehely (Engineer) Munda, British Solomon Islands.  
David J. Crooks (Accountant), Munda, British Solomon Islands.  
Gordon T. Dey (Builder), Nipa, via Mendi, Territory of Papua-New Guinea.  
Rodney C. Fleury (Plantation Supervisor), Munda, British Solomon Islands.  
Gordon L. Pavey (Assistant Business Manager), Skotolan, Sohano, Territory of Papua-New Guinea.  
William D. Griffiths (Hansenide Station Manager), Tari, Territory of Papua-New Guinea.  
Ovini Baleidaveta (Plantation Manager), Buin, Territory of Papua-New Guinea.  
Kelepi Nabainivalu (Plantation Manager), Bilua, P.O. Giza, British Solomon Islands.  
Vilame Nataitoga (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:

- Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.  
Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa.  
Waima—Matu Makiha (full-time).  
Waiomio—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.  
Pokere—Para Piripi Livingstone.  
Totara North—Robert Taka.  
Whananaki—Himiona Waata.  
Onerahi—Hohepa Hemara.  
Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.  
Rangitane—Henare Kapa.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

- Auckland East (2nd)—One wanted.  
Birkenhead—D. I. Robertson (retired).  
Takapuna—W. H. Wilson (retired).  
Avondale (3rd)—One wanted.  
Henderson (Te Atatu)—Supply. Rev. John H. Vickery (Associated Churches of Christ).  
Papakura (3rd)—Supply (J. Cedric Hay, Non-resident student).  
Pukekohe (2nd) Supply—T. H. Carr (Sup.).  
Bombay-Tuakau (2nd)—One wanted.  
Whangaparaoa—Supply: Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.

### 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—Warren H. Blundell.  
Whakatane-Kawerau—W. J. Bryant (retired).  
Coromandel—Supply (Clarence R. Russ).  
Te Awamutu (2nd)—One wanted.  
Otorohonga—R. Coombridge (retired).  
Kawhia—One wanted.  
Rotorua (3rd) Supply—Ernest B. Chambers.  
Te Kuiti—A Home Missionary wanted.

### **Maori Mission—(a) Waikato:**

Hamilton—Wiremu Tonga.  
Rangiriri—Matene Hori de Thierry.  
Ngaruawahia—Te Orahia Tonga (full-time).  
Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama and Hoera Whakaari  
Hakopa.  
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.  
Tokoroa—Herehere Maihi Maaka (full-time).  
Hamilton—Tuteao Manihera.  
Raglan—Supply.  
Aotearoa—Pukerau Rangitutia.

### **Maori Mission—(b) King Country:**

Makomako—Tumu Te Huia (retired).  
Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.  
Maketu Pa—Waiwera Rangawhenua.  
Kawhia—Paahi Moke (retired).  
Rakaunui—Supply.  
Taharoa—Taipua Te Uira.  
Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.  
Mokau—Supply.  
Taumarunui—Supply.  
Bennydale—Supply.

## **TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—**

New Plymouth—H. R. Wright (retired).  
Hawera (Patea)—Presbyterian-Methodist co-operation.

### **Maori Mission—**

Urenui—One wanted.  
Rahotu—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka.  
Nukumarua—Supply.  
Whenuakura—Supply.  
Pariroa Pa—Supply.  
Wanganui—Supply.

## **HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—**

Palmerston North (Trinity)—Mr I. G. Baber, Director, Manawatu Social Service Centre.  
Napier (3rd)—One wanted. C. Robinson (retired).  
Marton—H. Prowse (retired).  
Woodville—A. E. Tardif (retired).

## **WELLINGTON DISTRICT—**

Department of Christian Education—Associate Directors: Miss H. M. Astley, Mr Clifford H. Couch.  
Wellington South (2nd) (Island Bay)—One wanted.  
Eketahuna—Ronald N. Simpson.  
Masterton (2nd)—Colin F. Hay.  
Levin (2nd)—One wanted.

## **NELSON DISTRICT—**

Blenheim (3rd)—One wanted.  
Motueka—R. T. Alexander (retired).



Reefton—T. Steele (retired).  
Greymouth (2nd) (Runanga)—One wanted.  
Waimea (2nd)—One wanted.

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—**

Durham Street (3rd)—One wanted.  
Christchurch East (5th)—Supply.—W. W. Ralph.  
Riccarton (3rd)—One wanted.  
Rangiora—F. E. Trim (retired).

**Maori Mission:**

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—**

Timaru (Woodlands Street) (2nd)—One wanted.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—**

Dunedin South (3rd)—One wanted.  
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—Probationer Jocelyn Gilling.

**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.  
Sister Merle Fechner, Waikato.

King Country Maori Circuit—  
Sister Betty Yearbury, Te Kuiti.  
One wanted, Otorohanga.

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.

- 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, M.B.E.  
 Buin, Territory of New Guinea—  
 Sister Pamela Beaumont.
  4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
 Sister Janet Evans.
  5. **WITHOUT APPOINTMENT**  
 Sister Dorothy Pointon (with permission to serve with the  
 British and Foreign Bible Society).
  6. **IN TRAINING**  
 Patricia Ruth Tattersall (1st year).
  7. **SUPPLY APPOINTMENTS**  
 Bay of Islands—Mrs G. George (Sister Atawhai).
  8. **RETIRED DEACONESSSES**  
 Sister Ruth Fawcett  
 Sister Margaret Nicholls  
 Sister Eleanor Dobby  
 Sister Ivy Jones  
 Sister Airini Hobbs  
 Sister Rita Snowden, F.I.A.L.  
 Sister Jean Miller.

**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, Sasamunga, 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 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.  
 Sister Ailsa Thorburn, Tari, T.P.N.G.  
 Sister Beryl Gray, Munda, B.S.I.P.  
 Sister Judith Anne Milne.

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.



**NORTHLAND DISTRICT—**

Whangarei—Rev. D. L. Hines, B.A.  
Dargaville—Rev. A. G. Reid.

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT—**

Auckland and Mater—Rev. B. H. Riseley.  
Middlemore—Rev. G. Drummond (Presbyterian).  
National Women's—Rev. H. Pritchard Williams (Presbyterian).  
Oakley Hospital—Rev. A. L. Dixon (Presbyterian).  
Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital and Cornwall—Rev. T. H. Carr.  
Ravensthorpe Psychiatric Hospital—Rev. E. Baker.

**WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT—**

Waikato Hospital—Rev. Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.  
Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua)—Rev. W. H. Greenslade.  
Tokanui Psychiatric—Rev. W. J. Morrison, M.A.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—**

New Plymouth—Rev. Keith C. Griffith.  
Wanganui—Rev. F. E. Waine.

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—**

Napier—Rev. C. G. Brown.  
Hastings—Rev. R. Grace.  
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.  
Porirua—Rev. W. S. Glassey, B.A. (Presbyterian-Methodist).

**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. E. B. Clarke.  
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  
William A. Chessum  
Ronald C. Collingwood  
C. Brice 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  
Alister D. Pain  
Enid J. Slaney  
Laurie A. Michie  
John H. Roberts  
Ian L. Clarke  
Neil E. Smith  
Robert Te Whare  
Tim Tarakabu  
Misake Tarurava  
Napi Waaka  
Donald F. Prince  
Stanley J. West  
Egan Lokakale

Jeconiah Kaskas  
 Luke Pitu  
 David G. Pratt  
 Colin G. Jamieson  
 Wallis F. Browne  
 Daniel Bula

John Pratt  
 Nathan Sipunda  
 Esau Tuza  
 Richard J. Hendry  
 Keith J. Taylor  
 A. Roy Bowden

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

All Senior Home Missionaries

Sister Pamela Beaumont

Wera Couch

Sister Lucy H. Money, M.B.E.

Clarence Russ

Matu Makiha

Morehu Te Whare

Hohepe Hemara

Tawai Te Riri Kawiti

Henare Kapa

Warren H. Blundell

Herehere Maihi Maaka

Te Orahi Tonga

Levi Papabatu

Timothy Pete

Timothy Poko

Thomas Virivolomo

Sister Ula Qilanoba

Ronald W. Simpson

Moke A. G. Couch

Sister Sarah Tonse

Jack Kerovo

John Aqolo

Sister Lisa Rotoava

John Davika

**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. Frederick Clement, M.A.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A. (President of the Conference).

Taranaki-Wanganui—Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.

Hawke's 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—Norman W. Olds.

Otago-Southland—Andrew J. Johnston.

Solomon Islands—E. Clarence Leadley.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands—Clifford J. Keightley.

**2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES**

General Statistical Secretary—William C. Jenkin.

Northland—Alfred G. Reid.

Auckland—Edmund D. Grounds.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Geoffrey T. Gilbert.

Taranaki-Wanganui—A. Peter Dorrian.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Wilfred S. Gilbert.

Wellington—Wilfred J. Cable.

Nelson—John R. Hall.

North Canterbury—Harold K. Brown.

South Canterbury—Geoffrey E. Scarr.

Otago-Southland—Frederick J. K. Baker.

Solomon Islands—Paul A. Garside.

**QUESTION 33.—(1) Who are Elected as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference, 1967?**

President—John D. Grocott, B.A.

Vice-President—William E. Donnelly, M.B.E., M.A.

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

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

Rev. Charlie O. Hailwood has been appointed.



**QUESTION 34—What is the Report of the General Statistical Secretary?**

## **Report of the General Statistical Secretary**

### **General:**

Again failure to balance Membership figures caused delay waiting for replies from Superintendent Ministers.

One District Secretary sent only the Circuit Schedules, which normally are not forwarded to the General Statistical Secretary, and another failed to fill in the totals. This means that a discrepancy could arise between the figures presented to Synod and those I arrive at.

However, it is necessary for Synod Secretaries to ensure that "the number of Members last year" is taken from the latest Minutes of Conference. This is the only basis for computation.

### **Buildings:**

The number of Churches at 442 represent a loss of 3 for the year, while 10 fewer "Other Preaching Places" bring the number to 203.

Schoolrooms this year have increased by 5, the number now being 338.

Parsonages increasing by 2 stand at 239.

### **Staffing:**

Ministers and Probationers with a decrease of 10 bring us back to the 1964 level of 287, while Home Missionaries with a further decrease of 4 number only 12.

Deaconesses in the European work remain the same at 9.

A decrease of 28 Lay Preachers reduces the number to 669.

### **Membership:**

For the first time in 20 years we show a Net Loss in our Membership figures. As at the 30th of June our Senior Membership stands at 32,709 a Net Loss of 40 on last year's figures.

New members for the year were "under 20", 592, and "over 20", 380.

Members to and from Overseas gave us a Net Increase of 22. So that we had 994 New Members for the year.

Against this we lost 100 members on Transfers from one Circuit to another in New Zealand. A Net Loss of 78 to other Denominations. 512 Members died during the year.

344 Members have been returned as "Ceased to attend".

In spite of new columns having been added to the Schedule e.g. Transfer to other denominations etc., the figure revealed this year shows cause for concern.

No doubt "Stewardship Missions" in various places can account for many of these folk. But in view of the fact that this item has been returned since 1946, one would think that there would be much fewer after the initial decreases—Lack of Commitment at a deeper level would seem to be the answer in many cases.

Losses amounting to 1034 less increases of 994 give us a Net Loss of 40.

### **Baptisms:**

2706 Infants were reported as being Baptised during the year and 122 Adults.

### Christian Education:

This section of the Statistics gives us cause for concern. In every Department of both Children and Youth decreases are reported.

From Nursery to Intermediate in Sunday School there is a total decrease of 891, while the Youth section shows decreases of 632, a total of 1523 under the "Christian Education" section of the General Statistical returns as at 30th June, 1966.

The decreases are as follows: Nursery 208, Kindergarten 120, Primary 56, Junior 273 and Intermediate 234, Total 891.

Youth sections: Junior 279, Intermediate 132 and Senior 221, Total 632.

No doubt the Department of Christian Education will be looking into this matter.

The Adult column in this section reveals the only increase, that of 378; the total being 3424.

### Pastoral Care:

1488 Families and 1569 People less this year give us at the 30th June 47,831 Families and 144,821 People under the Pastoral Care of the Church.

### Stipends:

Stipends have again shown an increase this year of £10,489; the total being £194,794 while a slight decrease of £386 in Travelling Allowances brings this figure to £41,358.

13 Cars are this year owned by Circuits, a decrease of 1, while a decrease of 7 owned by Ministers brings this total to 209.

### Finances:

These are reported to the nearest £1.

A decrease of £1212 in Circuit Credits gives us a total of £22,596, while a decrease of £4669 in Circuit Debits gives us a total of £16,338.

Trust Credits at £105,503 show an increase of £2471.

Trust Debit Balances at £88,859 means an increase of £12,108 for the year

### Conclusion:

My thanks are again due to the District Secretaries, and with the observance by ALL secretaries of Section 157 No. 2, on page 27 of the Law Book, we shall be able to complete our Report on time for inclusion in the Conference Agenda.

Attention at Circuit level to Additions and Deletions in Membership and reconciling same will also save valuable time after Synod.

## MAORI MISSION RETURNS

One District only has so far sent in Returns. It is therefore impossible at this stage to make a report.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

The returns for the Solomon Islands District contains much more information than previously and has been divided into two main areas, namely "Territory Protectorate of New Guinea" and the "British Solomon Islands". I have therefore followed the practice in our General Returns showing Area Totals and then each area in detail.

For the District the Senior Church Membership at 8,306 gives us an increase of 516 for the year ending 30th June.

With the present format in use next year it will be possible to assess the movements in the various activities carried on in the Solomon Islands District.



## PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

No returns have come to hand this year.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

12th September, 1966.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

**QUESTION 35**—What are the resolutions of the Conference on

(a) The Welfare of the Church?

## A— Welfare of the Church Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

#### Lectionary:

The Lectionary for 1967 — 8 has been prepared and is again recommended for optional use.

**Notices of Motion** (1965 Minutes, p. 74, Resolution 5):

In considering what is an integral part of the Standing orders of both Conference and Synods, the committee noted that in general, notices of motion were a safeguard of democratic procedure. In the light of the following considerations, the committee affirms its confidence in such standard procedure which allows specific issues to be raised at Conference and Synods, through the time honoured method of tabling notices of motion at the commencement of business sessions.

If attempts were made to restrict such procedure it could mean that contemporary issues that have arisen since the specific deliberations of Quarterly Meetings and Synods would be denied debate on the floor of Conference itself.

Again, to impose a restriction upon the use of notices of motion would appear to hold unnecessarily in opposition the collective thinking of the various minor Church Courts, and the individualistic thinking which is often represented by notices of motion to the Synod and Conference.

Another advantage of the existing system is that it permits the higher courts of the Church to have 'second thoughts' on some of the proposals that are brought forward for ratification by Quarterly Meetings.

Nevertheless, it is argued that the present system of Conference and Synod business procedure allows indiscriminate use of the time at the disposal of such courts. And that priorities within the printed agenda are often upset through impromptu debate upon stray notices of motion. While the committee was aware that such events can and do arise, it felt nonetheless, that a certain amount of discretion must be allowed the chairman to ascertain the relative importance of such an issue in the light of the agenda itself.

Further, it is argued that when notices of motion are tabled either at Synod or Conference, such action deprives Quarterly Meetings of the chance to judge the relative merit or otherwise of the matter under review.

In the light of such criticism the committee respectfully points

to the following safeguards that are written into the existing business procedure.

In the case of Conference any notice of motion not in the Agenda must be handed to the Secretary after it has been read. The Secretary moves the reception of the notice of motion and also its reference to the appropriate committee for its discussion and report. There is no discussion at this stage. After the Committee of Detail has considered and made its report then the motion is discussed by Conference in the usual way. Conference, of course, can decide to postpone the discussion — can refer the matter to a Synod Standing Committee to consider the matter — can refer the matter to Synods, and if thought fit, to Quarterly Meetings and other lower courts.

The proviso to subsection (11) of section 368 of the Law Book page 72 sets out that no change shall be made effecting Constitutional questions and the rights and privileges of the Ministry and Laity at one Conference without such matter first being sent down to the Synods and then confirmed at a succeeding Conference. Thus there is a year's delay in arriving at a decision on such matters.

There is no provision compelling Conference to first refer matters to Quarterly Meetings as well as Synods. Certainly Conference has at times referred matters not only to Synods but also to Quarterly and even Leaders' Meetings. Conference can take such steps whenever it thinks fit.

Every notice of motion is referred to a Committee of Detail and such committees are representative of the whole Conference. Such Committees give a guide to Conference. They can recommend immediate consideration, or that the matter in question be considered during the year by a Standing Committee or a Special Committee and/or by Synods and the courts of the Church. It is a matter for the Conference to decide whether certain material should be sent down to the lower courts for consideration and if it does decide this course of action then hasty legislation and hasty decisions are avoided. But there is a responsibility on the President and Secretary and other Officers to give the proper lead to Conference.

It must be kept in mind that Conference is our highest Court and should be able to make decisions without reference to Synods and Quarterly Meetings. Further, every Quarterly Meeting can and should be represented at Conference and Synod. If any representative thinks it desirable he can at any time move that the matter be referred to the Synods or lower courts. Conference will then make its decision on the procedure to be followed.

Finally, this Committee recommends that similar procedure to that used at Conference be followed by the Synods in accordance with the Standing Orders of Conference, Law Book page 163, number 28, and page 161, number 7 (a) (b) (c). Using such procedure the Synods would be able to initiate similar safeguards that Conference has found necessary to impose upon the custom of tabling Notices of Motion.

In the light of the above submissions this Committee cannot see any necessity for changing the existing procedure.

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 Ministers' Telephone Numbers be added to the list of Ministers' Addresses printed in the Minutes of Conference.
4. That the Welfare of the Church Committee be asked to give consideration to Ministers, in addition to ordinary annual leave, being granted annually a special weekend leave of four days at a time of their own choosing, in consultation with circuit stewards (N.B. suggested time August-September).
5. That the Church Council be asked to consider ways in which greater use may be made of the Vice-President.
6. That Conference asks the Church Welfare Committee to consider the Census question regarding 'religion'—whether it should be clarified to elicit 'denomination' as well as 'religion.'
7. That Conference refer to the Church Council a request that more flexibility be allowed to Districts in the timing of August Synods. (Note: it may be that within the span of a fortnight weekend Synods could be held where Synods wished. Sometimes Synods could be held in school holidays, sometimes prior to school holidays. This would allow for variations in representation of a wider nature than at present).
8. That in order to anticipate and prepare for whatever changes might, in a time of transition such as this, be discernible in the structure and patterns of Circuits, the Welfare of the Church committee consider the following matters:
  - (1) The struggle Circuits with small membership have even now in meeting their financial commitments;
  - (2) In time the development of an Order of "Worker-Priests";
  - (3) In the meantime, permitting certain ministers in certain Circuits to undertake part-time secular employment;
  - (4) The bearing of such a more obvious sharing of life with people on the development of lay pastorates in smaller Circuits where conservative thinking refuses as yet to accept lay pastoral responsibility;
  - (5) The possibility and wisdom of promoting more rapidly union causes in small-town and rural areas;
  - (6) The possibility and wisdom of handing over existing Methodist work in smaller places to other denominations;
  - (7) The possibility that specialist ministries might meet more completely than can the present type of ministry the needs of the whole community, and therefore helping to recover both the relevance of the Church and the support of people in general;
  - (8) The possibility, need, and opportunity of gearing the training of the ministry to permit more specialisation;
  - (9) The possibility of finding scope for specialist ministries, by changes in the structure of Circuits where they can,
    - (a) reduce the number of separate Church centres of work by uniting two or more on to one central site;
    - (b) having already strongly established congregations, experiment with specialist ministries;
    - (c) by entering into local union with other denominations, permit two more specialist ministries to be maintained;
  - (10) Any other matters arising from the pressure to change of these times.

That, while making this survey, the committee be required to confer with the other negotiating Churches.  
That the committee report progress to Synods and Conference next year.

- (11) That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 9 herein.

## QUESTION 35.—

# B— Lay Preachers' Association

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

At the end of 1965 the Dominion Executive moved from Auckland to Christchurch. At both places, Executive Meetings were held regularly.

### Examinations:

The results for the examinations held in June, 1965, and December, 1965, were as follows (last year in parenthesis):—

	Passed.	Failed.	Total
Theology .....	15 (16)	2 (2)	17 (18)
Old Testament .....	10 (21)	4 (7)	14 (28)
New Testament .....	10 (18)	7 (3)	17 (21)
Homiletics .....	11 (17)	2 (4)	13 (21)
The Church .....	10 (6)	8 (1)	18 (7)
	<hr/> 56 (78)	<hr/> 23 (17)	<hr/> 79 (95)

It would appear from individual marks that a number of students have not had adequate tutorship or have not done the course as set out in the Department of Christian Education notes. New Testament and The Church papers were very poor in too many cases.

### Accreditations:

Certificate—356 John Thornley; 357 Gillian McClellan; 358 Marie Boyd; 359 Wallace Woodley; 360 A. I. Corlett; 361 Derek Chalmers; 362 Neville Price; 363 A. V. Wilson; 364 Brian Underwood; 365 Robert Stringer; 366 Margaret Bonallack; 367 Rowan Smiley.

### Long Service Diplomas:

No. 357, Frank Pace, 50 years.

No. 358, John E. Horrell, 50 years.

### Post Accreditation Studies:

The Executive have been in touch with Melbourne College of Divinity and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and are continuing investigations. We hope to have something definite to offer in the near future.

Schools have been held in most districts and in some cases we are joined by members of sister churches. The speakers and subject matter at these schools have been most carefully selected and are of a high standard.

### The Preacher:

This newsletter continues to be published and sent to every member each quarter, giving news of our activities as well as topical articles pertaining to preaching. We are grateful to Mr G. B. Couch for his services in editing this paper whilst our Editor, Mr H. W. Beaumont, is overseas.



### **Book of Offices:**

Disappointment has been felt that the Faith and Order Committee have recommended the elimination of the Order of Service for the Public Recognition of a Lay Preacher from the proposed new Book of Offices. We have corresponded with the Committee and have suggested that if it is necessary to exclude this order, that a supplementary Book of Offices containing all services excluded from the new book be issued.

### **Annual Report, 1965 (Resolution 2, page 77, Minutes of Conference):**

We have been in touch with the Executive of the Men's Fellowship and as a result have no recommendation to make. The Department of Christian Education have been advised accordingly.

The Executive extends congratulations to Mr H. W. Beaumont on his elevation to office as Vice-President of Conference and wish him well for his term of office.

ALAN A. DINGWALL, President.

HAROLD E. HOSKING, Secretary.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

2. That we affirm the principle of the publication of a Service for the public recognition of lay preachers, and refer to the Faith and Order Committee the form in which such an order of service is to be printed and made available.

### **QUESTION 35.—**

## **C—Spiritual Advance Committee**

### **REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1966**

Because of increased business the committee has met monthly at Palmerston North.

#### **Mission to the Nation**

Last year the N.C.C. requested the committee, together with the appropriate committees of the other member churches, to make suggestions as to how a 'Mission to the Nation' could best be conducted. The replies from the member churches were the basis of a two-day consultation in July on 'Confessing the Faith in New Zealand'.

Before replying, the committee received statements from carefully selected ministers and spent some time considering this and other material. In brief, we replied that the Church exists for Mission in communicating the full gospel to individual needs and to the total life situation of every community, nation and the whole world. We suggested various lines of action N.C.C. could take before engaging in such a mission. These included areas of study and research, and consultation with community and government groups that might have a valid part to play in a 'Mission to the Nation'.

The proposals we made were such that any decisions concerning the nature of the mission, its timing and duration, would be determined only after a very considerable amount of preliminary work had been done.

#### **Study On Evangelism**

Arising out of a suggestion from the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions the committee has undertaken a study on

evangelism. It is hoped that the report will be completed for the 1967 Conference.

Because of the importance of the study to the life of the church the committee is using the best resources of the Connexion (subject to geographical considerations). The three study groups appointed (centred in Auckland, Palmerston North and Christchurch) are using as a basis for their study a selected bibliography and carefully chosen questions. These three groups will report to a central group whose task it will be to prepare the final draft statement for presentation to Conference and the guidance of the Church.

#### **Dr Billy Graham**

Because of the negative replies received from at least three of the member churches the N.C.C. was unable to continue negotiations to sponsor officially a visit from Dr. Graham. A letter was received by the N.C.C. from the Graham organisation stating a visit would be possible in 1968. The N.C.C. referred the matter to the Auckland Branch of N.C.C. for consideration and possible action in that area because of the limitations on Dr Graham's availability. It is understood that arrangements are proceeding along these lines.

The question has been raised concerning official Methodist participation in any such campaign. The President of the Conference has stated that participation by Methodist ministers and churches generally is a matter of individual decision. The committee finds itself in accord with the opinion expressed by the President.

#### **Report on Missions**

A survey of reports sent in by circuits holding missions over the past few years shows that a wide variety of methods have been used. All have had some encouraging features and have given new life to the local congregations.

Most circuits have reported difficulty in making the mission effective for more than the faithful congregation. Some suggest that the word "mission" carries unfortunate associations for other than the initiated. Perhaps greater thought needs to be given to what is being attempted. If "teaching", then say so in some way that indicates the purpose of the planning. Leave the word "mission" out. If "evangelistic", then plan carefully so that the loving concern of the people will be expressed to the whole congregation.

Of the missions reported to the committee about half have been combined with one or more churches of other denominations. Perhaps the greatest impact has been the witness of the churches working together in concern.

Our committee would continue to urge circuits to grapple with the task of "Mission" and asks again for all undertaking ventures to let us know and send us a report.

#### **Advent and Lenten Leaflet**

Consideration has been given to the future of the Advent and Lenten Leaflets. Arising out of correspondence with the Editor of the N.Z. Methodist it was decided to produce an Advent Leaflet this year. It is being written by the Rev. J. Grundy. No Lenten leaflet will be produced, however, as the committee believes that the Lenten study being prepared by the N.C.C. and the material to be printed in the N.Z. Methodist will meet the needs of our people.

#### **Retreat**

Following the authority given by last Conference to plan a pilot School of Christian Devotion or Retreat, the committee has done the



preliminary planning for a School on the subject of Prayer, under the leadership of the Rev. R. Gibson. However, because of the pressure of other engagements and the difficulty of arranging a location the school has been postponed to 1967. Arrangements are now under way.

#### **Overseas Visitors**

(a) **Dr. W. R. Hambly.** The Australasian President-General toured most of the country after last Conference and we are grateful for the lead he gave. Planning has already begun to make the best use of the next President-General who comes in 1968.

(b) **Dr. G. Rupp.** It proved possible to arrange for Dr. Rupp to visit briefly at the end of his Cato Lecture tour of Australia. He gave a stimulating lead to two Schools of Theology. The committee shares the deep disappointment of the South Island ministers that due to a late change of dates it became possible for Dr Rupp to hold only two schools.

(c) **Prof. H. Clinebell.** After consultation with the Spiritual Healing Committee and the Principal of Trinity College, Prof. Clinebell held seminars in Auckland and Christchurch on his way to an Australian clergy-doctor Conference.

(d) **Spiritual Healing.** Discussions have continued with the Spiritual Healing Committee over arrangements for someone to give a lead to the church in this important matter.

L. F. BYCROFT, Chairman.

A. A. GRUNDY, Convener.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the report be received and adopted with the deletion of the words "It is understood that" (Dr Billy Graham—second paragraph).

2. That the financial statement be received and adopted.

3. That Conference approve the committee's action in undertaking a study on evangelism and asks the committee to report in 1967.

4. That Conference asks circuits to report to the Spiritual Advance Committee any vital ventures they make in seeking to communicate the Gospel to the modern world.

5. That Conference draws the attention of the Church to the President's statement concerning the visit of Dr Billy Graham that participation by Methodist Ministers and churches generally is a matter of individual decision.

6. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 8 herein.

## **Methodist Men's Fellowship**

### **REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, 1966**

Regular meetings of the National Executive have been held throughout the past year and members of the Executive have visited two other Districts to assist in Men's Consultations. The President Mr S. D. McHarg and the Secretary, Mr L. Armstrong, both resigned office early in the year, but both remain on the Executive, Mr McHarg acting as Secretary during 1966. The Fellowship records its grateful thanks to these men for their work over the four years the Executive has been located in Christchurch.

**District Seminars:** Conference 1965 recommended that District Seminars on "Men's Work in the Church" be convened and the main task of the Executive in the early part of this year was the preparation of material and publicity for these discussions. The response was disappointing. Some Districts seem to have misunderstood the purpose of the talks and in other Districts the programme of activity was already too full. At the time of writing this report only four Districts have held discussions, viz. Wellington, North Canterbury, South Canterbury and Otago, where a small group met at Caversham. The findings of these seminars cannot be said to represent the mind of Methodist men throughout the country but there is sufficient agreement apparent to make the following summary worthwhile and significant.

**Summary of Findings:** 1. To the question 'What is the place of the laity in the total Mission of the Church?', the reply was clearly given. The task of Mission both within the Church and in the full life of the Community is the responsibility of the whole Membership of the Church. This task is the proclamation of the Gospel through witness and service, a Ministry of care, love and reconciliation. Many groups commented that the Church has not begun to give serious attention to the task of preparing members for Christian living in a rapidly changing society.

2. To the question 'What is the special contribution men can make?' the replies given stress that men have a particular responsibility in their daily vocation, in family life, in Community life, in such special concerns as prison visiting, and after care, and in the world of sport and leisure. They also have a major part to play in administration and lay visitation, but there is no sphere of Church life in which men and women should not share together as full partners. Some aspects of our present congregational life, including the existence of separate Men's and Women's movements tend to obscure this important fact.

3. The third question asked was—'What activities or programmes are needed in the local (and wider) Church if men are to make their contribution to the Mission of the Church?' It was felt that men will still need opportunities to meet together for fellowship and service. There is a similar, perhaps greater need, for women to enjoy fellowship together but the hope was expressed that there would be a growing together of Men's and Women's work. One group felt that the new concept of Leaders' Meetings with strong working groups was a pointer in the right direction. There is also a widespread feeling that more could be done on an interdenominational basis. The central and important activities in a local Church are Worship and "Learning in Fellowship" groups.

4. 'How can this be provided? Is any organisation required?' It was at this point that groups felt frustrated. Time did not allow an adequate answer to the question 'What developments are needed?', but in each District there was a plea for a more imaginative use of Sunday—for Worship, small group life, and even occasional meetings to handle administration. This would leave evenings free for family life and community activity. There is much to be learnt from the example of the Catholic Family Movement which provides opportunities for husbands and wives to have fellowship in combined groups.

**The Future:** The Executive hoped that a collection of opinions from throughout the country would enable us to make specific recommendations concerning the future of Men's work but the small number of replies gives us no authority to do this. Several things are becoming apparent however.



1. There is a growing emphasis on small group life where faith is strengthened and we are equipped for our task in the world.

2. There is increasing dissatisfaction with the clutter of organisation that hinders the outreach of the Church and tends to disrupt family life.

3. There is a growing awareness of the need for men and women to work together and learn together in Fellowship.

The Executive feels that, although a number of Men's Fellowships have gone out of existence this past year, men's groups will continue in local Churches in forms that suit local needs. There is no longer the same need for a National organisation to co-ordinate such widely divergent groups as Bowling Clubs, Men's Luncheons, Sunday night and Week-night Men's meetings etc. There should be room for the greatest flexibility and experiment in local situations. Provision has already been made for Synod Standing Committees or D.E.C.s to encourage and initiate such experiment.

The Auckland District Executive is being asked to accept responsibility for the National Executive in the coming year.

G. E. HILL, President.

S. D. McHARG, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Methodist Council of Christian Education, in consultation with the two National Executives, be asked to study and report on the integration of Men's and Women's work in the Church.

3. That the National Executive of the Men's Fellowship be located in Auckland as from 1967.

### QUESTION 35.—

## E— Methodist Women's Fellowship

It is with pleasure that we present the 3rd Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

**Convention:** Whitely Church, New Plymouth, was the venue of the 2nd Annual Convention—October 12th-15th, 1965. A very large gathering of friends, almost filling Whitely Church, joined the 122 representatives in a Communion Service, conducted by the President of Conference, Rev. G. H. Goodman, and shared in the social gathering which followed.

We appreciated the attendance of the President of Conference, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, Mr W. E. Donnelly, Miss Mary Astley, Sister Edna Jenkin, representatives of the Maori Women's Fellowship and Mrs K. Allan, a Presbyterian observer.

**Highlights:** Miss Ria McBride, of the Maori Affairs Department, conducted a session on Maori-Pakeha relationships, followed by group discussion.

**Dr. Phyllis Guthardt:** It was a privilege to hear Dr. Guthardt speak on commitment to Christ and we were challenged to see this as love, loyalty, learning and serving in our homes, our church and in the community.

**Sister Edith James:** Few of us will ever forget the message that

Sister Edith gave us. We caught vivid pictures of men, women and children changed from sickness to health, from fear to trust, from bondage to new life in Christ. She re-kindled our enthusiasm to support our overseas mission work.

**Drama Workshop:** Members enjoyed a drama workshop evening which demonstrated hymn singing and responses, scriptural choral readings, narration and mime, costume, make-up and lighting.

**Finance:** £4100 to both Home and Overseas Mission Boards.

£2500 towards the Maternity and Infant Welfare block at Nipa.

£1120 combined medical, educational and gift box grants to overseas workers.

£2016/10/6 Stamp Fund—a record—distributed among Home and Overseas workers, Deaconess Retiring Fund, subsidy for support of Solomon Islands M.W.F. Field Organiser.

Total amount sent through the National Treasurer: £17,924/1/7.

Amount raised by Fellowships for other purposes, £20,115/4/8, of which £16,665/8/6 was given to Trusts and Circuits.

Other amounts to Deaconess House, British and Foreign Bible Society, Mission to Lepers, Save the Children Fund, N.C.C., Corso, Red Cross etc.

**Membership** as at 30/6/65—9869. Gleaners 752.

**Kurahuna** provides a home for a number of Maori school girls looked after with devotion by Sister Madeline Holland and supported by a hardworking and enthusiastic committee.

**Smethurst House:** We thank the Committee and Mrs Sinclair for the oversight of this property which has been used by Deaconesses and tenants during the year.

**World Federation of Methodist Women:** Our president, Mrs I. G. Baber will represent the Fellowship of the Assembly in London in August and is also a delegate to the World Family Life Conference and the World Methodist Council which follow.

**Missionary Finance:** In compliance with the Resolution of Conference 1965, the National Executive has initiated discussion to ascertain whether the time is opportune to support the normal work of Home and Overseas Missions through the Connexional Budget. From reports to hand, it would seem that discussion needs to continue.

The National Executive is approaching the end of its term of office and at Convention in October it will be moved to Nelson under the Presidency of Mrs L. G. White.

Looking back over this first term, we recall from the findings of the Marton Conference 1960: "It is envisaged that such a movement will preserve, strengthen and develop all that is best in the existing women's organisations and offer a much wider vision and opportunity for total involvement in the Church's impact on society." We believe that this is being fulfilled in the life of the M.W.F. While we recognise that it has meant the giving up of things precious to many people, this is inevitable, for growth is costly. We look forward to the future with confidence. We know, that in spite of difficulties, some of which are because of sociological changes, the women of the Fellowship have made a magnificent adjustment and one cannot but appreciate the hard work and creative thinking that have been displayed by groups of women in local and district situations all over the country. Thinking and change must continue and this demands total commitment.

FLORENCE M. BABER, President.  
LORRAINE HENSON, Secretary



## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Following the request of the 1965 Church Conference to initiate discussion on the possibility of Missionary Funds being directed through local Church budgets, the National Executive sent material out to District Councils with guidelines for discussion and asking that findings be returned to the Executive. The response has been disappointing. Either the material has failed to promote discussion or Districts have not sent in the result of discussions—only 8 out of 19 Districts have replied. There could be various reasons for this viz. the material failed to stimulate discussion; resistance to change; a great deal of indefinite, confused, indecisive thought about finance. Of the 8 replies, 2 Districts indicate readiness to operate through the Connexional Budget; 2 Districts are definitely opposed; the remainder show a mixed reception. One District made a suggestion of how the change might be brought about, and we welcomed this positive approach. Until the majority of our women are prepared to support fully the total mission of the Church through the Connexional Budget, we feel that we are not in a position to initiate a change.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses to the National President (Mrs Florence Baber) and to the National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship its deep and abiding appreciation for the dynamic and creative leadership exercised throughout the inaugural term of the formation and development of the Movement. Conference expresses its confidence that the fostering of the future well being of this vital aspect of the work of the Church will be ably continued by the incoming President and Executive.
3. That Article 14 of the Methodist Women's Fellowship constitution now read "... and shall hold office for a term of two years.", and that it be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
4. That Conference congratulates Mrs W. M. Dudley and Mrs F. Baber on their appointment as Secretary and Area Vice-President, respectively, of the World Federation of Methodist Women, and Mrs Baber as a member of the World Methodist Council.
5. That the National Executive continue their investigation of M.W.F. Finance in consultation with the Missions Depts. and the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

### QUESTION 35—

## F.—Church Council

### REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1966

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on May 9, 10 and 11, 1966. The Acting-President, the Rev. G. H. Goodman presided in the absence overseas of the President.

### Section I—LEADERS' AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

From the 150 Quarterly Meetings (including Union Parishes and Home Mission Stations) asked to consider the proposed Constitutions (1965 Minutes page 101, res. 11) 92 replies were received. The Council gave careful consideration to a great number of positive and helpful

suggestions received. Many of these are incorporated in the recommendations submitted for adoption by Conference.

The Leaders' Meeting is the chief court in a Society. The intention of the revised Constitution is to make the Leaders' Meeting more effective, its membership more realistic and to engender a more active participation in the administration of the Society, by the whole congregation. This will be achieved by the formation of Committees which shall be responsible for the various aspects of the work of the Society. The Leaders' Meeting shall meet at least once a quarter. The Agenda of the meeting is designed to encourage a wider and more effective approach to the task of the Church. It is composed of a series of questions to which answers are to be furnished.

In the new Constitution, the Committees of the Leaders' Meeting are drawn from the Society, and not limited to the members of the Leaders' Meeting. On each Committee there will be those who do not have a seat on the Leaders' Meeting. But each Committee shall be represented on the Leaders' Meeting by its Convenor and one other. Both of these shall be members of the Methodist Church. The Agendas for the Committees have been framed by delineating areas of concern and fields of reference which shall be the responsibility of the Committees. These Committees shall then report to the Leaders' Meeting.

The new Constitution does not envisage the unnecessary multiplication of Committees. The Worship, Evangelism and Pastorate Committee may well incorporate the function of a Visitation Committee, while the Local Stewardship Committee may become the Continuation Committee.

In the section of the new Constitution headed, "Alternatives to the Leaders' Meetings" there are set out five methods by which the work of the Society may be done: viz., by the Leaders' Meeting itself, or by one of the alternatives, (a), (b), (c), or (d). A selection from these alternatives should be able to meet the needs of every Society, whatever its size or situation.

The Quarterly Meeting is the chief court of the Circuit. Originally, its business was entirely financial, but it is now given additional function. The new Constitution does not make any radical changes in the membership of the Meeting. The Agenda has been revised in order to obtain a better review of the work of the Circuit. The Circuit Finance and Stewardship Committee now becomes responsible for making recommendations in respect to finance and property matters. The new Constitution will make the Quarterly Meeting much more effective.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1. Constitution of the Leaders' Meeting:

That Law Book para. 264 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(1) A Leaders' Meeting shall be formed in each Society and 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 Convenor of the Society Stewards, the Convenor 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; two representatives of the M.W.F. one of whom shall be the President or her elected substitute; one repre-



representative of the M.M.F. where such Fellowship is active 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, where practicable, 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.

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

Committees of the Leaders' Meeting shall be responsible to the 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.

**A. Worship, Evangelism and the Pastorate Committee:**

This Committee shall consist of a Convener, not more than three Lay Pastors, not more than three Lay Preacher 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 through-the-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) Promote the policy of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
- (c) 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.

#### 3. Business of Leaders' Meeting:

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 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.

#### 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 Leaders' Meeting?
- (8) Is there any matter which the Leaders' 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. Alternatives to Leaders' Meeting:

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

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:—

Where necessary to elect Conveners of Committees of the Leaders' Meeting.

#### 7. Constitution of the Quarterly Meeting:

That Law Book para. 277 be amended to read:—

The Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall consist of :—

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.

#### **8. Order of Business for Quarterly Meeting:**

That Law Book, para. 290 be replaced 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 by 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:—**

##### **A. 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 Accoun-



tants or two other persons as auditors of the Circuit Fund (June).

**B. The Ministry:**

- (1) Application for additional Ministers? (June).
- (2) Application for a Deaconess? (June).
- (3) Candidates for the Ministry or Deaconess Order?
- (4) Invitation to Minister(s). See Law Book, para. 126.

**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?

**D. Circuit Stewards:**

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

**E. 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).

**F. Convening of a Special Quarterly Meeting for hearing Appeals when necessary? (See Law Book, para. 282).**

7. What is the position regarding the Circuit Stewardship Programme?
8. Is there any other business to consider?
9. When and where shall the net meeting be held?

**9. 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, Trust Treasurers. A representative approved by the Leaders' Meeting from each Society in the Circuit.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee shall meet 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?
7. 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. General.
9. When and where shall the next meeting be held?

## Section I—LEADERS' AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be Received.
2. (a) That the Constitution of Leaders and Quarterly Meetings be given general approval by the Conference.
- (b) That the Law Revision Committee, in consultation with the Church Council and the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Sub-committee, finalize the details of the Constitution for insertion in the new Law Book. (N.B. Amendments from Synods (Agenda pps. 84 to 86) to be incorporated).
- (c) That in order to facilitate the changeover in the constitution and functioning of Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings, Circuits be empowered to do this over a period not exceeding 1st July, 1968, when the law shall be fully effective.

## Section II—(a) CONNEXIONAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION:

The Committee on Church Structure and Organisation presented a comprehensive report to the Church Council and the substance of this report is now presented for Synods and Conference.

Conference 1965 gave general approval to the report presented by the Church Council. The Committee was empowered to work out further details for implementation, and report to the Church Council. Certain other matters were referred to the Committee and will be subjects of report.

On five days the Committee met to give careful consideration to Conference direction on certain matters. At four of these meetings the Committee again had the valuable help of the consultative members. It has had a session with a business consultant. Also, the Committee considered a memorandum from the Finance and Stewardship Committee, and discussed certain matters with the Executive Officer of that Committee.



The Committee submits the following report and recommendations for adoption by Synods and Conference.

**A. Departments** (See Minutes of Conference, 1965, page 84).

There shall be three main centres of administration:

1. A Central 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 CENTRAL OFFICE

Pursuant to its report of last year the Committee has given consideration to certain matters of detail and the implementation of certain aspects of the set-up. It therefore presents the following recommendations:—

1. There shall be an Office established under the control and direction of the Conference to be known as "The Connexional Office of the Methodist Church of New Zealand" and to be known briefly as "The Connexional Office".
2. The Office shall be managed by a Board of Management which shall be appointed annually by the Conference.
3. The Board of Management shall:—
  - (a) Facilitate the implementation of such policies of the Conference as shall be entrusted to it.
  - (b) Serve the interests of the various Boards and Committees appointed by Conference to administer the Funds located in the Central Office.
  - (c) Provide for the collection and housing of Conference and Church records.
4. The Board of Management shall consist of:—
  - (a) The Chairman of the District,
  - (b) General Secretary,
  - (c) General Treasurer,
  - (d) President's Legal Adviser,
  - (e) A Representative of the Finance and Stewardship Committee,
  - (f) Fourteen others—to include such representatives from Boards and Committees as may from time to time be determined by Conference.

The Board of Management shall appoint its own Chairman annually and the General Secretary shall act as its Convener.

5. The following Funds shall be located at the Connexional Office:—
  - (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) Connexional Budget,
  - (j) Such other Funds as may be decided by the Conference from time to time.

The following Funds shall be administered by Boards of Management or Committees appointed by the Conference:—

- (a) Church Building and Loan Fund,

- (b) Fire Insurance Fund,
- (c) Supernumerary Fund and General Purposes Trust Board,
- (d) Transport Trust Board,
- (e) Connexional Budget.

The following Funds shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office:—

- (a) Contingent Fund,
  - (b) Children's Fund,
  - (c) Removal Expenses.
6. There shall be a General Secretary and a General Treasurer, both of whom shall be appointed by Conference and shall be responsible to the Board of Management and to Conference. They shall be nominated to Conference by the Board of Management, after consultation with the Church Council. The General Treasurer shall be ex-officio member of Conference.
  7. The General Secretary shall be a minister. He shall:—
    - (a) Act as Secretary of the Conference and carry out its decisions.
    - (b) Act as General Secretary of Church Property, and Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.
    - (c) Act as Secretary of such Boards, Committees or Funds as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
  8. The General Treasurer shall be a layman who should, where possible, be a Member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants and well versed in and with a knowledge and understanding of the Methodist Church. He shall: Act as Treasurer of such Funds, Boards or Committees as shall from time to time be determined by Conference.

#### **Implementation of Proposals for Connexional Office:**

The Committee considers that, simultaneous with the appointment of the General Treasurer, the Budget Treasurership should be located in the Connexional Office, and the administration of the Children's Fund, Contingent Fund, Removal Expenses Fund and such other Funds as may be approved by the Conference, should be transferred to the Office.

This is to ensure that the office of the General Treasurer affords a large and satisfying sphere of labour, guaranteeing to the appointee from the very beginning a high standard in the deliberations of the Conference.

**Timing:** Subject to the necessary finance being available, it is recommended that the Connexional Secretaryship Committee be empowered to seek applications and to make a nomination to Synods and Conference 1967, after consultation with the Church Council 1967. The appointment would be made at Conference 1967, the appointee to commence duties as soon as convenient thereafter.

The General Treasurer, as from the date of his appointment, shall be ex-officio a member of the Finance and Stewardship Committee and the Conference Committee of Detail.

The first Board of Management would be nominated to Synods and Conference by the present Connexional Secretaryship Committee.

Estimates were prepared by the Connexional Secretaryship Committee at the request of the Structure Committee to indicate the additional cost of the implementation of the re-organised Connexional Office. It will require an additional amount on the Connexional Budget of approximately £1000 a year.



The following are the relevant paragraphs in the Law Book, which will need amendment:—

Secretary of the Conference — Paragraphs 165 to 169, pages 29, 30.  
Connexional Secretary—Paragraphs 170 to 172, pages 30, 31.  
Supernumerary Fund—Paragraph 511 (3), page 131.  
Church Building & Loan Fund—Paragraph 517 (4), page 153.  
Fire Insurance Fund—Paragraph 516 (3), page 150.  
General Purposes Trust Board—Paragraph 515 (2), page 150.  
Contingent Fund—Paragraph 510 (2, 3, 4), pages 128, 129.  
Removal Expenses Fund—Paragraph 508 (3), page 125.  
Transport Trust Board—Minutes of Conference 1951, pages 166 & 168.  
Finance & Stewardship Committee — Minutes of Conference 1965, pages 269, 270.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be added:—to 7(d) (The General Secretary): “Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the Ministry of the Church in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church”.
3. Appointment of General Treasurer:
  - (a) That the Connexional Secretaryship Committee be empowered to seek applications and to make a nomination to Conference 1967 after consultation with the President and the President's Committee of Advice.
  - (b) That the appointment be made at Conference 1967, the appointee to commence duties as soon as convenient thereafter.
  - (c) That, as from the date of his appointment, the General Treasurer be ex-officio, a member of the Finance and Stewardship Committee and the Conference Committee of detail.
4. Nomination of the Board of Management of Connexional Office: “That the first Board of Management be nominated to Synods and Conference by the present Connexional Secretaryship Committee”.

## 2—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Location: Wellington.) Responsible for teaching and training.

### A. Function:

The purpose of Christian education is to enable children, youth and adults to recognise and respond to God's action in the past and in their lives now, and to enable them also to share more fully in the life and mission of the Church. This mission is two-fold. It is to bring all mankind into the Holy Fellowship and to send members of that Fellowship out to witness and serve in the world.

The main task of Christian education is done in the local church. The Department's function is to help churches establish and maintain an effective teaching and training programme; guide and supervise that programme; supply leaders; promote supplementary activities at district and national level (e.g. the C.Y.M.M.) and lay training courses.

### B. Administration:

- i. Methodist Council of Christian Education—responsible for general policy and the co-ordination of the Church's teaching

and training activities. Examples of the Council's responsibility are: far-reaching review of the Church's teaching and training programme; major changes in direction or emphasis in that programme; increasing the number of directors; major new undertakings—especially involving considerable finance; activities which affect other Conference departments and agencies.

The Council is to be representative of all Synods and each agency or organisation in the Church involved in teaching or training. The Council is presided over by the President and meets at least annually.

- ii. **Board of Christian Education**—meeting regularly, responsible to the Council and to Conference for carrying out the policy and for the supervision of the Department's activities. Members of the Board to be chosen for their special experience and competence in various aspects of Christian education.
- iii. **Officers**—appointed by Conference (may be ministerial or lay, as at present).

"There shall be a Director of Christian Education appointed by the Conference. He shall be the executive officer and administrative officer and adviser to the Department. He shall be responsible to the Board and to Conference."

"Other directors, as required for the Department's work, shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the board of Christian Education."

## **B. BOARD OF EVANGELISM.**

Evangelism is the presentation to all people of the good news of who God is, what God has done for us, and what God is now doing in current events and in the lives of persons. This presentation is in a form to awaken the response of accepting God's offer of reconciliation and new life, and committing oneself to Christ, His Church and His work in the world.

It is clear that this work of evangelism is inseparable from the objects and activities of the Departments of Christian Education and Mission. Until now the main responsibility for evangelism has been in the hands of the Spiritual Advance Committee. (The Spiritual Advance Committee began as a sub-committee of the Home and Maori Mission Department, but since adult education and lay training became the responsibility of the Department of Christian Education, a close relationship has developed between that Department and the Committee.)

Against that background, the Committee makes these proposals:—

1. A Board of Evangelism be formed to replace the present Spiritual Advance Committee.
2. That the Board be responsible for guiding the Church's policy and programme for evangelism and for deepening the Christian life of our people.
3. That the Board, while having authority to promote its own activities, will work in close association with the Departments of Christian Education and Mission.
4. Representatives of the Departments of Christian Education and Mission will be on the Board of Evangelism and the staffs of those Departments available to assist in carrying out the Board's policy.
5. Location. The Board's location to be determined from time to time by Conference.

## **RESOLUTION**

1. That the Report (a) on the Department of Christian Educa-



tion be received and adopted but the Report (b) on the Board of Evangelism be received only and referred back to the Committee on Structure for further consideration, as to whether the Board should not be the Board of Evangelism and Christian Citizenship.

### C. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN, SYNODS AND SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 1. District Chairmen (See Minutes of Conference 1965, p. 88 ff.)

In preparing this report and recommendations, the Committee has had regard to two important factors:—

- (a) The timing and method for the inauguration of this change in procedures.
- (b) Its ongoing operation in relation to the "exigencies" of stationing.

Because of the general approval given by Synods and Conference to this section of the Church Council's report, there seem to be no sound reasons why this system should be inaugurated on a limited basis, i.e. in two or three Districts in the first instance, and progressively throughout the Connexion.

Further consideration points to the conclusion that the simultaneous inauguration of this system in all Districts would have certain advantages, as well as avoiding any suggestion of having, over any given period, two different methods for the election and/or appointment of Chairmen, i.e. some Districts able to make nominations from any District, and others restricted to the District from which nomination is made.

The three main advantages of the simultaneous inauguration of this system would be:—

- (a) All Districts would have the equal right, at the same time, to review the immediate and longer term leadership requirements for the District and to submit names of ministers for possible designation as Chairman of a particular District.
- (b) Conference in receiving nominations through the Stationing Committee would have the opportunity to review both the immediate and longer term total leadership requirements of the whole Connexion and to make appointments in the light of these considerations.
- (c) All Chairmen so appointed would have the equal awareness that their appointments had been made in terms of the needs of the Connexion as a whole, as well as of men available and chosen for this purpose.

Further consideration of the tenure of appointment confirms that it is desirable that all appointments in the first instance be for a stated period. It is recommended that the period be four years to coincide with the normal first period of appointment to a circuit.

In the inauguration of this system, no real difficulty arises in that all appointments, circuit and Connexional, are subject to annual review, as well as safeguarding the rights of Departments, circuits and ministers in respect of the invitation system or personal considerations or other factors.

While giving consideration to the matters raised above, the Committee has reviewed the present position whereby the President in his year of office is ex-officio the Chairman of his District.

With the concept of a District Chairman as set forth in the report of last year, the Committee believes that where the President is not at the time of assumption of office the Chairman of his District there should be no disturbance in the position of Chairman, and that consequently paragraph 178, page 31 of the Law Book should be repealed.

There is provision in paragraph 179 (c) for the President to attend and preside at all special District Synods if he judges it expedient, and the Committee thinks this provision should remain.

The Committee therefore presents recommendations for the immediate adoption of the proposals for the appointment of District Chairmen.

#### **Appointment of District Chairmen:**

- (1) That the District Synod as may be necessary, on the recommendation of its Synod Standing Committee, submit to the first meeting of the Stationing Committee, the names of one or more ministers from any District for possible designation as Chairman of the District concerned.
- (2) That Conference, on the nomination of the Stationing Committee, designate a minister for appointment at the following Conference, as Chairman of a particular District.
- (3) Upon such designation being made by Conference, the President of Conference and the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, confer with the Synod Standing Committee and any Circuit officials of the District concerned, with a view to making mutually suitable arrangements for the appointment to a circuit of the Chairman of the District.
- (4) That subject to the exigencies of stationing, the appointment in the first instance be for four years. Thereafter the term of each appointment to be determined by Conference, on the recommendation of the Stationing Committee—it having first received any submissions from the Synod concerned.
- (5) When it becomes apparent that it will be necessary for an appointment to be within the year of designation as aforesaid the Synod through its Standing Committee shall submit names to the Stationing Committee for designation and appointment at that Conference.
- (6) That the foregoing provisions come into operation during the Connexional year commencing 1st February, 1967.
- (7) That paragraph 178, page 31 of Law Book be repealed.

#### **2. Synod Standing Committees:**

The Church Council referred back to the Committee the section of last year's report on the Authority and Function of Synods, with a view to seeking ways and means of making the work of Synods and Synod Standing Committees more effective. The Committee therefore brings a constitution and recommendations for the operation of Synod Standing Committees to replace the present constitution in the Law Book.

#### **3. Synods:**

In view of the recommendations re the Synod Committee there are no further recommendations at present regarding the Authority and Function of Synods.

#### **D. COMMUNICATIONS.**

After consideration it became clear that there was need for clarification of the Church's past and present policy in regard to communications. The present law of the Church does not avoid confusion. There is need for a special commission to investigate, and to report on the whole matter. The Committee therefore recommends accordingly.

#### **II—MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION.**

The Committee reports progress on certain matters and seeks leave to continue investigations and consideration.



- (a) Department of Mission
- (b) Church Extension.
- (c) Centralisation of Accounting.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Report and Recommendations regarding District Chairmen be referred back to the Church Council for further consideration.
3. Synod Standing Committees.  
That the following constitution and operation of the Synod Standing Committee be **Adopted and Implemented Forthwith.**
351. (a) Each Synod shall appoint a Standing Committee of a size suitable to its needs, consisting of ministers and laymen, provided always that the number of ministers shall not exceed the number of laymen.
- (b) The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.
- (c) The Vice-President of Conference shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.
- (d) When deemed necessary a Financial Secretary to a District may be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Chairman. He shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee and shall keep the District accounts.
352. (a) Where a District is subdivided pursuant to Section 318 the District Synod shall appoint one or more area sub-committees in terms of the preceding paragraph.
- (b) Any such area sub-committee shall, within its area, carry out such duties of the Synod Standing Committee as may be delegated to it by the Chairman of the District or the Synod Standing Committee.
- (c) The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio Chairman of any such area sub-committee. Conference may, on the nomination of the Chairman, appoint a minister to act as his assistant and, when required, to act as his Deputy within the area.
- (d) Each Synod Standing Committee and area sub-committee shall submit an annual report and any recommendations to the District Synod.
353. The duties of the Committee shall be:—
  - (a) To give general oversight and guidance to the work of the Church in the District.
  - (b) To confer with and advise Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Trustees of church property within the District on the following matters, and report upon and make recommendations to local and/or District courts, and/or Connexional Boards and Departments:—
    1. The acquisition of land, the erection of new buildings, and alterations or additions to existing buildings.
    2. The reception of applications for the appointment of additional ministers or lay workers to a circuit, or the withdrawal of any minister or lay worker already appointed. The division or alteration of circuit or District boundaries.
    3. The financial ability of any circuit to engage upon any undertaking, having regard to its total circuit and Connexional responsibilities, e.g. Connexional Budget, extension projects, stipends and travelling allowances, etc.

4. To receive from or refer to circuits any other matters relating to the mission of the Church in its local, Connexional or ecumenical relationships.
  5. To co-operate with the district courts of Churches negotiating for church union in matters of Church Extension, Joint Action and related issues.
- (c) 1. To receive from Connexional Departments, Boards and/or Committees, advance information or proposals relating to policy matters that require later consideration by Synods and Conference. To make interim reports and recommendations as may be requested.
  2. To receive from the same sources recommendations relating to the more effective application of existing policy in respect of the District generally or circuits in particular.
  - (d) To arrange for the triennial visitation to each circuit in the District or area, and to submit a report with any recommendations to the Standing Committee and the circuit concerned.
  - (e) To allocate to Circuits, on the recommendation of the District Finance Committee, the District's amount of the Connexional Budget, and to keep under review the payment of the allocation by Circuits.
  - (f) To deal with any other business which may be remitted by the Conference, District Synod or any other accepted source, on matters pertaining to the total mission of the Church.
354. The Committee shall meet at least four times a year.  
The Committee shall have power to apportion any part of its duties to sub-committees.
355. The Chairman of the District shall, when necessary, convene the first meeting in the Connexional year, when a Secretary shall be appointed, who shall convene all subsequent meetings at such times as may be determined by the Committee, or when requested to do so by the Chairman.
4. That the Law Revision Committee incorporate the revised constitution of Synod Standing Committees in the new Law Book.
- 5. Special Commission on Communications:**
- (1) That a Special Commission be set up to give consideration to the whole matter of Communications and report to Church Council 1967. In particular, the Commission shall include in its order of reference the following:—
    - (a) The desirability of rescinding the present Constitution of the Board of Publications in the light of developments since the Constitution was adopted.
    - (b) The possible co-ordination of the present activities of the Board of Publications with the Board of the "New Zealand Methodist".
    - (c) The possibility of co-ordinating all or several of these activities and our Bookrooms in a Department of Communications.
  - (2) That the personnel of the Commission be: Revs. W. F. Ford, J. A. Penman, G. D. Brough, B. M. Chrystall, G. G. Carter, W. R. Laws; one representative each from the Board of Publications, the Committee of "The N.Z. Methodist", the Radio and Television Committee, and the Literature and Colporteur Committee; Messrs T. Kennedy, K. Harris, Glyn Jones, R. Woodhams, S. Roberts, G. E. Hill; Convener: Rev. J. A. Penman.
- The Wellington members to be the steering committee.



## 6. Location of Ecumenical Committee:

That as Ecumenical affairs are already closely related to the activities of the two Mission Departments,

- (a) As from the beginning of the Connexional Year 1967, the Ecumenical Committee be located in Auckland.
- (b) That the Home and Maori Mission Board and the Overseas Mission Board confer on the nomination to Conference of the Committee and its Convener.
- (c) That the Committee for 1967 be printed on Page 6 herein.

## Section III—METHODIST DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TELEVISION (1965 Mins. Conf., page 295, res. 4):

The Church Council considered statements prepared by the Radio and Television Committee and the Department of Christian Education. These confirmed the desirability of the appointment of a Director, as approved in principle by Conference 1965; and established that he would be kept busily employed by the Committee and the Department.

It was clear that all costs of the appointment would be an additional charge upon the Connexional Budget. From information supplied, it appeared that this additional cost (including the Department's share) would be in the vicinity of £2500, plus £250 capital cost of setting up an office. If a Director were appointed from 1st February, 1968, this would mean a charge of £1300 upon the Connexional Budget for 1967-68.

Conference has already decided that three additional items are to be provided for in the 1967-68 Budget:—

Supernumerary Fund .....	£5400
"N.Z. Methodist" .....	£5000
Overseas Study Grant .....	£750
A total of £11,150.	

In addition, it resolved that provision be made in this same Budget for a grant of £156 as an expenses allowance for the Executive Officer of the Board of Publications. But the application for this grant was to be sent to the Church Council which would establish priorities.

The grant of £156, together with the request for approximately £1300 for the Radio and Television appointment, and a request for £1000 to assist with the appointment of a General Treasurer for the Connexional Office, are all applications for inclusion in the 1967-68 Budget which the Church Council considers rank equally in importance. These will need to be dealt with by the Conference Committee on Finance and Stewardship when it meets later in the year, in relation to other Budget applications and the ability of the Church to meet the Budget as a whole.

The Church Council therefore commends the application respecting the appointment of a Director of Radio and Television to the Conference Committee of Detail on the above basis. It is satisfied that the appointment should be made as soon as it is possible to make financial provision for it in the Connexional Budget; but cannot see such an appointment being possible before the Budget year of 1969-70.

## RESOLUTIONS

That this Section of the report be received and adopted.

## Section IV—MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS (1965 Mins. Conf., page 102, res. 27 and 28):

The 1964 Conference asked a small Committee—the Connexional

Secretary, the Director of Christian Education and the Secretary of Conference—to consider two related matters: Conditions Re Application for Chaplaincies and Other Special Posts (1964 Minutes, pages 70 to 71), and Ministerial Appointments (1964 Minutes, pages 71 to 72). Letters inviting comment were sent to all Methodist Ministers holding special appointments, whether Connexional or Chaplaincy, as well as in City Missions; and also to those who have been granted permission to serve with other organisations. The Committee received a large number of replies, many of them revealing insights that have been incorporated in this report.

The report and the recommendations concerning conditions of applications for special posts were accepted by the 1965 Conference (Minutes, page 92, Section X, and page 103, Res. 29) for the general guidance of the Connexion.

The report on Ministerial Appointments was considered under four headings (1964 Minutes, page 71):—

1. The minimum number of years of service before a Minister is eligible for appointment to a Connexional or specialist position.
2. The maximum term for which permission is given to a Minister to serve with outside organisations.
3. The maximum term for which a Minister is appointed to a City Mission, or institution, or a Connexional position, without a term in a Circuit.
4. The special circumstances under which the foregoing regulations may be over-ruled.

The 1965 Conference added to the order of reference:—

- (a) The implications for the various types of Connexional appointments.
- (b) Appointments to outside organisations.
- (c) The desirable length of term of appointments within Circuits.

All the issues raised have been viewed in terms of the mission of the Church in the present-day ecumenical setting. While it appears that there is a desire for guidance in these matters, too rigid a framework could hinder rather than help the effectiveness of the various ministries in which the Church is called to share today. There must be some flexibility, though the Committee would not agree that there should be no rules at all. Methodism is a Connexion and the Ministers serve within that context. There must therefore be some guiding principles generally accepted and observed. There is certainly no desire to legislate for every possible contingency, especially in the light of the ferment that is evident in the Church today.

That there is a variety of ministries open to those called by God to serve His Church, is increasingly evident today.

It is therefore against this background that the Committee presents its findings under the various headings of its Order of Reference.

1. **The Minimum Number of Years of Service before a Minister is eligible for Appointment to a Connexional or Specialist Position:**

It is not desirable that there should be a too rigid requirement under this heading, but it is obvious that a reasonable maturity and experience of the Church must be expected of any Minister taking up a specialist position either within the Connexion or with an outside organisation. 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 denom-



inations; to give him an adequate standing as representing his Church; and also to enable him the more effectively and with the minimum of re-adjustment, to return to Circuit work after a period in a specialist position.

The Committee is of the opinion that a minimum of at least five years Circuit service after ordination should be required to attain the needed experience of the Church that is envisaged. This would, of necessity, vary considerably according to the men and the positions concerned.

**2. A Maximum Term for which Permission is Given to a Minister to Serve with Outside Organisations:**

Conference should continue to stress as essential the principle of the annual appointment of all Ministers. Included in this is the requirement that each Minister holding an appointment with an outside organisation must make annual application through his Synod to Conference for permission to serve in this way. In order that the annual review of such appointments may be meaningful, there appears to be need for a Pastoral Committee whose main function would be to consider each such application, taking into account:—

- (a) The continued efficiency of the ministry being exercised.
- (b) The responsibility of the outside organisation to the Church, and of the Church to the outside organisation.
- (c) The principle of the itinerancy of the ministry.
- (d) The general needs of the Church, especially in regard to manpower.
- (e) The effect on the individual Minister of his being continued in such a position in relation to the overall ministry to which he has been ordained.
- (f) The relationship of the Connexion to other denominations in fulfilling such an appointment.

**3. A Maximum Term for which a Minister is Appointed to a City Mission or Institution, or a Connexional Position, Without a Term in a Circuit:**

**(a) Departmental Appointments:**

A vital relationship with the life of the local congregation is essential for the most effective fulfilment of any Connexional ministry, whether in an institution, college, or Department. It is realised, on the other hand, that the effective Connexional appointment requires as a general rule, a longer period of settling in, to become conversant with all the implications of the work, and will usually benefit from a longer tenure than is normally expected in a Circuit appointment. This is, of course, already recognised by the Connexion in that Departmental appointments are, in the first instance, for a term of six years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a similar period. (Law Book, page 23, paragraphs 143, 144.) In some of these appointments there is a sufficient degree of specialisation called for to make it difficult and perhaps unwise, to be exchanging with Circuit work.

It seems, however, most desirable that in the interests both of the men concerned and of the effectiveness of the work, provision should be made for some independent review at regular intervals. The Committee therefore suggests that a Pastoral Committee such as is envisaged in Section 2 above, should also review each Connexional appointment in consultation with both the employing Board or Committee and the men in those appointments prior to any designation for re-appointment being brought to Conference. (We suggest that this review should

take place at the end of the fourth year of a six-year term, and could well be linked with some kind of visitation procedure such as has now been adopted in relation to Trinity College, and Circuit visitation by Synod Standing Committees.) Such a procedure would ensure the continuing effectiveness of the Connexional appointments to be considered regularly and objectively and so avoid any possibility of the relationship of men in Connexional appointments to their employing Boards or to the Connexion, being reviewed only when some crisis arises.

To make this effective, the proposed Pastoral Committee would require:—

- (1) Status in relation to Conference similar to that accorded to the Stationing Committee or the General Purposes Committee.
  - (2) A limited membership of approximately six to ten members, both Ministers and Laymen.
  - (3) Power to consult with the employing Boards and the men concerned, possibly through a visitation procedure.
  - (4) Responsibility to the Conference through the General Purposes Committee.
- (b) City Missions:

Since the Church Council received from the M.S.S.A. a series of resolutions concerning the constitution of City Missions and has asked a sub-committee to report to next year's meeting of the Council, there is nothing to report to the Connexion under this heading at present.

#### 4. The Special Circumstances under which the Foregoing Regulations should be Over-ruled:

In the light of what has already been said, it appears neither necessary nor desirable that specific regulations should be drawn up to cover possible exceptions. Each case should be decided on its own merits.

#### 5. Desirable Length of Term of Circuit Appointments:

In considering this matter, the Council is aware that the 1965 Conference appointed a Special Commission to consider the variation of the Invitation System and does not wish to trespass on the ground to be covered by that Commission. We would, however, stress the need to preserve the itinerancy of the ministry as an assential emphasis of our Connexional system.

While realising that a longer term of appointment than the previously rigid three or four year term is desirable both in the interests of Circuits and of Ministers, the Council feels that a maximum term of ten years should be regarded as the normal limit of any Circuit appointment. In support of this contention, we submit:—

- (1) Each Minister has a specific emphasis and contribution to make because of his personality and interests, and that contribution will have been made effectively within the period that is suggested.
- (2) If appointments are extended beyond the ten-year period, it means that some Ministers are denied the possibility of ever serving in some of the differing types of Circuits within the Connexion.
- (3) A change of appointment always brings opportunity for wider experience for the Minister and can prove a renewing experience for both Ministers and Circuits.



In cases where the desire is expressed that a ministry should extend beyond a ten-year term, the proposed Pastoral Committee should examine the desirability of that extension and report to the Conference.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Report be given general approval, the Church Council to be asked to give further consideration to the following—
  - (a) The Minimum number of years before a Minister is eligible for Appointment to a Connexional or Specialist Position.
  - (b) The Creation of a Pastoral Committee.

### Section V—CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNGER MINDS (1965 Mins. Conf., p. 118, res. 8):

The Director of Christian Education presented a memorandum to the Council summarising some of the developments that are pointing to the need for some action in this regard.

#### Reports from the Church Overseas:

1. There is a growing restlessness among young people that policy-making is too exclusively in the hands of senior adults. (And the same discontent is noticeable among women when policy-making councils are almost entirely male!)

2. There is a planned programme of alerting adults to the fact that youth have a contribution to make that is essential for the wholeness and vitality of the Church; and that youth is vitally concerned with the big issues facing the Church, such as questions of faith, race, stewardship, personal relationships, missionary structure.

3. A deliberate attempt is being made in North America to work along lines such as are suggested in this resolution. E.g. the M.Y.F. has representatives on official Boards of the Church, and these are often in the 18 to 20 age group. On the other hand, the minimum age for the U.S.A. General Conference is 25.

4. Similar trends are seen in the United Kingdom where in big Commissions of the Church it is stipulated that a certain number of members must be under 25 years.

5. Policy-making Boards, Councils and Synods are held at a time which allows and encourages younger people to attend, e.g. some people in U.K. meet on Saturdays for this reason.

#### Reports from Industry and Management:

1. The age of the policy-making executive group has lowered considerably in recent years.

2. Promotion is increasingly on the basis of "merit" i.e. personal qualifications and characteristics, education, job experience rather than on seniority.

3. Some large corporations have a definite policy of involving promising young executives in big policy-making discussions either by having them on the directorate, or by establishing Junior Boards. Reasons for this are:—

- (a) To discover executive talent by giving it a chance to work and win recognition.
- (b) To develop the ability of junior executives by giving them an understanding of the company as a whole, both in the details of management and in policy-making.

- (c) To use the abilities of junior management to the greatest possible advantage of the corporation in discovering and solving problems.

#### **General:**

The factors governing age qualifications for membership on policy-making Church councils are sociological rather than theological.

By our doctrine of the Church we believe that youth and young adults are members of the Body of Christ and have gifts to bring to the service and welfare of the whole Body.

The need for this Conference resolution is more obvious when we remember that some Committees have more supernumeraries than active ministers, and some meet when only retired laymen or senior executives can readily attend.

#### **Practical Suggestions for Consideration:**

General principles that Standing Committees, Boards etc. would follow in nominating personnel e.g.—

- (a) That more young adults be included in their membership—both ministerial and lay.  
*Or* More definite instructions could be recommended, e.g. that at least two people in the 18-25 age group be included in all Standing Committees, Boards and Councils.
- (b) That wherever possible meetings be held at a time which allows people of the younger age group to attend.
- (c) That the provision at present included in the Law Book (page 93) for regular changes in personnel should be more regularly followed.
- (d) And, while considering personnel, more thought be given to the inclusion of women in policy-making Boards, Committees and Councils.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That this Section of the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the attention of all Boards and Committees, Districts and Circuits be drawn to the 1965 Conference resolution and to this report, and that they be asked to implement the suggestions in whatever way they are able.
3. That these Boards and Committees report to Church Council 1967 on the issues raised by the Conference's resolution and this report.
4. That the attention of all Boards and Committees be drawn to the Law Book, page 93, para. 491 (3) which provides for regular changes in personnel.
5. That in terms of Section V of the Church Council's Report, the President of Conference be empowered each year to appoint to the Church Council two additional members whose age shall not exceed 30 years.
6. That, in the light of this Report, the Church Council reconsider the constitution of the Church Council.

#### **Section VI—CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS AND PRIORITIES** (Mins. Conf. 1965, page 101, res. 15):

Reports and applications were received from the Home Mission Department for Church Extension Grants; the Church Building and



Loan Fund; the Department of Christian Education for Camp Properties; the Overseas Mission Board; the Supernumerary Fund; the Transport Trust Board; and the M.S.S.A. for Hostels.

The Church Council very carefully considered each application and brings its recommendations as follows:—

1. That from the 1967-68 Connexional Budget, the Church Extension Funds be divided equally between the Home Mission Board for Church Extension grants; and the Church Building and Loan Fund for loans.

2. That from the 1968-69 Budget one half be for Church Extension grants.

3. That further allocation be referred to Church Council 1967 for consideration and recommendation.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That, in allocating the Church Extension Appeal in the 1968-9 Budget, the Church Council consider one third of the amount normally given to the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund being given to the Overseas Missions Department.

### Section VII—LONG-SERVICE LEAVE FOR MINISTERS (1965 Minutes, p. 90-91 and p. 102, res. 20-23):

In accordance with Conference Resolution 21 the Committee has given further consideration to the matter, particularly in the light of the comments of the three districts from which they were received. It was agreed that the following proposals should be submitted to the appropriate Church courts:—

- (a) That a Long-service Leave for Ministers scheme be introduced from 1st February, 1968.
- (b) That the scheme be under the oversight of the Connexional Secretary, with a small committee to assist him, if considered necessary.
- (c) That, as the normal term of the Ministry is 40 years' service, the basic provision of the scheme be that men be eligible for the leave of three months upon completion of 20 years' service.
- (d) That, upon the inauguration of the scheme on 1.2.68, any Minister who has completed between 20 and 25 years' service and still has at least 15 years of expected service ahead of him be eligible for the leave.

- (e) That appropriate machinery and rules be drawn up to ensure those who become eligible for the leave are able freely to take advantage of it.

(NOTE: It is considered that Chairmen of Districts could be required to ask of Circuits and/or Ministers appropriate questions concerning the granting of the leave.)

- (f) That a capital fund of, say £2,000, be established to facilitate the operation of the scheme, and that suitable grants be sought from the Fire Insurance Fund and the Connexional Budget.
- (g) That Circuits from which Ministers take leave be encouraged, as far as they can, to carry on during the three months' period without a supply—using lay leadership to the maximum extent—or alternatively, to make their own supply arrangements and meet the costs thereof themselves.
- (h) That where a supply is considered essential and Circuits are

unable to arrange this (including the financing of it) themselves, they be required to establish a case to the Connexional Secretary and his Committee for assistance (including financial aid).

It was also agreed that the Australian Methodist Churches be approached for up-to-date details and statement of their experience of the operation of their schemes of Long Service Leave.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That this Section of the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be reappointed with power both to add and to co-opt in order to work out details of the actual implementation of the proposals, and report to Church Council 1967.
3. That the Committee be asked to give special consideration to the following:
  - (a) the granting of Long Service Leave to any minister who is more than half-way through his ministry.
  - (b) the making of adequate financial provision for the scheme.

### Section VIII—EXTENDED LEAVE TO STUDY OVERSEAS (1965 Mins. Conf., p. 91 and p. 102, res. 22 and 23):

Having accepted the principle that a Research Travel Grant be established the Church must seek ways of putting this to practical purposes. The Church Council therefore brings recommendations to cover this.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference authorises the financial assistance referred to in Mins. Conf. 1965, page 102, res. 22 being placed on the Connexional Budget.
2. That any moneys received in response to res. 23, page 102 of the 1965 Mins. Conf. be administered by the Connexional Office.
3. That the Principal of Trinity College, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Connexional Secretary present a memorandum to Church Council 1967 regarding the establishing and administration of a Research Travel Grant.
4. That as the Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board has monies available for this purpose, the Connexional Office enter into discussions with the Board.

### Section IX—MATTERS REMITTED BY CONFERENCE. Christian Citizenship Department (1965 Mins., p. 135, res. 6):

In light of the report of the Structure of the Church Committee (1965 Mins., page 89) the Council recommends that no further action be taken at present.

### RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and be referred back to the Church Council for further consideration.

**Matters requiring further Consideration:** The Council is asking for memoranda to be presented to the 1967 meeting on the following matters:—

1. Limiting of the Size of Conference (1965 Mins., page 74, res. 3).



2. Appointment of Additional Lay Representatives (1965 Mins., page 92, Sect VII).
3. Rearrangement of Conference Order (1965 Mins., page 103, res. 34).
4. Nomination of Vice-President (1965 Mins., page 104, res. 39).
5. Training of Hospital Chaplains (1965 Mins., page 103, res. 33).
6. Priorities in Making Financial Requests (1965 Mins., page 104, res. 38).
7. Re-wording of Pastoral Resolutions (1965 Mins., page 103, res. 35).

#### **Section X—OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Cost of Minutes of Conference:** The Treasurers of the Contingent Fund pointed out the large increase in printing costs, especially in regard to the Conference Agenda and Minutes.

**Future Staffing Needs:** The General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department presented a memorandum for information. This was received and considered by the Council.

**Constitution of City Missions:** Recommendations were received from the Annual Meeting of the M.S.S.A. regarding possible alterations in the constitution of City Missions. These are to be considered in fuller detail at the 1967 meeting of the Council.

**President's Supply for 1967:** Information was received that adequate arrangements appear to be in hand for suitable Supply to be available on a full-time basis.

**Section XI—NEXT MEETING:** to be held at Wallis House on Monday, May 8th, to Wednesday, May 10th, 1967.

GEORGE H. GOODMAN, Acting-President.

HOWARD E. HARKNESS, Secretary of Conference.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the cost of Conference Agenda to Conference Members be increased to five shillings per copy.

2. That the cost of Conference Minutes be increased to five shillings per copy, but that the present arrangements be continued whereby all ministers and all lay representatives attending conference receive a free copy.

3. That the Church Council give urgent consideration to the programme of the Annual Conference and the length of time involved.

4. That the Church Council consider the timing of the Annual District Synods, with the suggestion that they be held a week earlier, and not in school holidays.

5. That the Church Council consider and report to Synods and Conference 1967 on the following propositions:—

(a) That early in each Conference one full morning or afternoon session be given to one of the major Departments of the Church to enable it to expound, and for Conference to discuss, the broad policy of that Department.

(b) That this session be allocated in turn to each major Department.

(c) That to give this opportunity in full the other Departments in the other years confine their presentation of their reports to routine business.

6. That the Report of the Council and all related Resolutions and Recommendations from Synods be considered each year by the members of the Church Council gathered at the time of the Meeting of the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee prior to Conference.

## 7. Re-appointment of Committee on Church Structure and Organisation:

That the Committee be re-appointed, with the following membership: The President of Conference, Revs. G. H. Goodman, A. R. Witheford, H. C. Matthews and G. R. H. Peterson (Convener); Messrs D. A. White, G. E. Hill, S. N. Roberts, E. A. Crothall, R. T. Garlick and W. E. Donnelly. Consultative members: The General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department, the General Secretary of the Overseas Mission Department, the Connexional Secretary, the Director of Christian Education and the Rev. R. D. Rakena.

## QUESTION 35.—

### (g) Spiritual Healing Committee

#### 1966 REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

The main task of the Committee during this past year has been to fulfil the resolution of last Conference calling for the collating of all its work and reports during its time of existence. This work has been done and the text is being offered to the Publications Board for printing and distributing to the Church. The outline of this work is as follows:—

Spiritual Healing. General Statement.

Co-operation between the Ministry and the Medical Profession.

The nature of Faith and its place in Healing.

The place of Compassion in Spiritual Healing.

The place of Forgiveness and Compassion in Spiritual Healing.

Intercessions.

Laying-on of Hands.

Anointing with Oil.

Should a Patient be told his condition is incurable.

Affirmation of Faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Appendix:

Public Meeting.

Odic Force.

Colour Therapy.

#### Visitor from Overseas:

The Committee regrets to report that it will definitely not now be possible for the Rev. Reginald Brighton to visit New Zealand from England. Further enquiries are being made.

#### Work of the Committee:

This Committee was formed in 1954 and has met in Christchurch since that date. Several of the Committee are still actively serving and there has been great difficulty in finding new personnel to fill resignations. It is felt that the present Committee has fulfilled the responsibility entrusted to it.

W. SELWYN DAWSON, Chairman.

JOHN E. LANGLEY, Convener.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.



- 2 (a) That the Spiritual Healing Committee be thanked for its services and discharged.
  - (b) That on the discharge of the Spiritual Healing Committee, Conference appoint a small committee in Auckland with the following terms of reference:
    - (1) To consider the formation of a Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology, either in our own Church or ecumenically.
    - (2) To consider the Constitution of the British Society for medical and pastoral psychology.
    - (3) To consider how the work and research of the Spiritual Healing Committee can best be continued.
    - (4) To consider whether a more comprehensive Commission on Religion and Health should be set up in order to review the thought and activity of the Church and Society in this field.
  - (c) That the Committee be: Revs. Dr D. O. Williams, M. Jackson Campbell, I. C. E. Ramage (Convener) with power to add.
3. That the balance of funds held by the Committee be paid to the Publications Board for meeting part of the cost of publishing the statements on Spiritual Healing.

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **A.—Methodist Council of Christian Education**

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

The Council met on 12th May following the Church Council.

#### **1. OUR OBJECTIVES AND TASK IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Board submitted a draft statement prepared by the staff to clarify our Church's objectives in its teaching ministry and to give direction to the work of the Department's Directors. The Council adopted the statement in the following form:

##### **Objectives**

- (a) To help persons grow in their knowledge of and love for God as revealed in Jesus Christ, in their love for others, and toward personal maturity.
- (b) To help persons interpret what it means to be Christian in their life situation in today's world.

##### **Task**

The task of Directors is to give Leadership in Christian Education to the Church at local, district and Conference levels in evaluating present means and encouraging and demonstrating better means of achieving the above objectives.

This task will include training of leaders, providing resources, discerning and testing new means whereby the Christian gospel can best be communicated.

In their approach they will seek to encourage an openness to new truth, a sensitivity of persons one to the other, and a flexibility or variety in pattern.

#### **2. LAY TRAINING**

The Board reported this action on the findings from the 1965 Council.

**Renewal of Worship in the Local Congregation.** A memo has been prepared to help a local church reconsider the purpose of public worship in its mission and to plan developments. Congregations—city, suburban, rural—are now engaged in this review. At this stage the two most significant developments appear to be more creative participation by the laity in the worship service and a more obvious relevance of the worship service to the real issues being faced in the world by the worshippers.

A full report will be presented to the Council in 1967.

**Occupational Groups and Preparation for Public Life.** Both these suggestions have been referred to the N.C.C. Departments of Christian Education so that joint or ecumenical action can be taken to supply this form of lay training. Mr Ford is assisting with the preparation of a manual to assist those planning occupational groups.

The initiative in this training is now at district level. The D.E.C. should communicate with equivalent bodies in other Churches.

**Home and Family.** Suggestions as to how local churches may better equip members for this home and family life, and materials available, are published in "Christian Education Handbook". House meetings similar to the Roman Catholic Christian Family Movement offer a suitable setting for this training.

**Materials Required.** A series of role-plays to help members in personal relationships is appearing in the "Handbook". "Down to Earth" in the April issue drew the attention of Leaders' Meetings and L.E.C.s to how they might train members to be the Church in the world.

Mr C. H. Couch reported on enquiries and discussions he had had on lay training in U.S.A., Canada and Australia:

- i. Laymen in their homes, work, community, relationships, decision-making or decision influencing opportunities are on the frontiers of Christ's mission. Laymen, ministers and patterns of congregational life have not fully caught up with this fact. A new strategy is called for.
- ii. Lay training must be related directly to those situations. The hope that, by communicating general Biblical and theological truths, there would be an automatic carry-over into those real-life situations, is now empty! Study and action must go together. Study with a view to action later usually ends at study alone.
- iii. Whose job is it to be doing the basic thinking and planning about lay training? Each denomination needs to be able to give a clear answer to that question. In some cases an inter-Board group is formed.

**Council's Findings.** These are set out in the recommendations following this report.

### 3. PREPARATION OF A NEW HYMNAL (1965 Minutes p. 77)

The British Connexional Secretary had advised that no revision of the present book was in view and that any such proposal may depend on progress in the Conversations with the Church of England.

Four points of view need to co-operate in the production of a new hymn book: literature, theology, music, the congregation's expression of worship.

The Council looked forward to a hymn book for New Zealand which would serve at least the Churches negotiating for union. It



was felt, however, that an interim supplement to our present book was urgently needed.

The Rev. W. A. Chambers and Dr C. A. Gibson are to draw up a memorandum outlining the project and procedure for submission to the Faith and Order and the Spiritual Advance Committees.

#### 4. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS (1965 Minutes p. 113)

The Council considered a report from the British Methodist Commission and papers presented by Mr W. E. Donnelly and Rev. K. C. Griffith.

It was recognised that the Church doesn't have many opportunities of reaching out into the community beyond its own families; that there is ignorance of the basic facts of Christianity; our aims in this work must be limited; the indifference of parents and the apprehensions of the N.Z.E.I. are difficulties which must be overcome; that in spite of the weaknesses of the present system we should continue to support it while exploring other and more effective ways by which the Church can contribute to public schooling in New Zealand.

Lines of action seen were:

- i. To encourage more of our young people to see schoolteaching as a very significant calling. Teachers set the ethos and standards of a school and by their attitude to children and curriculum exert a tremendous influence.
- ii. To urge more of our own members to offer and train for voluntary religious instruction.
- iii. The N.Z.C.C.E. be asked to press on with its review and evaluation of its objectives and progress.

#### 5. THEOLOGICAL AND BIBLICAL STANDARDS

With more initiative being taken by local and district groups in preparing their own programme material it was felt that responsible supervision by the relevant committee (L.E.C. or D.E.C.) was essential.

These points should be kept in mind:

- i. The Bible can be easily mis-read, and wrongly interpreted. Many sects "prove" their case from the Bible.
- ii. As individuals and leaders we need to draw on the experience and teaching of the Church in interpreting the Bible and expounding matters of faith and Christian living.

One of the "Standards of Leadership" adopted by Conference is "Be loyal to the doctrines and disciplines of Methodism". This means that a leader should not regard a group to which the Church appoints him as a ready-made audience for him to enlist in support of his own ideas.

- iii. The Church has a Department responsible for providing regularly suitable materials for local and district groups. As those engaged in this are under the authority of our Church, the materials provided can be used with confidence and should be given first consideration when programme materials are being chosen.
- iv. The freedom of local and district groups (L.E.C., D.E.C., etc.) to choose materials for special occasions is recognised. Those exercising this freedom are asked to keep the Department informed of their proposals and their subsequent evaluation.

G. H. GOODMAN, Acting President.

W. F. FORD, Director of Christian Education.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. Lay Training:
  - (a) That we draw attention to the need in our Church to develop a more effective ministry with young adults and couples; and that the Department help and advise local churches in developing this ministry.
  - (b) There is a need for more couples and mixed groups in the local church with as little organisation as possible.
  - (c) That we recognise that the Department is the body responsible for initiating, reviewing, evaluating lay training in our Church and providing resources for such training. The Council will set general policy and co-ordinate the work.
  - (d) That because of the urgency and importance of this work, the Department will require further assistance to do it adequately. The Board of Christian Education to consider and report on staffing needs.
  - (e) That the Board and the Finance and Stewardship Committee confer, so as to encourage a continuing programme of stewardship education for the local church.
3. That the statement on theological and Biblical standards be referred to local and district courts to assist them in supervising these matters.
4. That the Department study the need for a stricter selection procedure when recruiting group leaders and teachers.
5. That the Council be asked to prepare a report to guide the Church on the need for Family Life Education and on how to carry this out.

## B.—Methodist Board of Christian Education

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

#### 1. A. & N.Z. JOINT BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The first stage Curriculum Conference of representatives of N.Z. Methodist and Presbyterian Churches with leaders of the Joint Board and observers from the other negotiating churches was held at Paraparaumu in October. The ground covered included: our objectives in Christian education; the relative claims of the church's heritage (Bible, etc.) and contemporary experience as a basis for a curriculum; principles to guide our use of the Bible in teaching; the actual situation in our New Zealand church's teaching programme.

All the N.Z. participants were impressed by the thoroughness with which the Joint Board is going about the preparation of this new curriculum, and the expert competence of the Joint Board's leaders. We are most fortunate in New Zealand to have people of such specialist ability serving us in this project.

The second stage Conference is in July, 1966, with the main issues: the ways in which learning takes place; the setting for it.

The "A. & N.Z. Joint Board of Christian Education" is the new name for what was known as the Joint Board of Graded Lessons. The Board continues to improve the present curriculum lesson materials. These and the supplementary materials now being provided by the Joint Board—picture sets, charts, books, etc.—have been very well received.



## 2. MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

The Board sees a need to remind the church of the importance of its ministry with children, and submits this statement.

### Purpose of this Ministry

To foster conditions in which children may be led in ways appropriate to their age and life setting to a growing awareness of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, so that they may respond in faith and love.

### The Child in the Family

As God has set children in families, and the greatest influence on the child comes from the parents and the home, the church should always think in terms of "the child in the family" and not of children in isolation. In everything that the church does for children it must recognise the importance of the home, and work in partnership with it. Without this co-operation the church's work amongst children will have little effect. Responsibility for the home could be undertaken in the following ways:

- (a) Follow-up of vows by both parents and the church taken at baptism. Efforts should be made to establish an effective relationship between the home and the church. This should commence at baptism with the recommended Nursery Home Roll suggestions.
- (b) Parents should be challenged to take seriously the enrolment of their children in the Sunday School. They should be helped to see the power exerted when the church and home become partners in the Christian nurture of children. A letter for parents is now available.
- (c) Within the total education programme of the church should be included education for Christian parenthood and family life.
- (d) Family activities. Some age-group and single-sex groups are needed in a church programme, but the church should look for opportunities of engaging the whole family in worthwhile activities.
- (e) The Sunday School should have regular contact with the home through such activities as parent-teacher meetings, home visits, following up absentees with lesson material, etc.

### The Child in the Church

Children are members of the People of God by their baptism. Efforts should be made to find ways of helping children feel they belong to the church family as important participants, and not as captives in a primarily adult activity. They should be helped to find their place in public worship and other expressions of the church's fellowship.

### Graded Worship and Learning for Children

Children have certain needs which can best be met through a graded programme. This should be related to the development of the child and the kind of world in which he lives. The emphasis should be on experiencing the Christian faith through planned experiences of worship and learning. The child's expression of worship should be at his own level, and should not be a copy of an adult service. The planned learning should provide learning experiences, rather than the formal imparting of Biblical facts.

The main activity of this programme will normally be conducted in an hour's session on a Sunday. This is the minimum time needed for an adequate programme. (Note—as the traditional title "Sunday School" now seems inappropriate the Board is considering a more suitable name. A possibility is Children's Department of the Church School, but as this raises the question of terminology in other parts of our education programme, the matter is still under consideration.)

The following grading is recommended:

Nursery 2-3 years.

Kindergarten 4-5 years.

Primary 6-7 years (2nd year infants and Std. 1).

Junior 8-10 years (Stds. 2-4).

Intermediate 11-12 (Forms I & II).

It is desirable that here numbers permit each of these groups be treated as a separate unit. For greater effectiveness in the work, the Sunday programme needs to be supplemented by weekday activities, e.g. class trips, day camps, holiday activities, etc.

The Sunday morning children's programme caters primarily for the children of families within the church, and in this supplements the work of the home. However, as the church should be concerned about children of families in the community, parents whose children attend church without them should have put before them the "family" emphasis of the church and the responsibility to the children. The church's programme of "mission" should always be directed at whole families, and not at children in isolation.

As in childhood foundations are laid and much growth takes place, we must not underrate the importance of the church's work amongst children, but rather bring to it the best thinking, and mature and responsible leadership. In our judgment, the church's ministry with children is being undermined not only by attitudes in society but also by the failure of some congregations to see its importance and to give to it the priority it deserves.

### 3. MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

#### Developments

Arising out of Mr C. H. Couch's overseas experience the Board is now considering a distinct and more adequate ministry with young adults. Involved in this is the possibility of reviewing the age categories in the C.Y.M.M..

The Board has asked the N.C.C. Youth Committee to investigate the value of present club activities in New Zealand and guide its constituent bodies in the development of more effective club-work in the light of the needs and responses of New Zealand youth today.

#### Camping

An experimental study written by Rev. Dr. Phyllis Guthardt for intermediate youth Easter camps was well received. A revised edition of "Concerning Camping" has been published, price 4/-.

Camping was one of the major assignments in Mr Couch's overseas programme. The Board is sure that there are possibilities in camping for children, youth and adults, of which we in New Zealand have only scratched the surface. We believe that there should be some thorough research and planning before too many experiments take place. To this end the Board has taken the initiative in inviting the Departments of the negotiating churches to co-operate in setting up a committee to plan this review of camping.

#### Young Adolescents

Special thought has been given to the place of the 11-14's in our work. Articles and suggestions to help churches in their work with these persons have been circulated through our "Christian Education Handbook".

#### Conferences

From 28th December to 4th January 1967 there will be several hundred CYMMers at Lincoln College, Canterbury, under the chair-



manship of Mr Geoff Hill. Mrs Doreen Hudson is organiser. The theme is the "Christian in our New Zealand and Pacific-Asian communities."

Misses Joy Dawson, Elizabeth Lobb and Lyn Chittenden are representing New Zealand at the World Methodist Youth Conference preceding the parent Conference.

Mr Fred Johnson (Christchurch) and Miss Miriam Tabuteau (Takapuna) are two CYMMers in New Zealand's contingent of four to the E.A.C.C. Youth Worker's Consultation in Korea.

#### **National C.Y.M.M. Council**

"Operation 21" has been adopted as the Movement's major project for 1966. Many CYMM members and Councils have contributed to the success of the campaign. £250 is being raised to air-condition the library at the Pacific Theological College in Suva.

"Scope" is setting a new standard for church youth magazines in New Zealand, but more paid-up subscriptions are needed. The Council and Board support the proposal for a joint magazine from 1967.

Other matters being dealt with are the improvement of relationships between youth leaders and Local CYMM Councils; new approach to CYMM standards and the badge; a volunteer visitation team for 1967; promoting a personal bible study course.

#### **Order of St. Stephen**

During the year seven young people have been received into the Order having satisfactorily completed their year of service. They are Bryan Jenkin, David Dick and Desmond Jack, who served on the overseas mission field. Hilary Pope and Evelyn Wakelin served in New Zealand. Two Solomon Islanders, Epiova Bameina and Matthew Hapa, served in the Solomon Islands. There are now sixty-eight members of the Order, seven of whom are Solomon Islanders.

Five candidates are at present serving. They are Miriam Tabuteau, Heather Salmon, Dianne Rushton, Anne Shaw and Enoch Kaneru.

#### **4. MINISTRY WITH ADULTS**

The Board's Adult and Family Life Committee's main work has been following up the findings on "Lay Training" in the Council's report.

Recently the Committee has been combining with its equivalent in the Presbyterian Department. Joint projects include: (a) Plans for the Adult Holiday Conference to be held in Christchurch, 28th December to 4th January. The theme is "Understanding the world in which the N.Z. church is set." (b) The course in "Helping Conversations" which is now ready for trial. (c) The preparation of a booklet on "Lay Training" to help in the establishment of occupational and similar groups.

#### **5. INTER-CHURCH CO-OPERATION**

The Departments of Christian Education of the N.C.C. member churches are looking for ways to co-operate more effectively. Those of the five negotiating churches have agreed to do as much together as is practicable. This includes study and research leading to policy-making; joint use of staff where-ever possible; exchange of minutes and policy documents.

#### **6. LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

The Board's policy providing courses and materials and specialist directors who can be trainers of trainers, is bearing fruit in the

increased activity by D.E.C.'s in promoting leadership training in their own areas.

More attention should be given to helping leaders as persons and increasing their sensitivity to other persons. The first N.Z. ecumenical grouping life laboratory was a significant step in this direction. We would like to see more laboratory training in which there is built into the training actual experience of the age group with which the leaders are to work.

## 7. THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

There are two human operations in communicating the Christian faith verbally: transmitting by speaking or writing, and receiving the communication by hearing or reading. One of the barriers that can block or limit the effectiveness of this communicating is that of language. The hearer often gives to a word or phrase a shade of meaning different from that given by the speaker. Some words or phrases may not be understood at all or seriously misunderstood.

The Board's attention to this problem has been drawn largely by laymen, and a committee so constituted has been examining the problem more carefully. This committee has listened to 10 taped services from which a list was compiled of phrases which could be difficult for laymen to grasp. Some of these phrases were submitted as a "yes/no" questionnaire to 10 representative congregations.

In the committee's and the Board's opinion the results indicate that there is a language barrier of enough significance to warrant further consideration and action. Approximately one quarter to one third of people in the pew do not understand, or misunderstand such phrases as "kingdom of heaven" and "by thy grace". Others such as "God bless to us the reading of his holy word" and "unto his name be all the praise and the glory" seem to be becoming meaningless mumbo-jumbo.

The report was presented to the two North Island Schools of Theology, and has been referred also the Faith and Order Committee and Trinity College. Two general lines of action emerge.

- (a) It is important that those engaged in communicating should plan some way of getting "feed-back" to indicate what is happening at the receiving end. One of several forms would be for a small group of sensitive laymen to listen with a preacher to a tape of his service and comment on the effectiveness of the communication. A similar arrangement could be made to help a leader of a Christian education group. A more basic approach would be for some services to be prepared by the minister with a group of laymen who would bring to the task their knowledge of and needs in the secular world.
- (b) Those with professional skills in contemporary English could take training sessions for ministers, theological students and lay leaders.

This is an era of church history in which we are being challenged to re-state the biblical view of life in thought forms and language which are intelligible to contemporary man.

## 8. CHURCH PROGRAMMES ON SUNDAY

### Purpose of this Statement

Leaders' Meetings and L.E.C.'s are sometimes required to consider the inclusion in the congregation's Sunday programme of recreational activity, or forms of worship, which appear to break with traditional usage. This statement suggests the context in which these programmes



should be planned. (See 1956 Minutes, pages 82-83 "The Christian Sunday").

Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday and ever since Christians have met together regularly on this day in the mystery of worship to acknowledge anew that Christ is Lord of all.

Christian people recognise that Sunday is also an appropriate day for strengthening family ties by parents and children engaging in recreational activity together. The Methodist Church affirmed that on Sunday "there is room for private enjoyment of any indoor or outdoor activity which does not offend the essential spirit of the day as a day of worship" (1956 Minutes page 83). Sunday should not be hedged by irksome restrictions. Both worship and recreation should contribute to the positive enjoyment and relaxation of the day.

In the programme of the local church every person, at each stage of his development, should find encouragement to grow to Christian maturity, and stimulation for service in the community. To this end Christian people should meet together in families each Sunday for personal renewal in worship; for nurturing a growing Christian life through instruction in the faith; and for exploring with other people its application in daily living.

Some congregations have studied the meaning of worship in order to relate their services more closely to the life and secular concerns of the worshippers. In some instances this has led to various types of experiment in worship experiences other than formal services in a church sanctuary. In a number of places a serious decline in attendance at Sunday evening services has led to a sense of need for greater flexibility and variety in the use of Sunday evening. For example, instead of a service which duplicates morning worship, some congregations have organised several house meetings for bible study or discussion, sometimes with occasional meetings together for a report back.

Recreational activity, which seemed to cut across the customary use of Sunday by Methodists, has been included occasionally in some local church programmes. These have included outdoor activity such as a youth hike, or a church picnic after worship in the church; community service projects, etc.

Where Leaders' Meetings or L.E.C.'s are planning new forms of worship or extra activity on Sunday, these points should be kept in mind:

- (a) The purpose of the activity and the need it is designed to meet should be assessed in the light of the central privilege of worship on Sunday, and the merits of possible alternative programmes.
- (b) The effect of the activity on other sections of the church family should be considered and too frequent disruption of the normal programme should be avoided. E.g. a youth hike could reduce the Sunday School staff. Obviously a different criterion will be applied to assess the effects of a regular, rather than an occasional activity.
- (c) Worship and study should be planned as an integral part of the activity and not added clumsily for the sake of conforming to a traditional pattern; e.g., worship out-of-doors could be more real than rushing home for the evening service in the church building.
- (d) Stereotyped activities should be avoided. What is successful in one place may not transplant well into a different setting.
- (e) Regular re-assessment is necessary to ensure that the original purpose is still being achieved by the programme.

## 9. STAFF

### Associate Directors

Mr C. H. Couch has returned with stimulating insights for our work. His studies at Scarritt College covered general Christian education subjects with special emphasis on understanding youth and developing a more effective ministry with them. He also took part in Christian education programmes at conference and local church levels and made some useful contacts with youth club work in Great Britain.

The American Methodist Church, and especially Scarritt College, was most generous with financial and personal assistance.

Miss H. M. Astley, Associate Director — Children's Work, is now centred in Wellington.

### Director's Position

The Director's present term expires at the end of 1968. The Board is making enquiries as to how the church sees this appointment. It recognises that when Mr Ford is replaced his successor should have plenty of warning so that training and preparation can be done. As, in its opinion, one of the staff should be a minister, the Board intends to nominate a minister rather than a layman for the Director's position, and hopes a designation can be made at Synods and Conference 1967. At the same time the date at which the present appointment should end will be the subject of a recommendation.

### Additional Director

The proposal for a director shared with Radio and TV supervision seems to have been shelved by the Church Council.

The Board is now considering how further assistance can be given to the staff — especially in developing a more effective ministry with young adults and adults.

### Office

Misses Beverley Cooper and Linley Flyger both move on next year. The church has been extraordinarily well served by these people.

## 10. PREMISES

Wesley Trust have again come to our aid by most generously providing an office for Miss Astley.

It is difficult for a primarily religious bookshop to pay street frontage rentals, and our preference is to remain on the present property. Discussions are taking place with Wesley Trust as to whether a more adequate connexional centre can be erected on the property to house the Bookroom, Department and other connexional offices and well-equipped Board and committee rooms.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.  
W. F. FORD, Director.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. We affirm that the church's ministry with children as outlined in the report is an essential part of the church's programme. We ask local churches to give this ministry a high priority in their planning, and selecting and training of leaders.
3. (a) That the Department be asked to continue to study the problem of the Language Barrier and that selected Leaders' Meetings



consider its implications for the whole programme of the local Church.

(b) That training sessions in contemporary English be held where possible in March Ministerial Synods or Ministers' Fraternals.

4. That Conference thanks Rev. R. Thornley for his most valuable and devoted service as Chairman of the Board of Christian Education.

5. That the Conference constitute a Family Life Commission to consider and report to Synods and Conference 1967 through the Department of Christian Education on matters of family life and more particularly to consider and report to the Church on:

(1) All matters referred to it by the World Methodist Family Life Movement and those considered at the World Methodist Family Life Conference at Birmingham, 1966.

(2) The matters raised in the working paper prepared for the British Council of Churches.

(3) The report of the British Anglican Church on divorce.

(4) All such other related matters as may arise.

The Commission to be by Rev. L. C. Clements (Chairman); Rev. I. C. E. Ramage (Convener); Revs. Dr D. O. Williams, W. S. Dawson, B. A. Walker; Drs. Alice Bush and Lionel Scriven, Mrs Marie Griffin; Messrs D. Webb and M. Hancock, Mr and Mrs R. T. Garlick; Miss Mary Astley and a nominee of the Maori Policy Committee, with power to add and appoint consultants.

Rev. I. C. E. Ramage, Mrs Griffin and Mr and Mrs R. T. Garlick to constitute the Steering Committee.

6. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 5 herein.

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## Department of Christian Education

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Directorship of Department:

Early this year the Board of Christian Education was reminded that the present term of the Rev. W. F. Ford would be completed at the end of 1968. Mr Ford had earlier indicated that he considered 12 years to be the maximum for him in this position, although he fully recognises that he is at the disposal of the Conference. During this year the Board has given careful consideration to the question of a successor. The first step was to consult with and discover the mind of a representative group of ministers and laymen. There was unanimous appreciation of the work of Mr Ford, and full recognition of the difficulty in securing an adequate successor, yet the general feeling was that we should undertake the search for a Director.

The Board has been careful to take into account the following factors and elements in the situation:

1. The judgment and opinion of the present Director.
2. The general opinion that 12 years is something of an optimum period for a departmental position.
3. This position has, and will continue to become more specialist, in that the Director needs theoretical and practical skills in such fields as curriculum planning, methods of learning and training, inter-personal relationships. But in our Church it is important also for the Director to be identified readily with circuit life.
4. An occasional change of Director enables a new man to take a more objective look at the Department's programme, and to be more free to initiate new developments.
5. The recognition that for a number of reasons, and especially the stage reached in the preparation of a new curriculum, the end of 1968 seems to be a good time for a change.

The above is a summary which serves to introduce the three recommendations which the Board brings to Conference.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That as the Director's present term ends at the end of 1968, early steps be taken to secure a successor.  
(b) That the Board be authorised to advertise the position in New Zealand and Australia.  
(c) That Conference recognises that it would be most desirable for the designated Director to be closely associated with the Department during 1968.

#### 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 and G. Forster.
- (b) That Conference congratulate the Rev. Miss Margaret Reid on her appointment as General Secretary, and assures her of the Church's interest in and support for her work.



QUESTION 37—What are the resolutions of the Conference in regard to Public Questions?

## A. — Public Questions Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

The following matters have been dealt with during the year:—

#### 1. USE OF LAND AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

(1964, page 94, Res. 7, and 1965, page 120.)

Closely related to the use of land for urban development are matters of sociological importance on which the Committee hopes to report next year. This report deals with factors of agricultural importance.

Answering the fears of urban sprawl, Dr. Feilding, Lecturer in Geography at the University of Auckland, gives the following details: "Approximately 5000 acres of new urban land are created each year. Most of this was formerly in agricultural use. Grouped together it sounds a lot, but when allocated to the many expanding urban communities in the nation it is not excessive. Even the estimated demands of the future are not unreasonable. By the year 2000, only an additional 300,000 acres will be required for urban uses. Again it sounds considerable but it represents a minute fraction of our total agricultural land and less than 3 per cent of our better lowland farming land. The bulldozer is certainly not gobbling up our agricultural land as some have asserted."

There are several factors which tend to give people a false impression of the importance of agricultural land near urban developments:

- (i) The land has the appearance of being better because of its longer period of use and its more intensive development. Other land further out has not been developed so intensively and yet in many instances has a higher production potential. A major factor is the closeness or otherwise of the land to markets and its attractiveness as an investment to available capital.
- (ii) The rapidly rising price of rural-urban land gives a false impression of its production potential. This in fact is an increase in "unearned" capital and income value which is not backed by production. By introducing a serious inflation factor it causes unnecessary hardship to young couples setting up a family home whose wages or income from services are tied to actual productivity.
- (iii) There is often the false assumption that since land is absorbed by housing that agricultural production thereby ceases. It is forgotten that intensively "farmed" back-door gardens may produce as much as or more than the whole section did when it was part of a dairy or sheep farm.

Much of the concern over the loss of high class agricultural land is not supported by the known facts and insufficient account is taken of the vast area of high-potential agricultural land not developed through lack of capital and similar handicaps.

In our new setting as a part of South East Asia a greater concern should be our very poor rate of progress in bringing to high-level production the vast areas of undeveloped or only partially developed land.

#### 2. INTERIM ETHICS AND THE PROPHETIC FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH.

(1965, page 125, Res. 7.)

The Committee seeks leave to continue its work on this.

**3. BENEFITS PAID TO WIDOWS WITH CHILDREN.**  
(1965, page 125, Res. 9.)

The Committee expects to present this report directly to Conference.

**4. SCIENTOLOGY.**  
(1965, page 125, Res. 10.)

The Committee has considered the report of the Victorian Commission. While we have no evidence of the grosser malpractices of Scientology occurring in New Zealand, we have no reason to dispute the findings of the Commission. We ask that Conference advise Methodists that where there are cases of physical, mental or emotional need, members of reputable professional bodies should be consulted. The Committee does not feel that it would be profitable to make a public pronouncement.

**5. THE SOCIAL CREED.**  
(1965, page 125, Res. 11.)

The Committee seeks clarification as to whether or not the revised creed is to be in a form more suitable for liturgical use. If it is, we feel such a revision would not be the work of the Public Questions Committee. In either case, we feel revision should be postponed until we have the findings of the World Council of Churches' Conference on Church and Society.

**6. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES.**

A revised set of suggested questions that could be asked of candidates has been prepared, and circulated by the Department of Christian Education.

**7. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**  
Annual Report, 1965

During the year matters considered by the Council included the following:—

**Town Planning:** The Council has given a great deal of time and thought to the matter of Town Planning and particularly so in relation to the effects that such planning may have with regard to the human element involved. An address by Dr J. H. Robb of the University of Wellington and a visit to the Council by the Assistant Commissioner of Works together with members of his staff, were amongst some of the steps taken to more fully inform members of the issues in this subject. Despite this, however, and much other work put in by a special sub-committee, the Council has not as yet been able to make definite proposals. There is a feeling amongst Council members that the total task involved is one calling for a wider cross-section of the community to look at, though perhaps our organisation might act as the sponsoring and organising body.

**Excessive Drinking, Sale of Liquor, Tests for Drinking Drivers, etc.:** An increasing amount of the Council's business has been concerned with matters associated with issues and problems arising out of the consumption of liquor in the community, the liberalising of liquor laws and the best form of expression for those who wish to register their protests against this state of affairs. Such questions as: liquor licences for sporting clubs, wet canteens in police stations, drinking amongst teenagers, revision of the ballot paper on the liquor issue, appropriate tests for drivers suspected of being under the influence of liquor have all been before the Council. Where it has felt it has the knowledge and the facts to draw on, the Council has



taken appropriate action. In some cases, and on certain issues, it is continuing its study and research with a view to further representations.

**Care of the Aged:** The Council tentatively explored the possibility of sponsoring a nation-wide conference of all church agencies who are concerned with the care of the aged to discuss common concerns. So far the matter is only in the embryo stage, but it seems likely there would be considerable interest in such a proposal and support for its furtherance.

**Additional Lottery Facilities:** At the time of the decision to increase the number of Mammoth "Golden Kiwi" Lotteries the Council again made representations to the Minister of Internal Affairs (Hon D. C. Seath) that such increased facilities ought not to be granted without opportunity for all concerned to express their opinions, and that preferably the matter of such increased facilities should be the subject of a debate in the House of Representatives. Though the Council's representations were not accepted, they were noted and as such were the subject of favourable commendation from several parties interested in this line of approach.

**Grants for Churches Unable to Accept Allocations from Lottery Profits:** Feeling that it is an injustice that the social and welfare work undertaken by certain churches should be penalised by reason of these particular churches having conscientious reasons for not accepting grants nominated as coming from lottery profits, the whole Council has for some considerable time now been pressing the Government to give some consideration to aiding such churches. A conference of Government departmental heads with the Chairman and Secretary of the Council was first held and then this was followed by a deputation representative of the Council meeting with the Prime Minister and several of his Cabinet colleagues to discuss at length the whole matter. As a result of these two meetings the Council feels most hopeful that before long, and in the fields of Care of the Aged, Children's Homes, Youth Hostels and Young People's Activities, a satisfactory solution to this long-standing problem will be worked out.

**General:** Many other issues have come before the Council for consideration and attention. Some of these have been: Temptation to Steal as Presented to Children, Disposal of Litter, Funeral Charges, Indecent Publications, Students' Bursaries as Related to Marriage, Disturbances in Penal Institutions, and Church-sponsored Election Meetings. The Council has endeavoured to deal with these and all matters brought to its attention on the basis of nation-wide concern and close examination of the facts involved.

**Appreciation:** The Council tenders its sincerest thanks to the retiring Chairman (Rev. Robert Thornley) for wise and patient guidance, and to all who in fellowship, service and loyal attendance have helped to make what has been a very busy year a happy and successful one in the Council's work for the Kingdom of God in 1965.

## 8. CONVENERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Committee is indebted to the Rev. I. J. Ruck for his convenership since 1962. We deeply regret the continuing illness that has necessitated his retirement from the active ministry and from the committee.

COLIN D. CLARK, Chairman.

PERCY P. RUSHTON, Acting Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted except Section 4 which was received only.

2. That Conference convey its appreciation to the Rev. I. J. Ruck for his valuable work as Convener of the Public Questions Committee and its deep regret that illness has necessitated his retirement from the active ministry.

3. That representatives to the Inter-Church Council for Public Affairs be: The Chairman of the Public Questions Committee, the Convener and Mr G. C. Brown.

4. That the Committee continue its investigation of the use of land and urban development.

5. That the Committee continue its investigation of benefits payable to widows and also enquire into benefits for other sole parents.

6. That the Public Questions Committee revise the Social Creed and refer it to the Faith and Order Committee to put it in a form suitable for liturgical use.

7. This Conference views with concern certain trends in New Zealand public affairs which appear to encroach on citizens' rights. It asks the Public Questions Committee to investigate and report on:

(a) The adequacy of safeguards against the possible abuse of the powers of the N.Z. Security Service.

(b) The implications of legislation, or proposed legislation, restricting existing legal rights in the interrogation and treatment of suspect persons, the system of trial by jury, and enactments giving the police the right of search without warrant.

(c) The extent to which T.V. and radio discussions of controversial issues seem to, or need to be stifled by unofficial censorship.

8. That Conference commends the N.Z. Rugby Union for its decision not to send to South Africa a team excluding Maoris.

9. That the 1967 Conference Arrangements Committee consider the following suggestion: That in order to communicate to the community at large the concern of the church in matters of social or international importance and to bear witness to that concern in the hope of strengthening the hand of the Government to take action in these matters, the following scheme of action be commended to the Public Questions Committee of the Church for examination and report.

(a) That the Sunday evening of Conference, or some other suitable time be used to hold a public meeting in neutral buildings in the centre of the Conference city to bear witness to the social concern of the Church by presenting a statement or statements prepared by the Public Questions, International Affairs and such other Committees as thought relevant, such statements to be drafted by the committees concerned and presented to Synods for comment and later approved by Conference; to be presented to the public meeting by representative persons of the Church, and later made available to the newspapers.

(b) Such a meeting would be advertised in full page advertisements in the daily papers of the city at least twice in the week proceeding the meeting. The meeting itself would be preceded by processions of witness to Christian social concern, headed by Conference members, and joined by the congregations of local churches, commencing from different points of the city and converging on the place of meeting. The local members of Parliament would be invited to attend, and T.V. coverage sought.



(c) That the examining committee be further asked to investigate the possibility of inter-church co-operation in such a venture both in (1) matters of social concern (2) participating in the procession and organizing the whole scheme to witness to social concern.

(d) The Committee be asked to investigate the wisdom of so presenting either one or several of these social issues to the public in this way.

(e) If one issue is decided upon e.g. one percent of the national income for overseas aid to developing countries, then if all churches are agreed on this point, steps be taken from the representative heads of the several denominations to the membership of the respective churches through the courts of the respective churches to secure signatures to a petition supporting such a policy, such petition to be presented to the political leader/leaders by the heads of the church/churches on the occasion of the public meeting, at which the aims of the petition are expounded.

10. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 8 herein.

## QUESTION 37.—

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

#### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1966**

Recent international crises have seriously exercised the minds of individual citizens. On behalf of the Church the Committee has considered a number of critical issues and has studied the statements of wider and more responsible Christian groups.

The New Zealand Commission of Churches on International Affairs (N.Z.C.C.I.A.) provided important statements on Vietnam last year and on Rhodesia this year, and the Committee has appreciated the guidance given to the Churches by the Commission.

Useful liaison has been established with the British Department of Christian Citizenship and the American Board of Christian Social Concerns and an unsuccessful effort made to establish contact with an Australian Methodist committee dealing with international concerns.

#### **1. VIETNAM WAR.**

The Christian Church throughout the world has expressed strong reservations about the nature and course of this war, but most Christian leaders acknowledge that there is no easy solution that will adequately resolve the complex and many-sided problems of Vietnam.

Many suggestions have been made for the initiation of cease-fire negotiations, but the points at issue expressed by the officers of the East Asian Christian Conference are essential to any solution of merit: "As we see it, three things have to be settled simultaneously around the negotiating table:—

(a) The Unification of Vietnam.

(b) The guarantee of true freedom for all citizens in Vietnam, whatever their religious or political conviction.

(c) The Independence of Vietnam in relation to its neighbours.

It may well be that there will be need for three parallel negotiations,

(i) between the contending parties in South Vietnam;

(ii) between South and North Vietnam;

(iii) between all interested powers who will guarantee the accords arrived at in the previous two negotiations."

We welcome the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. K. J. Holyoake's stated intention to increase New Zealand's civilian aid to Vietnam, and we also welcome the Prime Minister's belief that the Viet Cong should be admitted to peace talks.

We suggest that Conference commend for careful consideration by the Government the Ten Point programme prepared by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches:—

1. That the United States and South Vietnam stop the bombing of the North, and North Vietnam stop military infiltration of the South.

2. That the United States now announce its commitment to a withdrawal of its troops phased in accordance with provisions for peace-keeping machinery under international auspices and deemed adequate in the judgment of an international authority.

3. That all parties recognise the necessity of according a place in negotiations both to the Government of South Vietnam and to the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong), in proportions to be determined, and that arrangements be encouraged for negotiations between the Government of South Vietnam and the National Liberation Front in the hope that there may be found a negotiating authority representative of all South Vietnam.

4. That North and South Vietnam develop greater flexibility in the initiation of and response to negotiation proposals.

5. That all parties give every possible protection to non-combatants and relieve the plight of those suffering from the fighting.

6. That all parties recognise the extent to which what is happening in Vietnam is part of a social revolution and that, freed from foreign intervention, Vietnam, both North and South, ought to be in a position to determine its own future, with due consideration of the demands of peace and security in South-East Asia.

7. That all parties recognise the futility of military action for the solution of the underlying political, social, and economic problems of Vietnam and the necessity of massive and generous development programmes.

8. That in order to relieve present international tension the United States review and modify its policy of "containment" of communism, and communist countries supporting "wars of liberation" review and modify their policy.

9. That every effort be made to bring the 700 million people of China, through the Government in power, the People's Republic of China, into the world community of nations in order that they may assume their reasonable responsibility and avail themselves of legitimate opportunity—to provide an essential ingredient for peace and security not only in South-East Asia, but throughout the entire world.

10. That another cease-fire be mutually and promptly agreed on, of sufficient duration to serve as a cooling-off period and as an opportunity for testing possibilities of negotiation—with a considerably enlarged unit of the International Control Commission (India, Canada, and Poland) to ensure that cease-fire commitments are honoured.

We commend avenues whereby a reconciling role may be taken by our Government through plans put into effect for reconstruction and long-range economic development in South-East Asia, including neutral and communist aligned states as well as those to which we are associated through treaty and commonwealth ties.



## 2. RECOGNITION OF MAINLAND CHINA AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

Conference first requested the Government to recognise the Peking government of the People's Republic of China and to press for the admission of that government to the United Nations Organisation in 1956. The Prime Minister's views are contained in the 1964 Minutes of Conference, pages 94-5.

The continued absence of Mainland China from the councils of the United Nations and other international gatherings presents a serious obstacle to the peaceful consideration and possible resolution of many important conflicts. If the U.N. is to be a truly world-wide organisation to make progress in the field of disarmament, and to increase its effectiveness in achieving and maintaining peace, its membership and deliberations must include the government which controls the destiny of 700 million people, and is one of the world's great powers.

We have no illusions that the problem of representation of China, Nationalist China, and Taiwan in the United Nations will be solved easily or quickly, but we believe that the modification of our Government's position on this matter should facilitate the consideration of constructive alternatives to the present impasse.

We do not advocate the sacrifice of 12 million Nationalist Chinese to the Communists, but we believe that it is possible to make a beginning in clarifying this position which is the aftermath of the Chinese civil war of the 1940s in the latter stages of which the United States took an active part, motivated by its policy of the "containment" of communism. We believe that it is possible to bring together the rather unrealistic positions held by both groups claiming to represent the whole of China and the major nations which support the claims of the "two Chinas", so that the legitimate rights and security not only of these two groups, but also of the native people of Taiwan can be safeguarded by international agreement. This alternative approach seems preferable to the negative and seemingly unchanging attitude taken by the United States and her allies.

In appealing to the Government to recognise the Peking regime we do not understand that this implies tacit approval of the actions of Communist China. There are other nations which do not conform to the normal standards of international behaviour both within membership of the United Nations and in good diplomatic standing with New Zealand.

Both the N.Z.C.C.I.A., and the Central executive of the W.C.C., have asked that means be sought for the bringing of Mainland China into the United Nations, and we believe that this is an urgent matter to be strenuously and honestly tackled by our Government in concert with others.

We have not been convinced that New Zealand's attitude towards China has had any positive influence whatever on the policies and behaviour of that nation.

## 3. DEFENCE AND AID FUND APPEAL.

Donations received to 15th July, 1966, amounted to £853/11/8. Arrangements were in hand to launch the appeal in Circuits which for various reasons had not presented the appeal in 1965 and had ordered leaflets, when news came from South Africa that the Defence and Aid Fund had been declared unlawful and all the offices of the fund closed down by the police. In response to our urgent request about the value of continuing with the appeal, the executive officer of Christian Action, Mr Ian Henderson wrote, "I am happy to advise

you that we have found both reliable and legal channels by which Defence and Aid funds can be sent to South Africa." The Committee is satisfied with the explanations given by the Defence and Aid Fund (South Africa) in answer to the charges made by the South African Department of Justice.

At the time of the banning only approximately £60 of unremitted money for the Defence and Aid Fund was in hand.

It is the intention of the Committee to proceed with the appeal to Circuits not contributing last year, in September.

#### 4. DENIALS OF BASIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

The Committee has been concerned at the erosion of the rule of law in a number of countries with military or strong majority rule. Over recent years there have been instances of seemingly unrestricted mob violence, killings and execution without proper trial, torture inflicted on prisoners to coerce or extract confessions, the activity of opposition political parties outlawed or branded as subversion, inhumane prison conditions, and religious and political intolerance. These, with the increasing lack of discrimination between combatants and civilians in modern warfare and the development of weapons of massive destructive and maiming power all accentuate the need for world-wide acceptance of covenants and instruments guaranteeing as far as is possible basic freedoms, justice, and safety and security for all men.

#### 5. RHODESIA'S UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

On the 11th November, 1965, Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, announced his government's seizure of independence from the United Kingdom for his 4,020,000 African and 219,000 European people.

Fuller background information is available from:  
The United Nations and Decolonization. U.N. Publication No. 65.1.8. Christians and Race Relations in Southern Africa. W.C.C. Nov., 1964. Christian Action Quarterlies. Spring and Winter, 1965. External Affairs Review. November, 1965, January, 1966. Church and Community. July, 1966.

The New Zealand Commission of the Churches on International Affairs drew up a set of declarations on Rhodesia in the early months of 1966, and the Committee suggests that Conference adopt and support the spirit of the declarations.

#### DECLARATION ON RHODESIA

1. We declare our strongest disapproval of the action taken by the Smith regime in Rhodesia, in illegally seizing independence from the United Kingdom.

2. We share the regret of the Christian Council of Rhodesia (expressed in their statement of November 25th, 1965) at "the great blow delivered by this act to the concept of constitutional law brought to Africa by a Western civilisation nurtured in Christianity".

3. We reject, as do the Churches leaders in Rhodesia, Mr Smith's statement that the illegal seizure of independence has "struck a blow for the preservation of Christianity" and we regard it as a travesty of the facts.

4. We deplore the Smith regime's attack on freedom of expression and civil liberties in Rhodesia and believe that its present method of government is undermining respect for the rule of law.



5. We declare our Christian sympathy with and wholehearted support for the Churches of Rhodesia and for all in that country who are opposed to the illegal and unconstitutional measures taken by the Smith regime, particularly for those who are suffering for their opposition.

6. We declare our approval of the firm, reasonable and pacific action taken by the British Government to oppose and neutralise the Smith regime and to re-establish constitutional government.

7. We declare our support for the measures taken by the New Zealand Government in compliance with the United Nations' resolution calling for economic sanctions against Rhodesia, and we urge the New Zealand Government to support and in action the measures adopted to this end by the British Government.

8. We declare that whatever legitimate means may be available Governments and peoples should work for a settlement of the situation which would assure constitutional independence to Rhodesia only on a basis of guaranteed progress towards ultimate majority rule, and justice for all in Rhodesia.

9. We affirm that those who would live the Christian life—whether in Rhodesia or in New Zealand—are called by their Lord to serve, not to dominate; to share the wealth of their country equitably, not to live in comfort or luxury based on the impoverished lives of others; and to be concerned less for themselves than for the well-being of the poor, the illiterate, the disenfranchised and the under privileged.

10. We call on the members of all the Churches in New Zealand to pray for the people of Rhodesia and to do whatever lies within their power to help remove exploitation, injustice and racial discrimination in that country, as in our own.

#### **6. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON HUMAN NEED.**

(A) **Recalling** the need to press the war against poverty, disease, exploitation and ignorance;

**appreciating** the response of member churches through the Freedom From Hunger Campaign;

**emphasising** the importance of honouring existing commitments, and utilising to the fullest possible extent the existing machinery for co-operation.

(B) **Draws the attention of the churches to the disturbing facts:**

(a) that in spite of existing aid programmes of inter-governmental, governmental, voluntary and church agencies the gap of **per capita** incomes between rich and poor nations continues to widen;

(b) that the economic and social disparity of peoples and societies calls for a concerted effort of all nations to resolve a world situation which is a major threat to peace with freedom and justice;

(c) that the current population growth of more than 50 million persons each year in the low-income societies puts increasing strain on already inadequate food supplies;

(d) that experts on current world development point to the grave danger of world famine within the next decades;

(e) that the hunger and malnutrition which are presently the fate of two-thirds of mankind are a major symptom of the threatening world situation;

**Stresses the importance of expanding the ability of developing countries to meet, individually and jointly, their food needs to the**

largest possible extent, and to regard the provision and distribution of external food supplies as a necessary interim supplement rather than as a long-term substitute for adequate indigenous food supplies and the means to produce them; and the importance that efforts to cope with the challenge of hunger and malnutrition be carried on in a manner calculated to foster better integrated efforts to deal with the various inter-related sectors of development. As the W.C.C. Central Committee stated in 1958:—

“Social and economic progress require balanced programmes of social and economic development including agriculture, industry, basic services, education and health programmes. Christians should be aware of the inter-relationship of such programmes as well as sensitive to the effects on people of these vast changes”; and

(C) Resolves to call upon member churches to sustain and where possible renew their efforts to meet these needs by—

- i. making further representations to their governments in support of greater Freedom From Hunger Campaign activities, and efforts by other U.N. agencies, notably the Technical Assistance Board, UNICEF, the World Health Organisation, and the U.N. Trade and Development Board, in order to implement world action in a concerted approach to the economic and social ills of mankind;
- ii. supporting the aims and objectives of the U.N. Development Decade;
- iii. intensifying their efforts in support of ecumenical and national action;
- iv. supporting those measures that need to be taken to eliminate the widening gap between the population explosion and the production of the sustenance of life;
- v. committing themselves anew to a ministry to people in need and to a concerted mission to eradicate the causes of need;
- vi. giving generously through their churches, agencies and the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches for these purposes;
- vii. supporting the Young World Mobilization Campaign.

#### 7. ONE PER CENT OF THE NATIONAL INCOME FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AID.

Following the deputation to the Prime Minister (seeking commitment by the Government to increase progressively its contribution to overseas aid to 1 per cent of the national income) from the Presbyterian and the Methodist International Affairs Committees, the United Nations Association, and the University Students' Association in October, 1964, the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs was asked to further the matter.

Twelve Roman Catholic lay organisations, and the Auckland Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches petitioned Parliament in 1965 on this issue and although unsuccessful forced the Government to an open vote.

In February, 1966, at a meeting chaired by Sir Charles Burns representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist International Affairs Committees, the N.Z. University Students' Association, Catholic lay organisations, and the N.Z. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, a research group under the convenship of the Rev. O. S. Robinson, convener of the Presbyterian International Relations Committee was set up to clarify the kinds of aid or investment that can be legitimately regarded as overseas aid, the actual amount of current



aid provided by the New Zealand Government, and the extent of New Zealand's obligation to world development in view of her position as a developing nation. The research group will produce its findings in time to be of use during the General Elections and give them widespread publicity.

New Zealand's basic aid during 1965, mainly in the form of experts and training programmes in New Zealand and grants to the Colombo Plan, Africa, SEATO, V.S.A., and loans, was:—

Government—Development Grants	£3,097,683
Loan Facilities	1,250,000
Relief	88,000
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Private—Relief	302,061
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	£4,737,744

This amount has been estimated as being 0.2 per cent of the national income. (Defence expenditure during 1964/5 increased over the previous year by £7,870,000; during 1965/6 it increased by another £3,628,000, and the estimates for 1966/7 include a further increase of £7,400,000 to a total expenditure of £48,000,000.)

The concept of One Per Cent of the national income to overseas aid programmes was urged as a minimal target by the World Council of Churches Central Committee in 1958. This target was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly of the W.C.C. and the United Nations General Assembly.

Since 1960 Methodist Conferences have recommended this concept to the New Zealand Government.

#### 8. VISIT OF HIS HOLINESS PAUL VI TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

On October 4, 1965, after his historic journey from Rome, the Roman pontiff addressed his prophetic appeal in the name of his Church "and those Christian brethren who share the feelings we express here" to the representatives of member nations of the U.N. in New York.

We commend this important message to Methodists and to our Government, because in it are expressed the yearnings of mankind for a visible peace, and the folly of undertakings which detract from the task of peacemaking are exposed. The full text can be found in

U.N. Monthly Chronicle, November, 1965.

N.Z. External Affairs Review, October, 1965.

The following abbreviated extracts of Pope Paul's address indicates its significance:—

"... the blood of millions, unheard of sufferings, useless slaughter and frightful ruin, are the sanction of the pact which unites you with an oath which must change the future. . . . No more war! It is peace which must guide the destinies of all. Peace is built with works of peace. . . . Will the world ever change the bellicose and exclusive mentality interwoven in its history? We must take the road towards a peaceful history, truly and fully human, that God has promised to men of goodwill. . . . The first road is that of disarmament. . . .

"If you wish to be brothers, let arms fall from your hands. . . . long before they produce victims and ruins (arms) nourish bad feelings, create nightmares, distrust, sombre resolutions; they demand enormous expenditures, they obstruct useful projects; they falsify the psychology of peoples."

## 9. UNITED NATIONS CHARTER FOR YOUTH.

We draw the attention of Conference to the six principles of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, directed to governments, non-governmental organisations, and youth organisations for action, and adopted unanimously by the U.N. General Assembly on December 7, 1965.

## 10. CORSO—NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL FOR RELIEF SERVICE OVERSEAS.

Corso has now given twenty-one years of service in overseas relief. More than five million pounds in cash and twelve million pounds worth of clothing has been received and distributed in that time. Thousands of hours of voluntary work has been given in collecting, sorting and mending.

An important aspect of Corso activity has been in the field of education. Speakers and films have always been available to churches and organisations, and through press releases the National Secretary, the Rev. H. C. Dixon has kept the public aware of needs and opportunities for assistance overseas.

The work of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign has been continued in selected projects in India and elsewhere. Contributions have been generous but much remains to be done if the world is to be freed from hunger.

**Indian Famine Appeal:** Early this year conditions in India reached crisis proportions through the failure of monsoon rains, and the Indian Famine Appeal was launched by Corso. New Zealanders have given more than £80,000 to this fund, and the national secretary states that churches have supported the appeal with the utmost generosity.

**Operation 21:** In conjunction with F.A.O's Young World Mobilisation appeal "Operation 21" was launched in New Zealand as New Zealand Youth's part in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign by the Prime Minister in February. There has been a most encouraging response as the idea has captured the imagination of youth, and many of our C.Y.M.M. Councils have given strong support to educational and money-raising activities.

Operation 21 was adopted as a national project by the C.Y.M.M. Convention meeting during the Ecumenical Youth Conference in Hamilton. It was also recommended strongly to the constituent churches in the same conference.

The history of Corso has been recorded by Mr Thurlow Thompson in a well-illustrated book, "New Zealand in Relief", available from Church Bookrooms and from Corso Offices.

## 11. VOLUNTEER SERVICE ABROAD.

V.S.A., now in its fourth year, offers opportunities for service by New Zealanders to meet the challenging need of neighbouring countries. There has been a good response from School-leavers, but for Thailand, Malaysia and Pacific Islands, volunteers are needed from farmers, agricultural experts, teachers, surveyors, engineers and mechanics. Financial support is also required from groups for sponsorship funds. New Zealanders have proved most acceptable workers in this field of aid.

## 12. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

A New Zealand Section of Amnesty International is being formed,



and groups are functioning in Kelburn, Wellington Central, Palmerston North and Auckland. Through Amnesty International public opinion is mobilised in defence of men and women who are imprisoned because their ideas are not acceptable to their governments; and groups work for their release by submitting recommendations for amnesty or mitigation of sentence or protest against inhumane treatment. It is proposed that individuals become affiliated members for £3 a year and local groups for £10 a year.

Speakers are readily available to address church groups. Contact can be made through Box 3597 Wellington, Mr William Olsen, 14 Thames Street, Palmerston North, and Mrs Joy McWilliams, 71 Titirangi Road, New Lynn, Auckland.

### **13. STUDY OF NON-MILITARY MEANS OF RESISTING AGGRESSION AND POLITICAL TYRANNY.**

A draft of material to be processed for study has been sent to the Department of Christian Education, and this is being worked out between the Committee and the Department.

### **14. STUDY OF COMMUNISM AND ANTI-COMMUNISM.**

Committee members have found that there is an extensive field to be covered and that more research was required than could be undergone in one year, and consequently the Committee asks leave to continue its study.

We commend the statements already made by Conference for study by the church: 1950 Minutes, page 74; 1951 Minutes, pages 78-81 for the Christian approach to capitalism and communism; and 1953 Minutes, page 77.

### **15. FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS.**

In view of earlier expressions of Conference against the testing of nuclear devices the Committee wrote to the French Ambassador in May expressing deep concern over the proposed tests.

The Embassy Information Officer in reply sent comprehensive details of safety factors and precautions on the conduct of the firings, effects of fallout, contamination of maritime fauna, and radioactivity. He pointed out that France was not a signatory of the Moscow Test Ban Agreement, that the tests are not conducted in any aggressive spirit but within the framework of the French defensive policy in Europe, and that when the tests in the Pacific are completed the radioactivity released will be only one hundredth of the energy given off by all the previous tests in all forms.

### **16. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER ON INCENDIARY WEAPONS.**

Through our Chairman the Committee was associated with the deputation, which while not wishing to discuss the political issues in the Vietnam conflict, protested against the use of incendiary weapons and other inhuman methods of warfare being used by New Zealand's allies.

### **APPENDIX: Names and addresses of Overseas Aid and Humanitarian Organisations commended:**

CORSO 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, C/o 100 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt.

Amnesty International, Box 3597, Wellington.

**Personnel:** Resignations have been regretfully received from Mr P. J. Clark, a member since the inception of the Committee, Dr B. Low, and the Rev. G. R. H. Peterson, members since 1960. The Committee is grateful to them and especially to the retiring Chairman, the Rev. Robert Thornley, who is a foundation member and has given a strong and perceptive lead to our work.

R. THORNLEY, Chairman.

E. HEPPELTHWAITE, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted except Paragraph 4 which is received only.

2. That Conference commend the Ten Point Programme of the Central Committee of W.C.C. for consideration by the Government.

3. That Conference request the Government to explore all possibilities that could facilitate admission of mainland China to the United Nation, and to recognise the People's Republic of China.

4. That Conference approve the Declarations on Rhodesia.

5. That Conference call our people to sustain and where possible reney efforts to meet human need in terms of the W.W.C. Executive Committee Resolution (C).

6. That Conference expresses appreciation of the Chairmanship of the Rev. R. Thornley.

7. That Conference urges the Government to accept the principle of at least 1% of our national income being spent on overseas development and relief aid.

8. Conference gives thanks to God for:

(a) The achievements of Corso in the relief of human distress and the building of international goodwill over its 21 years of service.

(b) For "Operation 21" and the response of our young people.

(c) For the prevention of widespread death through famine in India through international co-operation and goodwill.

9. Conference commends the "N.Z. Methodist" for helping our people and other Christians to be made aware as never before of the Christian implication and insights in matters of international affairs and public questions.

10. That Conference views with grave concern the escalation of the war in Vietnam and the mounting toll of Death, destruction and suffering arising from it. Along with such individuals and groups as U. Thant, Pope Paul VI, W. A. Visser T'Hooft, O. F. Nolde, the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, the W.C.C. Commission of Churches on International Affairs, the National Council of Churches of Christ of U.S.A., the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the British Methodist Conference, this Conference believes it to be an issue on which human conscience cannot be silent. It therefore supports the N.C.C. in its deputation to the Prime Minister in August 1966 in which it raised these issues and called upon the Government to renew endeavours to bring about a just and lasting peace in Vietnam. It now pledges itself to support the N.C.C. as it pursues this policy.

11. Conference protests to the New Zealand Government and the United States Ambassador against the well-documented and increasing barbarism, terrorism, and disregard for international conventions now taking place in North and South Vietnam by combatants on both sides.



We deplore the resultant inevitable debasement of character in the United States and Allied troops and peoples, and the deterioration of trust and respect by Asian peoples for Western nations. We are convinced that peace cannot come to South East Asia nor can the spread of Communism be prevented by action which increases the suffering and destruction of the Vietnamese people.

Therefore the Government be requested to withdraw N.Z. troops from Vietnam so that New Zealand can play a positive and effective part in bringing about a peaceful settlement.

12. That we commend to the President of U.S.A. through our Methodist Church in that country the very timely opportunity and challenge afforded by the Advent and Christmas season of making a special gesture of peace in Vietnam.

13. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 7 herein.

#### QUESTION 37.—

### C. — Temperance Committee

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

Because of difficulties in the establishment of the Committee, the time has been too limited to prepare a full report.

We have received replies to enquiries from:—

The Secretary of Conference concerning recommendations of the last Conference to the Government, enclosing letters from the Minister of Education, the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Health. The Minister of Education informed us that the Department of Education's pamphlet, "Alcohol and Health, suggestions to teachers", have been distributed to Primary and High Schools. From enquiries made of headmasters in and around New Plymouth concerning the use that is being made of these it is plain that there is widespread ignorance of this publication. Some headmasters say that they have not even seen it.

The Minister of Transport has assured us that the resolution of last Conference will be brought to the attention of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Road Safety.

At present the Committee is studying the following.—

- (a) The report of the Victorian Royal Commission on the Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Alcoholic Liquor, which summarises the experience of New South Wales on the effect of the extension of trading hours on the sale of alcoholic liquors.
- (b) Papers presented to the second School of Alcohol Studies at the Massey University in January this year.
- (c) Report of the Health and Education Co-ordinating Committee on Alcoholism. (A Queensland Committee.)

When these have been studied, we hope to be able to make some recommendations to Conference regarding the lead the Church should give on the matters of extended hours for the sale of liquor, and the problem of teen-age drinking. But it is quite impossible to have this ready in time for consideration by Synods.

Contact is being maintained with the Presbyterian Committee on Liquor Problems and Alcoholism.

So far, this Committee has been unable to discover what action has been taken by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs on the

matter of altering the wording of the ballot paper on the liquor issue. Contact is being made with the Minister of Justice to discover what consideration has been given to this question. We would therefore urge that on Citizenship Sunday every preacher point out to the congregation the ambiguity of the various options as follows:

- (a) "I VOTE FOR NATIONAL CONTINUANCE" means different things to different people depending upon locality. (Note: Votes for "Continuance" in Ashburton, Clutha, Cheviot and some other districts means a vote for Trust Control which is not a national issue.)
- (b) "I VOTE FOR STATE PURCHASE AND CONTROL" has about it an aura of respectability, even of reform. This option attracts voters who wish to restrict the abuses of private profit and ownership on the one hand and avoid the implications conjured up by the emotive word "Prohibition" on the other. No Government would wish to assume the role of liquor trader, nor could it afford compensation estimated at at least £100 million. State Purchase and Control is in reality a wasted vote.
- (c) "I VOTE FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION" is the only practical vote for reform. Although "Prohibition" as a word has a negative—and therefore unwelcome—association in the common mind, it is a positive vote for better liquor control. Any reduction in the Prohibition vote would be used as an argument for even greater trading relaxation and liberalising of liquor legislation.

'Prohibition' in this voting context is not a vote for something impractical being forced upon an unwilling people. It is the only possible way of expressing a wish for responsible control.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman.

A. T. KENT, Secretary.

## RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee study and report on Drinking facilities for Minors under the care of sporting bodies.
3. That the Temperance Committee be commended:—On the start made to find and express the mind of the Church in relation to the Temperance issue. Conference is particularly glad of the desire expressed to work with the corresponding committee of other denominations and with the inter-church Council of Public Affairs.
4. That Conference encourages the committee to seek a new and more constructive approach to the basic problem of control than a vote for prohibition allows.
5. That the Government be urged to eradicate the intellectually dishonest position in which both the Government and the Electors are placed in continuing to vote on a Ballot paper that is so heavily loaded in favour of the Continuance of the present form of liquor control, and impossible of implementation if State Purchase and Control is desired by the electors.
6. That the Temperance Committee thoroughly investigate the proposed change of the legal drinking age in this country.
7. That Conference calls on Methodists and all people of goodwill to help to reduce destruction on our roads by discouraging drinking before driving.
8. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 9 herein.



**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
CHANGE OF HOURS FOR SALE OF LIQUOR.**

A careful assessment of proposed benefits or disadvantages in the change of hours is necessary, and the Committee has endeavoured to weigh the pros and cons. In the following paragraphs it is assumed that the issue is between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. closing.

**A. Arguments in favour of 10 p.m. closing:**

1. The rate of consumption of liquor would be slower, this giving some reduction in the undesirable features of the "six o'clock closing swill".

2. Some would go straight home from work, and might drink more leisurely later, after a substantial meal.

3. Where modern suburban bars and lounge bars are available (built to the standards laid down by the Licensing Commission) most of the liquor would be consumed in an atmosphere more conducive to leisurely drinking, and nearer the homes of the people concerned, thus reducing the danger of driving long distances.

4. Hotels would become centres where people met for social purposes. The emphasis on rapid drinking would be lessened in time.

5. As husbands and wives would be able to drink together, there would be less likelihood of drinking to excess.

6. If suburban hotels were established there would be a reduction in travelling after consumption of liquor, with a consequent reduction of road accidents.

7. Some irresponsible drinking at private parties would be transferred to the more controlled environment of the supervised hotel.

8. The present six o'clock closing tends to aggravate the breaking of the law in many instances. Respect for law that is enforceable, and acceptable to a larger section of the community ( e.g. 10 p.m. closing) may lead to a more healthy social pattern.

**B. Arguments against 10 p.m. closing:**

1. Police surveillance of the streets after 10 p.m. would be much more difficult, both the lateness of the hour and, in some cases, the wider distribution of hotel bars would accentuate the problem. (The need for surveillance might not be so great if the pattern of drinking improved.)

2. The bars would be emptying at the same time as the youth clubs and other forms of entertainment were finishing, with possible detrimental effects. (e.g. Rev. Alan Walker, of Sydney, reported that since 10 p.m. closing was introduced it had been necessary to ask for police protection to enable young people to go home from church functions, unmolested by drunken men.)

3. 10 p.m. closing is likely to accentuate the problem of teen-age drinking unless there is strict surveillance. Such surveillance may be easier where the consumption of liquor is more leisurely than in a "six o'clock swill". In New South Wales some hotel-keepers provided "stomp music" and similar entertainment in the evening hours to attract the younger people.

4. The opportunity for both parents to spend the evening hours together at the hotel could lead to serious consequences; children could be left unattended at home, or unattended in cars, or left to wander the streets.

**General:**

1. Change of closing hours is not likely to affect for good or ill the compulsive drinker; he will secure his supply of liquor irrespective of hotel hours.

2. The full social effect of any change of hours cannot be fully ascertained for several years.

3. There is an option which has not been mentioned, viz., that of staggered hours, which could have merits not considered in this report.

4. Accidents: From experience in Australia we can assume that 10 p.m. closing of bars has not increased the number of accidents caused through drink: the accidents happen at later hours.

#### **Conclusion:**

The committee is aware that the operation of the present licensing laws is unsatisfactory, in a number of ways. The following conclusion was not unanimous, but the majority were inclined to the view that the possible advantages of extension of drinking hours to 10 p.m. would not outweigh the possible disadvantages. The committee, therefore, urges our people to weigh very carefully the pros and cons as set out above, and exercise their vote with a sense of individual responsibility to God and the community.

#### **The Form of Ballot Papers in Liquor Issue:**

The committee wrote to the Minister of Justice asking what consideration has been given to the matter of altering the wording of the ballot paper on the liquor issue. The reply indicated that the Government recognised that the present ballot paper is unsatisfactory, but it has been impossible to get general agreement on any alternative that would be realistic, workable and just to all parties concerned.

Almost all suggestions for change took the form of a two paper vote: the first would offer the alternatives of national continuance and national prohibition. The second paper would offer a choice between trust control and private control. The Government, after careful consideration, has found it impossible to agree to a change along these lines. Before it could justify asking the people to vote on the issue of a trust control in existing licensing electorates provision would have to be made to give effect to a decision in favour of this form of control. This would mean, in particular, the provision of many millions of pounds to pay compensation to the owners of taverns and hotels taken over by trusts.

To take New Plymouth alone, we estimate that it would cost nearly half a million pounds to buy the properties, and compensation would have to be paid above this. We are forced to agree with the Minister that the provisions of millions of pounds at the present time is not a realistic proposition nor would it be ethical to ask the Government to provide this huge sum to purchase a liquor industry when there are so many demands for the finances of the country for more worthy projects.

The second reason given by the Government is "The Licensing Control Commission is already producing results in improving standards of accommodation and service. In the next few years the trade will have to spend millions of pounds in improvements either of its own volition, or to meet the requirements of the Commission. Existing owners cannot be expected to incur the heavy capital expenditure contemplated if the threat for trust control is hanging over their heads".

Therefore, while we agree that the present ballot paper is highly unsatisfactory, we have at this stage no recommendation to make on the matter of altering the form, but would like to give further consideration to see if some realistic alternative is possible.

#### **Liquor and Domestic Disharmony:**

"Teen-age Drinking": Reports by members on these subjects



have been considered by the committee and have been forwarded for publication to "N.Z. Methodist".

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

**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, 1966, are summarised herein.

### 1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS—	£	s	d
Credit Balance from last year—General Account .....	104,919	10	0
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes .....	476,205	14	1
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund .....	30,624	15	0
Loans from other sources .....	80,238	18	9
All other Receipts .....	473,270	14	2

Total Receipts .....	1,165,259	12	0
Debit Balances .....	77,565	14	6

<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,242,825</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
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### EXPENDITURE—

Debit Balance from last year .....	73,306	3	6
Loan Fund Instalments .....	22,278	16	9
Other Loans Repaid .....	57,643	5	9
Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft .....	28,991	15	11
Purchase of Land, Erections or Additions to Buildings .....	224,460	15	5
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs etc. ....	192,975	11	3

Total Expenditure .....	599,656	8	7
Credit Balances .....	112,572	12	4
Balances held for Special Purposes .....	530,596	5	7

<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,242,825</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>2. TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCES</b> .....	<b>£7,250,004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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### 3. DEBT

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year .....	729,539	15	6
Add New Loans received during year .....	106,447	13	1

<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>835,987</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
Deduct Loans repaid during year .....	82,875	11	5

Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year .....	753,111	17	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 £84,690.
- (b) Amount held for special purposes: An increase of £55,332.
- (c) Amount spent on new projects of various kind:  
A decrease of £480,135.

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 1967 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 J. P. Harding, 13 Lorne Street, Kaponga.

### 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.

## DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

That District Advisory Committees be as named, together with the District Property Secretary and District Chairman in each case. Convener: Chairman of the District.

### NORTHLAND:

Mr W. J. Court.

### AUCKLAND:

Revs. L. Greenslade, E. W. Hames, L. R. M. Gilmore, E. D. Grounds, Messrs K. J. Rosser, A. M. McKerras, L. O'Donnell.

### WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

Revs. A. K. Petch, V. R. Jamieson, W. W. H. Greenslade, G. T. Gilbert, Messrs W. B. Young, J. R. Horn and O. Grant.

### TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Rev. A. A. Grundy, Messrs A. L. Fox and W. P. Thrush.

### HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Chairman of Hawke's Bay Sub-District Standing Committee and Mr A. H. Fisher.

### WELLINGTON:

Rev. G. R. H. Peterson and Mr T. M. Pacey.

### NELSON:

Rev. J. R. Hall, Messrs V. Smart, R. Fergusson, H. R. Holland, R. W. Wardrop.

### NORTH CANTERBURY:

Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

### SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Rev. J. Grundy, Messrs A. Marett and R. Littler.



## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

The Synod Standing Committee.

QUESTION 38—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other Properties?

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

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

#### SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by January 31, 1968, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined(\*).

##### Northland:

Paparoa, £300.

##### Auckland:

Helensville Parsonage, £2,000; Manurewa, 1.7 perches £ \*

##### Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Te Rapa, Hamilton, 36.4 perches, £1,000; Ngaruawahia Parsonage, £2,000; Putaruru Parsonage, £ \*; Tuhikarema, 2 roods, £150; Walton Church Building, £500.

##### Taranaki-Wanganui:

Westown, New Plymouth (Spotswood), 13.9 perches, £300; House, Roy Street £3,200.

##### Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

St. Leonard's Parsonage, Hastings, £5,000; Norsewood Parsonage and adjoining land, £1,500; Makino Church Building, £85; East Street Hall, Feilding, £ \*

##### Wellington:

Epuni, 24.8 perches, £2,925; Molesworth Street, Taita, 29.6 perches, £1,750; Solway, Masterton Church Building, £ \*

##### Nelson:

Black's Point Church and land, £10; Greymouth Parsonage, £3,700; Brooklyn, Motueka, 20 perches, £40; Stockton Church, £10; Kanieri, £25; Seddon,  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, £200; Ward, 1 acre, £ \*

##### North Canterbury:

Woolston Tennis Courts, 1 rood, 2.9 perches, £1,375; Rangiora Cemetery, 2 acres, £600; Annat, 2 roods, £10.

##### South Canterbury:

Temuka, 1 rood, £450; Hinds, 1 rood, £200.

##### Otago-Southland:

Invercargill Central Parsonage, £6,150; Tuatapere, £200; Gore (West), 1 rood, 33.2 perches, £825; Ravensbourne Church Building, £ \*; Cromwell Parsonage, £1,200; Roslyn Parsonage, Dunedin, £1,750; Fairfield, Dunedin, 1 rood, 12.05 perches, £600; Wesley Parsonage, Dunedin, £2,750; Roslyn, Dunedin, 6.9 perches, £300; Surrey Street, Dunedin (Forbury), £1,400; Caversham, Dunedin, Parsonage, £1,675.

#### PURCHASES

The following purchases of land have been approved:—

##### Northland:

Redhill Campsite (Gifted).

**Auckland:**

Auckland Central Mission, 30.1 perches, Dwelling, £6,750; 21.5 perches, Dwelling, £4,500; Puka Street, Mt. Eden, £11,450; Helenville Parsonage, £5,000; Manurewa, 36.2 perches, £1,100; Waiuku,  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, £600;

**Waikato-Bay of Plenty:**

Turangi, 2 roods, 14 perches, £1,560; Fairfield, Hamilton, 39.5 perches and Dwelling, £

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:**

Flaxmore, Hastings, £870.

**Wellington:**

Miramar, and Dwelling, £8,300.

**Nelson:**

Greymouth (additional), £240; Christchurch Central Mission (Picton), 1 rood, 31.3 perches and Dwelling, £4,500.

**North Canterbury:**

Y.M.B.C. Campsite, 15 acres, £500; Somerfield, and Dwelling, £3,250; South Island Children's Home—Family Unit, 33.2 perches (additional), £1,375; Christchurch Central Mission, 13 perches and Building, £6,500.

**Otago-Southland:**

Dunedin Central Mission, 13.39 perches and Dwelling, £1,750; Balclutha, £2,100; Dunedin South, and Dwelling, £6,250.

**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:**

Kamo, Whangarei, Hall (A), £700; Keri Keri Hall (A), £800.

**Auckland:**

Auckland Central Mission—Wesley Hospital, Mt. Eden, occupational therapy wing (E), £16,291; Auckland Children's Home, Family Unit (E), £ ; Marion Avenue, Auckland, Hall (A), £ ; Homai Parsonage, Papakura (E), £7,000; Prince Albert College Buildings (A), £ ; Mt. Albert Church (A), £

**Waikato-Bay of Plenty:**

Thames Church Centre (E), £9,500; Morrinsville Parsonage (E), £8,200; Te Puke Parsonage (E), £ ; Cambridge Hall (A), £1,400.

**Taranaki-Wanganui:**

Waitara Church (A), £450; Robert Gibson Trust Farm, Cowshed (E), £ ; Farm House (E), £ ; Aramoho, Wanganui (A), £

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:**

Waipawa Church (A), £150; St. Leonard's, Hastings, Parsonage (E), £

**Wellington:****Nelson:**

St. John's Church, Nelson (A), £ ; Greymouth Parsonage (E), £ ; Picton Parsonage (E), £



### North Canterbury:

Beckenham, Christchurch, Church (E) £12,700; Halswell, Christchurch (E) (in place of A), £1000; Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, Parsonage (E) £7450; St. John's, Addington, Christchurch, Christian Education Block (E) £9500; South Island Children's Home, Family Unit (E) £14,500; Linwood, Christchurch, Church Centre (E) £13,000; Wairakei Road, Christchurch, Hall (A) £1000.

### Otago-Southland:

Central Church, Dunedin (A), £ ; Newfield, Invercargill, Parsonage (E), £ ; Broad Bay, Dunedin, Church and Hall (E), £5,100; Invercargill Central Parsonage (E), £ ; Wesleydale Campsite, Dunedin, Dormitory Block (E), £950; Dunedin Central Mission, Octagon Hall, Commercial Block (E), £ ; St. Kilda, Dunedin, Parsonage (E), £ .

## LOANS

Loans (interest free)—Current (A): As at May 31st, 1966, there were 236 loans amounting to £143,393 4s 5d.

New Loans (B) amounting to £29,212 10s, have been advanced to 33 Trusts as under:—

### Auckland:

Campbell's Bay (Trinidad Estate), £1,500; Mt. Albert (Titi-rangi), £1,500; Northcote Central, £350 (additional); Beach Haven (additional), £475; Silverdale, £1,000; Kaipara Parsonage Trust, £1,400.

### Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Greerton, Tauranga, £500 (additional); Otumoitai, Tauranga, £500 (additional); Fairfield, Hamilton, £1,000; Thames, £1,500.

### Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Napier, £1,000; West End, Palmerston North, £500; Marton, £1,000.

### Wellington:

Upper Hutt, £350 (additional); £525 (additional); £1,500; Te Marua, Upper Hutt, £127/10/- (additional); Lyall Bay, £1,500; Wellington East Parsonage Trust (Miramar), £1,500; Paekakariki, £500; Island Bay, £1,000.

### Nelson:

Reefton, £385 (additional).

### North Canterbury:

Cashmere Hills, £1,000; Somerfield, £1,500; Durham Street, £1,500; Wairakei Road, Christchurch, £300 (additional); New Brighton, £800 (additional).

### Otago-Southland:

Newfield, Invercargill, £1,500; Dunedin Central Church, £1,500; Broad Bay, Dunedin, £1,500.

### (C) Loans Promised:

At May 31, 1966, 22 Trusts had been promised loans amounting to £28,200. Where new buildings are involved, these loans will be made available to the Trusts concerned as soon as the work is proceeded with and the moneys are available.

In some instances, the more prompt return of the guarantee forms signed by a majority of the Trustees would have resulted in an earlier advance of the loan promised.

#### **Sites Fund:**

The following Trust has received a grant for the purchase of a new site:

Papakura, £150 (Homai Parsonage).

#### **Grants for New Causes (Church Extension):**

The amount carried forward from last year was £743/0/8. The sum of £20,402 was received from the Connexional Budget, bringing the amount up to £21,145/0/8. Grants paid to Trinity Theological College amounted to £5,452. Grants totalling £7,525 have been made as under, leaving a Balance of £18/14/-.

#### **Auckland:**

Pakuranga, £1,000; Otara, £500; East Tamaki, £500; Lyford Crescent, Takapuna, £500.

#### **Waikato-Bay of Plenty:**

Otumoitai, Tauranga, £1,000.

#### **Wellington:**

Porirua East, £1,000; Upper Hutt, £325.

#### **North Canterbury:**

Wainoni, £700.

#### **Otago-Southland:**

Broad Bay, Dunedin, £1,000; Newfield, Invercargill, £1,000.

#### **Union Churches and Inter-Church Co-operation:**

With the increasing tempo of Church Union negotiations, numbers of Trusts are quite rightly planning their property programmes in co-operation with the five negotiating Churches and/or other denominations. It is essential that New Zealand Methodism should be able to assist to the fullest possible extent in the financing of combined ventures by way of grants and interest-free or low-interest loans. The Loan Fund Committee is fully in agreement with this point of view and an amendment to the regulations of the Fund is presented to Synods and Conference to make this possible.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

H. de R. FLESHER, Treasurer.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

2. Loans and Grants to Union Parishes:— That the following amendments be made to the Law Book, Page 155 add—517 (22) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (8) and (20) the Committee may make grants from the Sites Fund and loans upon such terms as it thinks fit, with or without security, in respect of Church property of any Union Parish, in respect of property of any joint venture by the Methodist Church and any one or more of the Churches engaged in Church Union discussions or in respect of any property used jointly by the Methodist Church and such other Churches, such Union Parish, Joint venture and joint use having been first approved by the Conference or its Church Union Committee.

3. That Regulation 517 (8) and (20) be amended to read as



follows:—"No loan shall be granted unless the property is held subject to the Model Deed or in a manner approved by the Conference". Adopted.

4. That where Methodist Properties become part of a Union Parish, consideration be given by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to the vesting of the deeds in a central trust associated with the Connexional Office.

5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee prepare and distribute a brochure, for the guidance of Trustees, setting out procedures in regard to the buying and selling of property; also some direction as to where and how Trustees may invest their monies.

6. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee consider the advisability of amending Section 14 of the Model Deed so as to permit Trusts to invest in Land.

7. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 5 herein.

**QUESTION 38**—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Church and other Properties?

## **C— Custodian of Deeds**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1966**

#### **1. TITLES.**

For the year ended 30th June, 1966, the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:—

##### **Auckland:**

Titirangi (Sections); Point Wells (Church).

##### **Waikato-Bay of Plenty:**

Morrinsville (Parsonage); Rotorua (Section—new Parsonage); Fairfield, Hamilton ( ); Te Puke (Church).

##### **Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:**

Marton ( ); Hastings (Wesley Church).

##### **Wellington:**

Miramar (Parsonage); Petone (Parsonage); Pomare, Taita (Church Hall).

##### **North Canterbury:**

Somerfield (2) (Dwellings); S.I. Children's Home (2) (Barrington Street Family Unit); St. John's, Addington (Church); Cambridge Terrace (Church and Flats); Halswell (Parsonage); Loburn (Camp-site); Hawarden (Section); Broadfields (Church).

##### **Otago-Southland:**

Dunedin Central Church and Mission (Parsonage); Surrey St., Dunedin (Section); Blue Spur (Section); Dunedin Central Mission; Frankton, Queenstown (Property).

#### **2. NEW TRUSTS.**

New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:—

##### **Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:**

Waipawa-Waipukurau.

##### **Wellington:**

Wellington East Parsonage Trust; Wainui-o-mata.

### 3. TRUSTEES.

Changes in the personnel of Trustees have been registered as under and certificates issued:—

	Trusts..	Deletions.	Registrations
Northland .....	4	1	5
Auckland .....	29	73	70
Waikato-Bay of Plenty .....	18	39	41
Taranaki-Wanganui .....	13	45	24
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	10	31	23
Wellington .....	17	48	45
Nelson .....	7	17	7
North Canterbury .....	24	51	42
South Canterbury .....	3	1	4
Otago-Southland .....	17	48	24
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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 Education and General Connexional properties and investments?

### 1.—The Probert Trust Board

The Financial Statements were received and adopted.

### 2.—Prince Albert College Trust

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30th, 1966

#### 1. General.

The property of this Trust consists of approximately 3½ acres of steep land in Upper Queen Street, Auckland, and bounded on the other three frontages by City Road, Liverpool and Turner Streets.

Situated on this land are 17 small shops of up to 55 years in age on the Queen Street frontage, the old school buildings which are let as a private hotel. The main building was erected 116 years ago, while the smaller buildings were completed approximately 75 years ago.

On the Turner Street frontage a new building costing £94,000 was erected, known as the IBM Building. This building is now being extended by an addition costing approximately £32,000. A car park has been established on land at present unoccupied by buildings.

All of these assets have been fully let during the year at realistic rents, the majority of rentals being secured by five-year leases.

#### 2. Income.

The nett income after deducting all operating expenses from rents, interest and all sources to the Trust for the year is £13,120, an increase of £230 over 1965.

#### 3. Grants.

Grants to Trinity Theological College and to the aid of an overseas student studying at Trinity for the year, totalled £290.



#### **4. Funds.**

With the programme of improvement of the Trust's revenue earning assets commenced with erection of the IBM Building, the cash resources of this Trust have had to be budgeted with great care.

The Trust has carefully evaluated the profitability of each investment to date and the returns have shown improvement on these budgets. We are now carrying out a major building extension and have raised a further £18,000 mortgage to do this. This will bring total mortgage indebtedness to £69,000.

As stated under (1) above, all the other buildings on the property are very old and uneconomic, this Trust's funds are therefore likely to be committed for some time to the task of replacing these buildings by a programme of development by stages.

#### **5. Development Plans.**

When designing the IBM Building fronting Turner Street, provision was made for an extension. A contract has now been let for £30,000 for this extension and the space will be available for tenants by the end of August this year. We are pleased to report that this space has all been pre-let, most being taken by the major tenant.

No specific plan for the next stage of development has been agreed to but alternative possibilities are being carefully evaluated.

Rev. R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

R. A. BARFOOTE, Secretary.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

2. That Conference congratulates the Trustees of the Prince Albert College on their forward looking policy.

### **3.—The James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Fund Trust Board**

Reports to Conference bi-ennially—see 1964 Minutes p.60 Resolution 8, Section (d).

### **4.—The Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments**

(Reports to Conference bi-ennially.)

The Financial Statements were received and adopted.

### **5.—The Elmsley Trust Board**

The Financial Statements were received and adopted.

### **6.—Grey Institute Trust**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966**

I am pleased to report the completion of formalities and documents connected with the renewal of all leases for a further term of 21 years as from 1 December, 1965.

Provision has been made in some of the leases for the erection of multi-unit dwellings as the usual leases prohibit the erection of more than one dwelling house on a section. Our solicitors have drawn up a special clause which we consider will meet the situation and a formula for adjusting the rentals has also been worked out.

The substantial increase in rentals under the new leases has enabled the Trustees to reduce the indebtedness to the Home Mission Department by £1,000 during the year.

The normal business of the Trust such as approval of transfers, sub-divisions and plans and the general oversight of properties has been given careful attention.

The old Mission House property and the adjacent small church have been maintained in good condition as also has been the dwelling occupied by the local Maori Minister.

The past year has been an interesting and particularly busy one.

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

### RESOLUTION

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

## 7.—Kai Iwi Mission Estate

(Reports to Conference bi-ennially.)

## 8.—Robert Gibson Trust

At the time of writing this report it is not yet a year since the Trust became fully functional, its formal registration having taken place on August 15th, 1965.

The process of transferring the assets within the Robert Gibson Estate to the newly formed Trust has been completed and its affairs are functioning smoothly and profitably.

At Manaia the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall is fast taking shape. Whereas by authority of the Conference and the Supreme Court the sum of £15,000 was to be spent on this project, its value on completion will be nearer £20,000. This is because the Trust, having followed up the announcement of the Prime Minister on the 15th April, 1966, applied for and secured a Church Hall grant of £5000 from the Government—the first of its kind. This makes it possible to increase the size of the hall and to more satisfactorily finish its amenities and surroundings.

The Trust is further expending approximately £11,000 on a residence and cowshed, this being essential to the programme for expansion within our two already high producing farm units.

With nett earnings for the current financial year amounting to between £5000 and £6000 we were happy to make a first grant of £500 to the Masterton Children's Home. Our financial position, however, will be to some degree indeterminate until the present building programme is completed and our investment policy is fixed.

Regulations governing the granting of bursaries by the Trust have been formulated and copies of these together with application forms can be made available as desired. As requested by the Court, suitable publicity is being given to this part of our activities. Already



two bursaries have been granted and we anticipate that 1967 will make a full demand for this service.

It is obvious that a very useful future lies ahead of this Trust. Its ultimate earning capacity will be considerable, and these earnings, correctly used within the channels already defined for them, should operate to the benefit of many in a manner similar—and equally effective—to that intended by Robert Gibson.

MAGNUS HUGHSON, Chairman.

H. HOLLAND, Public Trustee, Hawera.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference approves the projected transfer of the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall to the Manaia Trust.

**QUESTION 40**—What is the report of the Board on Connexional Insurance?

## Methodist Connexional Fire Insurance Fund

### ANNUAL REPORT

The annual financial statements for the year ended 31st May, 1966, are presented to Conference with this Report.

#### Income:

	£
Premiums and Commissions amounted to	4988
With interest from Mortgages, Debentures and Deposits amounting to	4039
The total earned income was	£9027
Deducting Administration costs	1572
The amount left to be transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account was	7455
Adding to this amount carried forward from last year (£265), and Grants Refunded (£25)	290
The total herein was	7745
After provision for Grants (1966) £6000, and Transfer to Accumulated Funds £1400	7400
The Balance carried forward was	£345

#### Claims:

The year ended May 31, 1966, marked the conclusion of the second year of the ten-year contract.

Our re-insuring agents have paid out in full claims totalling £829/9/2 (Fire), £76/15/9 (Employers' Liability).

#### Fire Loss Reserve:

With the transfer of £1400 to Accumulated Funds, the total Accumulated Funds now stands at £78,800.

#### Investment Contingency Reserve:

This now stands at £3404.

#### New Insurance:

New and additional insurance (Fire) written up during the year amounted to £452,886.

### Grants:

In making its recommendations for Grants, the Board has had in mind the necessity of adding to its Reserve Funds the amount of £1400 (previously approved by Conference) and the request of the Conference that, to assist "The New Zealand Methodist" in its initial stages, the sum of £4000 be made available for the second year of its operations. The required subsidy to the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund has been allowed for (Law Book 512 (2) (b) p. 143).

A Grant of £500 has been recommended to the Sites Fund (Law Book 517 (17) p. 154).

### Necessity to Insure:

The Board would urge all Trusts to make adequate provision for as comprehensive insurance cover as possible. Numbers of claims had to be disallowed this year because the terms of the insurance cover were for Fire Only. "Extraneous Risks" (explosion, storm, impact, aircraft and malicious damage) are recommended on churches and halls and their contents. Houseowner and Householder covers are recommended for Parsonages and their contents.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

B. A. CAYGILL, Treasurer.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the following grants be approved: Home Acquisition Fund £520; Sites Fund £500; "The New Zealand Methodist" £4000; N.Z. M.S.S.A. Canterbury District £500; Church Building and Loan Fund £480.

3. That the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund be asked to report on the following:—

- (a) that the total surplus funds be distributed each year
- (b) how the capital fund may be used to provide loan money in the service of the church.

4. That the attention of Trustees be drawn to the availability of Replacement Insurance.

5. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 5 herein.

**QUESTION 41—**What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the Connexional Secretaryship?

## Connexional Secretaryship Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT

The Connexional Secretaryship Committee has met Quarterly during the year and has taken a keen interest in the work of the Connexional Office.

### Renovations:

The Office and Boardroom have been completely renovated and re-equipped. The Boardroom has been reduced in size. With the appointment of a General Treasurer in mind and the transfer of



additional Funds to the Office allowance has been made for extra staff and a degree of mechanisation.

### **Church Structure:**

The Committee heartily endorses the recommendations of the Church Council that a General Treasurer be appointed at the 1967 Conference. The Committee would hope that the work of the Budget Treasurer would be undertaken by the General Treasurer as soon after his appointment as practicable.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

H. de R. FLESHER, Treasurer.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

2. That the Appropriations be: Supernumerary and Allied Funds £1650, General Purposes Trust Board £975, Church Building and Loan Fund £1300, Fire Insurance Fund £2000, Transport Trust Board £63.

3. That Conference 1967 appoint the General Treasurer on the nomination of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee in consultation with the President's Committee of Advice.

4. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 6 herein.

**QUESTION 42—**What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

## **Methodist Theological College**

### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

#### **A.—COUNCIL REPORT**

The Council has had a full year of work guiding and directing the affairs of the College. During this year meetings have been held bi-monthly instead of quarterly, which has enabled the Council to have a more leisurely approach to its work without the pressure of an over-full agenda at each meeting.

**Property:** The Rev. J. Silvester and family took up residence in Ranston House during the August vacation of last year and are now comfortably settled in. The students concreted the basement and have laid concrete paths around the house as well as assisting with the drainage work. This all helped to reduce the estimated cost of the work.

Fluorescent lighting has been installed in the Library which has considerably improved working conditions for the students. A completed Flat has been provided for the Housekeeper by re-arranging existing space in the domestic staff quarters, and this is proving to be very satisfactory.

Renovations to Buttle House have been completed. The rooms have been lined and painted and a new stairway built to the front porch.

The report of the Triennial Visitation Committee was given careful consideration by the Council. It is realised that the committee had

a long-term policy in view and that the suggestions made were not on the whole intended for immediate implementation. The report pointed out that a large amount of renovation work was yet to be done and suggested that an amount of £2000 per annum should be placed on the budget for these needs. The Council recommends that an amount be allowed for in the Connexional budget of £1000 per annum for arrears and maintenance of College property. The top floor of the College building needs urgently to be renewed. The estimate for this work is £12,000.

**Halls of Residence:** The P.M.C. Foundation has succeeded in raising £106,000 by the initial appeal. This is £6000 over the target and it is hoped that further donations will come to hand. The Foundation is now proceeding to detailed planning for the first stage of building which may provide 180 beds. There are many problems yet to be solved connected with zoning, conditional use objections, better access etc. which may occasion delays but it is still hoped that the first buildings may be opened in 1968.

**Domestic Staff:** Arrangements at present are very good as far as house staff matters are concerned. Relationships between Staff and Students and Hostel men are on an excellent basis. The College is particularly well served in its Housekeeper. Much of the smooth working of this aspect of College life is due to the efficient work of the Rev. J. A. Ziesler.

**Teaching Staff:** The College is fortunate indeed in the quality of the work of the teaching staff. All members are making a valuable contribution to the life of the Church through both the academic and personal impact they bring to bear upon their students.

Dr Williams is becoming increasingly involved in the Prison work of the Justice Department through lectures and facilities being made available. The work of the Counselling Centre at the Central Mission is also making a great deal of extra demands upon the Principal, and the Council is concerned that he does not place too great a strain upon himself.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.  
E. R. LeCOUTEUR, Secretary.

## B.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A total of forty-three students have taken lectures this year. Thirty-one are divinity students taking the full course and there are two students who are being trained for other Pacific Conferences in the number. The School for Christian Workers has a roll of ten including two Samoans and one Schooler—Miss Grace Heng—who comes from Malaysia under the sponsorship of the Girls' Life Brigade. Two Chaplains of the Justice Department have attended the College course in Pastoral Counselling.

Nineteen divinity students have been resident in the College and five of the Schoolers have been accommodated in Buttle House. Of the seven married candidates three have student pastorates. Three students have married in their third year.

**University Work:** Five graduate students are this year sitting B.D. Examinations from College. This is a record and an achievement of which we are proud. The results of our students in the B.D. Examinations last year proved that the standard of tuition in the core subjects is high. Eight students are pursuing Arts courses at the University of Auckland.

**Student Leaders:** Mr David Pratt was elected Senior Student and Mr Ian Norwell Vice-Senior Student. Both have served well in



their offices and have been a great help to us in the running of the College.

**Theological Studies:** The staff has maintained the full course of studies as set out in the Minutes of Conference. In addition many hours are spent in individual coaching and in extra classes. We have again had the assistance of visiting lecturers. Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., has lectured in Church History to separate year groups, Rev. Ranginohora has lectured in Maori Culture and Language and Rev. L. C. Horwood has guided the first year students and the Schoolers in the art of Sermon Construction. Students' Criticism Services have been held on Tuesday evenings and every second Sunday evening in the College Chapel.

**Occasional Lectures:** We have had some extremely able speakers for the weekly Occasional Lectures. The President of Conference spoke to the men on the Work of the Ministry. The Bible in Schools League conducted a series of lecture-demonstrations, Mr Mouatt of the Religious Film Society spoke for four periods on Visual Aids and Ron Dellow is taking a course on Church Music including the art of conducting.

**Innovations:** As Conference Examinations have been discontinued in favour of the Triennial Visitation we have replaced the term tests with half-yearly examinations. This has allowed the tests to be spread over a number of weeks to the relief of the students. A second innovation concerns Morning Prayers. With so many students living out, prayers at 7.30 a.m. were not available to a large section of students. Prayers are now held at 9.50 a.m. and all attend. The married men now feel that they are really included in the devotional life of the College. The staff and students take it in turn to conduct the devotional session. Lectures begin at 8 a.m. and with the break for prayers and morning tea, time is available for four lecture periods, each morning, of fifty-five minutes each.

**Student Activities:** During the year the students conducted a broadcast service which was relayed from the Chapel and went out over the N.B.C. network. During Lent they planned and carried through a series of meetings at the Mt. Eden Prison under the leadership of the Chaplain, Rev. L. Moore. Special Services being held in Thames and Hamilton and in July the students held a week-end retreat at Camp Morley under the leadership of Rev. Bryan Walker. The Waiuku Church again acted as hosts for the retreat and provided food and services as well as accommodation at the Camp. This is a gracious service that is much appreciated.

**Domestic Arrangements:** During the year the domestic arrangements at the College have been excellent. A full College of Students, Hostelmen and Schoolers are loud in praise of Mrs Allen our House-keeper—especially for her five-star cooking.

**Work Afternoon:** The students continue to give valuable service on Wednesday afternoons. Lawns and gardens are kept tidy, bathrooms cleaned and various construction and repair jobs handled. This year they have laid the concrete paths made necessary by the erection of Ranston House.

It has been a good year in which much good work has been done. The students have been exposed to the unsettlement of modern theological controversies and though opinions differ and are openly expressed the fellowship holds.

**Curriculum Conferences:** We have been collaborating with other Colleges in working out a joint curriculum. Our hope is that a standard course of theological studies leading to an L.Th. Diploma

may be accepted by all the Colleges and have to report that considerable progress has been made.

**Appreciation:** The staff has worked in complete harmony even though the load of work is heavy. It is not easy, in these days of theological reassessment, to bear the responsibility of training men for the ministry of the future and I am grateful to God for the consistent support and help that I receive from a devoted and gifted staff.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Principal.

**Gifts to Trinity College:** We acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of gifts to the Library and Museum:—

Three volumes of "The History of American Methodism" from the Abingdon Press through Dr F. E. Maser;

Sermon MSS. and books of the Rev'd J. Edmondson, a helper of Wesley's, through the Rev'd J. Willoughby;

Film Strips on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Geography of Palestine, Bible Cities, from the Religious Film Society, through Mr Carson and also with the assistance of a subsidy from the Probert Trust, it has been possible to buy projectors, automatic and film strip carrier.

£50 plus income from the investment of approximately £150 from the Rev'd J. R. Benny and his brother for the purchase of books of Continental origin for the Library, the resulting collection to be known as The Henry and Maggie Benny Memorial Library.

Books for the Library from Miss E. M. Rishworth, the Revs. L. P. Schroeder, A. Dickie and G. Brown.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Principal.

#### QUESTION 42—

### **C.—Treasurer's Report Trinity Methodist Theological College**

**for the Year Ended 30th June, 1966**

May I summarise briefly the accounts of the College.

**General Account Income and Expenditure for the Year:** We have spent £657 13s 11d more than our income this year. Fortunately we went into the year with a cash balance of £368 7s 3d, so we start this new year with an overdraft of £289 6s 8d.

**Building Fund Account:** At the 30th June we have a credit balance of £1719 18s 6d.

From this must be deducted a special Gift for library renovation £205.

It must be noted that all this and a lot more is committed to repay the loan of £5000 to the Probert Trust given to us to build Ransdon House.

**Organ Fund:** Accumulated interest of £553 14s.

**House Account:** Has a cash balance of £729 2s 9d to start the year. A small balance to meet general furnishing and maintenance works to be done in the College.

**Appreciation:** Our thanks to the students for their valuable assistance in maintaining the College property.



May I convey the College Council's thanks to the Connexional Budget, the Trusts and Boards who assist us with our finance.

Also for the generous grants we are receiving for the repayment of the mortgage on Ranston House.

There is still much to be done in maintenance and renovations and we are grateful for all the support we are receiving.

To the principal and the tutorial staff, my sincere thanks for their co-operation and 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 Conference records its appreciation of the Teaching and Domestic Staff and the College Council.

4. That Conference is concerned to learn that it is still necessary for a member of the teaching staff to act as Registrar and asks the College Council to consider the appointment of a Registrar, either full or part-time, to the College Staff and report to Synods and Conference.

5. That the Church Council present a report on the matter of making adequate grants to our Theological College and Deaconess students (with special reference to book purchases and travel costs).

6. That a larger sum for the purchase of books for the College Library be allocated on the Connexional Budget.

7. That the Theological College Council for 1967 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, 1966

It is with gratitude that we report a further year of progress with Wesley College increasing its stature in the educational field and the Board's finances being maintained at a satisfactory level.

With pleasure the Board reports that the appointment of Mr C. A. Neate, M.A., Dip.Tchg., has met with their every satisfaction. Under his guidance the highly qualified teaching staff obtained the best academic results on record and the general tone of the College continued to be raised. Indications are that this progress is being maintained in the current year and a favourable report was received from the Department of Education Inspectors following their visit in April, 1966.

From the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet submitted with this report it will be noted that the Board's overall finances have continued at a buoyant level which has enabled the building programme to progress. To date the Married Master's house, the alterations to Hospital and the new Laboratory block have been completed without the Board incurring any further mortgage liability. Further projects in the

planning stage at present are a further Staff house and the new Classroom block comprising four classrooms, Library, Masters' Common room and other facilities, for which contracts will be let as soon as finances permit.

The Board has adopted as a policy that the Farm should be improved to a level where it may stand favourable comparison with other farming properties in the vicinity and to provide an example of modern farming practice. This in itself requires substantial expenditure and the first stages of redevelopment were completed last year but will continue over the next three years. In the past the value of livestock have been taken to account at a nominal figure and it has been decided that these should be brought up to the recognised standard values for the various types of stock. Half the increase in values was taken to account last year amounting to £1365.

The Maurice Harding Park once again contributed substantially to the year's surplus income but the end of the benefit of scoria royalties is now in sight. With this in mind the Board negotiated a partial surrender of a scoria licence to enable an industrial lease being arranged. It is hoped that further leases will be able to be arranged to largely replace the loss of scoria royalty income as time goes by.

The pine plantations on the Waikowhai Park Estate should be completely cut out by the end of the current year at which time the Board will consider the possibility of developing this area to provide for further residential leases.

With the present roll of the College fully taxing the accommodation and facilities, the Board is aware that before any expansion of roll can be contemplated a major works programme to provide further dormitory, classroom and dining facilities will have to be undertaken, which at the present time would be beyond the financial resources of the Board alone. In an attempt to ascertain the possibility of attracting outside funds the Board has authorised the National Fund Raising Council of Australia Pty. Ltd. to carry out an appraisal into the practicability of conducting a fund raising programme. No firm commitment has been entered into by the Board and a policy decision on this matter will be made when the preliminary report is received.

During the year the resignation of Mr K. J. Dellow from the Board was received and this opportunity is taken to record the Board's appreciation for the many years of excellent service given over two terms of office by Mr Dellow.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

The Wesley College Trust Board wish to record their appreciation of the work of Mr Brian Minogue, Secretary of the Board for the last ten years and previously associated with Wesley College since 1946. His outstanding knowledge of the Trust's affairs and his ever loyal and efficient work as Secretary are to be commended in the highest degree. Therefore, we as a Board wish to record our grateful thanks to Mr Minogue for his long and faithful service.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

#### B.—REPORT OF THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL, 1966

Staff: The following teachers have joined the staff—Mr J. Hall, B.Sc.; Mr A. K. Brady, M.A.; Mr J. Cheeseman, T.T.C.; Mr G. Watson, T.T.C.



We are particularly pleased to welcome Mr Cheeseman, an ex-pupil and an ex-teacher, back to the College.

The following staff members have left us—Mr A. Campbell, M.A., who has now retired from teaching; Mr J. Meikle, B.Sc., who has decided to devote his full time to industrial chemistry; Mr H. Charan, B.A., who now teaches at St. Peter's; and Mrs M. Wilson, B.A., who has travelled with her husband to America. However, the most grievous loss was that of Mr E. A. Crane, M.A., who has been First Assistant for many years. However, after the tragic death of his wife and daughter, he felt called to work in the islands and now teaches in Fiji.

In spite of the changes listed here, one of the principal characteristics of Wesley College staffing is that of stability.

**Roll:** There has been an unprecedented demand for places in the College and all our resources have been needed to accommodate the record roll of 218. This number includes seven day boys. In spite of the increase in roll, it was not possible to accept all applicants for entry, and for every boy who left in the course of 1966 there have been several applications listed as a replacement. The number of Maori pupils has risen to over 30; there are 5 S.E. Asians and 8 Islanders. I am pleased to report that Methodists constitute the largest single religious group in the College though they are not in the majority as yet. We are very proud to report that of the Maori pupils who left us at the end of 1965, all had achieved a Form 5 standard or above; two-thirds had gained their School Certificate and half left with a qualification above that of School Certificate.

#### **Examination Successes**

**University Scholarship:** Our one candidate was placed on the credit list.

**University Entrance:** Six successful candidates.

**School Certificate:** Thirty-two passed the examination and fourteen gained the Certificate of Education. The number of passes in School Certificate is a record and this very fine achievement has resulted in a Form 6 of record size of 34.

**R.L.S.S. Awards:** These ranged from the Award of Merit and the Senior Instructor's Certificate to the Intermediate Certificate and numbered 67.

**Music:** Music examinations at various stages have been passed by 3 pupils.

**Courses:** The traditional organisation of Professional, General and Agriculture Courses has proved quite adequate and the changes instituted in the last report have proved most successful. College policy of a maximum class size of 25 is still aimed at and this year the average class size is 22.

**Music:** The Music Department continues to function with outstanding success under the very fine leadership of Mr G. L. Buxton, L.T.C.L. College boys played a vital part in the South Auckland Secondary Schools' Music Festival. The choir has continued its visits to surrounding churches and the band led by a very sound instrumental sextet has developed steadily.

**Religious Instruction:** The Rev. I. Grant and the Rev. P. Barker continue to do excellent work in the College in this respect. We shall be pleased to welcome the Rev. I. McKenzie, M.Sc., to the College at the beginning of 1967 as teacher-chaplain.

**The College and the Community:** Past practice has been con-

tinued and the College has been host to numerous organisations from time to time.

**Socials:** Five socials are held each year and these have become a regular feature of the College programme.

**Hostel:** The new Harding Hall lounge is being equipped with soft furniture, and a radiogram and television set have been installed.

**Buildings:** The new laboratory has been completed and equipped. The new teacher's residence (to be occupied by the teacher-chaplain) is being built. Work on the new classroom block has been delayed but it is hoped to erect this during 1967.

**Sport:** The College record has been a very fine one. The First Rugby XV and First Hockey XI both play in outside competition and are among the leading teams. In Cross-country running, Athletics, and Swimming, our students have made a name for themselves and the College, though the smallest secondary school in the area, has done extremely well in Inter-school competition. A Tennis team and three Cricket teams have done quite well in Inter-secondary school competition. In Table Tennis the College won the competition for the best competing school.

C. A. NEATE, M.A., Dip.Tchg., Principal.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Board and the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the financial statements be received and adopted.
3. That Rev. Ian McKenzie, M.Sc., B. D., be appointed Teacher-Chaplain for a term of three years as from 1st February, 1967.
4. That thanks be expressed to the Staff and Board of the College for their continued faithful and efficient service.
5. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 9 herein.

## 2.—Rangiatea Maori College Trust

### Chairman's Report for Year Ending 30th June, 1966

It is with a very deep sense of loss that we record the death of two Board members during the year—the Rev. Te Akonga Pihama and Mr Hana Tamaka. Mr Tamaka has been a member of the Board since its inception 22 years ago, and has brought to it a deep understanding of Maori needs and a considerable executive ability. In his shorter association with Rangiatea, Mr Pihama served also as co-Chaplain and has enriched the lives of the girls with his friendship, good counsel and his teaching of the tradition and arts of his people. Our sense of loss is measured by our gratitude for the service these two men have rendered.

#### Life Within the Hostel:

It is a pleasure to report a good year at Rangiatea. The health of the residents has been good; the Matron and staff have aimed to provide a balanced programme; the girls have, in general, applied themselves well, and a good spirit prevails.

There are 65 girls at present, 57 Maori, 5 Islanders and 3 Europeans. This represents a deliberate reduction on last year when the number admitted was slightly too many for the hostel. Sixteen applications had to be declined. The girls attend the Girls' High



School and Spotswood College (co-educational) in roughly equal numbers. Twenty of the 23 new entrants were Methodist.

A short programme of orientation was given new entrants, designed to assist them to see the purpose of the Hostel and the place of the Church in the home and the community. This was done by the Matron and the co-Chaplain, the Rev. L. Schroeder. In addition Mr Schroeder meets the girls regularly for Bible study and Christian teaching. Sister Joan Wedding also visits regularly for prayers and work in groups.

All the girls attend Whiteley Church and every effort is made to help them feel part of the worshipping community there. Three of the girls were confirmed there this year, and five of the Anglicans at St. Mary's.

#### **Education:**

Last year five residents passed the School Certificate examination and three had University Entrance accredited. Every effort is made each year to place school leavers in suitable employment, and twelve were so placed last year. Two of the Island girls returned to the Training College and to a Government post in their respective Islands.

A number of girls are participating in Duke of Edinburgh Award lectures and work, and some are receiving the benefit of Remedial reading facilities that are now available. Several of the girls have represented their schools in away-visits.

#### **Community Participation:**

Participating in community activities is welcomed within limits, and during the year a large number shared in a major production in the Bowl of Brooklands. Rangiatea has also assisted in the Okato Centennial celebrations and at a Girls' High School P.T.A. evening. It is pleasing, too, that some share in school activities such as drama, entertainment and sport.

#### **Property:**

The Executive continues to keep a close watch on the state of the property. After seven years occupancy it is expected that maintenance will become a heavier charge. The grounds are well kept and the whole property looks attractive. Finances are in a satisfactory state.

#### **Co-operation with New Plymouth Circuit:**

During the year the Executive has begun discussions with the West New Plymouth Trust about possible co-operative action whereby Rangiatea would make land available on which the Circuit could build a Church. This would be used by Rangiatea as a Hostel Chapel.

#### **Policy on Admissions:**

During the year it became apparent that there was some difference of interpretation of our admission policy. This was clarified in the terms of the following resolution: "The policy of the Board is to support the Constitution in respect of admissions. In effect this means that Rangiatea will continue as a Maori Girls' Hostel. It does not imply, however, that non-Maori girls shall be excluded at all times. Non-Maori girls may be admitted on the recommendation of the Matron with subsequent confirmation by the Executive." The effect of this is, primarily, that Rangiatea may be able to assist girls who come to New Zealand from Island territories.

#### **Retirement of Secretary:**

At the end of this year Mr W. P. Okey will retire from the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Mr Okey has filled this office since the inception of the Board, and marks the end of twenty-two years

of generous, qualified service of a very high order. Having its large building project in the midst of post-war restrictions made great difficulties, and heavy demands were made on Mr Okey. He gave during that period and has continued to give unstinting service of the kind that gives the Church cause to thank God for laymen who dedicate their gifts to him.

We are fortunate to have secured the services of another well qualified layman, Mr Max Burn, to take over secretarial duties.

Thanks:

The Board is very grateful to the contributing Trusts, Grey Institute, Kai Iwi, and Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments for their financial assistance again this year; to Sister Evelyn Marriot for her willing and devoted service, and the staff for their co-operation; to friends who have helped in a variety of ways; and to those who have made gifts during the year. I wish to add my own sincere thanks for the helpfulness of the Executive. They are men and women who have a live interest in the girls of Rangiatea, and give generous, sympathetic and careful attention to the administration of the Hostel.

H. A. DARVILL, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference convey to Mr Wm. P. Okey the sincere gratitude of the Church for his long outstanding and generously given services to Rangiatea.
3. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 8 herein.

**QUESTION 44—**What are the resolutions of Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

## Supernumerary Fund

### INTERIM REPORT

#### Lay Workers' Retiring Fund:

The Board is giving more detailed study to the basis of the Fund approved by Conference and hopes to be in a position to report to Conference.

#### Possibility of Blanket Cover Insurance:

As was indicated in last year's report, consideration of such proposals in the past has not been such as to warrant reinsurance in whole or in part. However, the insurance world is changing like all other sections of the community and the matter is again being investigated.

#### Deaconess Retiring Fund—Annuity and/or Withdrawal of Deposit:

The Board has given careful consideration to the suggestion that, on her retirement, a Deaconess should be given the opportunity of accepting either an annuity or a lump sum payment. At present, a Deaconess, on her retirement, is entitled only to a withdrawal of the total amount standing to her credit in the Fund.

The Board has come to the conclusion that a Deaconess, on her retirement, should have the option of accepting an annuity and an amendment to the regulations of the Deaconess Retiring Fund to permit this to be done is appended.



### **Earlier Retiring Age for Ministers:**

The Board has conferred with the Actuary regarding the possibility of a Minister being allowed to retire at 60 years of age without the necessity of having completed 40 years' service or the provision of a double medical certificate.

The Actuary has advised us that it would have a very adverse financial effect on the Supernumerary Fund if the Conference was to make it more or less obligatory for ALL Ministers to retire at 60 years of age. He has, however, made a suggestion that would enable some of our Ministers to retire at 60 years of age, if their applications to superannuate were approved by the Board and the Conference.

To quote: "It appears possible that some Ministers would be willing to suffer an equitable reduction in their pensions in order to secure the option of retiring after age 60 even though they are unable to produce the medical certificates presently required before a Minister may be made a Supernumerary on the grounds of failing health.

"From the actuarial point of view there would be no objection to this proposal. If such a change is acceptable to the Board, then I would suggest that a provision might be incorporated in the regulations of the Fund allowing Ministers to retire at their own option after attainment of age 60 and to receive the annuity accrued at the normal rate up to the date of retirement reduced by one-half of one per cent for each month between the actual date of retirement and the normal date of retirement.

"From analysis of the statistics supplied for the last valuation it appears that the normal age of entry to the Fund is 29 years. It will be seen that if retirement occurs five years earlier than normal the pension payable will be 70 per cent of accrued pension on the normal scale. For a man who joins the Fund at 29 his accrued pension at age 60 will be thirtyone-thirtysixths of his accrued pension at age 65. The cumulative effect of these two features is to produce a pension of  $70/100 \times 31/36$ , i.e. 60 per cent of the pension payable from age 65. Although the reduction appears surprisingly large it is equitable both to the members electing to retire early and to the members who remain until the normal retiring age."

A suitable recommendation to make possible this degree of flexibility is appended.

### **Policy Regarding Epworth Chambers:**

The Board intends to report on this matter again to Conference.

In the meanwhile, the Lift has been modernised and the Boardroom and Church Offices thoroughly renovated.

### **Investments:**

In pursuance of the policy approved by Conference 1965, the Board invested £10,000 in industrial shares between January 1, and June 30, 1966.

### **Benefits and Contributions:**

The attention of Ministers and Circuits is drawn to the resolution of Conference 1965:—

"That, as from July 1, 1967, the personal contribution of a minister or probationer be at the rate of 4 per cent per annum of the standard minimum stipend and the circuit and/or department/-institution contribution be at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum of the standard minimum stipend approved by the Conference."

### **Home Missionaries and Deaconesses Retiring Fund:**

The Board is of the opinion that the Home Missionaries and Deaconesses should receive a larger retiring allowance and a recommen-

dition is appended to increase contributions to these two Funds at a rate to correspond with the approved increases to contributions to the Supernumerary Fund.

R. H. SMITH, Chairman.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Lay Treasurer.

W. R. LAWS, Managing Treasurer.

## SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD

### Annual Report 1966

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1966, presented to Conference with this report indicate the following position:—

#### Income was received as under—

	£	s.	d.
Fund Contributions .....	15,495	12	0
Interest and Commission .....	10,837	11	5
Less paid to Allied Funds .....	2,904	4	4
	23,428	19	1
Freehold Property .....	5,285	8	11
A Net Total of .....	28,714	8	0

#### Expenditure was

Administration costs .....	1,509	19	7
Annuities and Furniture Grants .....	13,648	8	1
	15,158	7	8
Provisions made .....	1,100	0	0
A Total of .....	16,258	7	8
Giving an Excess of Income over Expenditure of	12,456	0	4

#### Accumulated Fund:

The amount last year was .....	172,993	2	2
To this was added surplus from Revenue A/cs. ....	12,456	0	4
	185,449	2	6
Less Annuities Compounded and Commuted .....	10,466	11	6
	174,982	11	0
Add Writing up of Epworth Chambers .....	43,588	5	9
Making the Fund at date .....	218,570	16	9

#### Investments are as follows:

(a) Mortgages .....	149,353	8	0
(b) Debentures and Government Stock .....	28,436	7	3
(c) Industrial Shares .....	9,636	10	6
	187,426	5	9
Less Fluctuation Reserve .....	4,871	10	8
	182,554	15	1



(d) Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) now shows in the Books at (G.V. £100,000)	90,000	0	0
(e) Current Assets in the form of Bank (£7887/8/5) Deposits and Accruals (£5945/3/10)	13,832	13	2
A Total of	286,387	7	4

(Of this figure, £66,185/7/6 is held on behalf of Allied Funds.)

#### Interest Earnings:

From invested capital a return of 6.18% has been earned on the actuarial formula.

#### Annuityants and Contributors:

At date, Annuityants number 90 (89), Supernumeraries 47 (46), Widows of Supernumeraries 43 (43); Contributors total 256 (249).

Additional Funds administered (Allied Funds) are as follows:

- Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund: Accounts for 261 contributors £35,654/16/8.
- Deaconess Retiring Fund: Accounts for 40 contributors £23,656/6/9.
- Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund: Accounts for 7 contributors £1192/11/7.

All these are in the nature of personal deposit accounts.

#### Renovations to Epworth Chambers:

During the year, extensive renovations have been carried out at Epworth Chambers. The lift has been modernised, an additional women's cloakroom has been provided for, the Connexional Office has been renovated and the Boardroom has been reduced in size and the space saved let. £5,000 of this expenditure has been capitalised.

#### Freehold Property of Epworth Chambers:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Book Value as at 1/7/1965				41,908	15	9
Add expenditure capitalised	5,002	18	6			
Add Depreciation Reserve transferred to Accumulated Funds	15,750	0	0			
Add writing up of Epworth Chambers	27,338	5	9			
				48,091	4	3
Book Value at June 30, 1966				90,000	0	0

#### Retirement of Mr R. G. Pearce:

Owing to increasing business commitments, Mr R. G. Pearce has tendered his resignation as a member of the Supernumerary Fund Board. The Board desires to place on record its appreciation of Mr Pearce's interest in the Supernumerary Fund and his services as a member and as a former Chairman of the Board.

R. H. SMITH, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS

- That the Reports be received and adopted.
- That the following Financial Statements be received and adopted: Supernumerary Fund, Benevolent Fund, Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund, Home Missionaries Retiring Fund.
- Deaconess Retiring Fund — Law Book, page 145: Repeal sub-

section (11) and substitute the following:—

- (11) When a Deaconess who is entitled to a retiring allowance retires there shall be offered to her the option either of receiving an annuity according to the scale as from time to time approved by the Conference or of commuting her interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Actuary to the Fund as at the date of such retirement."

**4. Proposed Amendments to make provision for Annuity for a Minister who has attained the age of 60 years:**

Add to sub-section (28) page 136, the following sentence:—

"The normal date of retirement shall be at the conclusion of 40 years' service or at the end of the Connexional year in which a Minister attains 65 years of age."

Add the following additional proviso to sub-section (33) page 137:

"and provided that in the case of a Minister who has attained 60 years of age and who cannot comply with the provision of sub-section 31, such annuity shall be further reduced by one-half per cent for each month between the actual date of retirement and the normal date of retirement."

5. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be asked to consider the setting up of a representative committee to consider and report on ways and means whereby ministers may be enabled on compassionate grounds to retire at less than 40 years' service or 65 years of age.

6. (a) **Home Missionaries Retiring Fund:** That, as from July 1, 1967, contributions be at the following rate: Personal £27 p.a. (£18), Circuit £21 p.a. (£14), Home Mission Department £19/10/- p.a. (£13).

(b) **Deaconess Retiring Fund:** That, as from July 1, 1967, contributions be at the following rates: Personal £27 p.a. (£18), Circuit £21 p.a. (£14), Home Mission Department £19/10/- p.a. (£13).

(c) That the above rates be received whenever stipened scales are revised.

7. That, in view of the paper entitled "Administration by Conference of the Supernumerary Fund" prepared by Mr M. G. Hughson of New Plymouth, and distributed to members of the Conference, the Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to include in its report to Synods and Conference 1967 a clear statement of its policy of investments and that, in the preparation of its statement, it be urged to seek the advice of other technically competent laymen in other districts.

8. That the following words be deleted from the Law Book para. 511 (34a) "... and such payments shall be employed in the manner set out in para. 34".

9. That Conference expresses its appreciation to the members of the Supernumerary Fund Board, Connexional Secretary and Staff of the Connexional Office for their work.

10. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 8 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, 1966**

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1966, are presented to Conference with this report.

The Board administers 116 Trusts and deposit Accounts, totalling £92,531. These consist of:—



- (a) Accounts operating on behalf of Church Trusts;
- (b) Accounts the proceeds of which are for the benefit of various Churches and organisations;
- (c) Trusts operating on behalf of the Connexion generally.

#### **Winstone Memorial Fund:**

This Fund continues to benefit the ministry, ensuring that all ministers secure the standard minimum stipend. Last year 9 ministers received assistance from the Fund, making a total of £648 in Grants.

#### **Morley Rest Home:**

Situated at 21 Gwynfa Avenue, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, this Home was bequeathed to the Methodist Church by Sister Mabel Morley for use by missionary sisters and deaconesses and other full-time workers in need of a restful holiday. In view of the fact that the flat has been empty for long periods, the Board has approved of both the upstairs and the downstairs flat being let. It is intended that grants be made out of the income in fulfilment of the wishes of Sister Mabel Morley.

R. H. SMITH, Chairman.  
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### **2. F. W. Walters and Family Farm Trust.**

That whereas William Walters has requested that a payment be made from the residue of the nett income of the Trust to the Trinity Theological College Married Students' Fund, with the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, Conference hereby authorises the payment of Four hundred pounds (£400) from the said Fund to the Principal of Trinity Theological College to provide financial assistance to married Divinity Students.

**QUESTION 46—What are the Resolutions of Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?**

## **Methodist Children's Fund**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

Conference two years ago decided that the Children's Fund, with other similar funds, be required to report only every second year. Accordingly, this is the first of such biennial reports.

The upward trend in the number of claimants on the Fund, which has been so apparent during recent years has continued, and for the year 1965 the total number of allowances paid was 438½, as compared with 426¼ for the previous year. For the present year of 1966 the total is 430½—the small decline as compared with 1965 being due to the fact that the number of ordinands at last Conference was much lower than usual.

The allowance has been maintained at £10 in respect of each child. When we reported to the 1964 Conference, it was then intimated that the Fund was without resources, that it had been necessary to anticipate payments from the Budget Treasurer, and also that it had been necessary to borrow limited sums from private sources in order to meet full commitments. It was then stated that it had been necessary to advise the Church Finance and Stewardship Committee of an increased requirement from future Connexional Budgets. During 1965

it was possible, because of the increased Budget allowance, to wipe off earlier deficits and, during the past financial year ended 30th June, 1966, it has been possible to build up a surplus of £331/12/11, which will enable the fund to function much more satisfactorily in future, especially in meeting the first quarter's allowances each year, which are always considerably greater than those which come later.

It is noted that with the greater number of ordinands likely at the forthcoming Conference, an even greater number of allowances will need to be provided during the coming year.

We would again take this opportunity of urging ministers to be more prompt in sending advices of additions to their families. If such advices are not received by the time the Warrants are issued at the beginning of February each year, then it necessarily means that payment of the new allowances must be deferred for a further twelve months.

Rev. Robert Thornley, who has been Clerical Treasurer for the past ten years, will be leaving Wellington at the end of the present connexional year, so that a new appointment becomes necessary. The incoming Superintendent Minister for the Wellington Central Circuit is recommended for appointment.

ROBERT THORNLEY,  
T. M. PACEY, Hon. Treasurers.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. The payments from the Children's Fund to be paid direct to the ministers from the Connexional Office as from the appointment of the General Treasurer.

3. That Conference approves of the extension of payment of the Children's Allowance to children of Probationers and to boys of 17 and 18 years of age and of cessation of payment of the allowance in the case of both boys and girls, when they become full-time wage-earners—the changes to take effect from 1st February, 1967.

4. That Rev. R. Thornley be thanked for his services on the Methodist Children's Fund and that Rev. J. A. Penman be appointed co-treasurer of the Fund.

5. That Mr T. M. Pacey be thanked for his services and re-appointed Treasurer.

QUESTION 47—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

### ANNUAL REPORT Year Ending 30th June, 1966

I am pleased to be able to report that the credit balance in the Contingent Fund has been improved from £890 last year to £1,311 this year although the figure is still below that of the previous year.

It will be remembered that at the Conference before last it was agreed that the balance should be built up to a minimum of £1,000 and an increase in the grant from Connexional Budget was made from £6,400 to £7,500 to enable this to be done.

Total expenditure for the year however increased by £677 as against last year.



One of the biggest increases in expenditure occurred in the cost of printing the Minutes of Conference which rose from £800 odd in the last three years to £1,137 this year. This works out at a figure of about 10/- per copy. The recovery from the sale of Minutes last year came only £187.

During the year this matter was referred to the Secretary of Conference and action has been taken to obtain a cheaper price and to increase the charge.

General Connexional payments were up by some £500. Part of this was also increased printing costs which were offset to some extent by increased income from sales of supplies.

In conclusion I would just like to say that it is gratifying to see that the downward trend in the balance in the Fund which has occurred over the last few years has been stopped and the Contingent Fund is in a reasonably healthy condition.

ALAN H. WINSTONE, Lay Treasurer.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. 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.
3. That Mr A. H. Winstone be thanked for his services and re-appointed as Lay Treasurer.
4. That the Consultative Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 6 herein.

**QUESTION 48—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?**

## Removal Expenses Fund Committee

### BI-ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

The report from the Removal Expenses Fund Committee covers the removals authorised by the Conferences of 1964 and 1965.

The Fund paid for 54 removals in 1964/65 at an average cost of £87 each and 37 removals in 1965/66 at an average cost of £98 each. The figures compare with the average cost of £91 in 1964 and £97 in 1963. The 1965/66 cost was higher because of a relatively large number of long inter-island removals.

It is pleasing to report that the Fund has repaid the money borrowed from the General Purposes Trust Board and that the Fund now has a credit balance in its Capital Account of £683.

This has been due to the small number of removals from the 1965 Conference but it is anticipated that removals in the coming year will be much higher. An increase in removal costs also is inevitable and it is for these reasons that the Committee is requesting the allocation of £5,000 from the Connexional Budget for 1967/68.

£6,500 has already been allocated for 1966/67.

W. R. LAWS,

W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the limit of removal expenses borne by the Fund be: Inter-Island, £150 (£125). Island, £90 (£75).  
(b) Law Book, page 127—  
That Paragraph 508 (16) be amended to read:—  
“In the case of any removal exceeding in cost at a rate to be determined by Conference for an inter-Island removal the Circuit inviting the Minister shall pay the sum in excess of the amount named. In exceptional cases Circuits may appeal to the Committee whose decision shall be final.”
3. Law Book, page 127—  
That Paragraph 508 (21) be repealed.
4. That Mr W. E. Clothier be thanked for his services and re-appointed Lay Treasurer.
5. That since it is sometimes more expensive to send books separately, the Removal Expenses Fund Committee be asked to review its policy in the matter.
6. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 8 herein.

**QUESTION 49—**What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Overseas Missions?

## Methodist Overseas Missions Department

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

Following our usual practice a supplementary report will be presented to Conference summarising the reports of the Overseas Districts.

**Changes:** The new General Secretary took office on the 1st February and it is clear that he has taken up his work at a time when many changes are in the offing. Both here and in the church overseas there is need for development and adaptation to the changing situation. But certain basic things do not change. The overseas church continues to need our help in staff and finance, and our partnership in their response to the challenge of the new age.

**Staff:** During the year Sisters Ada L. Lee, Kathleen L. Shaw and Janice E. Palmer and the Rev. G. G. Carter returned to New Zealand. Sister Ada, the last member of our pre-war staff to retire, went to the field in 1934 and has served with graciousness and ability. She will be very much missed. The Rev. A. H. Hall completed his duties in New Zealand on Roviana translation work and in 1966 took up study with the University of Queensland.

The Rev. E. C. Leadley, who also first went to the field in 1934, returned in 1966 for a term as Chairman of the Solomon Islands District at the request of the Islands Church. He has been well received. Mr and Mrs David Crooks went to Munda in January to take over some of the accountancy work at head office and release Mr Smith for managerial duties. Mr and Mrs David Buchan left in June for New Britain where they will train in plantation work, before going on to the Solomons. Mr Noel Jackson has returned to the Highlands for a further year's building service; Miss Ann Shaw has gone under the Order of St. Stephen to Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, as bacteriologist; and Miss Ailsa Thorburn is now attending the training



course at All Saints, Sydney, before taking up a nursing appointment in the Highlands.

Again our staff have been augmented by volunteers coming to us from Britain, Australia and New Zealand, some under official schemes and some by private arrangement. While we value these people greatly, they are no real substitute for permanent staff.

**Finance:** Through the budget, the New Zealand Church continues to meet the cost of overseas staff to the two Districts and provide a small amount of extra cash. However, our work could not be carried on on its present scale if it were not for the money that comes from other sources— Government grants for educational and medical work, Lepers' Trust Board grants (£13,500 in 1966) for medical work in the Solomons, and Mission to Lepers grants for medical work in the Highlands. The churches overseas are meeting an increasing share of their own costs, but they are finding it doubly difficult to keep pace with the rising inflation and the growing needs of their people.

**Extension Appeal Fund:** This fund, which was authorised two years ago, has almost reached £10,000. It was originally hoped that the target of £30,000 would be reached in three years. Though this seems unlikely the church in New Zealand is becoming increasingly aware of the need and it is hoped that the rate of contributions will increase.

**Publicity:** It seems clear that the church in New Zealand is anxious to know more of the up to date developments overseas and the Department is engaged in developing new methods of getting information to people. Personal visits to Districts aim at coverage in depth. For example, in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District, under the leadership of Mr W. E. Donnelly, each circuit is being visited at a week-end, usually by a team of speakers. In other Districts short visits are being made with a team when every endeavour is made to meet as many people as possible in a short time. Displays of photographs featuring the life of the indigenous church are in the course of preparation. The policy in respect of departmental publications is under review.

**Pacific Conference of Churches:** This Conference came into being officially at its first assembly held in May and June of 1966 at Lifou, New Caledonia. The General Secretary represented the Board. It is clear that we in New Zealand have a responsibility to all the Islands churches of the South Pacific, and there is need to develop a new understanding and close relationship between all South Pacific churches. The General Secretary also represented the President at the opening of the Pacific Theological College in Suva on the 9th June.

"New occasions teach new duties" and the Overseas Missions Department is alert to its responsibility to lead the New Zealand Church in meeting the needs of the times.

The Treasurer's report will be presented to Conference.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman.  
G. G. CARTER, General Secretary.  
G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

## QUESTION 49—

### Methodist Overseas Missions

#### SUPPLEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

This section of the report is compiled from the reports of the overseas Districts.

## PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

The Chairman closes his report with these words:

'We acknowledge that this was another exciting and challenging year in the history of the Highlands Church, and we give thanks to God for His uplifting and strengthening grace which has seen us safely through many difficult and puzzling situations.'

The continuing growth of the work in the Highlands can be summed up in some staggering figures: Membership now stands at 7,221, an increase of 84 per cent on last year; the Tari circuit minister has under his care 3,544 members, all new in the faith, all in serious need of careful Christian nurture. (By contrast the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District with 3,205 members has 27 ministers.) While the number of seekers after Christian baptism is tapering off in the Tari area, it is growing at Nipa and elsewhere and similar situations will soon exist in those circuits also. A growing band of evangelists and coastal pastors aid this work, but there their numbers are pitifully few and even with the constantly improving standard of training, they have very slender equipment for the task. We have come to the harvest time, and are in a fair way to let the grain rot for lack of care after harvesting. This is made clear by the fact that in some areas we are already facing the problem of backsliders. Yet our staff can scarcely do more in terms of physical toil. One worker reports that she has been unable to fulfil her task though she worked for 10 hours a day 6 days a week!

**Pastoral Care:** Mark's Gospel has been published in the Huli language of Tari; the same book in the Mendi language is almost ready for the press and other translations are being pressed on with as fast as time allows. St. Paul's College continues its valuable service as the training ground for local pastors and the Principal reports that each group of graduates is going out at a higher standard than the last. Bible-in-Schools work, work among women's groups, Bible study groups, adult literacy classes, are all ways in which personal contact with the people is being built up and maintained.

**Leadership Training:** Two young men of the Highlands are studying in Brisbane and one at the Malmaluan Youth Centre in Rabaul. These with others being trained locally are building up the number of those who are fitted to lead their people in the Church. But they themselves face major tasks of re-orientation as they seek to give their people a faith to guide them through the troublesome contacts with an alien world being forced in on them.

Already much planning has been done so that the local church leaders may take an increasing share of the responsibility. Some are being entrusted with the administration of the sacraments; in some areas financial responsibility is being accepted and local staff stipends are being fully met. Each Synod finds the church again seeking ways to make the care of the church a true partnership between Christians of all the races involved in the situation.

**Administration:** With the resignation of Miss C. C. D. Scott from her post as secretary to the Chairman, we must not only seek a replacement, but look carefully at the needs of the District in terms of administration. The primitive church in the New Testament did not have to contend with a world which turns a forest of trees into paper every day and uses most of the papers for government returns and statements of account. The establishment of a bulk store at Mendi and the appointment of a stores manager is recommended by the Synod and it seems probable that this is the first step. But as



Miss Scott points out in her report, it is vital that the central administrative organisation relieve the circuit ministers and other staff of the main bulk of their administrative book work, and yet at the same time keep in close touch with their problems. In meeting this challenge there will be continuing need for close consultation between the Boards and the District.

**Chairman:** The Conference will learn with regret that the Rev. Clifford Keightley has intimated his intention to retire from the District at the end of 1967. He has done an outstanding job and we are challenged to find a suitable replacement for him without delay.

## **SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.**

The Rev. E. C. Leadley has made regular reports to the Board since he went to the field, and each of these reports points to the complexity of the fast changing situation in the Solomon Islands District.

**Administration and Finance:** The District faces major problems in connection with its administration, which are gradually being solved with expert administrative staff. But the financial problem is more intractable. Rising costs have been for some time steadily outpacing the District's income. Where a stringent economy might have maintained the status quo a year or two ago, the demands of a fast changing society which involves 'new housing areas', a tremendous demand for trained leadership, and a rapidly rising cost of living for the local staff, just cannot be met out of current income. The only place where cuts can be made that would be large enough and permanent enough to be of major value, would be in overseas staff.

**Bougainville Jubilee:** One of the most important events of the year has been the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the commencement of Methodist work in Bougainville. The Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Joyce were able to return to Bougainville for the occasion and Mr. Joyce was the guest preacher in the Jubilee Church.

**Local Staff:** With the ordination of the Rev. Leslie Boseto in May, the number of ordained Solomon Islands ministers rises to ten, and with seven probationers and a good batch of men in college the outlook is encouraging. The first three deaconesses have been dedicated during the year and a number of others will be due for dedication in the near future. The slow but steady increase in the number of highly qualified local staff in every field continues to gratify.

**General:** There has been much encouragement in our educational work also though it is clear that we are really stretched beyond our effective limit in many places. The medical work of our District is supported largely by outside funds, notably the Lepers' Trust Board to whom we again owe a vote of thanks for their generosity. Our Medical Superintendent, Dr. R. W. Pattinson, now in his third year of service, gives a fine lead to this important branch of our work.

## **UNITED SYNOD INSTITUTIONS.**

Rarongo Theological College continues to give good service, even though it is hampered by inadequate buildings and an inadequate library. It is clear that the men are receiving training of a high order. If it is possible to add a lady specialist in teaching English to the staff in the near future, who can also do more for the students' wives, this should enable standards to be lifted even higher.

The Malmaluan Youth Centre, home of our Department of Christian Education, has already made a place for itself in the life

of the church and the Rev. John Mavor has made a good beginning. Problems of buildings and staffing will be to an extent overcome as time goes by and money becomes available.

The Teachers' College moved into its new premises at Gaulim at the beginning of 1966 and it is most encouraging to find that a gift from our New Zealand Extension Fund of £6,000 added to the gifts and loans of the local church have enabled a substantial beginning to be made.

The Rev. Saimon Gaius as he enters his second year as Chairman of the United Synod continues to give a very fine lead to the whole work.

#### CHURCH UNION.

The last planning sessions of the church union committee were held in September and it is hoped to be able to report to Conference the exact date when the Union will take place. The necessary legislation will be coming from the Overseas Mission Board. It is a matter for great joy that God has done this great thing among us in these days.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman.

G. G. CARTER, General Secretary.

#### QUESTION 49—

##### TREASURER'S REPORT, 1966

No Financial Statements were presented to Conference last year as no Accounts had been received from the Solomon Islands District for the past year. It was reported that in future the District accounts which previously closed on 28th February, would cover the calendar year.

Accounts have now been received from the Solomon Islands District for the period 1st March, 1964, to 31st December, 1964, and for the calendar year 1965. These have been incorporated in the Department's accounts for the years ended 31st August, 1965 and 31st August, 1966, respectively. Accounts for both years are submitted to Conference with this report.

The interval of eight months between the closing dates of the Head Office and the District Accounts is a most unfortunate circumstance; and, as Treasurer, I have little satisfaction in presenting to Conference accounts compiled under these conditions. I am hopeful that in future it will be possible for the District to prepare half-yearly statements to 30th June, making the department's accounts more meaningful.

The accounts for 1965 show a surplus owing largely to the fact that the whole of the Solomon Islands Circuit income had been received while only only ten months' expenditure was charged. The 1966 accounts show a small deficit.

The Grants to the Solomon Islands District to meet deficiencies in the District Accounts were £NZ7,900 in 1965 and £NZ8,7000 in 1966.

The boat built to replace 'Mandalay', the 'Nusa Zona', was delivered to the District in December last. The cost of construction and delivery was £NZ14,833 = £A18,393.

Aggregate expenditure in 1965/66 exceeded the estimate by £2,700. Excess in the Solomon Islands District of £2,470 and in the New Guinea Highlands of £880 was offset by a reduction of £650 in



Home Base. Aggregate Income exceeded the estimate by £1,400, but only because of a Leper Trust Board grant for General Medical expenditure of £4,000 in excess of the estimate.

As a result of the carrying out of the decision of the 1965 Annual Meeting of the Board to use part of the Working Capital Account to assist the Solomon Islands District to reduce its Sundry Creditor accounts, and because of heavy capital expenditure on buildings and on the new boat, it was necessary to realise securities held for these purposes. This has been done only when necessary, and, so far, advantageously. The current year's transactions will require further sales of securities.

The donations to the Extension Fund amounted to £11,698 on 31st October, 1966, and the balance in hand was £3,881. Payments have been mainly to the Gaulim Teachers' Training College, £5,000, and to the Hutjena project on Buka, £2,264. These projects will receive in total a further £2,700.

Donations to the Samoan Relief Fund have reached £820.

The Balance of the New Guinea Highlands Appeal Fund was £3,128 at 31st August, 1965. It is expected that the Fund will be fully expended during the current year.

The Methodist Women's Fellowship continued the annual grant of £3,700 and £400 additional towards the cost of sisters' salaries. The Lepers' Trust Board grants for general medical expenses and for special purposes totalled £13,500. The Mission to Lepers has made a grant of £450 for the work at Tari, New Guinea Highlands. These generous gifts in some cases make possible activities that could not otherwise be carried out and ease the burden of finance generally, and we record our indebtedness and thanks.

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure, and Balance Sheet for years ended August 31st, 1965 and 1966 be received and adopted.
3. That Conference notes with concern the gap of £9,000 between estimated income and estimated expenditure reported by the Solomon Islands District.
4. That the Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to the overseas churches and the workers in the overseas districts and to the Rev. Saimon Gaius, Chairman of the United Synod of Melanesia.
5. That the Conference confirm the expressions of appreciation accorded by the Board to retiring workers: the Rev. and Mrs A. C. Watson (11 years), the Rev. and Mrs P. F. Taylor (Mr Taylor 12 years, Mrs Taylor 15 years), Mr and Mrs B. D. Smith (5 years), Miss C. C. D. Scott (3 years).
6. That Conference thanks Miss Pauline Atkinson on behalf of the whole church for her outstanding service during the last 6 years as Office Secretary to the Overseas Missions Department.
7. That Conference record its appreciation of the services to the cause of overseas missions of the late J. W. Court. [He was a member of the Foreign Mission Board from 1916 to 1929 and lay treasurer for all but one year of that time. He visited the Solomon Islands twice during that period (in 1920 to prepare for the transfer of the Solomon

to the New Zealand church and in 1927 on the occasion of the District's Silver Jubilee). Always keenly interested in the work he gave generously of his time and substance.]

8. That Conference not with gratitude to God the 84% increase in membership in the Highlands District, and recognises the increasing demands being made on the staff by the need to provide for the thousands of new converts, adequate Christian nurture.

9. That Conference note that the Rev. C. J. Keightley will be retiring from the field at the end of 1967 and that a replacement for him is urgently required.

#### 10. Church Union in Melanesia.

(a) That Conference receive with approval the information that discussions are proceeding in Papua-New Guinea with a view to the union of certain churches, including the three districts of the Methodist Church of Australasia in the Territory, in the United Church in Melanesia.

(b) That Conference authorise the President to receive through the Overseas Mission Board any application of the Solomon Islands District Synod and Papua-New Guinea Highlands District Synod to sanction the entry of these districts into a United Church in Melanesia. The application shall be referred to the Overseas Missions Board and other appropriate committees, the Overseas Missions Board to report to Conference.

(c) That the President be authorised, should it be necessary, to make a decision on the application and, if sanction is given, to take any necessary steps to make effective the entry of the districts into the United Church.

(d) That the President be authorised to consent to transfer to the United Church of Melanesia of all Ministers of the Methodist Church who hold appointments in these Districts subject to the right of such Ministers either before union is affected or at any subsequent time to be transferred back to the Methodist Church of New Zealand as Ministers in full connexion with status granted for the years served in the United Church of Melanesia.

11. That Conference note that the act of Union is likely to take place in January of 1968 and that the Overseas Missions Board has expressed the hope that the church will be officially represented by the President.

12. That Conference receive the report of the Overseas Missions Board:

(a) That, should Conference grant an increase of stipends to ministers and deaconesses within New Zealand, the Board will seek the finance to make the necessary adjustments in the stipends and allowances of overseas staff.

(b) That living costs are rising so steeply overseas there may be a further cost of living adjustment required a year hence, and therefore it may be necessary to bring to Conference 1968 recommendations for such an adjustment.

(c) That in accordance with the resolution of Conference, 1964, the whole question of the rehabilitation of lay workers has been examined by the Board and that from 1st January, 1968, the Board's contribution to the lay workers' retiring funds will be tripled. Provision for this will be sought in the budget of 1968-69.

13. C.O.M.I.C.A.: That the representatives be the Rev. G. G. Carter and Mr S. N. Roberts.

14. Division of Circuits: That Conference approve the following recommendations from the New Guinea Highlands Synod:

(a) That the Tari Circuit be divided, and that the Tari Circuit



be altered to exclude the Huli section plus the Mundiya area of the Hunamani (Pari) Section.

(b) That the Ndel section of the Lai Circuit be transferred to Mendi Circuit.

(c) That the Huli section be constituted together with the Mundiya area of the Hunamani (Pari) section as a Circuit, to be called the Huli Circuit.

15. **Greetings from the Pacific Conference of Churches:** That the Conference receive with joy the greetings from the Pacific Conference of Churches and be associated with the greetings sent by the Overseas Missions Board.

16. That Conference approve the following alterations to the Solomon Islands District Synod Questions:

Question 27 'What are our resolutions on public questions?'

Question 28 be the present Question 27.

Question 29 be the present Question 28.

Question 30 be the present Question 29 and 30 combined.

Question 37 'What matters are there relating to the United Synod and its departments for our consideration?'

Question 38 be the present Question 37.

Question 39 be the present Question 38.

17. That Conference records its appreciation of the endeavours being made by the Rev. G. G. Carter and Mr W. E. Donnelly and others to visit all Circuits of the Connexion believing this to be a most helpful way of fostering the Missionary spirit.

18. That Overseas Missions Board be asked to give consideration to instituting a system of pastoral visits, similar to Triennial Visitation to N.Z. Circuits by N.Z. ministers and laymen to the Solomon Islands Districts, the cost of these visits to be met from funds other than the Overseas Missions Department.

19. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on pages 6 and 7 herein.

#### QUESTION 49—

##### District Overseas Missions Conveners

NORTHLAND: Rev. A. Pain.

AUCKLAND—Rev. E. R. Hornblow.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY—Rev. L. Shapcott.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. N. G. Ball.

HAWKE'S BAY—Mrs R. Grice.

MANAWATU—Rev. W. K. Abbott.

WELLINGTON—Rev. G. R. Thompson.

NELSON—Rev. W. J. D. Wakeling.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. J. E. Langley.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. G. Brazendale.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. E. Jones.

QUESTION 50—What are the Resolutions of Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

## Home Mission Department

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

*"The truth that the Church itself is something sent into the world, the continuation of Christ's Mission from the Father, something which is not so much an institution as an expedition sent to the ends of the earth has been grasped with new vividness."*

—Bishop Lesslie Newbigin.

This is becoming true for Methodism in New Zealand. Old structures, forms and methods are being questioned as to whether they serve the mission. The mobility of the population, urbanisation, the needs of the inner city, and the climate of thought create new demands which must be faced. New ways of worship, proclamation and service are being sought. It is becoming clear that to provide effective ministries, clerical and lay, we must reach out beyond the denomination to co-operate with our brethren of other churches. For our loyalty is to Jesus Christ, it is He whom we meet in worship, it is He who calls and empowers us, and it is He who leads the Mission in the world.

**Staffing:** This last year the Department received Messrs G. Clive Smith and R. N. Simpson as Home Missionary Probationers. It is grateful to the Rev. Harold G. Trost, and the Rev. W. W. Ralph, two retired ministers from the Methodist Church in the United States, who at their own expense came to New Zealand to take up "supply" appointments. The total number of Home Missionaries and "supplies" now serving is only 7.

In May the Department provided the Church Council with an analysis of the ministerial position which showed that for another year at least the Conference will not be able to provide ministers and probationers for all appointments on the stationing sheet. As it is becoming difficult to persuade circuits to receive young inexperienced men as Home Missionary Probationers, the Department would be pleased to receive offers for 'supply service' from able retired lay preachers who would be prepared to give a year's service to the Church in 1967.

**Candidates for the Ministry:** Even though we are short of trained ministers we must not relax our standards for candidates. We must continue to present the challenge to our young people to offer for the work of the Ministry and at the same time urge them to meet the standards of qualification.

**Church Extension Grants:** Throughout the year the Department in co-operation with the Church Building and Loan Fund has been able to make available to Churches in new housing areas the amount of £6,700 in grants. The money has been paid out as soon as it has been received from the Budget Treasurer. The list of Priorities for the 1966/67 Budget year has been prepared after consultation with the Synod Standing Committees and the recommended Grants will be paid if the work has commenced on the project.

In the case of grants for joint purpose churches and union parish churches, the Grants can only be supplementary to what the local circuit can secure by way of funds and loans. The Church is not in a position to meet the total Methodist share from connexional funds.

**Co-operation Between the Churches:** The Department has been consulted throughout the year on numerous schemes of co-operation such as Union Parishes, Hillsborough pattern Churches, and Reciprocal Membership Churches, some of which will be reflected in the recommendations of the Synods to Conference. In general the Department has sought to encourage the development of Union Parishes rather than Reciprocal Membership Churches because these demonstrate a deeper unity than other forms of co-operation.

The Department welcomes the proposals which will be forthcoming from the Joint Commission on Church Union on Church Extension, which, if carried by the negotiating churches, will result in the establishment of a representative church extension council on the national level, with effective joint regional committees on the district level.

Because of the increase in the number of Union Parishes discus-



sions are now proceeding with the Presbyterian Home Ministry Committee with the object of setting up machinery by which the appointment of ministers to such parishes may be facilitated. The Board has suggested that the conveners of the Church Union Committees, and the executive officers of the Home Ministry Committees (or their equivalent) should form the nucleus of an appointments committee.

**Connexional Budget:** Again the Department expresses its gratitude to the Church in that it has received its full allocation from the Budget. It is very much aware of the amount it requires for Grants for the 57 circuits out of a total of 144 which need financial assistance, and for the maintenance of Maori work. At every point it endeavours to exercise careful stewardship.

**Publicity and Promotion:** We are grateful to the Christian Education Department for its promotion of missionary education through Project News, the Christian Education Handbook, and in other ways. The Department regrets that it has not yet been able to effectively meet the demand from circuits for material for missionary displays and projects. The officers of the Department would like it known that they are available for missionary deputations or missionary seminars, and would like to be advised from the Districts when the time is opportune for such personal contacts.

**Investment Funds Board:** The policy of utilising the liquid assets of the Board through the Special Loans Fund has been of tremendous value to the Church. The extension of this policy by inviting members and trusts to invest amounts with the Board has made available an increased volume of money to the Connexion.

From August 1st, 1965, to the 30th June, 1966, the Board advanced 17 loans totalling £23,050 making the grand total of current loans, 133, to a total value of £127,050. During the year the Board received 22 deposits as "loans at call" from trusts and individuals amounting to £16,466, and repaid 14 loans at call totalling £10,465, leaving 132 loans at call with the Fund amounting to £100,004.

The Board once again draws the attention of members and trustees to this valuable means of putting savings to work to serve the Church. Deposits of £50 or more are invited, on which the Board will pay interest up to 3½ per cent per annum.

**Legacies:** Grateful acknowledgment is made of the receipt of legacies from the estates of G. C. Sills £1,170, G. B. Hinton £25, and S. N. Spear £2,288.

## LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR COMMITTEE.

**Hamilton Bookroom:** Although the Bookroom was closed on May 31st, 1965, the Society was not able to present the financial statements to the last Conference as they had not been completed. The Society now reports that because of a good sale of lease, stock and fittings the accumulated loss on 4½ years' operation was reduced to £1,757/9/-. Very reluctantly the Board has decided to meet a considerable part of this by using the Van Replacement Reserve of £1,545. The balance of the loss will be carried by Epworth, Auckland.

**New Plymouth Agency:** As the agency had not worked out as planned the Society terminated the arrangement with the Rev. H. Wright on March 31st, 1966. It thanks Mr Wright for his services.

**Epworth Bookroom, Auckland:** This Bookroom has had a very trying and difficult time largely due to the extra work involved in absorbing the balance of the stock and losses from the Hamilton shop. The turnover for the year ending 30th June, 1966, was £16,490 being £1,385 less than that of the previous year, Miss H. Beaton resigned

during the year, and her place has been taken by Mr W. Barnett who is giving part-time service. Because of its lack of financial resources the Society is not able to provide adequate staff and recognises with appreciation the heavy load cheerfully carried by the Manager, Mr R. A. Woodhams. We commend Epworth Bookrooms to our Methodist people and ask for their support.

**Superintendents:** The Rev. B. M. Chrystall was designated for appointment as General Superintendent last Conference, and a recommendation for his appointment is now made.

The Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena has distinguished himself not only as an able assistant, but particularly through his organising ability and its application to the needs of the Maori Circuits. It is the Board's hope that this intimate knowledge and ability will be utilised to the full by the Maori Circuits and the Connexion. The Board recommends that he be designated for appointment for a further term at the 1967 Conference.

**Office Staff:** The Department is extraordinarily well served by its staff. Mr G. S. Gapper in July completed 18 years' service as accountant for the Home and Overseas Missions Departments. Miss K. Elliott who served for five years resigned at the beginning of the year to enter the public service, and her place has been taken by Miss Marilyn Benseman.

**District Home Mission Secretaries:** It is suggested that these officers should be regarded as research officers for the Department, keeping the Department informed of population movements and new developments likely to affect church strategy in their districts. There are often details of new schemes affecting population movements contained in provincial papers which are not publicised in detail on a national scale. The Department would be glad to receive this information.

**Constitution of the Board:** When the Church employed from 40 to 50 Home Missionaries and Home Missionary Probationers it was probably necessary for the Board to be widely representative and strong. But the size of the Board has now become an embarrassment to both the members and the staff, and it now recommends that the constitution of the Board be changed so that the size is reduced from 44 members to 24. This will enable the Board to meet more frequently.

**The Future:** Structures and forms may change but they must remain centred on Jesus Christ. No expedition for Mission can function without a strong base organised to supply direction and equipment to Christ's representatives in the world. Worship and Mission belong together.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent.

R. D. RAKENA, Assistant Superintendent.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report, Financial Statements and Estimates for 1967 be received and adopted.

2. That the Rev. B. M. Chrystall be appointed for a further term as General Superintendent.

3. That the Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena be designated for appointment for a further term as Assistant Superintendent.

4. That paragraph No. 505, section 6 (page 112 of the Law Book) be repealed and the following be substituted:—



"The Board shall consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the European Missionary in Maori Work, the Senior Maori Superintendent, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Principal of the Theological College, the Ministerial Treasurer, the General Secretary of the Overseas Mission Department, one Supernumerary Minister, three ministers in active work from Auckland Circuits, one Home Missionary nominated by the Board, a representative nominated by the Christian Education Department, the President (or her nominee) and one representative resident in Auckland nominated by the Women's Fellowship, two lay representatives nominated by the Auckland Maori Circuit, five other lay representatives, and one Lay Treasurer. The Secretary of the Conference, and the Director of the Department of Christian Education shall be corresponding members.

"The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through Committees, such committees to be representative of the Board with co-opted members where necessary."

5. That Paekakariki be treated as a special case for assistance from the Church Extension Appeals.

6. That Conference refers to the Committee on the Structure of the Church the suggestion that the designation "Associate Superintendent" be preferable to "Assistant-Superintendent".

7. That the Auckland Synod Standing Committee's application for treatment of Avondale as a "special case" be referred to the H. M. Board for favourable consideration and appropriate action during the year.

8. "That the Home Mission Department in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee report to Synods and Conference 1967 on (a) the necessity and place of buildings in Church Extension and the types of building best suited to meet the needs of developing areas, and (b) on the possibility of greater connexional assistance being given to establish experienced ministers and adequate buildings in new and developing areas."

9. That Conference again extend its appreciation and thanks to the J. R. McKenzie Trust Board for the £250 Grants to each of the H.M. Departments Maori Hostels.

10. That the pastoral care of Fijians in New Zealand be referred to the Overseas and Home and Maori Mission Departments for report to Synods and Conference 1967.

11. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 7 herein.

#### District Home Missions Conveners

NORTHLAND—Rev. F. L. Johnson.

AUCKLAND—Rev. H. W. Kitchingman.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY—Rev. G. B. W. Bell.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. A. A. Grundy.

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT—

HAWKE'S BAY—Mrs R. Grice.

MANAWATU—Rev. W. K. Abbott.

WELLINGTON—Rev. G. R. Thompson.

NELSON—Rev. S. J. Spindler.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. A. R. Witheford.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. G. Brazendale.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. R. S. Andrews.

## Maori Mission Report 1966

*Te hinganga o te ra!  
Te tukunga o te rangi!  
I o nui ra he kumekume mai,  
Mo nga iwi i te muri  
Mo nga iwi i te rangi  
Ko kore ki muri e;  
Unuhia noatia to taniwha i te rua  
Haere ra o nui, o mana . . .*

**A Time of Mourning:** Traditional Maoridom sustained two of its greatest losses in recent years with the passing of Puhi-o-Aotea Ratahi, who died on the 17th April, and King Koroki te Rata Mahuta Tawhiao Potatau te Wherowhero, who died on the 18th May. Each occasion was one of deep mourning for Maori people everywhere.

Mrs Ratahi was President of the Ratana Church, an onerous position to hold amidst the constant pressures and tensions that traditional Maori life is subject to in these days of rapid and radical change. It is a tribute to her leadership, however, that Ratana Pa is a progressive modern county town and that, within the Ratana Church itself, there is a spiritual resurgence which holds considerable promise for the future.

King Koroki was the last in a line of five Kings reaching back to the year 1858. He succeeded to the throne, somewhat reluctantly, in 1933. His retiring nature and unobtrusive manner characterised his leadership of the King Movement over the last three decades. Consequently, few, outside of his own Waikato-Maniapoto people, were privileged to know him as a person and appreciate the qualities and gifts he obviously possessed. His influence within Maoridom was quite far-reaching. In this respect, the present amicable relationship between Maori and Pakeha, particularly in the Waikato and King Country, is in no small measure due to King Koroki's leadership and counsel.

The late King is succeeded by his daughter Princess Piki. In succeeding to the throne, and at the unanimous wish of the people, she has assumed the title Queen Te Ata-i-Rangi-Kaahu. As she assumes her new role of Queen, we recommend that Conference convey appropriate greetings and the assurance of our prayerful support.

**The Rev. Te Akonga Pihama:** A more direct and personal loss was sustained by the Maori Mission with the passing of the Rev. Te Akonga Pihama on the 23rd June. He was a much beloved member of the staff, highly respected by both Maori and Pakeha. He leaves a gap within the ranks of the staff which the Maori Mission can ill afford in these crucial times. Te Akonga was steeped in Maori lore and tradition and was adept in the performing arts of the people. In exercising his ministry as a Senior Maori Home Missionary, he left little doubt in anybody's mind as to Whom he served and gave his first allegiance.

**Traditional Maori Leadership:** These recent events have made the Maori Mission Staff very much aware of the strategic leadership position held by our Maori Home Missionaries and Honorary Home Missionaries. Without academic or theological training but with ability to use the Maori language in speech and song and with an



Extensive knowledge of tribal history, tradition and genealogy they are held in honour and respect. This identification in depth enables them to seek a distinctive Maori response to the Gospel they proclaim. Because of the importance of Maoritanga which urbanisation may modify but not destroy we covet this leadership for all Maori men in training for the ministry. It is the hope of the Maori people that these men will be encouraged to develop intimate links and acquaintance with Maori life so that through such identification they will become accepted as leaders.

**Rev. G. I. Laurenson, C.B.E.:** As Mr Laurenson withdraws from Maori work it is our desire to pay tribute to one who throughout almost the whole of his ministry has identified himself with the Maori people so that today he is not only honoured as a Methodist minister, but as a Maori leader. He has been associated with creative movements within our own church and amongst the churches. He was a foundation member of the Maori Section of the National Council of Churches; he was associated with backing the work of the Maori Bible Revision Committee; he initiated the development of Maori Centres and Hostels within the Maori Mission. At all times he set a high standard in self-discipline and dedication. The Maori Circuits thank God for his leadership over the years, and are particularly grateful for his tireless leadership in the King Country Circuit over the past three years. It is their hope that he will be able to act as a trusted adviser from his next appointment and in his eventual retirement.

**Staff:** The Rev. John Pihama and the Rev. D. P. Harris were received as probationers in the King Country Circuit, the former residing in Te Kuiti and the latter at Otorohanga. The changes in the appointment of deaconesses were made in February, Sister Edna Jenkin taking up the post in Dargaville, Sister Barbara Miller to Taheke, and Sister Joan Wedding to Opunake. Sister Anne Wilson has made an excellent beginning as Matron at Seamer House. During the year Miss Ruth Tattersall was appointed as "supply" to the Waikato Circuit. The Maori Mission is concerned that there will be no deaconess probationers appointed to the Mission next year. The work of the Rev. H. Maaka to Tokoroa has revealed the potential for Maori work in the area, and on the recommendation of the Maori Policy Committee the Board has decided to secure a suitable Mission house in the town so that it will not be dependent upon rented accommodation.

**Maori Section N.C.C.:** The Methodist people and their representatives on the Executive continue to play their full part in the Maori Section. The Northland Maori Circuit was the host for the **Annual Meeting held at Waitangi** in February, and the hospitality provided by the people created a fine atmosphere for a lively and productive meeting.

The Executive Meeting was held at the Waikeria Detention Centre in June which gave the representatives insight into the problems of delinquency. At this meeting much work was done on the significance of the tangi, the relationship of the churches to those churches outside its membership such as the Ratana and the Ringatu, and in preparing a report on "Confessing the Faith in the Maori Situation" for the consultation being held prior to the Annual Meeting of the N.C.C. in July. The Executive is aware of the way in which denominationalism divides the Maori people and asked that the Joint Commission on Church Union convene a conference of representatives of all churches engaged in Maori work with a view to closer co-operation. The Maori Section arranged visits of ministers to Motueka this last harvest season, the Rev. Napi Waaka being our Methodist representative.

—Bishop Lesslie Newbigin.

**Pastoral Visits:** The Maori Policy Committee arranges for the

regular visitation of Ratana Pa, and the South Island. Our visitors to Ratana report that they have been cordially received by the people. The Rev. Rangī Rogers visited Blenheim and Picton areas in November last and plans to visit Christchurch in September. The Rev. Moke Couch also stayed on after his holiday and visited Christchurch and parts of Canterbury. The Rev. R. D. Rakena has arranged to visit Southland and Otago in September, while the Rev. W. Tahere will be visiting Blenheim and Picton areas towards the end of the year.

**Maori Appointment in the South Island:** While there is no immediate prospect of an appointment of a minister to the South Island the possibilities are being examined by the officers of the Department in consultation with a committee set up in North Canterbury. Further discussions will be pursued with other South Island Districts.

**Hostels:** We are grateful to the Matrons of our Hostels: Sister Heeni Wharemaru at Te Rahui (T), Mrs T. Manihera at Te Rahui (W), and Sister Anne Wilson at Seamer House for their fine management and service to the Maori young people under their care. Seamer House, Auckland, is full, but there are vacancies in the two Hamilton Hostels. We again express our thanks to the J. R. McKenzie Trust and the Auckland Savings Bank for their financial support. We are very sorry to report that Sister Jean Miller who has been assisting at Seamer House for four years has now on medical advice to retire. We express our thanks to her first for her service in the field, and latterly for her tireless service in the Hostel.

**June "Hui":** Because of the deaths at Ngaruawahia and Te Kuiti and our inability to find an alternative site the Hui had to be cancelled. This was a serious loss to our work for over the years the Hui has provided a forum for Maori opinion and decision.

**Consultation in Korea:** The Maori Mission is glad that the Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches has invited the Rev. Napi Waaka to accompany the youth delegation chosen to attend the Consultation on "The Church, Young Churchmen and the Nation" being held in Korea in October. It appreciates the action of the Conference committees in granting permission for Mr Waaka to go.

**Conference Resolution No. 4, 1964 Minutes, page 155:** "That Conference ask the Home Mission Board to consider the use of the word 'Mission' in the title of the Maori Mission, and the use of the word 'Missionary' with its agents."

As reported in the 1965 Minutes the above resolution was referred to the Regional and Circuit Meetings of the five Maori Circuits for consideration and report. The reports were considered by the Maori Policy Committee of the Home Mission Board at its meeting on April 18th, 1966.

While the circuits recognised that in the beginnings of missionary activity the title reflected a "sending experienced, adult church" going to a less developed people with a message of redemption, they had now come to see that the term carried another meaning, that they themselves were engaged in Mission. One circuit reported: "We who have grown up in the Methodist Maori Mission feel ourselves to belong within the Methodist Church of New Zealand; we have been content to work within it and have found that it has not hindered our expression of the Christian Faith where we live. For this reason we do not feel the need for changing the term." Another circuit reported: "There is no problem provided that the title is interpreted to describe the Maori people as engaged in Mission, and not as the pakeha people engaged in mission to the Maori."

The Maori Policy Committee therefore recommend to the Board



that no change be made in the title "The Methodist Maori Mission" and the Board adopted the recommendation.

With regard to the use of the word "missionary" the Maori Policy Committee noted that the term was first coined to distinguish the lay worker or representative of the Church from the ordained minister as obtained in Home Mission work. The term is so well accepted in the Maori Circuits that a change would create confusion. The title given to one of the Department officers "European Missionary in Maori Work" was devised to meet a special task, the need for which is decreasing as more trained and ordained Maori Ministers are moving into positions of leadership. At the opportune time the Board will make a recommendation concerning this office.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent.  
R. D. RAKENA, Assistant Superintendent.  
R. ROGERS, Senior Maori Superintendent.  
R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.  
D. G. Sherson, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference convey appropriate greetings to Queen Te Ata-i-rangi-kaahu assuring her of the prayerful support of all Methodists.
3. That Conference congratulates Rev. R. Rakena on his message and distinctive part played at the Waitangi celebrations.
4. That the Maori Mission Circuits Statistics be included in the Minutes of Conference.

QUESTION 52—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

## 1.—N.Z. Methodist Social Services' Association

Annual Report for Year Ending June 30, 1966

The Annual Meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. was held at Wallis House on 8th and 9th March, 1966, and presided over by the President, the Rev. A. R. Witheford.

**Lectures:** Lectures were delivered by

- (1) Dr. J. Robson, State Services Commission. Subject: The place of the Church in post release hostels, Court work, etc.
- (2) Mr Massey of the State Services Commission. Subject: Towards Efficient Administration.
- (3) Rev. Bruce Gordon. Subject: Tomorrow's Task. Inter-Church co-operation.

**Publicity:** Publicity was continuing through the Law Journal.

**Nurses from Pacific Islands:** After consultation with the Minister of Island Territories, we agreed to receive eight Tokelau girls for domestic work and these have been placed two each in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

**School of Alcoholism:** Two representatives of the Methodist Church attended the School. Copies of proceedings have been distributed to our Social Service Centres and copies are available.

**Rating of Church Property:** Mr Garlick reported that there is a test case being held in Auckland at the moment in connection with the Anglican Communion.

**Joint Action by Negotiating Churches on Social Service Work:** The meeting was in favour of this move, with the suggestion that it should include the Roman Catholic Church.

**Superannuation for Lay Workers Employed by the Church:** The Rev. W. R. Laws, Connexional Secretary, reported that general approval had been obtained but details were still being worked out. The report was accepted.

**Government Subsidies for Eventide Homes, Hospitals, Flatettes, etc.:** Since our Annual Meeting, an increase has been granted on flats and on Youth Hostels and other specific projects. Grants for Camp Sites are now available.

**Central Missions and Social Service Centres:** See individual reports.

**Care of Dependent Children Committee:** This work was continuing and Mr C. Gibson had been added to the Committee. Miss L. Hodder is acting as Convener.

**Maori Work:** One-third of the Maori people were now living in towns and cities. Re-housing had been accelerated and many Maoris were buying houses through capitalisation of family benefit. (See Maori Mission Report.)

**Connexional Budget:** The Connexional Budget was allocated as the previous year—Auckland 25%, Dunedin 20%, Wellington and Christchurch 27½% each.

**Tamahere Home, Hamilton:** The Home was opened free of debt on Saturday, 7th May, and is now controlled by a Board of Trustees in the Sub-district M.S.S.A. area. Consultations have taken place between the Anglicans, Presbyterians and Methodists regarding the promotion of social work on a joint basis.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Hospital Chaplaincy:

**Training:** The Committee, consisting of Dr. P. M. Guthardt, Dr. D. O. Williams, Dr. H. Densem, the Revs. B. M. Chrystall, B. H. Riseley and A. E. Orr, was asked to continue investigations. The corresponding members, Revs. Colin D. Clarke, Percy Rushton, Warren Green, John Roberts, Warwick Gust and L. C. Horwood. All other Methodist Ministers doing hospital chaplaincy work be invited to comment. Convener: Rev. A. Everil Orr.

**Community Nurses:** To seek information from the Health Department

- (a) What courses available under the scheme.
- (b) What is the scope of the duty defined for Community Nurses under the scheme.
- (c) Is there a set time of service contracted by those partaking of the scheme.
- (d) The possibility of employment of nurses trained under the Community Nurses' scheme being employed in Geriatric Hospitals or Eventide Homes run by the Methodist Church.

**Constitution of City Missions (Law Book, page 56):**

That—

The functions of the Board of Management and the Quarterly Meeting be separated, the Board of Management to be responsible for the administrative and Social Service Work of the Mission, the Quarterly Meeting to fulfil the pastoral and ministerial functions as set out in the Law Book.



The appointment of the Superintendent of a City Mission be regarded as a Connexional Appointment, the Board of Management to make the nomination to Conference after consulting the Quarterly Meeting.

That the Quarterly Meeting, after consulting the Board of Management may exercise the right to invite the associate or assistant Minister who shall work under the Superintendent Minister.

That the Superintendent Minister of the City Mission shall be Chairman of the Board of Management, the Trustees and the Quarterly Meeting, although he may delegate these functions.

It was further resolved that the above resolutions be circulated to the four areas concerned asking that they be studied in the light of their particular situation.

That the Church Council be approached in May asking that the matter be investigated by its Sub-Committee on Church Structure.

**Immigration Officer:** Mr Duxfield was reappointed.

**Official Representative:** The Rev. A. Everill Orr was re-appointed.

A. R. WITHEFORD, President.

A. EVERIL ORR, Convener and Official Representative,  
N.Z. Methodist Social Service Association.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Committee on Hospital Chaplaincy continue its work and report to the next meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

3. **Marire Home, Stratford:** That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. accept on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand the recommendation of the Central Districts Area Committee, namely, that the rules of incorporation of the Marire Home Trust be amended as requested to provide for Methodist involvement through the N.Z.M.S.S.A.; the scheme to be supervised by the Central Districts Area Committee through the Stratford Circuit, with no financial obligation from the M.S.S.A.

4. **Telephone Counselling Service:** That the parties concerned with the operation of the Church Telephone Counselling Services continue to seek consultation together with view to finding a common name for the movement.

### 5. Inter-Church Co-operation:

(a) That the Joint Commission on Church Union be asked to call a consultation to examine ways in which the Social Service work can be undertaken on a joint basis. The terms of reference for the consultation were to include ways and means whereby Eventide Homes and Hospital schemes, approach to Government, care of dependent children, staff training and recruitment, court work, prison work, hospital chaplaincies, hospitals and Halls of Residence could be undertaken on a joint basis.

(b) Co-operation of the State and other voluntary organisations.

### 6. Constitution of City Missions:

That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. Annual Meeting and the committee on the Structure of the Church, be requested to give this matter further con-

sideration and report to the Church Council, Synods and Conference 1967.

## **Central Districts, Area Committee Methodist Social Services Association**

**Annual Report, 1966**

### **Central Districts:**

We have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Central Districts Area Committee of the Methodist Social Services Association.

A significant factor in the growth of Methodist Social Service work in the Central Districts area has been the cooperation and harmony with which the Wellington District, based on Wesley Social Services Office and the Manawatu Social Services Centre, have worked together.

Particularly in the joint work involved in the field of care of dependent children based on the Masterton Methodist Children's Home and with the manager and committee of the home, a spirit of working toward and sharing a common goal, has been prevalent throughout. A sub-committee comprising the directors of the two social work areas, the manager of the home and chairman of the board, now comprises the effective committee guiding the work with children and families in the area.

Arising out of the need to legally constitute the establishment and supervision of foster homes for the children coming into the care of the Church, the Masterton Methodist Children's Home Committee, has been recognised as the sole legal body in the Central Districts area for the care of dependent children. Children now in foster homes and future placements, will all be fully investigated and sanctioned by this committee.

### **Wellington:**

Development has also taken place in the Wellington District Committee which now bears the responsibility for the work in that Synodal district. The Director of Wesley Social Services Offices works closely with this committee through which most of the development work will in future be channelled.

Considerable thought and planning work is going into the future role and purpose of the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust Board Inc. It is generally recognised that the final responsibility for Methodist Social Services in the district must rest with the district representative M.S.S.A. committee. Ways are being investigated of integrating the Trust into this new pattern of development, whilst at the same time maintaining the responsibility of the Trust in the Wesleyan Management Committee and the Epworth House Management Committee.

The Central Districts Area Committee operates its own bank account through which grants to the work from the Connexional Budget and the Masterton Children's Home Trust are distributed. A working arrangement whereby the Connexional Budget allocation is distributed 2/3 to Wesley Social Services and 1/3 to Manawatu Social Services was agreed to last year. For the ensuing year 1966-67 this is to be reviewed in the light of the needs of the respective Sub Areas and the policy of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.



### **Wesley Social Services Office:**

Wesley Social Services Office continues to be well staffed by the Director Mr Bryan Duxfield, Wesley Lay-Assistant Miss Bernice Pugh and working closely with the Superintendent Minister Rev Robert Thornley and Wesley Assistant Minister Rev Gordon Brough.

Projects at present receiving attention through the office are the Wellington United Social Services Committee, Night Shelter Project; assistance with accommodation in the city; also ways and means whereby a Bursary Fund might be set up to be available for a Layman from the Church to undertake the Diploma Course at the School of Social Science in Wellington.

### **Epworth Hostel:**

Wellington Central Circuit. The hostel is at present being painted, the roof has been renewed and some interior redecoration has been completed. The hostel is free of debt and present work will amount to over £1,000. A charge of £4 per week for residents was fixed at the beginning of this year and is not expected that this will have to be raised.

The master and matron, Mr and Mrs Oakshott and their daughter Carol are maintaining the spirit of the 21 residents and the conduct of the hostel is a credit to them. Most of the girls are students with just a small number of working girls.

Suitable accommodation for students and young women in Wellington is still a major problem. Epworth makes a small but useful contribution to meeting the needs of our Methodist girls coming to the city.

### **MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE:**

Trinity Church, Palmerston North.

The work of the Centre which is under the Director Mr I. G. Baber continues to grow in the following areas:—

#### **1. Social Casework:**

(a) The need for Counselling Service is demonstrated by the number of people coming for help—parents, teenagers, alcoholics, aged, problems of marriage or of desertion.

(b) Caring service involving regular visiting families at risk because of alcoholism, shaky marriage or personal inadequacy.

(c) Field work re 'Care of Dependent Children'.

#### **2. Voluntary Agencies, such as Birthright, Family Budgeting, St. Vincent de Paul, giving practical help thereby complementing the social worker's efforts.**

#### **3. Congregations of our own and sister Churches are providing furniture, clothing, holiday foster homes in the country for deprived city children. There is a growing deep concern and desire to help people in need and many of our people are now actively sharing in the work.**

#### **4. Education: During the year the Director has addressed many groups in our own and in sister Churches as well as outside organisations.**

Three Seminars, attended by Ministers and selected laymen and women in our own district were held in 1965 and the first of three planned for this year was concerned with 'The relationship of social and spiritual in social service enterprises'.

Mr I. G. Baber has been re-appointed Director for a further three years and he is supported by an enthusiastic Management Committee, representing every Circuit in the District.

### **Wesleyhaven:**

The Wesleyhaven Eventide Home at Naenae continues to meet a very great need for elderly people from Wellington. Pressure for admission to the Strand Home, especially from women, is very great. The average age of persons applying for admission would be between 85 to 92 with most in the 87 to 88 group. It is to be regretted that many people unfortunately leave applying too late and are discounted on medical grounds as Wesleyhaven does not cater for hospital type patients. The villa type accommodation is not in great demand and vacancies exist at present.

The Matron in Chief assisted by a new Sub-Matron is maintaining a fine spirit amongst the people resident in the home and amongst the staff who make such a great contribution to the life of the home.

The home continues to be administered by the Wesleyhaven Management Committee functioning almost independently of the Social Services Trust Board which originally built the scheme. The Director of Wesley Social Services Office works in the role of social worker to the home and does the field inquiries for admission applications.

Wesleyhaven continues to be well supported by District women's groups and the Wesleyhaven Fair Committee. Visits are arranged regularly and the newly completed social hall adds to the facilities available for the enjoyment of residents.

### **Catherine Jamieson Hostel, St. Paul's Circuit, Palmerston North:**

The hostel continues to provide hospitality for a full complement of 12 young women, 10 of whom are Teachers' College and University students, under the capable guidance of the resident Lady Superintendent, Miss Prudence Patrick.

Initial capital for the hostel was provided by loans from within St. Paul's Circuit, entirely interest free. These are being repaid considerably quicker than was originally anticipated and planned for.

### **Immigration:**

Mr B. Duxfield, as representative for immigration inquiries, has been able to advise a number of intending immigrants from U.K. At present two families and a small number of single persons are awaiting departure after the recent seamen's strike. Efforts will be made to have them met on arrival and assistance with accommodation given.

B. DUXFIELD, Secretary

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. be requested to consider and report on ways of inaugurating and financing new ventures in social service in provincial areas.

## **II.—CENTRAL MISSIONS**

### **A.—Auckland Methodist Central Mission**

**Annual Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1966**

The past year has been one of further consolidation and gradual build up in evangelistic and social service work. The attendances at Sunday Services have increased and the Lunchtime Wednesday Services are continuing.



## THE CENTRE:

The Church has become a centre for various meetings during the week and kindred organisations use the facilities in the Hall.

The release of contract will take place when remaining outstanding work is completed. The first sinking fund instalment of £15,000 has been paid and through the New Zealand Insurance Trust Department interest of £29,500 has been paid to the Loan Stock Debenture Holders. All financial obligations have been met, but the Trustees realise the need for special care during the first five years. There has been a change of one tenancy.

## THE ELDERLY.

### (a) Wesley Geriatric Hospital:

Dr. John B. Lovell Smith (Medical Superintendent) and Dr. W. N. Clay continue as medical visitors. Sister Rutherford has proved an efficient Matron.

**New Occupational Therapy Unit:** This is the first unit of its kind in a private hospital in New Zealand to receive subsidy from the Government. The Department, together with a six-bed 'easing-out' unit, as well as extensions to the sitting room and laundry, have cost £30,000 and there is a debt of £12,000. Miss Hilary Brooks as Occupational Therapist has served us well. While the hospital expects a proportion of terminal cases, the emphasis is laid upon the rehabilitation of the patient. The bed turnover during the year has been 300%. We have been well served with an excellent staff. Three adjacent properties have been acquired during the year at a cost of £21,500, making a total of seven adjoining properties for future development—the Trustees are examining these possibilities. Mrs I. Sweetapple has eased our burden with a gift of £10,000.

### (b) Mount Albert, Astley House, Tyler House, Ashby Hospital and Leigh Haven Cottages:

Mrs I. Palmer, who has been Matron at Astley House for the last fifteen years, has recently retired. We record our very grateful thanks for her devoted and efficient services. The new Matron is Mrs B. D. Birkin.

Sister Margaret Frampton, Matron of Tyler House, is overseas and will return to her work in November next. We are fortunate to secure the services of Sister D. Heape during her absence.

A house in McLean Street has been purchased at a cost of £6,750 and the Health Department has approved of additions of over £4,200. This project will receive a Government subsidy and will be used as an annexe for six men with a nurse as overseer. An increasing problem is the growing frailty of our guests.

### (c) Elderly People's Fellowship:

This group which meets in our Hall has a membership of 250. Mrs G. Pratt is President. The members enjoy their meetings, bowling club, bus rides and other activities.

### (d) Chiropody:

Mrs Longton, a qualified Chiropodist, attends the needs of a growing number of elderly people. The pensioners are asked to contribute 2/- per treatment and the Mission subsidises the cost.

### (e) Accommodation for Forgotten Men:

For some time the Mission has been looking into the matter of accommodation for "forgotten men". In conjunction with the Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches, we are

exploring the possibility of acquiring a property for the purpose of housing, treating and rehabilitating the men. The Churches concerned are unanimous that this work should be done together. Mr C. J. Lovegrove, a well known Auckland solicitor, is giving time to the scheme.

#### **Inter-Church Counselling Centre and Samaritan Lifeline:**

All Churches connected with the National Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church are co-operating in this venture and Contributing financially to maintain the work. Trained by the Director, Dr. D. O. Williams, the counsellors deal with people irrespective of creed. A full time receptionist is now employed.

During the year, the Samaritan Lifeline has been definitely established and the service available 24 hours a day. The centre was officially opened on Sunday, February 20th, when Representatives of the various Churches were present. The number of cases dealt with during the first four months were: Spiritual Guidance 28, Social Welfare 45, General Guidance 126, Psychological and Emotional 233, Marriage and Family 236, Lonely, ill and depressed 82, Alcoholic 11, Financial 55, Unmarried mothers 22, Hoax 12; making a total of 850. Of these, 114 were anonymous, there were 33 Emergency calls and 549 Counselling interviews.

**Winstone Lodge:** This hostel for thirty student girls meets a very real need for girls who are away from home. Miss M. Dalziel serves us well as Matron.

**Campbell's Bay Health Camp:** The camp has been a godsend to many needy children. Community groups, youth of the Churches, transit housing for new settlers, etc.—in this way 2,700 people have benefitted.

We are grateful to

J. R. McKenzie Trust	.....	£300
The Auckland Savings Bank	.....	£100
The Sutherland Self Help Trust	.....	£250

**Waiheke Holiday House:** The Trustees are holding the property for future development and in the meantime both cottages are used by families who need holidays.

**Court and Prison Work:** We record our thanks to Sister Ivy Jones, J.P., M.B.E., for many years of service; Miss J. Boniface (Social Worker, Children's Homes) takes care of the girls at the Court; the Rev. J. S. Olds attends to the boys and is Chaplain to Mount Eden Prison. The Maori folk are ministered to by Sister Grace Clement.

**Staff:** The appointment of the Rev. J. S. Olds has meant a stimulation to our work and he has fitted in very well as a member of a team. Sister Gladys Thomas was married in January and has transferred to Sydney.

Our office staff render signal service in the day to day work of the Mission.

#### **PACIFIC ISLANDERS.**

##### **(a) Samoan:**

A bi-monthly service is held and well attended. The club and brass band continue and there is a good choir. Together with the children in our fellowship there are about 100 Samoans over whom we have particular care.

##### **(b) Visiting Fijians:**

There has developed a pattern whereby Fijians come to New



Zealand for three monthly periods. A large majority work in order to return to Fiji and give their surplus amount to the work of the Church. The Mission has been responsible for housing a large number of these folk and has recently set aside two houses at Mount Eden for their accommodation.

Both Samoans and the Fijians make a fine contribution to the spiritual life of the Church.

#### Legacies received during the year:

	£	s.	d.
Estate Mary Pierson	2522	13	1
Estate Millicent Seabrook	1750	0	0
Estate George C. Sills	1170	0	2
Estate Kate Leppard	625	9	6
Estate Audrey C. Griffin	200	0	0
Estate S. J. Werren	120	0	0
Estate C. L. Coleman	100	0	0
Estate Cora Brown	100	0	0
Estate Louisa Grove	43	3	5

The gift of a house at Point Chevalier by Mrs Somerville is greatly appreciated.

**The Future:** After so many years in the old buildings around the corner in Airedale Street, the Mission now finds itself in an engaging and challenging situation. The work has been consolidated and we are exploring new methods of involvement in the Community. This takes time but with a core of consecrated people, we feel confident that the Mission's influence will make a significant impact upon the city's life.

**Extensions Tyler House:** Though final sketch plans have not yet been approved, the Trustees have agreed to move "Caughey House" (Nurses' Home) to the rear of the section, thus leaving almost an acre of land free for development. The plans to date include a new kitchen, dining hall, large lounge, activities and hobbies room, treatment room, hair dressing salon, 56 single rooms and approximately 42 flats. This scheme is in the nature of a four-storey building with a lift. It is also in mind to erect a small chapel for the benefit of the guests. The chapel, which does not receive subsidy, will probably proceed in the near future. The larger four-storey scheme is now receiving attention by a special committee, and we trust to present the final sketch plans to the Health Department at an early date. Towards this scheme we have received notification of legacies from the late Miss M. W. Weeks and Mr John Weeks of approximately £60,000.

**Down Town Club:** Led by the Reverend J. S. Olds, the young people with the help of the Trustees and the men of the congregation, have renovated a large portion of the old church and are drawing in youth to their activities. A television set, a coffee bar, together with many other amenities have been installed and a young adult fellowship also meets in this area (in the 20-30 age group).

**Appreciation:** We record our thanks to all donors and supporters, Trustees, Officers, Women's Committee, Organists, Choir Master and all who have stood in with us and served Almighty God.

**Australian Mission:** The Superintendent was the guest of the Ivanhoe Church in May and visited Mission work in Sydney and South Australia. Periodic meetings of Superintendents of Missions from both sides of the Tasman would stimulate inner city Mission work.

**Board of Management, 1967:** Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), Rev. J. S. Olds, General Superintendent of Home

Missions, Chairman of District, Dr. D. O. Williams, Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Rev. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D., Mesdames I. Sweetapple, A. Pratt, M. Spurge, M. King, E. Mills, W. Dudley and Misses E. Booth and O. Furley, Messrs F. M. Souster, G. Tootill, J.P., W. H. Patterson, B.A., F. Rose, R. S. P. Simpson, A.R.A.N.Z., A. N. West, J. Grindrod, R. T. Garlick, LL.B., E. A. Astley, W. Donnelly M.B.E., G. Peake, LL.B., C. W. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey, A. H. Winstone, LL.B., C. W. Firth, M.Sc., J. Tremwith, G. Pratt, A. E. Hayman, J.P., K. Clarke, W. Wood, R. A. Barfoot, A.R.A.N.Z., H. Kendrick.

A. EVERIL 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 appreciation be expressed of the faithful and efficient service of Mrs I. Palmer as Matron of Astley House for the past 15 years and God's richest blessing be sought in her retirement.
3. That congratulations and thanks be extended to the Chairman, Executive Officers and Mr J. Davys on the successful completion of the Tamahere Eventide Home project.

## B— Christchurch Central Mission

### 17th ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1966

**Rehua Maori Hostel:** Contractors have been working this year on a 3-storey 33-bed wing, and it is expected it will be officially opened in October by the Hon. J. R. Hanan, Minister of Maori Affairs.

The total cost of this wing, which is £40,000, is being paid for by the Government. The Mission is responsible for furniture, bedding etc., and it is anticipated that approximately £1,000 will be required for this purpose.

When the new wing is occupied, Rehua Hostel will accommodate 65 Maori apprentices. The trainees come from many North Island districts.

Mr and Mrs G. A. Moody continue to serve as Master and Matron, and are giving excellent leadership to the boys.

**Life-Line:** On May 1st, 'Life-Line', which until then operated from 9 a.m. to midnight, offered continuous service day and night.

Sixty-five Telephone Counsellors are rostered to cover the 24-hour period, and they have been trained in the principles of non-directive counselling.

During the year, 1,924 calls for help have been received—an increase of 750 calls on the previous year.

To cope with the increasing demand for the "Life-Line" service, appeals have been made to all churches for volunteers for the work of Telephone Counselling. At present 53 are in training.

The "Trouble Team" which is a vital part of the "Life-Line" service, has 29 members. The city is zoned, and each "Trouble Team"



member is rostered to be on instant call in cases of potential suicide or other urgent crises.

Apart from Methodist members of the "Life-Line" Administrative Committee, there are representatives from the Church of England, Presbyterian, and Churches of Christ. Invitations to share in the work of the Committee have been forwarded to the Roman Catholic Church, and all other Churches associated with the National Council of Churches.

**International 'Life-Line' Convention:** The first International "Life-Line" Convention will be held in Sydney in August, 1966, and eight representatives from Christchurch will be attending.

**Telephone Ministry:** A Church of England, Baptist, and Congregational Minister, together with Methodist Ministers and laymen, provide the daily recorded messages and prayers for this service.

59,445 calls have been received this year, and since the service commenced in April, 1964, 184,104 calls have been received.

**Papanui Eventide Home:** As reported to the last Conference, the Department of Health has approved a subsidy of £86,400 for the erection of a Home for the Aged on land which is part of the site of the Children's Home in Harewood Road. With rising costs, we still have a gap of £20,000 between the subsidy approved and the total cost.

In view of the urgent need for more accommodation for the aged, we appeal to Methodists and the Community generally to support appeals for this work.

**Proposed Nelson Home for the Aged:** The Minister of Health has advised that Government was prepared to consider assistance towards the establishment of an Old People's Home in Nelson by the Mission. A deputation has met the Nelson Synod Standing Committee, and the Synod agreed that the need for such a Home was apparent. The Superintendent was requested to approach the Associated Churches of Christ to ascertain if a joint venture were possible.

**Youth Work:** The Youth Programme of the Mission now caters for young people with no previous Christian experience and for those who are moving to a fuller understanding of the Christian life.

A Friday Evening Club—the "Coffee Tree", was opened in June in rooms that have been modernised and arranged as an attractive Coffee House. Adjoining the rooms is a Youth Chapel. This Club reaches lonely young people in the city, and many establish new friendships with Church youth whose aim is to lead them to full Christian commitment.

The young people who help with this work are drawn from various denominations.

The Sunday Evening Coffee Club is continuing, and through discussion a real dialogue has been established with those who attend—mainly University students and Senior Bible Class young people.

Folk songs are popular, and this Club promises to be an educative force setting forth a relevant Gospel that holds answers to many of the problems and questions facing youth today.

The Rev. A. R. Bowden is leading these youth programmes.

**Staff:** After six years' faithful service, the Rev. D. W. Edmonds was transferred from this Circuit by the last Conference.

The Rev. A. R. Bowden was appointed, and he has commenced what promises to be a most effective Ministry.

**Wesley Lodge and Hospital:** The Matron, Miss I. E. Macadam, has completed 10 years of service with the Mission this year.

An Assistant Matron is urgently needed, otherwise the staff position has been well maintained.

The staff have requested the Board to consider the provision of a Chapel, and they have raised £1,400 for this purpose.

Since Wesley Hospital was opened in 1957, 605 patients have been cared for.

We are concerned that 101 people are on our waiting list for the Hospital and Home.

**Finance:** Two areas of the Mission's work have given concern because of the heavy deficit on operating costs, viz., Rehua Hostel and "Life-Line".

In both cases, a "Friends" movement has been launched to give financial support. We thank all who have become 'friends'. We are confident that with the annual support of "Friends" and general donations, the financial position will be greatly improved.

**Thanks:** We thank the press and the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for the excellent news coverage of many aspects of the Mission's work.

We appreciate the many gifts of finance, clothing, and foodstuffs given by many people and organisations during the year.

We record our gratitude to the Conveners of the various Committees and officials for the service rendered.

We give thanks to Almighty God for permitting us to be a Servant Church in the midst of so much human need.

W. E. FALKINGHAM,  
A. A. DINGWALL,  
H. G. STEWART.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1967 be:— The Chairman of the District, Revs. H. K. Brown, H. G. Brown, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, A. R. Bowden, Mrs R. Anderson, Mr R. Anderson, Mrs R. G. Bell, Mrs W. T. Blight, Mr L. J. Butler, Mrs W. Couch, Mr W. Couch, Mrs G. M. Couch, Mr G. M. Couch, Mr T. J. Chamberlain, Miss P. Caukwell, Rev. W. S. Dawson, Mrs W. S. Dawson, Mr A. A. Dingwall, Mr N. A. Evans, Dr T. Enticott, Miss M. E. Edwards, Rev. J. D. Grocott, Mr P. W. Gurney, Mr W. A. Hadlee, Mr N. G. Hillary, Mr A. B. Hurnard, Mr R. T. Hunt, Mrs R. Jones, Rev. W. R. Laws, Mrs M. Leask, Mr W. T. Lill, Mrs L. Lewis, Mr E. Livingstone, Rev. H. C. Matthews, Mr R. Mitchell, Mrs G. Moody, Rev. Dr M. A. McDowell, Dr S. C. Peddie, Rev. P. D. Ramsay, Mr G. S. Salter, Mr H. R. Spargo, Mr A. Southey, Mrs H. G. Stewart, Mr H. G. Stewart, Mr R. Thomas, plus Circuit Officials and Ministers, Trust and Finance Committee, Wesley Lodge and Hospital Committee, and Rehua Maori Hostel.

## C.—Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin

### 1. CIRCUIT LIFE:

After many frustrating delays, we are glad to report that the renovations and alterations to Trinity Church which will cost approximately £26,000 have been almost completed and it is planned to re-



open the Church towards the end of the year. Trinity Church will then become the permanent worship centre for both morning and evening services for Methodism in the heart of Dunedin.

We are most satisfied with the greatly improved Church and with the high standard of workmanship that has been evident throughout the renovations. The windows have been replaced, the whole Church re-pointed and the stonework treated. The interior has been altered and the gallery removed. In the basement hall the centre pillars have been replaced by steel girders to support the ceiling.

During the year a most successful Stewardship Campaign was organised by our Church Department of Finance and Stewardship.

Our Administrative Staff remains the same. The Quarterly Meeting has unanimously invited our associate minister, the Rev. J. H. Roberts to continue with us after ordination. Mr Roberts has recently been appointed by the Justice Department and the National Council of Churches as the part-time Chaplain to the Dunedin Women's Prison.

Hospital Chaplaincy work is being continued with the Rev. J. H. Roberts caring for the Methodist patients in the Dunedin Public and Private Hospitals and the Rev. Warren Green being one of a team of three Chaplains at the Seacliff group of Psychiatric Hospitals.

At present the main cost for the Psychiatric Chaplaincy is being met by our circuit with the help of a Home Mission Grant and a grant from the District.

## **2. INSTITUTIONS:**

### **(a) Eventide Home and Hospital, Company Bay**

We have been working under great difficulty at Company Bay this year as for approximately six months the whole work of the Home and Hospital has been disrupted by major alterations. The final cost will be in the vicinity of £30,000 for which the Government has made available a special subsidy of £13,888. The alterations have meant virtually the rebuilding of the whole interior of the Neale Block as regards sleeping accommodation. The kitchen and laundry have both been completely renovated and re-equipped. An important feature has been the conversion of rooms for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. We are tremendously indebted to a fine staff who, under the leadership of Sister J. Brooking, are doing a magnificent work caring for a number of very frail elderly ladies, many of whom require the maximum of nursing care.

### **(b) Wesley Manor**

Our Men's Home continues to have a full complement of 20 men in residence with several on the waiting list. The problem there is having a number of men who are really hospital cases but for whom we have no hospital beds. Our Matron, Sister Ruth Farnsworth, and her staff are doing grand work. Wesley Manor is an old building, and although many renovations and improvements have been carried out, the day is not far distant when the Trust will have to consider a replacement of the building.

### **(c) Wesley Hall Students' Hostel**

We are concerned at the uneconomic nature of this hostel which loses several hundred pounds each year. If the Methodist Church is to continue to have a stake in student accommodation in the city of Dunedin which we believe it should, this loss will have to be faced until the Mission is in a position to make extensions. We have nothing but praise, however, for the efficient way in which our Matron, Mrs Prescott, runs the hostel and looks after the students under her care.

**(d) Kawerau Falls Holiday Camp**

We would agree with those people who are agitating for staggered holidays. We cannot cope with the demand to use the homestead and cabins at Kawerau Falls during December and January, but there is plenty of accommodation available at other times of the year. Because of other Social Service commitments, the only improvements which we can effect at the present time here must come out of income. We are most fortunate in having as voluntary caretakers Mr and Mrs J. Patey who for the past 18 months have most efficiently cared for Kawerau Falls.

**(e) Glenwood Anglican/Methodist Old People's Home, Timaru**

Since this Home was opened two years ago, it has fulfilled a most useful function in South Canterbury. The Trust Board is already considering plans for extension.

**(f) Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery**

During the year our Trust decided that the Day Nursery should not be located in the new building and alternative premises were sought. Consequently, through an arrangement with the Wesley Church Trustees, the Day Nursery has moved permanently to Wesley Hall, Hillside Road, which is one of the finest Methodist Halls in Dunedin. We believe that the arrangement will be most satisfactory to all concerned. We have purchased a property next door to provide a playground, and plans are being made for a new toilet block.

**3. GOODWILL STORE:**

The Goodwill Store, under the voluntary management of Miss C. Uren and her team of ladies, continues to supply a need in the city by providing good secondhand clothing at reasonable prices.

**4. OCTAGON BUILDING:**

During the year certain amendments have been made reducing the Tower Block to seven storeys but increasing the available accommodation on each floor. This means that the new building is planned to contain two floors of shops, a hall to seat 300 people being also included on one of these floors, and a tower containing seven rentable office floors. The estimated cost of the building is £375,000. Working drawings are almost completed, and we plan to call tenders early in 1967.

Final negotiations are at present being made regarding loan money and many interested enquiries have been received regarding tenancies.

**5. FINANCE:**

As ever, we are grateful to the many well-wishers who have helped us financially during the year by donations. We are particularly grateful to those who make possible from a financial angle the work of the Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery, namely the J. R. McKenzie Trust Board, the Otago Savings Bank, the Otago Hospital Board and the Dunedin City Council.

No work of this magnitude could be carried out without the loyal co-operation of many people. This has been willingly given by members of the staff, by Committee members, Church members and indeed the whole Church in our Social Service area. We are grateful to God for the privilege which is ours to serve in this sphere.

D. B. GORDON, Superintendent.

G. F. PASCOE,

H. V. VINCE, Circuit Stewards.



## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the M.S.S.A. present to Conference a uniform policy regarding financial support for Hospital Chaplaincies.

QUESTION 52—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Children's Homes?

### III.—Children's Homes

#### A—Auckland Methodist Children's Home

##### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

This is the 53rd Annual Report of our work for children under the care of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home Committee. We humbly pay tribute and express our gratitude to God for His guidance throughout the year.

At the end of June 1966 there were 42 children under our care and supervision, 20 of whom were actually in residence at "Wesleydale"; one girl is at Kurahuna Hostel, two boys at Wesley College, one boy and one girl at special schools at Otakaike and Richmond. There are 17 children in 11 foster homes.

In January of this year Miss J. E. Boniface was appointed as Social Worker to the Committee, and has done a very fine work, with her time fully occupied in contacting the foster parents and the children living with them. A great deal of time is also well spent in interviewing people who desire their children to come under our care. This work is also extended to interviews with prospective foster parents, and in visits to parents in their own homes, with the hope that the particular family might be maintained as a united family.

The Committee has given much thought and discussion to the request of the Child Welfare Division that they might obtain a long lease of "Wesleydale" property. It has been decided that such a lease cannot be granted, and that the present buildings at "Wesleydale" be made available as a Reception Centre to accommodate approximately 20 children, and that one wing of the present buildings be adapted to accommodate approximately another 12 children as a family unit.

A new home on the Milford Road property will be proceeded with as soon as satisfactory financial arrangements can be completed, with a view to operating it as a family home.

As will be seen by the summary earlier in this report, the policy of placing children in suitable Methodist foster homes is continuing to be implemented.

The willing help offered by many of our Church members in the North Auckland, Auckland, and Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synodal Districts made it possible to give all of our children a good holiday home in the Christmas period, and quite a number of them also had similar holidays in the recent May vacation. The sincere thanks of the Committee is extended to these good friends.

The interest of the Ladies' Committee has again been evidenced in their attention particularly to the furnishings of the "home", and this help is greatly appreciated by the committee.

In May of this year an appointment as "master" at "Wesleydale" was made. Mr M. J. Smith was appointed as "master" and his wife also on the staff, and already their influence on the general behaviour of the boys and girls has been evidenced by a very much improved general attitude towards the staff and the spirit of the "home". They are both dedicated to the task they have undertaken.

We look forward with confidence to the continued support and interest of Christian folk in our three Synodal districts, particularly in regard to the use of foster homes where practicable, being certain that God has blessed us in the work in the past, and that His call is still urgent for devoted interest in the lot and life of these younger ones.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman  
PERCY DELLOW, Secretary

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Auckland Committee for Care of Dependent Children for 1967 be as printed on page 7 herein.

## **B— Masterton Methodist Children's Home**

30th June, 1966

### Annual Report of the Management Committee

Children cared for in the home has varied between 23 and 30, coming in as far afield as Hawera and Wellington. We have continued to care for some short term emergency cases as well as the long term family care which has been the basis of the work at Homeleigh for many years.

We have two children placed in foster homes under the care of the home, with arrangements for the adoption of one being under way.

Twenty-three children have revisited us during the year, some on more than one occasion. On the whole, children who have passed through Homeleigh have made successful, and in some cases quite outstanding places for themselves in life and have spoken of their appreciation for the start given them here at Homeleigh.

Mr Doug. Springer runs sheep on the property and we have six horses and ponies ridden by the children. The standard of riding has been of sufficiently high merit to have had some success in local club events.

Rev. Ken Toomer visits the home each week, joining in the games and activities with the children. A very valuable association has been formed.

Recent reports from the headmasters of the schools attended by the children indicate that good progress is being made and in the field of sport they have done particularly well while their attitude and behaviour is excellent.

Further coordination of the work among dependent children in the Area has been achieved through the work of the M.S.S.A. Area Sub Committee. The Social Workers based on Wellington and Palmerston North have been recognised as serving the home as field agents and will channel all cases for foster home placement through the Masterton Children's Home Committee which is the sole local body for care and supervision in the M.S.S.A. Area. The two social



workers are assisted by an advisory committee incorporating the manager of the home and chairman of the Home Committee forming the Sub Committee under the Central Districts M.S.S.A. Both social workers, Mr Duxfield and Mr Baber have worked in full cooperation with the Home Committee and have at all times been anxious to assist the management in any way.

We are pleased to report that extensive improvements including a new heating system and modernisation of kitchen and bathrooms, are almost completed. This will add greatly to the comfort of the children and staff. The Home Committee appreciates the interest shown in this work by the architect Mr Neil Inkster and the Child Welfare Division.

The Home Committee would again like to record its thanks to all those who have assisted in the work of the home, with a special word to those who have cared for the children over school holiday periods.

We record appreciative thanks to the Manager and Matron, Mr and Mrs Jolly, whose untiring labours, devotion and attention have made Homeleigh a real home indeed for many under their care. Our thanks are due also to the other members of the staff for their help in the care of this large family.

We pray God's continued blessing and guidance during the coming year.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 7 herein.

## **C— South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1966**

It is with a very real debt of gratitude to God that we present this report. This has been a year of consolidation and of advance as the Board has continued to further the full programme of child care. The following statistics will give some idea of the continuing need for all the care that is being provided and that will be given in the future.

In 1965 there were 56 in the Home, together with 13 in Foster Homes, a total of 69. During the year there have been: Admissions, 99; Demissions, 115, all of whom have been returned to Parent or Parents, except 2 adopted. Three families, totalling 9 children, returned to re-united Parents.

There are now 56 in the Home, of whom: 13 have been in the Home for more than 3 years; 17 have been in the Home for from 1 to 3 years; 15 have been in the Home for under 1 year; 1 child is in Hospital (long term).

There are 12 children in Foster Homes, of whom: 5 have been in the Foster Home for 3 years; 3 have been in the Foster Home for 1 to 3 years; 4 have been in the Foster Home for under 1 year. During the year 23 Foster Homes have been used for 33 children, and 2 of these children have been adopted.

**Case Work:** The above figures reveal something of the excellent

case-work that is being carried through so efficiently and successfully by the Master, Mr J. E. Scott. Placing children in Foster Homes, adoptions arranged, children re-united with Parent or Parents, and children returned to re-united Parents, are all the result of much fine work done by Mr Scott. In addition, and what the figures do not reveal, is the number of children who never enter the Home because of successful counselling work that has been done. The Church and the Board are grateful for all that is being achieved in this way.

**Board Membership:** During the year we have lost several valued members. The Rev. A. O. Harris, after many years of service to the Board as a member, as well as being Secretary for a time, passed to his well-earned reward at his death. The Rev. W. T. Blight, another with many years of service as member, and as Chairman for a period, resigned. The Rev. L. T. Norwell left the Board on his transfer from Christchurch. The Board regrets the loss of the services of these members.

To replace them the following appointments were made: The Revs. Dr M. A. McDowell, O. L. Christian and R. W. Widdup. We have been glad to welcome these new members, and the Board is also considering the matter of further lay appointments.

**Pre-School Centre:** This continues to function most successfully. During the year new materials have been purchased in assisting this work. The Board is hoping to provide better accommodation for this work shortly.

**Staff:** The position here continues to be very satisfactory, with longer terms of service being given on the average. Members of the Staff attended Social Service lectures during the year, centring round child care and management. These have been of great help. There is also one trainee on the staff who gains practical experience by relieving Family Mothers of the Family Units on their days off.

**Outside Groups:** A large proportion of the children are able to attend outside groups for youth activity and recreation. 62 children have attended such groups as Scouts, Girls' Brigade, Ballet, Music and the like, these proving most helpful to their development.

Assistance has been given by outside groups such as the Masonic Charitable Trust and the Papanui Rotary Club in addition to the facilities of the Home and other work. The Board has been most grateful for the provision of Hot Boxes for meals, and a paddling-swimming pool in the grounds for the children.

**Renovations:** Preliminary plans have been drawn up, and are now in the hands of the Welfare Department for comment, for interior alterations and modernisation of the present Home. The Board has felt for some time that there was a need to bring the facilities of the Home up-to-date with other Homes of this nature. There is also the need to modernise some of the furnishings, and for the replacement of the heating system with equipment that will heat the whole Home. In addition, with the present care conducted along the lines of Family Units within the building, these need to be made as self-contained and independent as possible. Though this may prove costly, the time has come when these alterations are necessary. It is hoped that subsidy will be available, and application for this has been made.

**New Family Unit Home:** Final plans and specifications have been drawn up for the Home to be built in Barrington Street, and have been approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. These have been forwarded to the Welfare Department, and we are awaiting their decision regarding subsidy before proceeding with the calling of tenders. We hope to be able to do this fairly shortly.



With these two matters of importance before us we look forward confidently to another year, knowing that this needy work among the children demands the best that we can provide for them. We believe that God is guiding us and blessing us in this work.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.  
O. T. WOODFIELD, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 7 herein.

**QUESTION 53**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) The Order of the Deaconesses? (b) The Training of Deaconesses?

## Methodist Deaconess Board

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

During the year there has been consideration of policy and of the development of the Hostel work in Deaconess House. There have been 27 boarders and 2 Deaconess Trainees in residence. The significant change during the year was the resignation of Mrs G. Gauntlett after 14 years' splendid, devoted and constant leadership as Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House. The Board was very appreciative of all that Mrs Gauntlett has done over these years, recognising her devotion, her mature wisdom and loyalty in her carrying out of this office. The Board held a function to express appreciation to her, and made a presentation on behalf of the Church.

We also received the resignation of Mr F. T. Bartley who has been a very able Treasurer of the Board since the end of 1961, and the Board placed on record its indebtedness to Mr Bartley.

**Appointments:** After a brief interim appointment of a Lady Superintendent who resigned, the Board unanimously appointed Miss Judith Ford as Lady Superintendent and is most appreciative of her able fulfilment of that office. Miss Ford's personality and devotion has already endeared her to the Hostel residents and the Board. The Board is seeking an Assistant-Matron. We have been most ably served by Sister Ada Lee as a temporary appointment, and express our very great appreciation to her.

Mr Roger Flesher, whose name is well known to Methodists, was appointed Treasurer in place of Mr Bartley and is giving a considerable amount of time and able oversight to this aspect of the Board's work.

The House Committee has given time to consideration of the uniforms of the Deaconess Trainees and has been most faithful in other matters relative to the domestic life of the house and the Board is most appreciative.

**Property Committee:** Considerable interior improvements were made which have greatly enhanced the usefulness and attractiveness of the building. Discussions have been held with the adjoining property owners concerning access and the decisions made will improve the value of our property. The Board has appointed a sub-committee to examine the issues arising from the transfer of the Teacher's College and the University to the Upper Riccarton and Ilam locality. Policy matters of this kind are being considered in consultation with relevant committees of the Church.

**Transfer of Training:** Questions relative to the training of Deaconesses were reported in a supplementary report to Conference last year. The Board has taken cognisance of the fact that Deaconess training is part of the matters which come before the Joint Commission on Church Union dealing with Theological training. The Board is impressed by the thought and leadership given by the Joint Commission and notes that a sub-committee has been appointed to give further study to this matter. The Board is looking with interest to further reports and is pleased that the Warden, the Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A., is convener of this sub-committee, and the Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A., is a member.

After a close study of the situation, and of the regulations regarding the obligations of students who resign before completing a satisfactory number of years of service, amendments to the law are set out in the recommendations.

The Board is confident that the Warden policy will, in the course of time, materially improve the whole situation of Deaconess recruitment and service, though in the short term it is not possible to indicate rapid improvement.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Secretary.

G. R. TREBILCO, Assistant Secretary.

### WARDEN'S REPORT

**The Order:** At the present time the numerical strength of the Deaconess Order is inadequate to meet the needs of the Church. There are nineteen Deaconesses in full time service of the church, two in part time service, and one serving with another organisation, making a total of 22 members of the Order. Within the next three or four years the Church can expect to lose four of the senior Sisters through retirement and possibly receive 6 or 8 students for training. There are two Deaconess vacancies in the Maori Mission, and six vacancies in Circuits or Central Missions. At this pace the Order is barely maintaining itself and provides for no withdrawals from the order before any Sister reaches retiring age.

Since 1951 thirty-one students have been received for training. Of these ten are still active in the work. Of the 18 who proceeded to probation 3 rendered 1 year of service; 3 two years; 3 three years; 1 gave four years; 4 five years; 1 gave 6 and 1 other seven; 2 have given eight years of service. In fact one half of those received on to probation rendered three or less years of service.

In the light of these facts the Deaconess Board believes that:—

- (1) At the time when candidates come forward consideration must be given to the intention to serve the church for a reasonable period, and has again included on the Questionnaire a specific question to this end.
- (2) Where a Deaconess resigns from the work after a short period of service, the question of moral obligation (as opposed to legal bond) is a matter that should be faced, and the Deaconess Board has framed a resolution to this end.
- (3) After marriage the present law allows for the continuance of a Deaconess in the work of the Order if the Conference approves, but the presumption has been that upon marriage a Deaconess shall resign.

After careful consideration the Deaconess Board has framed two resolutions, (a) making provision for the continuance of a Deaconess in the work after marriage, and (b) for the re-employment of Deaconesses who have married and are able to return to Deaconess work.



**Publicity:** During the year the Easter Camps in South Canterbury, Otago and Southland have been visited and several local groups contacted. A set of photographs has been prepared setting out the origin of the Deaconess Order, the kinds of work it undertakes today, the training given, and the qualification required of candidates. These have been well received by Easter Camps, and Women's Fellowships, and are available through the Warden. A series of cartoons has been prepared by Mrs Poulston of Timaru, and should be available by the end of the year. Two other programmes of a publicity nature are in course of preparation, but the best kind of publicity is for the claims of the Order to be presented to our younger people by the leaders of the local churches.

**Convocation:** Convocation met in May, and elected Sister Rona Collins as President and Sister Barbara Miller as Secretary-Treasurer for the next three years. A Common Rule based on the Order of Sisters of the Church of South India has been adopted, and further study is being undertaken during the year by the Deaconess Fellowships. Of the latter there are now six, new ones being formed in Wellington and Christchurch.

**Personnel:** During the year Miss Wallis resigned from the Order to marry, and Miss Prichard withdrew from training on the grounds of inability to do the work of a Deaconess.

The Victoria and Tasmania Deaconess Order has requested that Deaconess Merle Fechner might be transferred to New Zealand for a period of two years in order to study inter-racial co-operation in the Church. The recommendation has been approved by the Deaconess Board and is forwarded to the General Purposes Committee.

The Marchwiel Union Church, Timaru, has requested approval of the appointment of a Presbyterian Deaconess to the Church for a period of three years. Approval was given.

## DEACONESS HOUSE.

**Studies:** In the absence of the Rev. R. G. Bell, the Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A., has been lecturing in Theology, and Mr Stephen Lamont L.T.C.L., has given his services in speech training.

During the 1965 supplementary lecture period the students took a course in pastoral clinical training at Princess Margaret Hospital and later spent three weeks with Deaconesses in the Maori Mission. The assistance of those responsible for making such opportunities available to the students, together with the continuing good services of the several lecturers is gratefully acknowledged.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE ORDER.

1967 will mark the Diamond Jubilee of the opening of the first Deaconess House. Its most worthy celebration would be a large intake of students for the Order.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Warden.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the second sentence in paragraph 10 Law Book page 121 be repealed.
3. That para 37, Law Book, page 123 be amended to read as follows:—

"In the event of a candidate resigning from the Order before completing 3 years' service, except in the case of physical inca-

capacity duly certified by the Conference Medical referee or when training or probation is terminated by the action of the Conference, there is a moral obligation to refund a part of the sum spent by the Church on her training and she shall discuss the matter with the Deaconess Board."

4. (a) That para 37, Law Book, page 123, be amended to read as follows:—

The first sentence to remain as it is, namely "A Deaconess or Deaconess Probationer who expects to marry or intends to engage in any other occupation shall notify the Board and her Superintendent Minister thereof." Next sentence deleted and the following substituted, "On the recommendation of the Deaconess Board and the General Purposes Committee, Conference may continue in the active work a Deaconess who marries, 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."

4. (b) That 37b be added as follows:— 'Where a Deaconess, subsequent to marriage later becomes available to take up an appointment, and where such appointment is available without disturbing the marriage bond, she may be re-employed with full rights and duties as a member of the Order upon the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.'

5. That the leaders of local churches be urged to use the publicity material prepared, to publicise the wide opportunities of the Deaconess Order as a relevant and modern vocation for young women.

6. That the Faith and Order Committee consider and report on to Synods and Conference 1967:

"That Retired Deaconesses in full status be members of the District Synods as of right".

7. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 6 herein.

**QUESTION 55—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?**

## **A.—New Zealand Methodist Times Committee**

The audited financial statements are presented to Conference along with this report. The financial statements cover a 14-month period to 30th June, 1966, as the accounts were kept open in an endeavour to secure as large a proportion of the arrears of personal subscriptions and advertising as possible.

At June 30, 1966, the office was holding £226 which has been forwarded to the Committee of "The New Zealand Methodist", in accordance with the resolution of last Conference.

Arrangements were made with the Editor of the new Church paper for the blocks belonging to the "Methodist Times" to continue to be housed at the Connexional Office.

**Historical Review:** With the publication of the April issue of the New Zealand Methodist Times, an era in the realm of religious journalism may be said to have come to an end.

The first official journal of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference was the Christian Observer published in 1870. This was replaced a



year later by the New Zealand Wesleyan, under the editorship of the Rev. H. Robertson Fitchett, and it lasted until 1884. In July 1884 the New Zealand Wesleyan gave way to a weekly publication called the New Zealand Methodist, the editor for the time being the Rev. W. J. Williams. In 1894 the New Zealand Methodist was replaced by the Advocate, edited by the Rev. W. P. Fairclough. In 1901 the Outlook became the official publication for the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches with its pages divided up among the three denominations. In 1910 the Methodist Times appeared and for 56 years it has reflected the mind of Methodism. In all, eight men have served as editors, the last of whom being the only layman. The first editor was the Rev. Lewis Hudson (May 1910 to March 1913); he was followed by Revs. W. J. Williams (April 1913 to April 1922—a second editorial term), J. Napier Milne (May 1922 to March 1924), Percy Paris (April 1924 to March 1934), C. H. Laws (April 1934 to July 1936), H. E. Bellhouse (August 1936 to March 1947), W. T. Blight (April 1947 to April 1961), and Mr H. W. Beaumont (May 1961 to April 1966).

The business side of the Church Paper has been administered in the Connexional Office, the Connexional Secretary being the business manager. In this regard, we would make particular reference to the contribution of the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, who battled hard for a higher quality of paper and format and succeeded eventually in persuading the Conference through the Connexional Budget to make a yearly grant of £500. It is only this action that has made it possible for a surplus to be transferred to the "New Zealand Methodist".

Conference 1965 carried a resolution of thanks to all involved in the production of the Methodist Times and, in taking leave of the Conference, the Methodist Times Committee itself would again record its appreciation of the high standard of editorial work that has been done by Mr H. W. Beaumont and his assistant, Mr G. B. Couch. These two laymen have been responsible for a new emphasis in the columns of the Church paper that has been both refreshing and helpful. The Committee also wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the work of the regular contributors. Worthy of special mention is Sister Rita Snowden, who first began to assist with the paper when the Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws was editor and for upwards of 30 years has contributed a devotional article for every issue.

The Committee again acknowledges with gratitude the faithful work done by Methodist Times agents in the Circuits and Home Mission Stations of the Dominion. Without their interest and devoted service, the costs of distribution of the paper would have been considerably higher.

**The New Zealand Methodist:** The Methodist Times Committee joins with the rest of the Church in extending best wishes to the Auckland Committee responsible for the production and distribution of the fortnightly newspaper that has replaced the monthly Church magazine.

The Committee expresses the hope that under the Editorial leadership of the Rev. A. Richards and his colleagues, the Methodist Church paper will prove to be increasingly a means of evangelism, of building up the Church in the faith and ensuring that the Methodist Church has a word to say to the community that is both relevant and constructive.

B. C. BASCAND, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Business Manager.

## RESOLUTION

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

## B. — Board of Publications

The Board now has its storeroom fully set up in the basement underneath the Central Mission Offices. Unfortunately, some stock has been damaged by seepage of water. We find we have a large stock of excellent material that has been "on our shelves" a long time. We are therefore taking steps to quit this material at bargain rates.

During the past year sales of Advent and Lenten Leaflets, Conference Reports and Prayer Manuals have been well maintained. In addition the following have been published:—

"Methodist Answers" (on Marriage and the Family).

"Spiritual Healing—Methodist Statement".

"Why are you in Hospital?" and "Time on Your Hands" (Hospital Visitation leaflets).

As indicated in last year's report, our capital has now been built up to a point where we feel a "Forward Move" is called for. The publication of the "New Zealand Methodist" as a free fortnightly newspaper, has made our former "Editor Manager" policy impracticable in the meantime, so we propose that the present Secretary should seek relief from certain District and Connexional duties and should become Executive Officer with an allowance to permit him to employ secretarial help. This, we believe, will help us to pursue a much more progressive policy.

Already a series of booklets on various topics (uniform with "the Meaning of Baptism", by John Silvester) is being planned, and another series is projected on Current Affairs. Suggestions from Circuits about "tools for the job" will be welcomed by the Board. We also plan an overhaul of our marketing procedure, working through Circuit Agents as well as Epworth Bookrooms.

Some of our regular publications will now disappear—notably Conference Reports and the Lenten Leaflet. The Prayer Manual is also likely to be radically altered in form and content.

The Executive Officers of the Board consider it right to draw attention to the valuable service given to the Board over many years by our Chairman, Mr E. P. Salmon (who is at present overseas), Mr H. K. Lawry (Treasurer), Mr J. C. Wigglesworth (Accountant), Mr R. H. Hames (Auditor) and Mr B. R. Burton (Art Consultant). Without their help the work of the Board would have been much less efficient.

L. GORDON HANNA, Acting-Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Board be encouraged to implement its "Forward Move" proposals as outlined in the report for a trial period of two years.
4. In the light of the necessary policy changes with the advent of the N.Z. Methodist, that the Board of Publications give a report to



Synods and Conference on the possibility of publishing for sale or otherwise major Conference addresses.

5. That every effort be made to publish the significant speeches of this Conference.

6. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on pages 7 and 8 herein.

## **C.—Report of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist**

The appearance of the new Connexional newspaper marked a milestone in the history of Methodist publications in this country, a history that has witnessed six or seven different productions over almost one hundred years. The first issue was dated May 26 and a further two issues were produced up to the end of the connexional year, June 30, 1966.

**Circulation:** The original printing order was for 49,000 copies. This number exceeded our anticipated circulation of 45,000. It is encouraging that our circulation continues to grow with every issue so far.

**Distribution:** The response of circuits has been most helpful. From reports reaching the Board it would appear that the distribution in the local circuit setting is being tackled conscientiously and efficiently; further, it is providing many Methodists with a sphere of Christian responsibility and service.

In some instances there have been problems over the transport of bulk parcels to circuit agents. These have been part of the teething troubles that are inevitably associated with new enterprises and they are being gradually resolved as the system settles down.

**Advertising:** The revenue from advertising has been less so far than was planned for in the budgets presented to last Conference. The selling of advertising space for a religious journal does meet with some resistance among advertising agencies in this country and the fact of the free distribution against the paid circulation is another point of resistance. Commercial advertising has not been easy to get for our paper, despite the assistance of a very useful market survey carried out for the Board and financed by Mr Alan Crothall of Christchurch, to whom the Board expresses its appreciation. The Board is confident that the paper can command a place in the advertising world as an excellent medium for certain products and services and is working to that end.

**Partners in Print:** This scheme, which was planned as an essential part of the total financing of the paper, has not produced quite the figure which had been hoped for it, but with an improvement in the organisation at the local church level, the Board believes an increasing response will come from Methodists in support of the paper.

**Editorial:** The editor, the Rev. Alun Richards, and the two associate editors, the Rev. Gordon Hanna and Mr Maurice Berry, are working well as an editorial team to produce the kind of publication envisaged at the outset and approved by Conference as the new Connexional paper. Many outside contributors are assisting in a voluntary capacity to give the paper variety and coverage in several fields. The Board expresses its thanks to all these willing helpers.

**Financial:** The financial statement indicates that the cost of producing the first few issues was very close to the budget figures.

Receipts over the same period from advertising and 'partners-in-print' have not reached the target set.

The Board will therefore need to present a modified budget to the Finance and Stewardship Committee and for 1967/68 will seek a contribution of £6,000 from Connexional funds or elsewhere. In the Board's opinion, this represents only a moderate investment of the resources of the church in this outreach of the Christian faith in terms of religious journalism.

**Conclusion:** A tremendous amount of preliminary organisational work has had to be done up to the present time to get the project moving: the establishing of the office and its routines, staff appointments, printing and distribution procedures, editorial organisation and the arranging for contributors—these are now matters fortunately well under control. On this solid foundation of good work already done the Board hopes to continue to build a Methodist publication which will be worthy of the Church and the Kingdom.

J. A. PENMAN, Chairman.

C. R. HOWELL, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference commends the "New Zealand Methodist" for the content and format of the first issues, and in particular, warmly welcomes the emphasis taken in relating the Christian Faith to current affairs.
3. That Conference approves the policy of the Board in respect of advertising.
4. That Conference agrees with the N.Z. Methodist editorial policy that the President be given adequate space for newsworthy reports of his work and thinking.
5. That the Law Revision Committee bring down to Conference the necessary regulation making provision for representation of the Board of N.Z. Methodist at Conference.
6. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 7 herein.

**QUESTION 56—**What are the Resolutions of Conference concerning Chaplaincy matters?

## Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

The Committee has met on three occasions during the year, when the Senior Chaplain has attended the meetings in Wellington of the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council. Through the attendance of the three R.F. Chaplains, the Committee has been able to keep close contact with their work.

Brief reports of the work of the Regular Force Chaplains follow:—

**Chaplain H. I. Shaw reports:**

I completed my tour of duty in Malaysia most appreciative of the opportunity of serving there and with my experience enriched by service with an operational unit on active service.

Both the R.C. Chaplain and I accompanied the unit whenever it



moved out on operations or exercises and we spent much of our time moving between company and platoon positions by vehicle, helicopter or on foot. In Borneo I spent several days in each company position holding services of worship, a communion service, and making personal contact with men moving out or returning from patrols. Attendances at these services were very worthwhile, and there is little doubt that our contact with the men was appreciated.

I returned to New Zealand in November, 1965, to take up the appointment as O.D. Chaplain at Waiouru Camp. In this command there are approximately 1500 men in two major units and elements of Command Headquarters. In addition there are approximately 500 families living in the housing area, including Navy and Ministry of Works personnel. We have good facilities for our work and the three chaplains (R.C., C.E., O.D.) work closely together. Attendance of families and Regular Force personnel at church services is quite small although they fluctuate with postings in and out of this Command. Most of my time is taken up in Padres Hours and interviews and personal counselling. Each week we have approximately 400 young men for Padres Hour discussions and I find this an important privilege and opportunity. I am impressed by their reaction to the Padre and their genuine interest in these discussions. Since arriving in Waiouru six months ago I have had more than 200 interviews for counselling involving about 120 persons. Normal pastoral work among the families brings me in constant touch with wives and families.

I continue to find this work most rewarding and am convinced of its value. I am appreciative of its opportunities and the co-operation which I receive in this Camp.

**Chaplain R. John Hamlin reports:**

The chaplaincy work at R.N.Z.A.F. Base Woodbourne continues to show fruit and gives much to be joyful about.

After years of striving to get through to the single personnel living in barracks this year has seen it happen. A group of airmen and airwomen aged from 18-26 meet each week in the chaplain centre for fellowship and discussion. They have facilities for making coffee and have bought a radiogram. Their aim is to provide a meeting place for new recruits and lonely people where they can find friendship. Outings are arranged when those with cars take those without for trips and picnics. They have been on two camps, taken up community projects, helped people in need of assistance, done baby sitting, taken leading parts in services of worship, and led other young people into the life of the Church. They go to church as a group, to the various churches in Blenheim and seek to make a Christian witness on the Base.

Another cause for rejoicing is the response among the cadets when twelve answered the call to commitment at a service in the Chapel. Most have maintained this stand and a Confirmation Class is preparing them for a combined service later. They represent Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Brethren, Church of Christ and Assembly of God.

During this year the O.D. Chapel congregation has given £65 to the various Missions of the churches and supported the Corso Appeal by collecting £45 from the Base for this purpose.

A further step in working together is an all-Protestant-denominations Sunday School using Australasian Board of Graded Lessons. As this includes Anglicans both Chaplains share teacher training classes and alternate in leading the worship of the Sunday School.

Taken overall the spiritual life of the Base is on a good level.

### Chaplain Mervyn L. Dine reports:

Having completed my first full year as an Army Chaplain I am able to give a fuller report on my work than was possible last year. Opportunities to speak to men have been numerous whether in Padres' Hours or in individual conversations. This is the aspect of the work which makes chaplaincy duties so worthwhile.

While no great figures can be produced on the number who have committed themselves to Christ the seed has been sown. Counselling, pastoral work, preaching, Padres' Hours and sport take up most of my time—and in that order. A Mission to Linton Camp was held during 18-24 July and proved to be a time of spiritual renewal. The Rev. Peter Stead of St. Paul's, Palmerston North, was one of three missionaries.

As a Chaplain, may I ask Methodist people to remember these men of the Armed Services in your prayers? The Church has the right to criticise but also has the power to pray.

**Territorial Force** chaplains who have been actively engaged during the year include Chaplain D. S. Mullan (H.Q., C.R.A.S.C.), Chaplain F. G. Glen (2 R.N.Z.I.R.) and J. S. Hosking (3 Fd. Regt.). Chaplain Glen has been attached to the "Field Force" of 1 Infantry Brigade Group, and Chaplains Mullan and Hosking to 3 Infantry Brigade Group. In addition, Chaplain C. F. Peart served with an "adventure camp" of Air Training Corps in the Rainbow Valley. Reports concerning all these men give account of a high standard of service. The Rev. G. R. Thompson served with two Pacific cruises of the "Oriental Queen".

Other active chaplains include Chaplains G. T. Gilbert, A. Newman and P. P. Rushton. Increasing seniority of some of our chaplains will necessitate the commissioning of some younger ministers to maintain the required strength of Methodist chaplains.

**Appointment of Chaplains:** At the 1965 Conference there was some confusion over the re-appointment of a serving chaplain. The Service concerned (in this case the R.N.Z.A.F.) requested the continuance of Chaplain Hamlin's appointment, and this was supported by the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council and the Methodist Chaplaincy Committee.

When the request came to Conference it was discussed by the appropriate Committee of Conference but in the absence of the Senior Chaplain. The Committee believes that this system of considering such appointments is unsatisfactory, and a recommendation is appended.

**Financial:** The accounts of the Chaplaincy Committee showed a credit balance of £131/17/2 at the end of the financial year.

Expenses for the year totalled £62/12/6.

R. F. CLEMENT, Senior Chaplain.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That any request for the appointment or re-appointment of a Methodist Chaplain to the Armed Services be conveyed through the Methodist Chaplaincy Committee to the Conference through its General Purposes Committee, which shall consult with the Senior Chaplain.
3. That the treasurers, Messrs A. J. Johnston and E. C. D. Watson be thanked for their services and re-appointed.



4. That Conference expresses deep appreciation of the work of our serving Chaplains and notes the pastoral care and outreach in their reports.

5. That the Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Committee be: The Revs. G. R. Thompson, E.D. (Chairman), R. F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), P. P. Rushton, H. I. Shaw, M. L. Dine, R. J. Hamlin and Messrs H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston, E. C. D. Watson, D. M. Hay, J. McKinney and H. F. Hart. (Secretary: H. I. Shaw.)

**QUESTION 56—(a) What ministers are to serve as whole or part-time Chaplains during the ensuing year?**

- (a) Full-time: R. J. Hamlin (R.N.Z.A.F.), H. I. Shaw and M. L. Dine (R.N.Z.Army).
- (b) Part-time: G. T. Gilbert, J. S. Hosking, D. S. Mullan, A. Newman, C. F. Peart, P. P. Rushton, P. S. Barker.

**QUESTION 57—What is the Report of the Custodian on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?**

## **C. — Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1966**

Thanks are expressed to a number of keen members who are constantly at work gathering material and putting it into shape for publication. We understand that Mr W. Greenwood's 1965 Lecture on "The Riemenschneider Story" will shortly be published in book form through a Wellington publisher.

Grateful thanks are expressed to descendants of missionaries who arrived in New Zealand on the ship "Triton" for subscribing the whole cost of printing Miss Nora Buttle's "The Voyage of the Triton". Thanks are also due to the following:—

Alfred and Marian and Isabel Reed Trust and Mrs E. P. Salmon for helping with the printing costs of "James Buller".

Miss G. Luxford, for helping with printing costs for "Padre Luxford".

Rev. C. L. Duder, who donated 350 copies of the Golden Jubilee leaflet of the Makomako Church.

The Home Mission Department for donating a supply of copies of the late Rev. C. W. Brown's "If any Man".

**Proceedings:** Issues of Proceedings of the Society published or circulated during the year 1966, are as follows:—

Vol. 22, Nos. 3 and 4—"A House not made with Hands" (Durham St. Church), by the Rev. W. T. Blight.

Vol. 23, Nos. 1 and 2—"James Buller", by Bernard Gadd, B.A.

Vol. 23, No. 3—"Padre Luxford", by Frank G. Glen.

Also, "Inheritance" (the story of the Methodist Connexional Funds), by the Rev. H. L. Fiebig—which was held over from last year (see 1965 Minutes)—was published. No serial number has been given to "If any man", as it is not strictly part of our Proceedings.

It is expected that the 1967 programme will include biographies of the Revs. C. H. Schnackenberg and Walter Lawry.

**Annual Lecture:** The 1966 Annual Lecture will be given by Mr W. P. Thomson of Auckland, who will present an illustrated lecture on "Early Methodist Mission Station sites".

E. W. HAMES, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be expressed to all who have made donations towards printing costs.

**QUESTION 57**—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Records, Libraries, and Museums?

## D. — Custodian of Early Church Records

### A—RECORDS

During the year, minute books and other records of historical value have been lodged for safe custody at the Connexional Office from the following Circuits:—

#### Northland:

(1) **Auckland:**

Mahurangi; Waiuku; Dominion Road, Auckland; Henderson, Glen Eden.

(2) **Waikato-Bay of Plenty:**

Thames; Opotiki; Te Puke.

(3) **Taranaki-Wanganui:**

Raetihi.

(4) **Wellington:**

Levin.

(8) **Otago-Southland:**

St. Kilda, Dunedin.

(6) **North Canterbury:**

St. Albans; Sydenham; Rangiora; Opawa; Papanui; Riccarton; New Brighton.

(7) **South Canterbury:**

Timaru.

(5) **Nelson:**

Black's Point, Reefton.

The following District and Connexional organisations or groups have also forwarded records:—

(3) **Christchurch Conference Arrangements Committee.**

(1) **Waikato-Bay of Plenty District Synod.**

(4) **Deaconess House.**

(5) **North Canterbury O.E.C.**

(2) **Nelson District and Sub-District Councils M.W.M.U.**

(6) **North Canterbury Ministers' Fraternal.**



- (7) Otago Women's Guild Fellowship.
- (8) Otago S.S. Union and Otago B.C. Union.

The Connexional Office has received numerous requests for information and blocks to assist with the preparation of historical brochures. It regrets that, in many instances, it could not offer any material. Circuits and Trusts are urged to forward complete Minute Books and Registers to the Connexional Office, also copies of any historical brochures published.

## B—HISTORY

During the year, the Wesley Historical Society gave its permission to a group of Christchurch Ministers to tackle the continuance of Morley's History of New Zealand Methodism from 1900 to 1960.

Preliminary consideration has been given to the preparation of the following volumes:—

History of Wesleyan Methodism, 1900-1913.

History of Primitive Methodism, 1900-1913.

History in 10 Sections of the Synodal Districts of the Methodist Church, 1913 to present day.

Special Ministries—example, Prison Chaplains; Social Services etc.

Departments of the Church and Funds of the Church.

It is known that some valuable historical material is stored at Trinity Theological College Library and at the Connexional Office in Christchurch. But there must be a tremendous amount of interesting historical material in Circuit and Trust Minute Books and in newspaper articles etc. tucked away in some of our Church cupboards and in the homes of our people.

It is suggested that each Synod give consideration to the appointment of an Agent who could assist the Christchurch Committee by collecting helpful material and arranging for it to be forwarded to the Connexional Office.

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Deeds.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That, in each District, an Agent be appointed by the Synod Standing Committee to assist with the collecting of material for the History of New Zealand Methodism, 1900-1960.

**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, 1966

The Executive Committee has had three meetings during the year. The Annual Meeting of the Committee was held on the 11th May at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, with 33 present. The report of the Joint Commission on Church Union will be made direct to Conference.

## DECISIONS OF NEGOTIATING CHURCHES ON THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

The Methodist Conference and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church both approved all the resolutions as worded in the report, thus clearing the way for the Joint Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union. The Assembly of the Congregational Union and the Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ commended the report and its resolutions to their local churches for their approval. Local churches are to report their decisions through their Church Union Committees, to the Joint Commission at its August meeting.

The outcome of the debate in the Anglican General Synod was that work on a Basis of Union can go ahead but this could be affected by subsequent comments from diocesan synods to whom the reports on Baptism, the Ministry, and the Act of Commitment have been referred for consideration and report to the Provincial Commission on Church Union by December 31st, 1966.

The Statement of Faith ("The Faith We Affirm Together") was also sent to the Standing Committee of Melanesia and to the Synods of the other Dioceses for consideration and report to the Provincial Commission by December 31st, 1966. Similarly our Conference and the Presbyterian Assembly have referred the Statement of Faith to their respective district and local church courts for comment and report to their Church Union Committees. An evaluation of comments by Synod Standing Committees, Ministerial Committees and Quarterly Meetings is given below.

### WORK OF J.C.C.U. STUDY COMMITTEES:

The Study Committee on the sacraments has completed the first section of its report on Holy Communion and is now giving its attention to practical aspects of Holy Communion and to the question of Confirmation. The Study Committee on the Ministry is preparing statements on the following issues—the ministry of the whole church, ministers within the church, the nature, function and ordering of the ordained ministry, lay celebration of the sacraments, women in the ministry, and the eldership. New study committees have begun work on worship and the ordering of worship in the United Church; Marriage and divorce, the government of the church, general administration (the life of the church and finance), and legal and property matters. The work of the above committees represents the initial steps in the preparation of a Basis of Union.

### ACT OF COMMITMENT:

It was the hope of the Joint Commission that, should all the churches agree to participate, the Act of Commitment might take place sometime in 1967. Even though the Anglican Church will not be in a position to report to the Joint Commission until next February it might still be possible for the Act of Commitment to take place next year. The Commission has not felt it wise to prepare a time schedule for proceeding towards Union at least until the time of the Act of Commitment has been determined.

### CO-OPERATION IN THEOLOGICAL TRAINING AND CHURCH EXTENSION:

Two other significant aspects of the J.C.C.U. Report which will be presented to Conference and to the supreme courts of the other negotiating churches for approval are:—

- (1) The establishment by the negotiating churches of a joint board of theological studies to have general oversight of theological



training and responsibility for carrying out the wishes of the churches. Sub-committees are being appointed to consider the training of deaconesses, lay training and multi-racial training. A syllabus for a Licentiate of Theology course, to operate in all Theological Colleges of the negotiating churches is in preparation. It is hoped that the Syllabus will be adopted this year for use in 1968.

- (2) The implementing of a policy of joint action in regard to church extension through the establishment of a national body representative of the five churches, to co-ordinate and advise in planning, and also of joint regional committees to aid consultation and action at district and local levels.

#### **JOINT LENTEN STUDY MISSION IN 1967:**

On the initiative of the Anglican Commission, the Joint Commission raised with the heads of the negotiating churches and with the appropriate Committees of the five Churches the possibility of holding during Lent 1967, a Joint Study Mission with the aid of radio and television media. The reaction of all churches was favourable and on receipt of an offer of assistance from the Executive of the N.Z. National Council of Churches, the Joint Commission agreed to invite all the churches in the National Council of Churches to participate and to ask the N.C.C. to produce study material and prepare radio and television programmes.

#### **LIAISON WITH MAORI MISSIONS:**

The Joint Commission has conveyed to those departments of the negotiating churches which are responsible for the oversight of the Maori Missions, the concern of the Commission to establish liaison with the Maori people on Church Union matters.

#### **OVERSEAS VISIT OF THE J.C.C.U. CONVENER:**

During a visit overseas in the months of May-August this year, the Rev. J. E. Stewart, Convener of the Joint Commission on Church Union, has attended the recent important Consultation on Church Union between the major denominations in the U.S.A., at Dallas, Texas, and has also contacted key leaders in Church Union discussions in America, Canada, Great Britain and other countries where schemes for Church Union have been or are about to be consummated. He will report to the August meeting of the Joint Commission.

#### **COPIES OF J.C.C.U. REPORT TO S.S. COMMITTEES:**

A limited supply of the Joint Commission's report was forwarded early in the year to Synod Standing Committees for use in studying the Statement of Faith, and also to be made available, on request, to Quarterly Meetings. Quarterly Meetings and Ministerial Committees which have not studied, as yet, the Statement of Faith are urged to do so and to forward any significant comments or suggested amendments to the Convener of the Church Union Committee.

#### **EVALUATION OF METHODIST COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF FAITH**

From comments received from a number of Ministerial Committees, Synod Standing Committees and Quarterly Meetings, concerning the Statement of Faith ("The Faith We Affirm Together"), the following suggested amendments have been made by the Church Union Committee to the J.C.C.U. Study Committee on "The Faith of the Church".

#### **Section II. GOD.**

Suggests rewording of the paragraphs:—

"God the Father, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, has

made all things for His glory, and sent His Son . . . Israel.  
"Jesus Christ, the eternal and only-begotten Son of God, in the fullness of time, was born . . . victory.

"God, the Holy Spirit, is at work in the world . . ."

**Reason:** This form takes away any suggestion that here is a description or definition of God. The reference is primarily to the divine activity.

### Section III. MAN AND SIN.

Amend to: "Thus by sin and folly he is alienated from God."

**Reason:** The attempt here is to refer to the sin of society in which he is involved but for which the individual is not wholly responsible.

### Section IV. NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.

Suggests rewording: ". . . the work of the Holy Spirit who initiates and sustains the new life by preparing men to believe and by enabling them to share in the victory of Christ and in the fellowship of His Church."

**Reason:** A desire to indicate the continuing work of the Holy Spirit, to eliminate the difficulty in the present order of words which places the new birth before "preparing men to believe", also to relate this redemptive activity to the Church. The reference to the Church also links with the next section.

### Section VI. THE SACRAMENTS.

Some concern was expressed in regard to the final paragraph with reference to other ordinances recognised by some, such as "Penance", "Holy Unction" etc.

### Section VII. THE MINISTRY.

Also wishes to replace these words with the N.E.B. "for the equipping of God's people and for . . ."

### FORMS OF CO-OPERATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

The Committee has considered a growing number of schemes of co-operation both in new and established areas. In Nelson South, Westport, Ngatea (Hauraki Plains), Gisborne, plans are well advanced for the establishment of Union Parishes in the near future. Discussions are continuing in regard to the possible formation of Union Parishes at Turangi, Paeroa, and Wakefield (Nelson). Schemes of co-operation based on Joint Use of Buildings and involving the Anglican Church are under consideration at Avonhead (Christchurch), Rolleston, Twizelburn (new hydro-electric town at Lake Pukaki, South Canterbury), Maungaraki (Lower Hutt), St. Andrews (Hamilton), while at Chartwell (Hamilton) a united parish based on joint use of buildings and a team ministry and comprised of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches has been established. In Foxton-Shannon and other areas, similar discussions are also under way.

### CHURCH UNION IN MELANESIA.

Now that all the churches involved in negotiations for church union in Melanesia have expressed the desire to unite as soon as practicable, the Joint Standing Committee is recommending to its constituent churches that the United Church come into being with an Act of Union in Port Moresby in 1967. Machinery for co-operation between the United Church and the respective Mission Boards has been drafted and the suggestion has been made for the establishment of a secretariat to co-ordinate the relations of the Mission Boards with the United Church. The Constitution for the United Church has been revised and approved in the light of all comments received. This represents a remarkable achievement on the part of the Melanesian churches.



## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £150 be made towards the secretarial and administrative expenses of the Joint Commission on Church Union.
3. That the Methodist representatives for 1967 on the Joint Commission on Church Union be: Revs. Dr J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford, A. K. Petch, W. J. Morrison, P. A. Stead, C. D. Clark, Ruawai D. Rakena, and Mr R. T. Garlick, with the Rev. R. G. Bell as proxy.
4. That Conference expresses appreciation of the services of the Rev. George Goodman as a representative of the Methodist Church in Church Union discussions through the greater part of his ministry.
5. That Conference places on record its appreciation of the outstanding leadership given to the Church and to the cause of Church Union by the retiring Convener, the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch. For a long period of 18 years Mr Petch has inspired the vision of the Church, challenged it to action, and, with great ability and sensitivity, has guided its negotiations with other churches. His gifts of clarity of thought, of forthright utterance and sincere persuasiveness have been used unreservedly for Christ and His Church. During this time he has gained not only the esteem and affection of the Methodist Church but is held in high regard by both leaders and members of other Churches. The Conference rejoices to know that he will be continuing as a member of the Church Union Committee and of the Joint Standing Commission on Church Union. During this term of office he has been supported and encouraged by Mrs Petch and our thanks are extended to her and to their family for their loyal co-operation.
6. That the Joint Commission on Church Union be asked, in preparing its timetable for Church Union negotiations, to plan with a view to Union by 1977 or sooner.
7. Ministers from the Congregational Union.  
That Conference inform the Congregational Union that it would be prepared to admit as Ministers of the Methodist Church such Congregational Ministers who are without pastoral charge, who accept the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church and whom it may in other respects approve. As provided in Section 113 two-thirds of those present must vote for such admission.  
Also that Conference is prepared to indicate in its records and Minutes the names of such ministers who are accepted from the Congregational Union and whose names may still be on the Pastoral List of the Union.
8. That the Convener of the Church Union Committee for 1967 be the Rev. W. J. Morrison, M.A.
9. That the Church Union Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 6 herein.

**1. (B)—The Joint Commission on Church Union**

Special Report and Conference Resolutions  
thereon — See Inset portion immediately  
prior to Appendix



**QUESTION 58**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

## 2.—Transport Trust Board

### BI-ANNUAL REPORT 1965-1966

Since October, 1964, the Transport Trust Board has been located in the Connexional Office in Christchurch and a Board of Christchurch ministers and laymen has supervised the administration of the Fund.

At June, 30, 1966, 47 ministers and 2 full-time workers and 3 circuits were repaying advances on cars (52). The total amount in car advances was £15,736/7/10.

Monthly repayments are at the rate of £1/17/6 per £100 advanced on new cars and £3 per £100 advanced on second-hand cars. Under the Hire Purchase Agreement, the Board is not able to take security on the car itself hence the need for two guarantors.

Interest at the present time is being charged at the rate of 4½ per cent and is adjusted quarterly.

The Bank of New Zealand has again been most co-operative in providing financial accommodation.

The Methodist General Purposes Trust Board made an additional loan of £3,000 available to the Board during the year at 5 per cent. (Earlier Loan—£7,000 at 3 per cent.)

The Board is again indebted to the Department of Christian Education, Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust and Wesley Church Social Services Trust for loans at call.

If the Fund is to continue to make loans available to ministers and full-time workers on the present generous terms, additional loans at low interest rates or free of interest loans are urgently needed. Individuals and Trusts who could provide loans at call are asked to contact the Ministerial Treasurer, Rev. W. R. Laws.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.  
F. W. BLACKWELL, Treasurer.  
W R LAWS, Treasurer

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Transport Trust Board investigate the possibility of using Overseas Funds for the supply of new vehicles and report to Synods and Conference.

3. That the Transport Trust Board make investigations and report to Synods and Conference regarding the hire of cars to ministers, as an alternative to ownership. (N.B. Investigations would need to incorporate two or three different types of cars to provide some choice for the differing needs of ministers.)

4. That Circuits and Departments be asked to adhere to the following scale of travelling allowances:—

Miles per Annum		Small Car (under 1000 c.c. cyl. capacity)	Medium Car (1000-2000 c.c. cyl. capacity)	Large Car (Over 2000 c.c. cyl. capacity)
First	0-1000 miles	8.50	10.00	11.25
Second	1000 miles	7.50	8.75	9.75
Third	1000 miles	7.00	8.25	9.25

Fourth	1000 miles	6.50	8.00	8.75
Fifth	1000 miles	6.25	7.50	8.25
Sixth	1000 miles	5.75	7.00	7.75
Seventh	1000 miles	5.75	6.75	7.50
Eighth	1000 miles	5.50	6.75	7.25
Ninth and over		5.50	6.50	7.25

When more than two passengers are carried the foregoing rates for motor-cars shall be increased by one penny per mile.

The minimum payments as adopted by the 1962 Conference and subject to the conditions then specified are:—

Small Car	£120 p.a.
Medium Car	£135 p.a.
Large Car	£150 p.a.

5. That the Board for 1967 be as printed on page 9 herein.

### 3.—Finance and Stewardship Report

Annual Report to Synods and Conference, 1966

#### The Connexional Budget and Christian Stewardship:

When, a few years ago, the Methodist Church decided to put its finances on a sound footing by the introduction of the Budget system, there were misgivings in many quarters. This system is now operating efficiently, with all Departments and Funds receiving regular payments to carry on the mission of the Church without resort, as in the past, to periodic special appeals which might or might not provide the necessary amount required.

To continue to operate smoothly the Budget system is dependent on the support of Church families by regular sacrificial giving, and this is the point at which Stewardship and the Connexional Budget are closely linked. Without the stewardship programme, the response by Circuits to the Budget would not be as good as it is at present. However, there is no cause for complacency at this stage, as the Connexional Budget is a strictly minimal one, and the growing Church will continue to make increasing demands upon it.

As with all organisations and enterprises, rising costs affect the Church, and it is a matter of concern that too many people fail to recognise this fact when reviewing their giving during a stewardship mission or at other times. The Committee is also concerned that Circuits do not lose sight of the necessity of the individuals need to be challenged to give more sacrificially for his own spiritual growth. Points to be borne in mind when Circuits are considering a review stewardship mission are:—

- The ever-expanding Mission of the Church at home and overseas.
- The continually changing circuit rolls and the need to approach new people.
- Rising costs.

The executive officer and field directors are available to circuits, by means of consultation and discussion, to assist them in examining their particular problems and to advise on future procedure.

#### The Year's Work:

Thirty-four stewardship missions were directed by the Committee's directors during 1965, with the same number for 1966, seventeen having been completed by the 30th June. The average increase in



pledged giving for 1965 was nearly 60 per cent and to 30th June this year 67 per cent.

Mr Len Davis was appointed as a field director by Conference 1965 and this year he will direct seven missions. With Mr Davis' appointment the Committee now has four field directors on the staff, which is indicative of the growth of stewardship in the Methodist Church.

Bookings for eighteen missions have already been confirmed for 1967, including one large Presbyterian parish at Christchurch, and ten for 1968. Circuits wishing to have a directed stewardship mission during 1967 should communicate with the executive officer without delay.

The executive officer and directors still emphasise the need for the lay visitation work at regular intervals as being the most effective way of maintaining contacts made during a stewardship mission.

#### **Changing Trend of the Stewardship Programme:**

The Committee is aware that changes will be necessary from time to time in the approach to stewardship missions. Several changes have already been adopted, and Circuits which have had the benefit of the Committee's directors during the past year agree that these changes have been acceptable and the means of many people viewing stewardship in a truer perspective. However, in spite of these changes, the Committee realises that the basic principles of the stewardship programme are the same. Later this year a two-day consultation will be held to consider the long-term policy and programme of the Committee. The personnel of this consultation will be the standing committee, the field directors, four or five ministers and a similar number of laymen.

#### **Circuit Rolls:**

It would appear that some circuits drastically purge their pastoral rolls prior to a stewardship mission, on the grounds that the names removed represent people having little interest in the Church, and also that it relieves the burden on the men who will be visiting. It should be remembered that most of these people have had some affiliation with the Church at some time or other for their names to be on the roll, but until they have been visited, either during the course of a stewardship mission or at any other time, no-one can pre-judge their response. During 1965, 40% of all pledges received were classed as 'new'. For many of these people, this act of commitment in a financial way is the beginning of a more active part in the life of the Church, and this opportunity cannot be denied to anyone. Furthermore, the following extract from Minutes of Conference 1958, page 190, under the heading of 'Stewardship Campaigns and Evangelical Faith' is well worth repeating:—

"These dangers are most real when people who, as yet, are not committed to Christ, are asked to exercise stewardship in their financial support for the Church. We all have good reason for being grateful that God does not despise a partial response to His love. But we must be careful not to encourage the idea that a partial response is sufficient. We should also make it clear that the Church cares about people for their own and Christ's sake, and that our interest in them is not mainly financial. By pastoral care, evangelism and adult education we should seek to lead these people to a greater understanding of the Christian faith, a deeper commitment to Christ and a more complete stewardship of the whole of life."

**Long-term Approach to Stewardship** (Res. 13b, Mins. of Conf. 1965, p. 262).

The proposed consultation mentioned in this Report will examine this particular problem and will be reporting to Synod and Conference 1967, although some of the decisions reached at this consultation could be implemented early in 1967.

H. C. R. BLACKWOOD, Chairman.

E. C. FLYGER, Executive Officer.

## ACTING BUDGET TREASURER'S REPORT:

For the second year in succession the response to the Connexional Budget has enabled a 100 per cent payment to be made to all Departments and Funds, in most instances, before the 30th June.

Circuit contributions received up to 30th June totalled 97.14 per cent, this being practically the same as at the corresponding time last year, but in view of the higher Budget figure for 1965/66, the result is most encouraging. By the 12th July the percentage had risen to 98.17 per cent owing to payments made too late in June to be included in the June bank statement, and also late payments made in July.

An amount of £150,939/15/8 was required to make the 100 per cent payment to the various Funds, and this was accomplished by using last year's balance of £1,924/13/9, plus some arrears from the 1964/65 Budget, and it is likely that this practice will have to be continued until such time as all Circuits make their payments in the month in which they are due; and more important still, to have all Circuits achieving 100 per cent before the end of June each year. In this respect a considerable improvement has been shown with 83 Circuits paying their monthly allocation in the due month—a 50 per cent improvement on the previous year. The number of Circuits fully paid at 30th June was 117, rising to 134 by 12th July.

Only two Districts, Wellington and South Canterbury, had achieved 100 per cent by 30th June. South Canterbury reduced its outstandings from the 1962/63 Budget by a further £96 by allocating this amongst the Circuits, which is an example that could well be followed by other Districts. In Wellington District one Circuit indicated its inability to meet its full allocation, but voluntary contributions from six other Circuits enabled the District to achieve 100 per cent. It appears that a further two Districts will become fully paid as compared with a total of six in the 1964/65 Budget.

District positions at 12th July, 1966, were as under:—

		% paid. Amount outstanding.			
				£	s. d.
Northland	.....	81.47		776	0 0
Auckland	.....	99.49		174	3 0
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	.....	96.72		653	2 0
Taranaki/Wanganui	.....	99.95		4	0 6
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	.....	97.74		371	0 0
Wellington	.....	100.2		—	
Nelson	.....	99.68		50	0 0
North Canterbury	.....	96.78		823	18 9
South Canterbury	.....	101.19		—	
Otago/Southland	.....	99.51		58	0 0
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Payments from the Budget were made as under:—

All Departments and Funds—fully paid	148,065	10	8
District Expenses	2,874	5	0
	£150,939	15	8

**General Treasurer and Budget Treasurer** (Res. 9, Mins. of Conf. 1965, p. 261).

In terms of this resolution the standing committee was requested by the Committee on the Structure of the Church, to prepare a memorandum on the relationship of the Budget Treasurer and the proposed General Treasurer. This was duly done, and the executive officer was invited to meet the Commission also.

**Bank Transfers** (Res. 12, Mins. of Conf. 1965, p. 262).

The standing committee could see no objection to the use of Bank transfers by Circuits when making payments to the Connexional Budget, but points out that the final decision is entirely at the discretion of the circuits in consultation with their respective Banks.

**Standardisation of Circuit Accounts** (Res. 13a, Mins. of Conf. 1965, p. 262).

The first portion of the Conference resolution relates to a proposal to introduce a standard form of Circuit Accounts, so that all balances in Circuit and Stewardship Accounts would be disclosed in general statistics.

The Committee agrees that there is some merit in the proposal, but fears that any attempt to impose it upon the Church would be likely to fail, because it would be too difficult for many circuit stewards to grasp or operate satisfactorily. The Committee also wonders whether the additional work would be justified, especially as a society which wishes not to disclose stewardship or other funds could find some way of so doing. It thinks that, in the allocation of Connexional Budget amounts within Districts, reliance must be placed to a large extent on the Synod Standing Committee's knowledge of the general financial position of each Circuit, and the willingness of circuits themselves to accept voluntarily their fair share of the Budget. For the foregoing reasons the Committee has not thought it necessary to consult District Financial Secretaries as proposed in the Conference resolution.

The Committee believes that a more complete disclosure of balances held by circuits would be likely if the existing law of the Church was fully observed and all monies received by each Society for the Circuit Fund were paid into that Fund. This would mean adoption by all circuits of the alternative scheme of operating circuit finances, referred to on page 214 of Minutes of Conference 1960. Under this system all offerings received by the various societies are paid into one Circuit Banking Account and disbursed by the Circuit Stewards to the various bodies as required.

If individual societies are to be allowed to continue operating their own bank accounts, then it appears desirable that the Quarterly Meeting should be advised, at least annually, preferably on 30th June, of all balances held. These could be summarised by the Circuit steward and be made available when the District Financial Committee is allocating the Connexional Budget.

**Decimal Currency:**

At the request of the President of Conference the standing committee was asked to accept responsibility for initiating some action relating to the change-over to decimal currency in New Zealand in

1967. Information received from the Decimal Currency Board indicates that quite a number of publications will be put out by the Board before the end of the year, which should answer questions which may be raised by Church and other bodies. These include an eight-page householder's pamphlet, a management manual of 32 pages, and another more substantial manual.

The Committee thinks that no special action needs to be taken by the Methodist Church at this stage, but that the matter should be reviewed when his material has been studied. If necessary, special instructions on action to be taken by Church departments, funds, and circuits, could then be prepared.

E. C. FLYGER, Acting Budget Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and the 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 establishment of the "Extended Leave for Study Overseas Fund" be deferred for one year.

4. That the Overseas Travel Fund be reduced to £25 (\$50) for the 1967/68 Budget.

5. That the 1967/68 Connexional Budget for the period 1st July, 1967 to 30th June, 1968, amounting to £164,311 (\$328,622.00) be adopted.

	1967/68 Requested	1967/68 Allocated	1967/68 Dollars
	£	£	\$
Supernumerary Fund .....	13,959	13,959	27,918
Home Missionary Retiring Fund .....	324	324	648
Deaconess Retiring Fund .....	1,588	1,588	3,176
Removal Expenses Fund .....	5,000	4,500	9,000
Children's Fund .....	4,750	4,750	9,500
Contingent Fund .....	7,500	7,500	15,000
Connexional Secretary .....	1,400	1,400	2,800
New Zealand Methodist .....	6,000	5,500	11,000
Overseas Mission Department .....	48,391	44,391	88,782
Home & Maori Mission Department .....	35,385	34,005	68,010
<b>Chaplaincies:</b>			
Auckland Hospitals .....	650		
Manapouri, N.C.C. ....	150		
Oakley Hospital .....	563		
Porirua Hospital .....	675		
	2,038	2,038	4,076
Department of Christian Education .....	7,800	7,800	15,600
Trinity College .....	9,639	8,639	17,278
Church Extension .....	20,000	16,000	32,000
Children's Homes—Auckland .....	1,000	500	1,000
Masterton .....	1,750	1,750	3,500
South Island .....	3,000	1,750	3,500
Social Services .....	3,600	3,600	7,200
Deaconess Institution .....	1,265	900	1,800
Finance and Stewardship Committee ...	500	—	—
	174,889	160,894	321,788



# Miscellaneous Causes:

N.C.C.	880	880	1,760
N.C.C.—TV.	466	466	932
World Council of Churches	255	255	510
N.C. Council of Christian Education	400	400	800
N.C.C. Prison Chaplaincies	30	30	60
Armed Forces Chaplaincies	75	75	150
N.Z. Alliance	200	200	400
National Society on Alcoholism	25	25	50
Religious Film Society	250	250	500
University Chaplaincies—Auckland	50	50	100
Wellington	120	120	240
Christchurch	175	175	350
Dunedin	150	150	300
Waikato	100	100	200
Lay Preachers' Association	60	10	20
Spiritual Advance Committee	50	50	100
Board of Publications	156	156	312
Overseas Travel Fund	525	25	50
Hospital Chaplaincy—Psychiatric	—	—	—
Extended Leave for Study Overseas	750	—	—
Radio and Television	1,300	—	—
	<u>£180,906</u>	<u>£164,311</u>	<u>\$328,622</u>

6. That the 1967/68 Connexional Budget District Allocations be as under:—

	£	\$
Northland	3,938	7,876
Auckland	33,834	67,668
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	22,056	44,112
Taranaki/Wanganui	12,065	24,130
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	17,394	34,788
Wellington	19,474	38,948
Nelson	8,700	17,400
North Canterbury	27,362	54,724
South Canterbury	9,000	18,000
Otago/Southland	10,488	20,976
	<u>£164,311</u>	<u>\$328,622</u>

7. That the Conference having increased stipend scales the additional amounts required for the Departments, Funds and Institutions represented on the Budget be added to the total of £164,311.

8. That the Standing Committee allocate the total amount of stipend increases required for the Departments, funds and institutions to districts on a pro rata basis.

9. That in view of the fact that it appears inevitable that the amount of the Connexional Budget must be increased each year if the Church is to meet its basic commitments, and if it is to enlarge and intensify its work in our expanding and changing society, this Committee recommends to Conference that a special Finance Committee be set up forthwith, comprising the following: Rev. W. R. Laws (Connexional Secretary), Rev. B. M. Chrystall (Superintendent H.M. Dept.), Rev. W. R. Francis, and Messrs Marshall, Fox, Shoo-smith, White and Garlick (Convener); with power to add younger minds.

This Committee to review all the financial policies of the Church with special attention to the following—

- (a) The powers that Boards and Committees have over their funds and the distribution of the same and their powers to initiate new work without first obtaining authority.
- (b) The methods by which Committees and Funds are to apply to the Budget Committee of Detail for grants.
- (c) What principles and priorities are to be used by the Budget Committee of Detail in constructing the Budget.
- (d) The principles by which Circuits should be bound in disbursing all Circuit funds and including any priorities to be established between Connexional and local needs.
- (e) To review the composition of the Budget Committee of Detail.
- (f) Any matters that may be necessary to enable the Budget Committee of Detail to more efficiently handle its business and administer the financial affairs of the Church.  
That this special Committee report initially to the Church Council.
- (g) That consideration be given to Conference directing:
  - (i) That at District level all funds be banked with and invested by a District Investment Office.
  - (ii) That at National level, funds be generally invested in **other than** Government Stock and Local Body Debentures, i.e. in farm lands, shop properties, offices and Church buildings. If legislation be necessary, it be sought at once.

10. That the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Stewardship be a member of the Conference Committee of Detail on Finance and Stewardship.

11. (a) That the Standing Committee give consideration to the preparation of a film strip or some other form of publicity for use in Circuits early in the year 1967.

(b) That the Committee be authorised in consultation where necessary with the Major Departments and Funds of the Church to issue such special instructions as it deems necessary for the guidance of Church officials in the changeover to Decimal Currency.

12. That the Balance of £904/17/2, shown in the Connexional Budget Account at 30th June, 1966, be carried forward to the next year.

13. That upon the appointment of the Connexional Lay Treasurer, Conference recommends that he consult with District Finance Secretaries in the formulation of Standardisation of Circuit Accounts.

14. That Conference request of Circuits—

- A (1) That in addition to monies held in the Circuit account, all other monies held in accounts under the jurisdiction of the Circuit or a local society (e.g. Stewardship Accounts, Reserve Accounts, Budget Accounts) be declared to Quarterly Meetings and returned in Statistics.
- (2) That where a Circuit has been unable to meet its obligations as regards stipend, Connexional Budget, Trust Commitments or other expenditure, this information and the amount/s outstanding be shown on the Circuit accounts and be declared to Quarterly Meetings.
- B (1) That the attention of all Circuits be drawn to the existing law of the Church, which provides that all monies received by each society for the Circuit Fund be paid into that fund.
- (2) That Circuits be encouraged to adopt the scheme of operating Circuit Finances, referred to at the top of page 214, Minutes of Conference 1960."



15. That the Finance and Stewardship Committee be asked to look into the name given to the Church Extension Fund in the Connexional Budget and that the allocation of this fund be shown as a sub-division of the Connexional Budget in the Minutes of Conference.

16. That Connexional Departments supply information and publicity for the work of the Church as promised when the Connexional Budget was introduced.

17. That the Standing Committee for 1967 be as printed on Page 5 herein.

**QUESTION 58**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

## **4.—Report of Commission on Stationing and the Invitation System**

### **INTERIM REPORT**

The Commission has commenced its work under the Chairmanship of the President of the Conference.

Material has been obtained and collated regarding the systems of our own and other denominations, including the five negotiating Churches in New Zealand, and also overseas Methodist Conferences.

Three Memoranda have been prepared and have received some study:—

- (a) The Advantages and Disadvantages of an Appointment System and/or an Invitation System.
- (b) Outline of a possible Appointment System.
- (c) Outline of Invitation Procedure.

Submissions have been sought through "The New Zealand Methodist". The replies received will be carefully considered by the Commission.

The Commission will be glad to receive any comments on Stationing and the Invitation System that ministers and laymen, Boards and Committees, like to submit to it.

W. R. LAWS, Convener.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. That the Report be received.
- 2. That the Commission be reappointed and given leave to continue its researches.
- 3. That the Commission give consideration to and report on the following procedure for Stationing:—  
That in order to facilitate the preparation of the first stationing sheet, the following procedures be followed:

(i) A Committee comprising the President-Elect, Secretary of Conference, Principal of Trinity College, and General Superintendent of Home Missions, be empowered to prepare a draft sheet for presentation to the first session of the Stationing Committee.

(ii) In doing so to have regard to the number of Circuits likely to be "one wanted" and these to be shared among all districts as equitably as possible.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS

The Standing Committee reported to the General Purposes Committee of the Conference on the following matters:—

- (a) Children's Allowance to Ministers and Probationers.
- (b) Remuneration of Deaconesses.
- (c) Minimum Stipends.

The Recommendations of the Standing Committee on these matters became the Resolutions of Conference (See Question 46—Children's Fund; page 157 herein; see Resolutions on page 158 herein).

**Central Stipend Fund:** Conference 1965 resolved:—

"That the Standing Committee on Stipends prepare and present an outline scheme for the establishing of a Central Stipend Fund."

The Standing Committee on Stipends reported on this matter as follows:—

1. **Historical:** Proposals for the establishment of a Central Stipend Fund were considered at some length by the 1945 and the 1950 Conferences, and over the years 1943 to 1951 there were references to such a scheme in a number of Conference reports. Conference 1951 decided not to proceed with the scheme proposed.

2. The reasons for the above decision are not recorded in the Conference Minutes, but it is understood that one reason was the fear that introduction of the scheme would largely destroy local interest and responsibility; and another, a doubt whether a central scheme could be satisfactorily handled by the Connexion. Neither objection is nearly so valid today. There is a growing awareness throughout the Church of the desirability of equality of financial responsibility for stipends, travelling expenses and Connexional Budget allocations; and, with a soundly established Connexional Budget scheme, the likely appointment of a Connexional Treasurer and improved methods of dealing with pay at a central point, administrative difficulties have been largely removed.

3. **Advantages of a Central Fund:** These may be listed as:—

- (a) The eventual elimination of the present wide disparity as between Circuits in the stipend cost per member. Figures taken out by a member of the Committee, for the year ended 30th June, 1964, disclose that, while the average annual cost of stipends per member was £4/18/11, the cost to individual Circuits ranged from £2/3/- to £11/4/-. This was after including Home Mission grants. Expressed another way: there were four Circuits where it cost each member 11d per week for stipends and fifty where it cost between 2/10 and 6/1.
- (b) All Ministers could be assured of receiving their stipend cheques on a regular day each month or fortnight, with an assurance that at least the minimum would be received in all cases. From what the Committee has heard, there are still quite a number of cases where uncertainty as to date of payment exists.
- (c) With modern methods of machine or computer accounting, it would be possible to pay Ministers fortnightly and to arrange for all necessary deductions from stipends to be readily made and accounted for.
- (d) There would be an assurance that all Ministers are paying the correct amount of taxation.
- (e) Introduction of the Fund would assist in the equitable allocation of the Connexional Budget and enable the abandonment, to a large extent, of the present extensive scheme of Home Mission grants to Circuits.



4. **Disadvantages of a Central Fund:** The principal disadvantages or difficulties likely to be encountered appear to be:

- (a) Loss of local sense of responsibility for supporting the Minister, with a possible tendency to rely on the Connexion in some Circuits. Numbers of Circuits are still inclined to put local needs first.
- (b) An unwillingness in some Circuits to accept an additional financial imposition from headquarters.
- (c) Introduction of the scheme should wait until there has been a more general acceptance of the Connexional Budget system.
- (d) A good deal of administrative work would be involved with worthwhile benefits only to those Ministers in the few Circuits where the stipend is not fully or promptly paid now.
- (e) The difficulty of raising an adequate capital sum to get the scheme established.

5. **Practices of other New Zealand Churches:** We note from the comprehensive Stipends Report of the Presbyterian Church, issued in 1965, that the question of method of payment of stipend (e.g., through a central fund or through parish funds) was fully considered by the Augmented Stipends Sub-Committee. It was stated in the Report that reports on this subject had been received from three Churches overseas, as well as from the Auckland Diocese of the Anglican Church and our own Methodist Church. These had disclosed that the Presbyterian Church of England and the Auckland Diocese both have common basic stipends with increments for service, all paid from central funds.

6. The Stipends Sub-Committee concluded that the basic stipend or the stipend fixed by the parish should continue to be paid direct to the Minister by the Parish. It commented: "There is never the same enthusiasm for meeting the Assembly Enterprises Budget". The Sub-Committee agreed, however, that a central fund would be necessary for payment of its proposed seniority allowances.

7. **Outline of a suggested Central Fund Scheme:** The Stipends Committee considers that the Central Stipend Fund scheme would contain the following essential features:

- (a) The Fund would be one into which Circuits would pay their Stipend allocation and from which every Minister and Home Missionary would receive his monthly or fortnightly stipend.
- (b) The Fund should be a separate one from the Connexional Budget Account but, as far as possible, the machinery of the Connexional Budget should be used for allocation, collection, and payment of monies.
- 8. (c) Payments by and to Circuits would be handled by the proposed Connexional Treasurer.
- (d) Where Circuits pay above the minimum stipend, the additional taxable amounts shall come into the Central Fund and be paid out from there, as was proposed in the 1950 scheme.
- (e) Travelling allowances would not be included in the scheme, for the time being at least, but a change in the present basis of paying Home Mission grants is envisaged as an integral part of the scheme.
- (f) A capital fund of £10,000, or possibly a little more, would probably be required to ensure a sound foundation for the scheme.

9. It is thought that the most satisfactory way of operating the Central Fund scheme would be for the total amount required each year by way of stipends to be notified by the Standing Committee on Stipends to the Finance and Stewardship Committee. The Conference Committee of Detail would then include this item with

others when making its total allocation to each District, but the allocation would be under two separate headings, namely, "Stipends" and "Other Items".

10. As with the Connexional Budget, it would be the responsibility of each District to advise each Circuit of its allocation and at the same time to seek information as to any taxable amounts above the minimum stipend which the Circuit proposes to pay during the ensuing year. The sum of these two would provide the year's allocation to be paid monthly along with the other amount due under the Connexional Budget.

11. In allocating amounts to Districts, the ultimate aim would be an allocation based on membership. But until the Connexional Budget District allocations are fixed with closer regard to this factor, and the situation respecting Home Mission grants has been clarified, it will be necessary for the Conference Committee of Detail on the Connexional Budget to take some notice of existing stipend payments by Districts.

12. In allocating from Districts to Circuits, membership would again be the basic factor, but, for a while, ability to pay would have to be considered, as well as the other amounts being allocated to individual Circuits under the Connexional Budget.

13. As the amount due by each Circuit for stipends would be paid into the bank for credit, with the amount due as "Other Items", to the Connexional Budget, it would be necessary to amend bank slips to show a split up of each lodgment under the two headings. These slips would, in accordance with proposals which will be coming before Conference this year, be sent to the General Treasurer. He would do necessary follow-up as with other Connexional Budget amounts, but Conference might find it desirable to resolve that amounts due as stipends have first priority over any other amounts due.

14. The suggestion in respect of payments to Ministers is that these should be handled by the General Treasurer, who would forward cheques at fortnightly intervals, using modern accounting devices. Details of this do not need to be considered at this stage.

15. **Conclusions of Committee:** After considering the various factors set out earlier in this report, and in the light of experience to date with the Connexional Budget, the Committee is convinced that the establishment of a Central Stipend Fund scheme, along the lines of what has been described herein, is desirable and should be introduced as soon as possible. The Committee is satisfied that the advantages of such a scheme definitely outweigh the disadvantages. It realises that the raising of the initial capital sum could prove difficult, but there is no reason why these could not come, in time, from the Church Extension appeal or by way of assistance from Departmental funds. The exact amount required for the capital fund will, of course, be determined by factors such as the numbers of Ministers employed, the level of stipends, the promptness with which Circuit are likely to pay their allocations and the extent to which the General Treasurer will have surplus Church funds generally at his disposal.

16. It is suggested that Conference should now be requested to approve of this report being referred to Synods 1967 for consideration and report to Conference 1967.

W. F. FORD, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convenor.



## RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference receives the section of the Report of the Standing Committee on Stipends which relates to the proposal of a Central Stipend Fund and refers it to Synod Standing Committees and Synods 1967 for consideration and report to Conference 1967.

2. That Conference approve of the following new scale of stipends for Deaconesses being introduced from 1st February 1967 (existing rates shown in brackets):

Probationeer (for one year)	£575 (£547)
When dedicated and for three years thereafter	£620 (£584)
For next three years	£665 (£626)
After six years	£725 (£680)
After nine years	£750 ( — )

3. That Conference accept the figure of £925 p.a., payable from 1st February 1967, as the minimum stipend for an ordained Minister necessary to bring the stipend into proper relationship with other forms of remuneration.

4. That Conference agree to other stipend minima being adjusted proportionately from the same date, the adjustment in the case of deaconesses to be made on the new scale of stipends approved under resolution 2.

5. That Conference agree that the adjustments referred to in (d) and (e) be made quite apart from any increases which may be warranted as a consequence of the granting of general wage increases by the Arbitration Court.

6. That Conference authorise the Standing Committee to investigate further the question of payment of long service increments as are now provided in the Presbyterian Church.

7. That the Standing Committee on Stipends for 1967 be as printed on page 8 herein.

### QUESTION 59—Who are the Members of the Standing Committees?

#### A. Committee of Privileges:

The President, Vice-President, Connexional and Conference Secretary, and the President's Legal Adviser and minister and laymen to be appointed. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

#### Committee of Exigency:

To be appointed.

#### B. President's Committee of Advice:

Ex-President, President-Elect, Connexional and Conference Secretary, Revs. G. H. Goodman, C. O. Hailwood, V. R. Jamieson and B. M. Chrystall, Vice-President, ex-Vice-President, President's Legal Adviser, and Messrs W. E. Donnelly, D. H. Payne, N. P. Alcorn, E. A. Crothall, B. O. Stokes.

### QUESTION 60—Who are the members of the Synod Standing Committees?

#### NORTHLAND:

All Ministers and Deaconesses in active work, Messrs L. Foster, R. McDonald, D. B. Cole, D. H. Woodcock, G. Keightly, D. R. Ambler, R. M. Salmon, W. J. Court, A. G. Kelly, C. V. Berridge, H. Lendrum,

A. L. Hutching, L. M. Hames, L. W. Bennett, T. Kawiti, M. Rogers.  
Secretary: Mr W. J. Court.

#### AUCKLAND:

All Ministers in active work in the District, plus a lay representative of each Circuit and major Department. Secretary: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

#### 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 Fellowship, D.E.C.'s and Deaconesses, the District Property Secretary, the District Finance Secretary and one lay representative from each Circuit, being Messrs H. Watson, D. H. Payne, G. E. Simpson, S. Yeoman, W. F. Walters, P. Ormsby, L. Morgan, J. Davys, F. J. E. Baillie, W. B. Young, J. Melville, A. Howell, C. G. Horn, R. H. Fuller, K. Balme, S. C. Jones, T. Pryor, A. Smith, G. L. Bellamy, R. D. Dine. Deaconess, Sister Betty Yearbury. Women's Fellowships, Mrs Crabtree, Mrs Rushton and one to be appointed by the Bay of Plenty.

#### TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

All Ministers in active work and the following laymen: Messrs G. A. Hutton, P. Mercer, W. Musker, T. F. C. Davis, E. H. Donald, D. I. West, D. R. Andrews, R. J. Thomas, W. Oliver, B. Hainsworth, M. H. Whitlock, D. Wansborough, N. Dixon, R. Bell, W. Davis and one other to be appointed by the New Plymouth Circuit.

**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 District Education Council and the Gisborne District Education Council. Secretary: Rev. R. James.

#### 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 Reporter for the N.Z. Methodist, representatives from each Circuit and representatives from the following organisations: Methodist Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Lay Preachers, and District Education Council. Secretary: Rev. W. S. Gilbert.

#### 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:

The Ministers of Blenheim, Nelson, Waimea, Motueka and Murchison Circuits, Messrs A. H. Jellyman, C. G. Parker, E. M. Brown, R. C. A. Marshall, V. Smart, G. B. Trathen, J. Miller, Mrs L. G. White, Dr. E. Bassett; Women's Fellowship, Mesdames M. R. Best, M. V. Humphreys; Lay Preachers' Association, Mr J. K. Woodley; D.E.C., Mrs J. Trathen; District Treasurer, Mr H. R. Holland; District Property Officer, Mr A. C. Barrington.

#### WEST COAST SUB-DISTRICT:

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. Yarr, H. Falkingham, D. A. White, H. W. Beaumont, L. S. Blackmore, E. Ridgen, P. A. Le Brun, A. C. Bowis, N. P. Alcorn, E. J. Legg, W. F. Ashe, H. F. K. Hayman, H. G. Smith, D. G. Watson, C. C. Ayers, J. Pitman, L. T. Barnett, J. A. McKenzie, R. J. Buxton, S. D. McHarg, D. G. Muir, Dr. I. Blair, Mrs N. G. Dalley, Miss J. Hay, the Presidents of the Lay Preachers' Association, the Women's Fellowship and the Men's Fellowship, and a representative from the D.E.C.

#### **SOUTH CANTERBURY:**

All ministers and probationers in active work in the District and the Minister of Marchwiell 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, J. McK. Ponder, F. Prestige, G. G. C. Thomas, Mrs Spicer (Women's Fellowship), District Financial Secretary, Mr A. Marshall; District Property Secretary, Mr P. G. Woodnorth. Secretary-Convenor: Rev. G. E. Scarr.

#### **OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:**

Ordained Ministers of Otago, Mesdames A. J. Johnston, D. Hughes, A. W. Eden, Miss M. Guthrie, Messrs E. W. Ashby, C. Chirnside, H. G. Clark, E. Hogwood, A. J. Ganderton, M. Gibbs, F. W. Pitcher, R. S. Russell, H. C. Vince, F. W. Wilson, J. Angell, Dr. L. R. Robinson and a representative from the Balclutha Circuit.

#### **SOUTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Ministers and Probationers of all Southland Circuits, Rev. O. A. Kitchingman, Mesdames A. C. Craw, G. Wesney, Joan Lawry, Messrs G. Nicol, I. Guise, F. W. G. Miller, E. A. Humphries, E. McCulloch, R. V. McLean, M. Farley and W. Weeds.

**QUESTION 61—(a) What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?**

## **Law Revision Committee**

### **Annual Report, 1966**

The Committee has considered the various matters referred to it by the Conference. It submits its annual report and recommendations.

#### **1. REPRESENTATION OF DISTRICT COUNCILS OF THE METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT DISTRICT SYNODS (1965 Minutes, page 83, Resolution 2).**

The Committee was asked to make provision for each District Council of the Methodist Women's Fellowship at District Synods.

Recommendation that Section 323 (m) Law Book, page 61, be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(m) One representative from each District Council of the New Zealand Women's Fellowship within the District provided always that if there be only one such District Council in the District then it may elect two representatives.

#### **2. QUORUMS AT CHURCH MEETINGS (1965 Minutes, page 103, Resolution 36).**

The Conference has directed us to consider the question of Quorums at Church Meetings.

The Committee in considering this matter makes its recommendation on the assumption that the reference to "Church Meeting" in the Resolution is to all official meetings of which the Church Meeting is one.

In the Standing Orders of the Conference it is provided that the attendance of 30 members shall constitute a quorum of the Conference unless at any stage in its business the Conference itself shall otherwise determine.

Such Standing Orders have to be used by all the subordinate Courts of the Church, in all official meetings of the Church, and in all meetings of the Committees, Boards and other Church organisations unless the constitution of such Committee, Board and Organisation otherwise provides.

The personnel of such lower courts, official or other meetings in many cases is fewer than 30. It is then impossible to apply the Standing Order No. 26 relating to quorums. Further the number of persons entitled to attend any such meeting varies considerably.

In cases where the number entitled to attend exceeds 100, the Conference Standing Order No. 26 could apply.

Where the number who may attend is fewer than 100, it is considered that a fair proportion of those who would comprise a quorum would be one-third of those entitled to attend.

If there is not a quorum at any meeting the meeting would have to be adjourned and notices of another meeting sent out. It would be the duty of the executive officers to see that sufficient attended the second meeting.

**Recommendation: Page 59, QUORUMS AT OFFICIAL MEETINGS. Add Section 316a.**

At any official meeting of the local Church Courts, and at meetings of Committees, Boards and other Church organisations the attendance of one-third of those members entitled to attend shall constitute a quorum of such meeting.

**3. CIRCUIT STEWARDS AND THEIR PREROGATIVE TO MAKE ONE PROPOSITION FOR THE INVITATION OF EACH MINISTER (1965 Minutes, page 103, Resolution 37).**

Conference in 1961 decided to change the procedure when a change of an appointment of a Minister is to be considered.

Under the amended law, the Circuit Stewards, after notifying the Minister and the Chairman of their intention so to do may raise the question of the appointment of a Minister, and at the same time may, pursuant to Section 229, make one proposition for the invitation of a Minister.

If, however, they do not take any action then any five members of the Quarterly Meeting may give notice to the Circuit Stewards of their intention to move that consideration be given to a change in appointment. If the Quarterly Meeting decides to seek a change, it may stand adjourned or may arrange for a special Quarterly Meeting.

Even though the Circuit Stewards did not bring forward any proposition they still have the right, pursuant to Section 229, to bring forward one proposition for the invitation of a Minister to be considered either at the adjourned meeting or at the special meeting.

It is submitted that the prerogative of the Circuit Stewards to



make one proposition re the invitation to a Minister has not been interfered with in any way.

4. **LOCAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE** (1965 Minutes, page 118, Resolution 5).

The Committee has been asked to provide that where there is no local Christian Youth Movement Methodist Council, two members of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist be appointed to the Local Education Committee.

**Recommendation:** Add to Section 503, subsection 8, the following:

Where there is no local Christian Youth Movement Methodist Council in any church the Minister in consultation with the Local Education Committee may appoint two members of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist belonging to that church to the Local Education Committee.

5. **THE METHODIST GUILD OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE** (1963 Minutes, page 161) (1964 Minutes, page 167, Resolution 6).

The Committee has been asked to prepare a Constitution for this Guild.

The Committee has had correspondence with the Rev. A. E. Orr in this matter. It is understood that at the next meeting of the Methodist Social Service Association further consideration will be given to this matter.

6. **NEW LAW BOOK.**

A first draft of the text of the new Law Book has been prepared and the Committee is proceeding with the checking of such draft. A perusal of the Conference Agenda will show the many changes which will have to be made to the text if recommendations of the Church Council and other Committees are adopted. These recommendations, if adopted, will affect not only the sections actually altered but many other sections of the Law Book. Much careful checking will be necessary.

The Committee realises the need for a new edition. It will do its best to complete one as soon as possible.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted except for Section 3 which was received only and referred back for further consideration.

2. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. W. A. Burley in connection with the work of the Law Revision Committee over a period of the last thirty-one years.

3. That the Law Revision Committee be instructed to consider revision of the present method of land holding (whereby each Trust holds title under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887) with a view to the introduction of the system using a "corporation sole". (Note: this would constitute a simplification in the following ways, (a) one signature required for all legal land documents resulting in easier dealing; (b) no longer would individual titles have a multiplicity of trustees' names; (c) ability to raise a global sum by way of mortgage or overdraft facilities which could be allocated to areas of greatest need.)

4. That the President's Legal Adviser be ex-officio a member of the General Purposes Committee of Conferences.

5. That the Committee for 1967 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.

## **Ecumenical Committee**

### **REPORT FOR 1966**

#### **N.C.C. ACTIVITIES.**

**25th Anniversary:** We join with the Executive in pausing to express gratitude to God for the many gifts which He has given to the Churches of New Zealand through the N.C.C. July 23rd, 1941, was the date when the Constitution of the N.C.C. was formerly adopted.

**Additional Staff:** We welcome Mr F. G. Heard as the third full time member of the N.C.C. staff. His main responsibilities are as Secretary on Inter-church Aid and Secretary of N.C.C. Laity Committee.

**Consultation:** At request of the E.A.C.C. the consultation on Confessing the Faith in New Zealand was associated with the annual meeting in July. The topics covered ranged from a "demographic study" of New Zealand church life, to the "social groups" outside the church, together with a "sociological survey" and views on "secular man". It considered within the Church, evangelistic groups, lay movements and separatist groups, and looked into our society at the arts, education, immigration and minority groups, international affairs, mass media, the welfare state and Christian writings. Two further papers covered the relationship of the Roman Catholic Church to a United Church and the right of the church to make pronouncements.

The committee arranged for six Methodist representatives to attend.

**Laity Committee:** Mr G. Braithwaite and Rev. R. Gibson were nominated to this N.C.C. Committee located in Wellington.

**Lenten Studies:** At the initial request of the Commission of the Negotiating Churches the N.C.C. are preparing a study intended to be used during Lent 1967, and related to radio and T.V. programmes during that period.

#### **WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL.**

At the request of the President, the committee sought views of some members of our church and submitted a statement to Church Council on the New Zealand attitude towards this World Body. The statement was given approval as below, and provided to representatives and observers at London in August for their information and guidance in any discussion that might arise.

1. The basic unity which God gives to, and wills for, our Church is unity across denominational lines and not merely a unity within one denomination. The primary ecumenical loyalty for the New Zealand Methodist Church is therefore participation in the World Council of Churches, East Asia Christian Conference, National Council of Churches in New Zealand and Church Union negotiations in New Zealand, as expressed in the Conference Minutes.

The continuation of our membership in the World Methodist Council must not be allowed to impair in any way our more active participation in these other more ecumenical groupings.

We consider that World Confessionalism tends to divide or divert attention from these primary ecumenical loyalties rather than foster them.



2. We believe that the main function of a World Methodist Council is to study and share ways in which world Methodism can contribute to Church Union, and give guidance as to how best Methodist Churches can take part in Ecumenical and World Mission programmes. Other study and research are much better undertaken across denominational lines than in the World Methodist Council.

3. We ask our representatives to this World Methodist Council to support every endeavour to promote fraternal relationships but to oppose strongly any attempt to increase the organisational structure of the Council, or add to its powers.

4. That representatives be asked to report to Conference on any suggestion and developments of the World Methodist Council that may affect us, for full discussion and expression of our mind, and that the World Methodist executive maintain liaison with the Secretary of our Conference rather than the individual Council members who attended the previous world gathering.

#### **REMITTED BY CONFERENCE.**

The committee was asked to report on ways that Ministers permitted to serve with other organisations should report to Synods and Conference.

It is noted that most Ministers concerned have to prepare an annual report to their employing body and that this, or a brief prepared statement, could be conveniently made available. The work of the individual Armed Forces Chaplains is brought before the Conference annually and it was felt that the church should have opportunity of knowing some of the work being done by these Ministers employed by other organisations. While acknowledging this we are aware of the danger of making distinctions within the ministry by asking some to report annually in detail. It is understood that the committee would use its discretion in reporting so as to avoid duplication.

#### **LOCATION OF COMMITTEE.**

In light of the general approval given by Conference 1965 to Ecumenical Affairs being associated with Missions in Auckland, the committee raised with Church Council the possibility of this committee being located there from 1967.

On Church Council's advice, with the intention that Ecumenical matters become established before the new proposed structure takes effect, it is intended that the names nominated for 1967 will be from Auckland.

#### **REPORTS.**

**Women's Committee of N.C.C.:** Activities of the Committee have included: study evenings on 'The Kiwi looks at himself', a twenty-four hour retreat led by Archdeacon W. M. Davies, and talks on the Joint Commission on Church Union, N.C.C. annual meeting and other Women's Conferences. The 16 Branch Committees continue to sponsor a variety of occasions including study days, inter-church schools, ecumenical days and coffee mornings. Many branches have sponsored the use of 'The Kiwi looks at himself' study book and a newsletter containing varied ecumenical interest is much appreciated by local groups.

The World Day of Prayer observance found 10 new areas participating. A total of 26,100 orders of service were distributed to 327 organisers. Finance from the day was forwarded as follows: British and Foreign Bible Society £1060, N.C.C. projects of famine rehabilitation and building a Community Centre £2028, and £100 grant to the Asian Church Women's Organising Committee.

In July Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Rogers represented New Zealand at the Asian Church Women's Conference in Tokyo. The Annual Meeting and Conference of W.C.N.C.C. held in Christchurch in June saw the retirement of Mrs Maddren as Chairman and the election of Mrs R. H. T. Hamilton to this office.

**N.C.C. Youth Committee:** The main activities of 65/66 were, the 4th Ecumenical Youth Conference at Hamilton attended by 1500 young people, and the Fiji Work Camp in which four Methodists participated, including the leader, Rev. Russell Marshall.

There is a continuing direction of funds and personnel to overseas projects: Work Camps, Conferences and Inter-national Youth Exchange. Two New Zealand Methodists attend the E.A.C.C. Consultation in Korea in October.

As an Associate of the National Youth Council, the N.C.C. Y.C. has given its support to this new committee which seems to be finding for itself a place in the national life. The problem of Regional Youth Committees being without structure has not been solved. The affiliation of these bodies to local N.C.C. Committees does not work in practice and there seems little other alternative for structuring them.

Overall the work of the N.C.C. Y.C., often in co-operation with the Consultation of Christian Education departments, is developing more positively, particularly with the leadership of Rev. O'Grady who gives one third of his time to Youth work.

**The Religious Film Society:** The President of the Society, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall, in his annual report states that the Society is very much indebted to its Director, Mr W. N. Mouat, who with dedicated drive is promoting the use of films and audio visuals as a means of Christian Education and Evangelism amongst the member churches. Mr Mouat has maintained liaison with Christian Education Departments, and shared in the promotion and leadership of Audio-Visual Schools and Conferences in various parts of the country, and has been warmly welcomed as a lecturer and demonstrator in some of the theological colleges. The Society hopes to increase this area of its work and to this end plans to provide the Director with transport and equipment when funds are available. The Society was greatly encouraged to receive from the Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches a grant of £500 to be used in its educational and promotional activities.

**Films:** Some 46 new 16 m.m. films have been added to the Library for hire over the past two years, and as more films with sound theological teaching become available this aspect of the Society's work will become increasingly important, for the Society, being representative of a number of churches, is able to provide a greater variety of films than would be possible for a denomination acting on its own account.

**Finances:** While the trading activities of the Society in the hire of films and sale of equipment and film strips has shown considerable improvement since the appointment of a salaried director it cannot meet all its expenditure from such sources. It remains dependent upon annual grants from member churches. For 1968 the Society has appealed to the member churches to provide by way of grants the sum of £1,250, and has asked the Methodist Church to provide £250 of this amount from the 1967-68 Budget.

**Maori Section N.C.C.:** The Annual Meeting held at Waitangi in February elected Canon H. Rangiihu as Chairman. Changes in the Constitution bring a South Island member on to the Executive and allow Rt. Rev. W. N. Panapa, Bishop of Aotearoa and Rev. G. I. Laurenson to become Life Members.

The Section is keeping up to date on Church Union Negotiations



and it has been suggested that "the time is surely long overdue when we should take stock, re-examine and subsequently revise our worship and liturgy together."

Twenty-four Maori Youth attended the 4th Ecumenical Youth Conference at Hamilton and there is every possibility that a young Maori professional, with LL.B., will attend the E.A.C.C. consultation in Korea on "The Church, Young Churchmen and the Nation".

Members have been represented during the year by: Rev. Laurenson at the funeral of Mrs Te Puhi Ratahi, President of the Ratana Church, and by Canon Rangiihu in the service for King Koroki.

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 representatives of the church on the following committees be:—

N.C.C.: Revs. R. D. Rakena, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws and Mrs M. E. Hayman. Alternate. Rev. J. Grundy.

N.C.C. Y.C.: Messrs C. Couch and R. J. Patchett, and Miss A. Price.

W.C. N.C.C.: Mesdames J. R. Maddren, H. C. Matthews, W. R. Laws. Corresponding Member, Mrs R. Swindells.

Maori Section, N.C.C.: Revs. B. M. Chrystall, H. A. Darvill, R. D. Rakena and R. Rogers. Associates. Revs. E. Te Tuhi, W. Tahere, and L. M. Tauroa. Life Member: Rev. G. I. Laurenson.

Religious Film Society: Revs. B. M. Chrystall, A. Jolly and Mr B. Burton. Executive. Revs. B. M. Chrystall and A. Jolly.

4. That annual grants from the Contingent Fund be:—

(a) £25 World Methodist Council.

(b) £10 Ecumenical Committee.

5. That Conference commends the N.C.C. for their preparation of Lenten Studies for 1967 and urges our people to participate in the use of same wherever possible, urging them to take advantage of every opportunity of local combined worship, study and fellowship.

6. That each year Ministers who are permitted to serve with other organisations (Qn. 18 a) forward a statement of their year's work to the Convener of the Ecumenical Committee for summarising and inclusion in its report.

7. That Rev. W. S. Dawson be congratulated on his election as Vice-President of the National Council of Churches and the opportunities this will open up to him.

8. That the nomination of Representatives (2) of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held at Upsala, Sweden, in July 1968 be referred to the Church Committee to make recommendations to Synods and Conference 1967.

9. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 63—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

## I.—Faith and Order Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1966

**Membership:** The committee has considered the question referred by Conference 1966, "That the Faith and Order Committee 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". We report as follows:

1. The committee endorses its previous statement in 1958 Minutes of Conference (p. 212) and acknowledges the **fundamental membership** conveyed at Baptism and the developing **responsible membership** involved in Confirmation. In addition it is necessary for the ordered life of the Church to maintain a roll of those members who remain in active association with the life and work of the congregation.

2. Since the acts of Baptism and Confirmation are irrevocable, the committee recommends that each church maintain one **Register of Members** to record all Baptisms and Confirmations. These should be on separate pages of the same opening and each entry in respect of either act could include details of the corresponding one where these were known.

3. The committee recommends that the present Members' Roll should then include the names of all Members received as adults in Holy Baptism or in Confirmation, and who remain in active association with the life and work of the congregation. This electoral roll should be revised in accordance with the present practice of the church, but those whose names are removed will forfeit only legal and voting rights.

4. In annual returns the figure for members will include only those on the electoral roll.

The following description of membership is offered to replace para. 1 of the Law Book:

**MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY HOLY BAPTISM AND WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN A REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

- a. Those who, in years of discretion, declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, may be recognised as responsible members on the nomination of the Minister and by decision of the Leaders' Meeting. If they have been received in Holy Baptism as infants, they shall be confirmed by prayer and the laying on of hands; otherwise they shall be received in Holy Baptism and the laying on of hands, in the orders of service prescribed by the church.
- b. The names of those who have been recognised in responsible membership and who continue in active fellowship with the Church shall be kept on an electoral roll which shall be revised regularly by the Leaders' Meeting.

### **MINISTERIAL RELATIONSHIPS.**

Conference resolution, 1964: "That the Faith and Order Committee be asked for guidance with regard to the practice of baptism of infants by a minister outside of the circuit in which the child resides, without the prior consent of the circuit minister concerned, and with regard to other matters involving ministerial relationships".

#### **1. The nature of the relationship of ministers to the Church and to one another:**

A minister is appointed to a particular pastorate within a circuit to further the work of the Church as a whole. To this end the relationship between ministers should be on the basis of co-operation in the work of the Church in its entirety.

#### **2. Baptisms of children from other pastorates:**

It is normally preferable for children to be baptised within the



pastorate to which they belong. Where a baptism is otherwise administered, the minister concerned and the minister of the pastorate to which the family belongs should confer beforehand to ensure that parents are properly instructed in the Church's doctrine of baptism, and that a continuing pastoral link with the family is maintained.

**3. The conduct of marriages, funerals and other pastoral functions outside a pastorate:**

Similar principles to those set out in 2 should govern the conduct of marriages, funerals and other pastoral functions.

**4. Breaking of a pastoral link when a minister is appointed to another circuit.**

A minister appointed to a circuit is responsible to the Conference for the pastoral care of his charge. In the interests of good pastoral relationships and the welfare of the church as a whole, the pastoral tie between a minister and a congregation should cease when a minister moves to another appointment or retires, the conduct of marriages, burials and baptisms, or the carrying on of any more general pastoral functions by a previous minister of the circuit should be discouraged, except where personal family relationships are involved or there are quite exceptional circumstances; in either such case arrangements should be made in consultation with the local minister by the other minister concerned.

**5. Relationships with ministers of other denominations:**

There should be a respect for the discipline of churches of other denominations; frankness with the other ministers concerned; no encouragement of traffic from one denomination to another; but where it seems best that a change of denomination take place, we seek to persuade the people concerned to formally terminate their previous allegiance before beginning another.

**6. Fees and gifts for weddings, funerals, etc.:**

Christian marriage and burial are acts of the Church on God's behalf. They are both by intention means of grace, and they have no other justification as acts of the Church.

Therefore, any suggestion that these services can be "paid for" conveys or contributes to a complete misunderstanding of their nature. We must not allow men under any circumstances to think that grace can be bought, or that one can receive the grace of God in any way which allows us to discharge our debt and be beyond further obligation.

It may be argued that if the fee is paid to the church rather than to the minister personally, most of these objections would be met. But the most serious point still remains. It is wrong for people to think they can pay the Church for what it does; we respond to grace but we cannot pay for it. Those who intend to have no relationship to the means of grace provided by the Church are not responding to grace by making a contribution to the Church funds.

In the light of the above, whilst giving no precise directions, the Committee wishes to underline to our ministers the many misunderstandings and misinterpretations which can be applied to the acceptance of fees and gifts in the fulfilling of our calling; and therefore urges them for the sake of the whole Church to exercise a Godly discretion and consideration in their attitude to the acceptance of such fees and gifts.

**THE MARRIAGE SERVICE.**

The committee has revised the draft order in the light of com-

ments received during the year, and presents the following for adoption.

### 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 two shall become one. So they are no longer two but one.’ What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” (Mark 10, 6-9.) Marriage is therefore not by any to be undertaken lightly or ill-advisedly, 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 may say:  
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 admitted, 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 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 forms 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 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 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 to each 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:  
Now that A.B. and C.D. have made a covenant 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 may say:

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 Thy 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.

\* The minister may say one or more of the following prayers:

Almighty and everlasting Father, who hast given to mankind the ordinance of marriage, and dost hallow it with Thy blessing: Grant that thy servants A. and C., now joined together as husband and wife, may bear each other's burdens, share each other's joys, and, together fulfilling the duties of their home, 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 livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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 glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection 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.

## ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE ORDINATION OF DEACONESSES

The committee has revised the draft order in the light of comments received during the year, and presents the following for adoption:—

The Order begins with the preparation in the Order for Holy Communion (i.e. Collect and commandments in the 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.



- \* The ordinands kneel.

Almighty and most loving Father, we thank Thee who 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 dost raise 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 we bless Thee for these Thy servants whom thou hast called, asking 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: 1 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:  
It is the work of a Deaconess to be the servant of Christ; to visit the sick, pray for the dying, comfort the sorrowing; to teach the faithful; 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 trusting in the help of God, do you 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 place yourself without reserve at the disposal of Christ in His Church and to abide by the discipline of the 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 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 witness 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.

\* The gloria 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 (deaconess or minister) chosen by the ordinand should share in the laying on of hands, together with the President and any others.

The deaconesses will need to be bare-headed 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 has again this year given a great deal of time to working on an alternative experimental order of Holy Communion, devoting an extra monthly meeting to the task. Conference 1965 gave permission for the order to be printed and made available for experimental use. We expect to have this printing done by Conference. The order will provide two alternative forms for the preparation and ministry of the word sections of the service, and will also include a commentary on the service. The committee was originally instructed to proceed to put one or two other orders into modern English—baptism and marriage, especially. We would, however, like to be given a year off before proceeding further. This will give us an opportunity to measure the reaction to the work we have done on the communion order; and a respite from the additional monthly meeting and the work involved would be welcomed by the members of the committee.

Our more orthodox revision of orders of service has continued, though the work required on the membership statement this year has prevented us from going as far with orders of service as we would otherwise have done. If we could have a year free from other major tasks we should be able to complete our revisions during this coming year, which would enable the printing of a complete book of offices if Conference so desires. The order of service for a funeral has not yet been printed, and the committee seeks permission to print both the marriage order and the funeral order in one booklet.



The committee was asked to 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." Our reply is that we consider the badge suitable for use as an emblem but question the term "coat of arms".

Besides making a statement to Conference, the Faith and Order Committee was asked to confer with the Law Revision Committee on the matter of Church Membership. In the light of our statement, we have prepared a suggested revised membership section for the Law Book, which will be in the hands of the Law Revision Committee before Conference.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

B. A. WALKER, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement on Membership be adopted.
3. (a) That the Statement on Ministerial Relationships be adopted and referred to March Ministerial Committees for consideration.  
(b) That the Statement on Ministerial Relationships be referred to the Board of Publications for consideration when re-printing leaflets on Holy Baptisms.
4. That the Marriage Service be adopted and printed but with these alterations to the Service: Amend page 233 Agenda (middle) to: "Lord, save Thy servants", and omit "We beseech Thee" from prayers at bottom of same page.
5. That the Order of Service for the Ordination of Deaconesses be adopted but change "handmaid" to "servant" on page 235 Agenda.
6. That following the printing of the experimental Order for Holy Communion the Faith and Order Committee have permission to pause for a year in its work on services in modern English.
7. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 6 herein.

## QUESTION 63—

### (2) RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

#### I.—N.C.C. COMMISSION ON T.V.

##### Annual Report, 1966

**Programme Coverage:** A combined deputation from the Executives of the National Catholic Television Committee and the Commission to the Director-General N.Z.B.C. presented the case for regular additional religious programmes and more suitable time placement. Limitations of production facilities, staff and other factors were given by the Director-General as reasons for not acceding to this request, but opportunity is offered for the Churches to present programmes at other than the regular times, when circumstances warrant. In addition greater freedom is allowed in presentation of our late programme, now titled "The New Week".

With the establishment of a television mobile unit in Dunedin, Church Service relays have been extended to that centre, and N.Z.B.C. has agreed to relay four Church Services in each station centre in 1966.

**Administration:** The Officers of the Commission remain the same: Co-directors the Rev. F. C. Harrison and G. Dallard, who is also secretary, and Canon A. C. F. Charles, who is a former Co-director and now Auckland Representative part-time.

Links with overseas broadcasting are maintained through our membership with World Association of Christian Broadcasting, of which the Secretary has been appointed a member of the Central Committee, and the E.A.C.C. Broadcasting and Visual Aids Committee.

**Developments:** The fourth Annual Report drew attention to the limited resources available to the Commission. The N.C.C. annual meeting took this up with the expression of concern to further the work of the Commission.

To date, we have prepared more than 450 programmes. Of these 48 were film and the rest were produced in N.Z.B.C. studios. In selection and preparation of material the Co-directors have largely been limited to a critical use of ideas and scripts offered by interested talent. There has been a large amount of guidance given in the development of ideas to the production stage. Planning has been on a limited scale, but is increasingly important. Sometimes the directors have initiated ideas for others to work up, though several programmes have been entirely the work of the Directors. Overseas material is occasionally used, though not much has been offered and frequently material offered has been rejected as being too topical, too long or otherwise unsuitable for the New Zealand situation.

**Production Methods:** Production of television programmes is ultimately the prerogative and responsibility of N.Z.B.C. With relatively limited facilities the studios have entered into the presentation of religious programmes with as much enthusiasm as any other type. Increasingly, it has been possible to use more enterprising methods both in the use of film and in studio presentation.

**Inter-Church Co-operation:** From the outset there was a deliberate refusal by the participating churches to consider any form of denominational rota. Because there are nine participating churches there must be a variety of approach, which is reflected both in theological content and audience attractiveness. It is not the province of the Directors to mould all programmes into one pattern, but rather to assist each church to present effectively its own special contribution.

**Research, Planning and Training:** The wellspring of individual initiative in providing ideas shows no sign of drying up. On the contrary, as more churches appoint broadcasting specialists, and as churchmen become more familiar with the medium, ideas for programmes proliferate. But the increasing sophistication of the television audience demands a more intense concern for audience reaction and 'climate-creation'.

Training of script writers and talent in the manners of television is essential and would prevent the cramping of our present diversification by the straight-jacket of planned uniformity. A more positive policy should uncover many hidden resources and realise the potential of what has been called "God's Frozen People".

**The Way Ahead:** A developing situation poses problems in administration. The possibility of increased staffing raises questions of co-ordination, accommodation and finance.

Consultation and planning by the Directors with N.Z.B.C. officers in increasingly productive of results and should be fostered.

**Conclusion:** The Commission looks forward in faith to the opportunities of communicating the Christian faith through the medium of television to those who look for a word from God.

Original report made by      F. C. HARRISON,  
   G. DALLARD,



## RESOLUTION

1. That the Report of the N.C.C. Commission on T.V. be received.

### II.—METHODIST RADIO AND T.V. COMMITTEE

#### A—ANNUAL REPORT 1966

The Committee has met throughout the year and maintained its administration of Methodist Programmes.

We are aware that Linking procedures in Radio have enabled us to be more selective in appointing Methodist Broadcasters and churches for relay. However, we are also aware that no great improvement in broadcasting quality can be expected unless some organised training programme is introduced. While we must express our appreciation for the willingness and seriousness with which those appointed have approached their task, we are concerned that the Methodist Church is making no significant contribution to the development of more effective religious broadcasting.

We are conscious that our contribution to Television is not as large as it should be in comparison with other denominations.

**THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** The Supervisor's work during the year can be described under two headings, secretarial and creative.

(a) **SECRETARIAL:** As pointed out in last year's report, the Methodist Church accepts responsibility for over 80 Radio Programmes of various sorts each year. Administration of these involves a large amount of correspondence with broadcasters and the Corporation. The Supervisor has also acted as the Methodist representative on the Religious Advisory Committee of the N.Z.B.C. and on the N.C.C. Commission on TV. On these committees major policy matters are decided and programmes reviewed.

(b) **CREATIVE:** Attempts have been made during the year to assist broadcasters with programmes. Some broadcasters have submitted scripts for comment and the suggestions offered have been received with gratitude in each case. Assistance in planning some Church Services and the Children's Sessions has been sought and given. The Supervisor has also taken responsibility for creating six television programmes and a radio documentary for Christmas Day in the South Island. Tours to Auckland, Hastings and through the South Island have made contacts with Methodist broadcasters and N.Z.B.C. personnel as well as providing opportunity for on-the-spot assistance with programmes.

The Supervisor was one of a team with the Rev. F. C. Harrison and Mr J. Gardiner (Assistant Chief Announcer, N.Z.B.C.) which ran a two-day intensive radio school for selected students from Auckland Theological Colleges. This year the Methodist representative on the N.C.C. Commission was appointed to the Commission's five-man Executive with the Full-time Directors of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches and the Salvation Army.

It is this creative work which puts tension on a Supervisor in a Circuit, and which has led the Wellington Central Circuit to state its mind that the present situation is not satisfactory.

It is very obvious that any advance in religious broadcasting will be by an extension of the creative side of supervision. There is a need for training of our Theological Students, appointed broadcasters and potential talent. This would include assistance in preparing broadcasts and by the mounting of schools on Communication in the secular media, script-writing and general broadcasting techniques. Methodism could well play a more significant part in the committees of the N.Z.B.C. and N.C.C. by participation in their working life. Experimentation and research into better methods of communication could be

a product of an extension in the creative side of a supervisor's work. All of these elements would require a supervisor identified closely with general broadcasting, and who could keep abreast of developments overseas and in New Zealand.

It is distressing that now, rather than extending the supervision of Radio and TV in its creative aspects, the Methodist Church has to allow even the little that has been attempted to lapse, so that only the functional secretarial duties of a Convener remain.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF A METHODIST DIRECTOR OF RADIO AND TV:**

The appointment of a Director was approved in principle by last Conference, and the timing and cost were referred to the Church Council. To assist the Council, the Radio and TV Committee submitted material to them and urged the appointment on a 50/50 basis with the Department of Christian Education from the 1st February, 1968. Church Council replied that it cannot recommend an appointment before the 1969-70 Budget year.

The Radio and TV Committee is very concerned at the suggestion of such a delay for the following reasons:—

1. The Wellington Central Circuit, which is carrying the burden of the present level of supervision cannot see its way clear to continuing the full responsibility for the Connexion.

2. In view of this it appears that the work of the Supervisor must be curtailed so that it reverts to secretarial functions only until the appointment of a Director.

3. This is a backward step by the Methodist Church just at the time when Radio and Television are rapidly developing as available means of evangelism.

The Committee press for urgency in the appointment for the following reasons:—

1. Religious Radio and TV is a "Frontier" activity of the Church, touching a wide constituency. The saturated extent of radio coverage, and a TV coverage in excess of 70 per cent of the New Zealand population are dramatic factors to consider. The Committee believes that more effective religious broadcasting would increase the audience for Church programmes.

2. This is a specialised field in constant development with which our ministers and people are unfamiliar. The development of Linking procedure in Radio and the explosive growth of Television over the last few years place a greater demand than ever before for imaginative-programming and quality-presentation. The Churches' programmes must stand amongst material on secular subjects and match it in broadcasting quality if they are to be effective.

In fields such as News, Politics, Sport, Music and Documentary the Corporation employs expert advice from those aware of their subject and of broadcasting technique. There is at present no such Department for Religious Broadcasting in the N.Z.B.C. so that the Church must provide its own specialists.

Anyone appointed to broadcast must be enabled to handle his material at every stage of preparation in the light of current developments, limitations and possibilities of the media. For this the broadcaster needs assistance from someone who can be aware of the message he is attempting to convey, and who is conversant with the medium in which it is to be transmitted.

The Radio and TV Committee is convinced that the appointment of a Director of Radio and Television for the Methodist Church is



urgent, and at this stage seeks support for an appointment on a 50/50 basis.

G. V. THOMAS, Chairman.

G. D. BROUGH, Convener.

## B—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1966

The Committee begs leave to report facts related to the appointment of a Methodist Director of Radio and Television. These were not included in the main report in an attempt to make it more direct but are essential details at the Conference stage of making a decision.

### SECTION I—URGENCY AND THE ECUMENICAL OPPORTUNITY.

The Committee's urgency is based on the expanding evangelical opportunity offered by mass media, particularly television. A further factor however is that the Committee sees that the way to make an effective ecumenical contribution is by supplying a denominational officer.

The Methodist Director would take a place in the team of those carrying the burden of initiating the Churches' work in television, and help in any work that may develop in co-operative radio broadcasting. By his denominational affiliation he would bring into the ecumenical field more comprehensive entry by the Methodist Church. The question is not solely a matter of financial contribution but also one of personnel.

The smallest contribution that could provide effective ecumenical participation by the Methodist Church is the provision of 50% of a man.

### SECTION II—THE WORK OF A DIRECTOR

A. The Committee envisages a Director working in both Radio and Television. We comment that a man set aside for this work will be more able to spend time on the more demanding medium of television. This is a shift in viewpoint from our last year's report brought on us by the awareness that the N.C.C. Commission with its present limited staffing cannot be expected to do the work of initiating Television programmes for the whole Church. We have also been affected by seeing the larger contribution made by the Salvation Army since their appointment of a Director working 50% of his time solely in Television.

B. The work of the Director is envisaged in three fields:—

(1) **TRAINING:** A Training Programme in Religious Radio and TV would include: the mounting of schools, generally in conjunction with other denominations and the N.Z.B.C.; and attention to specific broadcasters and programmes.

Attention would be given to the following:

- a. **Theological Students:** Training in the arts, techniques and basic elements of communication through secular media with emphasis on the use of language. Also the encouragement of selected students who show a talent for broadcasting in the two media.
- b. **Those appointed to Broadcast:** Assisting them with scripts, arranging critique panels and keeping them abreast of effective means of Communication.
- c. **Potential Broadcasters:** Seeking out possible talent and arranging training and auditions. This would include script-writing, micro-

phone and screen techniques and means of mounting programmes of varying kinds.

- d. **Congregations:** Including organists, choirmasters, readers, storytellers and the body of worshippers involved in Broadcasts. Also the general Church membership to ensure that Broadcasting takes a place in the overall mission of the Church.

## (2) CREATIVE WORK.

a. **Policy Making:** The Director to participate in the working life of the Religious Advisory Committee to the N.Z.B.C., the N.C.C. Commission on TV and Methodist Committees and Courts.

b. **Mounting Programmes:** The Director to initiate and to assist in mounting programmes on Radio and TV.

c. **Keeping Abreast:** The Director to keep up to date with the constant developments in Religious and Secular Broadcasting overseas and in N.Z., including the work of other Denominations.

## (3) ADMINISTRATION.

The present commitment of the Methodist Church to over 80 Radio Programmes per year indicates a significant amount of administration in relation to the N.Z.B.C., local churches and Broadcasters. This work would grow with the work of a Director.

The Committee is convinced that only a man working in close association with the Corporation and other Directors can participate effectively in the Church's Broadcasting work. Such standing and proximity are not available to a man involved in parish work.

## SECTION III—STEPS TOWARD MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

A. The Committee refers the Conference to Church Council's commendation of the appointment and their observation that this does not seem possible before the Budget Year 1969-70. The Committee realises that the Budget Year commences on the 1st July, 1969. Our intention is that, consequent on Conference's approval of the appointment from 1st February, 1969 we shall negotiate for the appointee to have training in N.Z. or overseas during the intervening five months. Such training will be supported by his employment with some broadcasting organisation or through funds provided by some agency other than the Connexional Budget.

B. It is the intention of the Committee to negotiate primarily for a relationship of the Director with another body which will allow him to work full time in the field of Communication through Mass Media. The Committee considers that it cannot negotiate realistically with organisations such as the N.C.C. Commission or other denominations without some assurance from the Methodist Church that we are willing to supply the necessary support for 50% of a man. It is this assurance that we are seeking from the 1966 Conference.

We point out that Recommendation 9 in the main Report allows the Conference to give such an assurance in the knowledge that final proposals regarding the Director's support, relationship with the employing bodies, place of residence, etc., will still be the subject of discussion and decision at a later Conference.

G. V. THOMAS, Chairman.

G. D. BROUGH, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report and the Supplementary Report be received and adopted.



2. That the Methodist representatives on the N.C.C. Commission on TV be the Rev. G. V. Thomas and G. D. Brough.

3. That the Methodist representative on the Central Religious Advisory Committee to the N.Z.B.C. be the Rev. G. D. Brough.

4. That Conference approve the appointment of a Director of Radio and TV on a 50/50 basis from the 1st February, 1969.

5. That the Radio and TV Committee be authorised to make a nomination to Synods and Conference, 1967.

6. That the Committee report to Synods and Conference with detailed proposals for the employment of the Director.

7. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the Rev. Robert Thornley, M.A., as a past-convenor and member of the Committee for the last ten years.

8. Conference is concerned that the Christian message be presented on Television in the most forceful and relevant way possible and requests the Methodist Radio and TV Committee to ensure that the work and structure of the N.C.C. Commission on TV is thoroughly reviewed, the Committee to report to Synods and Conference on that review.

9. That the Radio and TV Committee keep itself informed of the research by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs regarding a possible second TV Channel and be ready to support resistance by the Council to the introduction of any form of TV in which competitive and commercial interests could lower the standards of programming.

10. That the Committee for 1967 be as printed on page 8 herein.

#### MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

1. That the March Ministerial Committees 1967 be asked to consider the appointment of an ad hoc committee by the Conference whose duties would be:

- (a) To arrange for an Annual Lecture to be presented during the time of Conference on some subject of concern to the Church as a whole.
- (b) To receive moneys towards the establishment of a suitable fund to provide for such a Lecture in the name of Trinity Theological College.
- (c) To receive donations to Trinity Theological College from Ministers and to apply the same to such objectives as may be determined by March Ministerial Committees.
- (d) To arrange for an Auckland group of ministers to meet with the outgoing students annually.

QUESTION 64—(a) When shall the next District Synods be held?  
The week beginning August 21, 1967.

QUESTION 64—(b) When and where shall the next Conference be held?

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, on Wednesday, November 1, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

# AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK

ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE 1966

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Page 1, Section 1, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

Members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand are those who have been received by Holy Baptism and whose names have been entered in a Register of Members of the Methodist Church.

- (a) Those who, in years of discretion, declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, may be recognised as responsible members on the nomination of the Minister and by decision of the Leaders' Meeting. If they have been received in Holy Baptism as infants, they shall be confirmed by prayer and the laying on of hands; otherwise they shall be received in Holy Baptism and the laying on of hands, in the orders of service prescribed by the church.
- (b) The names of those who have been recognised in responsible membership and who continue in active fellowship with the Church shall be kept on an electoral roll which shall be revised regularly by the Leaders' Meeting. (1966 Minutes, page 233.)

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Page 77, Section 38. In line three after the words "senior Ministers" add "President's Legal Adviser". (1966 Minutes, page 228.)

## FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Page 89, Section 469(b). In line 7 after the words "M.S.S.A." add "Chairman of Standing Finance and Stewardship Committee". (1966 Minutes, page 219.)

## SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEES

Page 68, Sections 351-355 inclusive, are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- 351. (a) Each Synod shall appoint a Standing Committee of a size suitable to its needs, consisting of ministers and laymen, provided always that the number of ministers shall not exceed the number of laymen.
- (b) The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.
- (c) The Vice-President of Conference shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.
- (d) When deemed necessary a Financial Secretary to a District may be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Chairman. He shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee and shall keep the District accounts.
- 352. (a) Where a District is subdivided pursuant to Section 318 the District Synod shall appoint one or more area sub-committees in terms of the preceding paragraph.
- (b) Any such area sub-committee shall, within its area, carry out such duties of the Synod Standing Committee as may be delegated to it by the Chairman of the District or the Synod Standing Committee.
- (c) The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio Chairman of any such area sub-committee. Conference may, on the nomination of the Chairman, appoint a minister to act as his assistant and, when required, to act as his Deputy within the area.



- (d) Each Synod Standing Committee and area sub-committee shall submit an annual report and any recommendations to the District Synod.

353. The duties of the Committee shall be:—

- (a) To give general oversight and guidance to the work of the Church in the District.
- (b) To confer with and advise Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Trustees of church property within the District on the following matters, and report upon and make recommendations to local and/or District courts, and/or Connexional Boards and Departments:—
  - 1. The acquisition of land, the erection of new buildings, and alterations or additions to existing buildings.
  - 2. The reception of applications for the appointment of additional ministers or lay workers to a circuit, or the withdrawal of any minister or lay worker already appointed. The division or alteration of Circuit or District boundaries.
  - 3. The financial ability of any circuit to engage upon any undertaking, having regard to its total circuit and Connexional responsibilities, e.g. Connexional Budget, extension projects, stipends and travelling allowances, etc.
  - 4. To receive from or refer to circuits any other matters relating to the mission of the Church in its local, Connexional or ecumenical relationships.
  - 5. To co-operate with the district courts of Churches negotiating for church union in matters of Church Extension, Joint Action and related issues.
- (c)
  - 1. To receive from Connexional Departments, Boards and/or Committees, advance information or proposals relating to policy matters that require later consideration by Synods and Conference. To make interim reports and recommendations as may be requested.
  - 2. To receive from the same sources recommendations relating to the more effective application of existing policy in respect of the District generally or circuits in particular.
- (d) To arrange for the triennial visitation to each circuit in the District or area, and to submit a report with any recommendations to the Standing Committee and the circuit concerned.
- (e) To allocate to Circuits, on the recommendation of the District Finance Committee, the District's amount of the Connexional Budget, and to keep under review the payment of the allocation by Circuits.
- (f) To deal with any other business which may be remitted by the Conference, District Synod or any other accepted source, on matters pertaining to the total mission of the Church.

354. The Committee shall meet at least four times a year. The Committee shall have power to apportion any part of its duties to sub-committees.

355. The Chairman of the District shall, when necessary, convene the first meeting in the Connexional year, when a Secretary shall be appointed, who shall convene all subsequent meetings at such times as may be determined by the Committee, or when requested to do so by the Chairman.

## SECTION VIII—INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS

### 1—THE CENTRAL OFFICE

Page 96. Pursuant to its report of last year the Committee has

given consideration to certain matters of detail and the implementation of certain aspects of the set-up. It therefore presents the following recommendations:—

1. There shall be an Office established under the control and direction of the Conference to be known as "The Connexional Office of the Methodist Church of New Zealand" and to be known briefly as "The Connexional Office".

2. The Office shall be managed by a Board of Management which shall be appointed annually by the Conference.

3. The Board of Management shall:—

- (a) Facilitate the implementation of such policies of the Conference as shall be entrusted to it.
- (b) Serve the interests of the various Boards and Committees appointed by Conference to administer the Funds located in the Central Office.
- (c) Provide for the collection and housing of Conference and Church records.

4. The Board of Management shall consist of:—

- (a) The Chairman of the District,
- (b) General Secretary,
- (c) General Treasurer,
- (d) President's Legal Adviser,
- (e) A Representative of the Finance and Stewardship Committee,
- (f) Fourteen others—to include such representatives from Boards and Committees as may from time to time be determined by Conference.

The Board of Management shall appoint its own Chairman annually and the General Secretary shall act as its Convener.

5. The following Funds shall be located at the Connexional Office:—

- (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) Connexional Budget,
- (j) Such other Funds as may be decided by the Conference from time to time.

The following Funds shall be administered by Boards of Management or Committees appointed by the Conference:—

- (a) Church Building and Loan Fund,
- (b) Fire Insurance Fund,
- (c) Supernumerary Fund and General Purposes Trust Board,
- (d) Transport Trust Board,
- (e) Connexional Budget.

The following Funds shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office:—

- (a) Contingent Fund,
- (b) Children's Fund,
- (c) Removal Expenses.

6. There shall be a General Secretary and a General Treasurer, both of whom shall be appointed by Conference and shall be responsible to the Board of Management and to Conference. They shall be nominated to Conference by the Board of Management. The General Treasurer shall be ex-officio member of Conference.



7. The General Secretary shall be a minister. He shall:—
- (a) Act as Secretary of the Conference and carry out its decisions.
  - (b) Act as General Secretary of Church Property, and Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.
  - (c) Act as Secretary of such Boards, Committees or Funds as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
  - (d) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the Ministry of the Church in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.

8. The General Treasurer shall be a layman who should, where possible, be a Member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants and well versed in and with a knowledge and understanding of the Methodist Church. He shall: Act as Treasurer of such Funds, Boards or Committees as shall from time to time be determined by Conference.

### HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Page 112, subsection (6) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(6) The Board shall consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the European Missionary in Maori Work, the Senior Maori Superintendent, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Principal of the Theological College, the Ministerial Treasurer, the General Secretary of the Overseas Mission Department, one Supernumerary Minister, three ministers in active work from Auckland Circuits, one Home Missionary nominated by the Board, a representative nominated by the Christian Education Department, the President (or her nominee) and one representative resident in Auckland nominated by the Women's Fellowship, two lay representatives nominated by the Auckland Maori Circuit, five other lay representatives, and one Lay Treasurer. The Secretary of the Conference, and the Director of the Department of Christian Education shall be corresponding members.

The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through Committees, such committees to be representative of the Board with co-opted members where necessary.

(1966 Minutes, page 172.)

### ORDER OF DEACONESSSES

Page 121, subsection (10) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(10) In the event of a candidate resigning from the Order before completing 3 years' service, except in the case of physical incapacity duly certified by the Conference Medical referee or when training or probation is terminated by the action of the Conference, there is a moral obligation to refund a part of the sum spent by the Church on her training and she shall discuss the matter with the Deaconess Board.

Page 123, subsection (37) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(37) The first sentence to remain as it is, namely "A Deaconess or Deaconess Probationer who expects to marry or intends to engage in any other occupation shall notify the Board and her Superintendent Minister thereof." Next sentence deleted and the following substituted, "On the recommendation of the Deaconess Board and the General Purposes Committee, Conference may continue in the active work a Deaconess who marries, 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."

Page 123, add the following:—

(376) Where a Deaconess, subsequent to marriage later becomes available to take up an appointment, and where such appointment is available without disturbing the marriage bond, she may be re-employed with full rights and duties as a member of the Order upon the recommendation of the Deaconess Board.

(1966 Minutes, page 195.)

### **CHILDREN'S FUND REGULATIONS**

Page 124, section 507, subsection (1) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(1) There shall be a Children's Fund which shall provide an annual allowance to Ministers and Probationers in the active work in respect of their children, (including legally adopted children) up to the age of eighteen provided always that such allowance shall cease when each child becomes a full time wage-earner.

(1966 Minutes, page 158.)

### **REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND**

Page 127, section 508 (16) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(16) In the case of any removal exceeding in cost at a rate to be determined by Conference for an inter-Island removal the Circuit inviting the Minister shall pay the sum in excess of the amount named. In exceptional cases Circuits may appeal to the Committee whose decision shall be final.

Section 508 (21) is hereby repealed.

(1966 Minutes, page 160.)

### **THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND**

Page 136, subsection 28, added at the end thereof:—

The normal date of retirement shall be at the conclusion of 40 years' service or at the end of the Connexional year in which a Minister attains 65 years of age.

Page 137, subsection (33), add the following proviso:—

And provided that in the case of a Minister who has attained 60 years of age and who cannot comply with the provision of sub-section 31, such annuity shall be further reduced by one-half per cent for each month between the actual date of retirement and the normal date of retirement.

Page 137, subsection 34A, delete the following:—

And such payment shall be employed in the manner set out in paragraph 34.

(1966 Minutes, page 156.)

### **DEACONESS RETIRING FUND**

Page 146, repeal subsection (11) and substitute the following therefor:—

(11) When a Deaconess who is entitled to a retiring allowance retires there shall be offered to her the option either of receiving an annuity according to the scale as from time to time approved by the Conference or of commuting her interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Actuary to the Fund as at the date of such retirement.

(1966 Minutes, page 155.)



## THE CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Pages 153 and 154, subsections (8) and (20) are hereby amended by adding after the words "Model Deed" the words "or in a manner approved by the Conference".

Page 155 add:—

517 (22) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (8) and (20) the Committee may make grants from the Sites Fund and loans upon such terms as it thinks fit, with or without security, in respect of Church property of any Union Parish, in respect of property of any joint venture by the Methodist Church and any one or more of the Churches engaged in Church Union discussions or in respect of any property used jointly by the Methodist Church and such other Churches, such Union Parish, joint venture and joint use having been first approved by the Conference or its Church Union Committee.

(1966 Minutes, page 136.)

## METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Page 156, subsection 14 is hereby amended by deleting the word "three" in the last line and substituting therefore the word "two".

(1966 Minutes, page 75.)

# SUPPLEMENT TO LAW BOOK

## CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS SINCE 1st OCTOBER, 1951

### PREAMBLE TO LAW BOOK

The Methodist Church of New Zealand is that communion of Christian believers which came into being as a result of the union of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church and the United Methodist Free Church—all such Churches having their origin in the Evangelical Revival of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. These finally united as one community in New Zealand in 1913.

The Methodist Church claims and cherishes its place in the Holy Catholic Church which is the Body of Christ. It rejoices in the inheritance of the apostolic faith and accepts the fundamental principles of the historic creeds and of the Protestant Reformation.

The doctrines of the Evangelical Faith which Methodism has held from the beginning, and still holds, are based upon the divine revelation recorded in the Holy Scriptures. The Methodist Church acknowledges this revelation as the supreme rule of faith and practice. These evangelical doctrines, to which the preachers of the Methodist Church both ministers and laymen, are pledged, are contained in Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and in the first four volumes of his sermons. Under its constitution the Conference has no power to alter or to vary in any manner these doctrinal standards. The Conference is the final authority within the Methodist Church on all questions concerning the interpretation of its doctrines.

The Methodist Church holds the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, and consequently believes that no priesthood exists which belongs exclusively to a particular order or class of persons. In the exercise of its corporate life and worship, special qualifications for the discharge of special duties are required. The preachers, ministerial and lay, are examined, tested and approved before they are authorised to minister in holy things. For the sake of church

order, and not because of any priestly virtue inherent in the office, the Ministers of the Church are set apart by ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. Those who are ordained perform acts as representatives of the whole body.

It is the universal conviction of the Methodist people that the office of the Christian Ministry depends upon the call of God; it is not a profession to be chosen but a vocation accepted from God Himself, who bestows the gifts of the Spirit, the grace and fruits which indicate those whom He has chosen.

Those whom the Church recognises as called of God, and whom it receives into its Ministry, are ordained by the imposition of hands, as expressive of the Church's recognition of the minister's personal call and seal of the Church on that call.

All persons are welcomed into membership who sincerely desire to be saved from their sins through faith in Jesus Christ, evidence the same in their life and conduct, seek to have fellowship with Christ Himself and His people, and are prepared to take up the duties and privileges of the Methodist Church by accepting its discipline.

The governing body of the Methodist Church is the Annual Conference, consisting of all ministers in Full Connexion and an equal number of laymen as provided by the Constitution. Its decisions are final and binding upon both the ministry and laity.

Within the Methodist Church, its Conference and its subsidiary courts, the ministry and laity together possess certain powers and privileges, including the exercise of discipline. These powers and privileges are exercised at every stage under the judgment of God. Ministers and laymen are responsible to Him as they seek to interpret His mind and will in every situation.

(1958 Minutes, Page 198).

## **I. Corrections:**

(a) Page 38. Section 218—**The Vice-President:** Add the following: "He shall have some part in the conduct of the Ordination Service at the Conference at which he is elected."

Section 219—Delete the last sentence.

(b) Page 46. Section 254 (d)—**Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers:** In line three delete the word "by" and substitute the word "to".

(c) Page 54. Section 9 (E)—**Invitation to Minister:** Read (June meeting).

(d) Page 60. Section 321—**District Ministerial Committee:** Delete the word "Probationers".

Section 323—**Synod Representative Session:** After the word Committee in (a) insert the words "and Probationers whose names appear on the station sheet for the District."

(e) Page 79. Section 388—**Examination Committee:** After line 5, insert the words "Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference and ten other ministers" . . .

(f) Page 165.

Appendix I. **The General Rules of the Society.** In line 21, after the words "as we would" insert the word "not".

## **II. Change of Title:**

### **Synod Standing Committee**

Page 68. Section II.

The name of the "District Executive Committee" shall be changed to the "Synod Standing Committee". (1955 Minutes, p. 69).

Page 106, Section 3, **OVERSEAS MISSION DEPARTMENT.**



The name of "The Foreign Missionary Society" shall be changed to the "Overseas Missionary Department".

(1960 Minutes, Page 156).

### **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".

(1963 Minutes, Page 70).

## **III. Amendments and Additions:**

### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Page 1, section 1 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

1. Members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand are those who have been received by Holy Baptism and whose names have been entered in a register of members of the Methodist Church.

(a) Those who, in years of discretion, declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, may be recognised as responsible members on the nomination of the Minister and by decision of the Leaders' Meeting. If they have been received in Holy Baptism as infants, they shall be confirmed by prayer and the laying on of hands; otherwise they shall be received in Holy Baptism and the laying on of hands, in the orders of service prescribed by the church.

(b) The names of those who have been recognised in responsible membership and who continue in active fellowship with the Church shall be kept on an electoral roll which shall be revised regularly by the Leaders' Meeting.

(1966 Minutes, page 233.)

### **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, Page 205).

### **Young People and Church Membership**

Pages 7 and 8, Sections 47, 48 and 49 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

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, p. 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 sentence thereof.

(1963 Minutes, Page 224).

### 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 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).

Page 18, 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 of 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

Page 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 Confer-

ence 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 or 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 208)

## **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 thereof and substituting therefor the words "until his successor takes office."

Section 218 is hereby amended by deleting the words "he is elected and at the succeeding Conference" in the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the words "at which he takes office and at the next succeeding Conference."

Section 218 as amended by 1956 Conference is further amended by deleting the words "he is elected" wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words "he takes office."

Section 214A. If for any reason the member elected as Vice-President is unable to take office the Conference at its first session shall proceed to fill the vacancy.

Section 214B. Should the Vice-President die, become incapable of acting or resign while the Conference is in session, the Conference shall proceed to elect a Vice-President in his stead.

(1958 Minutes, page 200.)

### **Vice-President of the Conference**

Page 39, Section 221, is hereby amended by adding after the word "Privileges" the words "the Synod Standing Committee in his District."

(1960 Minutes, page 79.)

Page 39, Section 223, is hereby repealed.

(1965 Minutes, page 314.)

### **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: Preacher's meetings, Leaders' meetings, Quarterly meetings, Trustee meetings and Church meetings.

(1963 Minutes, page 224.)

### **LOCAL OFFICERS, ORGANISATIONS AND COURTS**

Page 40 Amended sub-title Section II:

A. Circuit Stewards.

B. Circuit Treasurers.

(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 Chairman 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' Meetings**

Page 42, Section 237 is hereby amended by repealing Subsection (j). (1957 Minutes, page 196.)

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, page 55.)

Page 45. Section 254 is amended by repealing sub-section (a) and substituting therefor the following:

(a) Every Local Preacher on Probation, before being accredited, shall take the written examination prescribed by the Board of Examiners, conduct a trial service and be orally examined in the Preachers' Meeting by the Superintendent or other duly appointed person provided always that in the case of a Local Preacher on Probation who is at least 40 years of age and has given at least 10 years' continuous preaching service, he may be excused the written examination.

(1959 Minutes, page 205.)

Section 254 (c) is hereby amended by deleting the words "should such examination and trial service" and substituting "should the reports on the above". (1952 Minutes, page 55.)

### 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.)

### 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 Zealand Society of Accountants". (1953 Minutes, page 181.)

### Agenda for Quarterly Meetings

Page 53, subsection (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?

Subsection (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) Provisions 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 purpose forbidden by the Laws of the Church or for any purposes, entertainments or amusements which conflict with the spiritual purpose for which the Church was called into being or which are likely to bring reproach upon the Church. (1959 Minutes, page 205.)

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 where 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.)

## Part V, Section I—District Synods

### Boundaries

Page 61. Section 318 is hereby amended by adding the following: "Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide a district into areas". (1956 Minutes, page 198.)

### District 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 subsection (f) and substituting therefor:

(f) Two representatives of each District Education Council in the District.

Section 323 is hereby further amended by repealing subsections

(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

Page 68. Sections 351-355 inclusive are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

351. (a) Each Synod shall appoint a Standing Committee of a size suitable to its needs, consisting of ministers and laymen, provided always that the number of ministers shall not exceed the number of laymen.

- (b) The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.
- (c) The Vice-President of Conference shall be ex-officio an additional member in his District.
- (d) When deemed necessary a Financial Secretary to a District may be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Chairman. He shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee and shall keep the District accounts.

352. (a) Where a District is subdivided pursuant to Section 318 the District Synod shall appoint one or more area sub-committees in terms of the preceding paragraph.

- (b) Any such area sub-committee shall, within its area, carry out such duties of the Synod Standing Committee as may be delegated to it by the Chairman of the District or the Synod Standing Committee.
- (c) The Chairman of the District shall be ex-officio Chairman of any such area sub-committee. Conference may on the nomination of the Chairman, appoint a minister to act as his assistant and, when required, to act as his Deputy within the area.
- (d) Each Synod Standing Committee and area sub-committee shall submit an annual report and any recommendations to the District Synod.

353. The duties of the Committee shall be:—

- (a) To give general oversight and guidance to the work of the Church in the District.
- (b) To confer with and advise Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Trustees of church property within the District on the following matters, and report upon and make recommendations to local and/or District courts, and/or Connexional Boards and Departments:—
  - 1. The acquisition of land, the erection of new buildings, and alterations or additions to existing buildings.
  - 2. The reception of applications for the appointment of additional ministers or lay workers to a circuit, or the withdrawal of any minister or lay worker already appointed. The division or alteration of circuit or District boundaries.
  - 3. The financial ability of any circuit to engage upon any undertaking, having regard to its total circuit and Connexional responsibilities, e.g. Connexional Budget, extension projects, stipends and travelling allowances, etc.
  - 4. To receive from or refer to circuits any other matters relating to the mission of the Church in its local, Connexional or ecumenical relationships.
  - 5. To co-operate with the district courts of Churches negotiating for church union in matters of Church Extension, Joint Action and related issues.

- (c) 1. To receive from Connexional Departments, Boards and/or



Committees, advance information of proposals relating to policy matters that require later consideration by Synods and Conference. To make interim reports and recommendations as may be requested.

2. To receive from the same sources recommendations relating to the more effective application of existing policy in respect of the District generally or circuits in particular.
- (d) To arrange for the triennial visitation to each circuit in the District or area, and to submit a report with any recommendations to the Standing Committee and the circuit concerned.
- (e) To allocate to Circuits, on the recommendation of the District Finance Committee, the District's amount of the Connexional Budget, and to keep under review the payment of the allocation by Circuits.
- (f) To deal with any other business which may be remitted by the Conference, District Synod or any other accepted source, on matters pertaining to the total mission of the Church.

354. The Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

The Committee shall have power to apportion any part of its duties to sub-committees.

355. The Chairman of the District shall, when necessary, convene the first meeting in the Connexional year, when a Secretary shall be appointed, who shall convene all subsequent meetings at such times as may be determined by the Committee, or when requested to do so by the Chairman.

(1966 Minutes, page 88.)

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 of Conference

Page 69. Section 356 (b) is hereby amended by adding after the word "including" in the first line thereof the words "the Vice-President-elect and".

(1958 Minutes, page 200.)

Page 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.)

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. 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.)

### Conference Agenda

Page 75, Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing (18) and substituting therefor the following: “(18a) What Ministers or Probationers have permission to serve with other organisations during the year? (18b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission ‘to Rest’ during the year?”

(1956 Minutes, page 195.)

Page 75, Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing (25) to (27) inclusive and substituting the following therefor:—

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

(b) What new Districts, Circuits, or Home Mission Stations are constituted?

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

(b) To what Circuits are additional preachers appointed?

(c) From what Circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

27. What new Circuits or Home Mission Stations are now constituted?

28. What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a married Minister?

(1961 Minutes, page 208.)

Section 379 is hereby further amended by repealing (28) and substituting therefor the following: “(28) What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for an Ordained Minister?”

(1956 Minutes, page 66.)

Page 75, Section 379, subsection 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.)

Page 75, Section 379. Section 379 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:

“33 (1). Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the ensuing year?”.

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

(1953 Minutes, page 61.)

Page 76, Section 379, is hereby amended by adding the following:



"56 (a) What Ministers are to serve as whole of part time chaplains during the ensuing year?" (1955 Minutes, page 173).

Page 77, Section 379 is hereby amended by adding the following:  
"63A. When shall the next District Synods be held?"  
(1956 Minutes, page 66.)

### Examination Committee

#### (a) Probationers:

Page 81, add Section 406A. A tutor shall be appointed by the Conference for each Probationer who has not been through the Theological College. Such tutor shall guide and assist the Probationer in his studies.  
(1954 Minutes, page 33.)

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.)

### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Page 77, Section 38 in line three after the words "Senior Ministers" add "President's Legal Adviser" (1966 Minutes, page 228.)

#### (d) Candidates:

Page 83, Section 424 (b) as amended by Conference, 1955, is hereby repealed and the following is hereby substituted therefor:—

(b) The minimum academic qualification for all candidates except Home Missionaries who are over twenty-five years of age shall be either the University Entrance Examination or its equivalent or the Diploma of the School of Christian Workers.  
(1958 Minutes, page 124.)

Page 84, Section 427, is hereby repealed.

(1955 Minutes, page 173.)

### 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.)

## Standing Committee of the Conference

### 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 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 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 equal—such Ministers and Laymen being appointed by the President from the members of Conference. (1965 Minutes, page 261.)

Page 89, Section 469. In line 7 after the words "M.S.S.A." add "Chairman of Standing Finance and Stewardship Committee". (1966 Minutes, page 219.)

### CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Page 90, Sections 476 to 482 repealed. (1965 Minutes, page 268.)

Page 90 add the following:—

### FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Section 467 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 a member 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.)

#### **Faith and Order Committee**

Page 91, Section 488A. Add the following: "A Faith and Order Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. The Committee shall consider matters relating to the doctrine and policy of the Church, and report thereon to Synods and the Conference.

(1952 Minutes, page 171.)

#### **World Peace Committee**

Page 91 X b. A World Peace Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. It shall give leadership to the Church on all matters relating to world peace and shall report thereon to Synods and to the Conference.

(1956 Minutes, page 195.)

#### **International Affairs Committee**

Page 91, Xb. An International Affairs Committee shall be appointed at each Conference.

(1957 Minutes, page 90.)

#### **Church Council**

Page 92, Section 490a (2) be amended by inserting the word "President-Elect" after the word "Ex-President" and the words "a representative of the Methodist Social Service Association" after the words "Senior Youth Director".

(1955 Minutes, page 69.)

Page 92, Section 490a (2) (b) is hereby amended by adding after the words "Vice-President" the words "Vice-President-elect."

(1958 Minutes, page 201.)

### **SECTION VIII—INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS**

#### **1—THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

Page 96. Pursuant to its report of last year the Committee has given consideration to certain matters of detail and the implementation of certain aspects of the set-up. It therefore present the following recommendations:—

1. There shall be an Office established under the control and direction of the Conference to be known as "The Connexional Office

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand" and to be known briefly as "The Connexional Office".

2. The Office shall be managed by a Board of Management which shall be appointed annually by the Conference.

3. The Board of Management shall:—

- (a) Facilitate the implementation of such policies of the Conference as shall be entrusted to it.
- (b) Serve the interests of the various Boards and Committees appointed by Conference to administer the Funds located in the Central Office.
- (c) Provide for the collection and housing of Conference and Church records.

4. The Board of Management shall consist of:—

- (a) The Chairman of the District,
- (b) General Secretary,
- (c) General Treasurer,
- (d) President's Legal Adviser,
- (e) A Representative of the Finance and Stewardship Committee,
- (f) Fourteen others—to include such representatives from Boards and Committees as may from time to time be determined by Conference.

The Board of Management shall appoint its own Chairman annually and the General Secretary shall act as its Convener.

5. The following Funds shall be located at the Connexional Office:—

- (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) Connexional Budget,
- (j) Such other Funds as may be decided by the Conference from time to time.

The following Funds shall be administered by the Board of Management or Committees appointed by the Conference:—

- (a) Church Building and Loan Fund,
- (b) Fire Insurance Fund,
- (c) Supernumerary Fund and General Purposes Trust Board,
- (d) Transport Trust Board,
- (e) Connexional Budget.

The following Funds shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office:—

- (a) Contingent Fund,
- (b) Children's Fund,
- (c) Removal Expenses.

6. There shall be a General Secretary and a General Treasurer, both of whom shall be appointed by Conference and shall be responsible to the Board of Management and to Conference. They shall be nominated to Conference by the Board of Management, after consultation with the Church Council. The General Treasurer shall be ex-officio member of Conference.

7. The General Secretary shall be a minister. He shall:—



- (a) Act as Secretary of the Conference and carry out its decisions.
- (b) Act as General Secretary of Church Property, and Authorised Representative and Custodian of Deeds.
- (c) Act as Secretary of such Boards, Committees or Funds as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
- (d) Exercise a pastoral ministry on behalf of the Conference to the Ministry of the Church in their relationship to the Funds and Boards of the Church.

8. The General Treasurer shall be a layman who should, where possible, be a Member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants and well versed in and with a knowledge and understanding of the Methodist Church. He shall: Act as Treasurer of such Funds, Boards or Committees as shall from time to time be determined by Conference. (1966 Minutes, page 83.)

### 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 subsections (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 organisations 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 objectives 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 materials 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

19. 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.

20. The objects of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist are:

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

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 Methodist 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 Youth Committee of the Local Education Committee. It shall be 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 words "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 "Youth 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 word "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".

(viii) Amend the following sections by deleting the words "Senior Youth Director" and substituting therefor "the Director of Christian Education".

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".

(1963 Minutes, page 223.)

### 3. The Overseas Mission Department

Page 106. Section 504 including subsections (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 Conference, shall be the Chairman of the Auckland District, a General Secretary who shall be appointed in pursuance of Part II, Section VIII 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 the

missionaries of the Methodist Church of New Zealand are or may be at work.

- (d) To negotiate with governments and other official bodies on 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 Synod.

(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 the 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 member-

ship 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 by 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".

Page 17, Section 111

Page 18, Section 115

Page 23, Section 140

Page 26, Section 154 (y)

Page 49, Section 273 (3)

Page 50, Section 277 (i)

Page 53, Section 290 (6)

Page 92, Section 490a (2)

Page 122, Section 506 (25)

Page 61, Section 323 (h)

Page 63, Section 337 (9) (f)

Page 66, Section 340 (37) (a)

Page 75/76, Section 379 (20) (49)

Page 79, Section 388

Page 81/82, Section 409-411.

Page 86, Section 445 and 447

Page 146, Section 514 (5) (9)

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

Page 112, Subsection (6) of section 505 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"The Board shall consist of the General Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the European Missionary in Maori Work, the Senior Maori Superintendent, the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Principal of the Theological College, the Ministerial Treasurer, the General Secretary of the Overseas Mission Department, one Supernumerary Minister, three ministers in active work from Auckland Circuits, one Home Missionary nominated by the Board, a representative nominated by the Christian Education Department, the President (or her nominee) and one representative resident in Auckland nominated by the Women's Fellowship, two lay representatives nominated by the Auckland Maori Circuit, five other lay representatives, and one Lay Treasurer. The Secretary of the Conference, and the Director of the Department of Christian Education shall be corresponding members.

"The Board shall have power to arrange for its work to be done through Committees, such committees to be representative of the Board with co-opted members where necessary."

(1966 Minutes, page 170.)

### **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, Subsection (24). Add: "The provisions of (a) and (b) Subsection (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, subsection 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, Subsection (10) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(10) "In the event of a candidate resigning from the Order before completing 3 years' service, except in the case of physical incapacity duly certified by the Conference Medical referee or when training or probation is terminated by the action of the Conference, there is a moral obligation to refund a part of the sum spent by the Church on her training and she shall discuss the matter with the Deaconess Board."

(1966 Minutes, page .....)

Page 121, Section (b) including subsections (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 Subsection 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.)

Page 123, Subsection 37 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(37) The first sentence to remain as it is, namely "A Deaconess or Deaconess Probationer who expects to marry or intends to engage in any other occupation shall notify the Board and her Superintendent Minister thereof". Next sentence deleted and the following substituted, "On the recommendation of the Deaconess Board and the General Purposes Committee, Conference may continue in the active work a Deaconess who marries, 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."

(37b) 37b be added as follows:— "Where a Deaconess, subsequent to marriage later becomes available to take up an appointment, and where such appointment is available without disturbing the marriage bond, she may be re-employed with full rights and duties as a member of the Order upon the recommendation of the Deaconess Board". (1966 Minutes, page 195.)

#### (e) Appointment of Deaconesses

Page 123, Section 506 subsection (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.)

### **Children's Fund Regulations**

Page 124, Section 507, Subsection (1) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(1) There shall be a Children's Fund which shall provide annual allowances to Ministers and Probationers in the active work in respect of their children (including legally adopted children) up to the age of eighteen provided always that such allowance shall cease when each child becomes a full-time wage-earner.

(1966 Minutes, page 158.)

### **Removal Expenses Fund**

Page 126, Section 508 (11) is hereby amended by deleting all the words after the word "two removals" and substituting therefor the following: "be as from time to time determined by the Conference".

(1956 Minutes, page 124.)

Law Book, page 127—

(16) That Paragraph 508 (16) be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"In the case of any removal exceeding in cost at a rate to be determined by Conference for an inter-Island removal the Circuit inviting the Minister shall pay the sum in excess of the amount named. In exceptional cases Circuits may appeal to the Committee whose decision shall be final."

Law Book, page 127—

That Paragraph 508 (21) be repealed.

(1966 Minutes, page 160.)

### **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, Subsection 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.”

Subsection 23 (b) is hereby repealed.

(1958 Minutes, page 201.)

Page 136, Section 511 is hereby amended by repealing subsection 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 136, Subsection 28 add at the end thereof:—

“The normal date of retirement shall be at the conclusion of 40 years’ service or at the end of the Connexional year in which a Minister attains 65 years of age.”

(1966 Minutes, page 156.)

Page 137, Subsection 33 of Section 511 is hereby amended by inserting after the words “shall receive an annuity” the words “or commuted sum.”

(1958 Minutes, page 132.)

Page 137, Subsection (33) add the following proviso:—

“And provided that in the case of a Minister who has attained 60 years of age and who cannot comply with the provision of subsection 31, such annuity shall be further reduced by one-half per cent for each month between the actual date of retirement and the normal date of retirement.”

(1966 Minutes, page 156.)

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.)

Page 137, Subsection 34A be amended and deleting the following:—

"And such payment shall be employed in the manner set out in paragraph 34."

(1966 Minutes, page 156.)

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.)

Subsection 36 (b) of Section 511 is hereby repealed.

(1958 Minutes, page 132.)

Subsection 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 subsection:—

(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, Subsection 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:—Subsection 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 the age of 65.

Subsection 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, Subsection 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 Supernumerary.



(b) The husband of a woman Minister (except in his own right as a Minister). (1961 Minutes, page 132.)

Page 140, Subsection 50 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(50) A Minister on becoming a Supernumerary shall be entitled to receive a furniture grant of such amount as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.

The widow of a Minister who dies in the active work shall receive a furniture grant based on the years of service her husband would have received had he survived to age 65.

(1960 Minutes, page 142.)

### **MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND**

Page 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, Subsection 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 145: Repeal subsection (11) and substitute the following:—

(11) When a Deaconess who is entitled to a retiring allowance retires there shall be offered to her the option either of receiving an annuity according to the scale as from time to time approved by the Conference or of commuting her interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Actuary to the Fund as at the date of such retirement."

(1966 Minutes, page 155.)

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, Subsection (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 subsection 5 (b) of subsection 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 subsection (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.

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).

Pages 153 and 154, Subsections (8) and (20) are hereby amended by adding after the words "Model Deed" the words "or in a manner approved by the Conference."

Page 155 add—

517 (22) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (8) and (20) the Committee may make grants from the Sites Fund and loans upon such terms as it thinks fit, with or without security, in respect of Church property of any Union Parish, in respect of property of any joint venture by the Methodist Church and any one or more of the Churches engaged in Church Union discussions or in respect of any property used jointly by the Methodist Church and such other Churches, such Union Parish, joint venture and joint use having been first approved by the Conference or its Church Union Committee.

(1966 Minutes, page 136.)

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.

3. 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.)

Page 156. Subsection 14 is hereby amended by deleting the word "three" in the last line and substituting therefor the word "two".

(1966 Minutes, page 75.)

### **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 if not a Superintendent of a City Mission shall be ex-officio a member of the executive.

6. The Executive shall meet when necessary and shall deal with matters of urgency.

7. For the purpose of organising its social work the Conference may from time to time divide New Zealand into areas, one or more Synodal Districts may be joined into one area.

8. In each area there shall be appointed by the Conference an Area Committee which shall generally initiate, develop and co-ordinate social service work in the area. Each area committee shall submit an annual report to the General Committee.

9. Each Area Committee shall consist of the District Chairman stationed in the Area, one representative from each Synod Standing Committee in the area, one representative from each Children's Home in the area, four representatives from each City Mission or Social Service Trust in the area, one representative from any other social service organisation in the District which has been duly approved by the Conference and, in areas in which the Home Mission Department is actively engaged in Social Service work, a representative from that Department.

10. Each Area Committee shall elect its own officers.

11. Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide an area and may on the nomination of the area committee appoint sub-committees which shall within the sub-area carry out such duties as are allocated to it by the area committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

12. There shall be established a General Social Service Fund which shall be operated through the General Purposes Trust Board or otherwise as directed by the Conference. Any moneys given or bequeathed to the said Fund shall be distributed by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Committee.

13. No new or major extension of Social Service activity involving major capital expenditure or requiring continued support shall be commenced without the prior approval of the Area Committee, the Executive and the Conference.

14. In cases of urgency between Conferences the approval of the Conference may be given by the President of the Conference on the recommendation of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee provided the approval of the Area Committee and the Executive be first obtained.

15. An Annual Report and Financial Statement shall be submitted by the General Committee to Synods and to the Conference.

(1959 Minutes, page 205.)

### Standing Orders of Conference

Page 161. Section 521, Subsection (10) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(10) (a) Unless Conference shall otherwise determine by a vote of a majority of those present, no person shall speak for more than three minutes at any time in any debate of the Conference, provided always that the mover of a motion when introducing such motion may speak for five minutes.

(b) Nothing contained in the preceding sub-paragraph shall apply to or prevent any explanation in response to a question being made with the consent of the President by any member moving the adoption of any report and such explanations shall not be deemed to be speeches within the meaning of this paragraph.

(1960 Minutes, page 220.)

Page 161. Section 521, subsection (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.)

19. The Robert Gibson Methodist Trust Board—Incorporated on 16th August, 1965. (1965 Minutes, page 149.)

#### New Zealand Methodist Lay Preachers' Association

Page 199-200. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 (c) 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.)

#### 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.)



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## THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

The Joint Commission on Church Union submits this, its second report to the negotiating Churches, dated 9 September 1966.

The report comprises the following sections:

1. INTRODUCTION.
2. THE FOUNDATIONS OF AGREEMENT.
  - I.—Preliminary.
  - II.—The Study Committees:
    - (a) The Faith of the Church.
    - (b) Holy Communion and Confirmation.
    - (c) The Ministry.
    - (d) Legal and Property.
    - (e) Worship.
    - (f) Marriage and Divorce.
    - (g) General Administration, Life of the Church, and Finance.
    - (h) Church Government.
3. CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATIVE ACTION.
  - I.—Joint Action on Church Extension.
  - II.—Theological Education.
  - III.—Christian Education.
  - IV.—Women's Organisations.
4. PUBLICATIONS.
5. THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION.



## SECTION I.—INTRODUCTION

### I.—The Meetings in 1966.

The Commission has met twice, at St. John's College, Auckland, from 15-17 February, and at Church House, Wellington, from 16-18 August 1966. The Commission comprises 34 members; the first meeting was attended by 33 members or proxies and the second by 31. The Conveners of Study Committees who were not members of the Commission were invited to attend the August meeting.

The meetings of the exploratory conversations showed the value of residential meetings, and the Commission decided to aim at having one meeting of this nature a year. It records its gratitude to the Warden and the Board of St. John's College for the hospitality extended during the February meeting.

The first meeting was opened with worship conducted in the College Chapel by the Reverend A. K. Petch, and the second with worship conducted in the Cathedral by the Reverend D. J. Brown.

### II.—The Executive.

The Executive has met four times, on 24 November 1965, 23 March, 6 July and 8-9 September 1966. It has reported fully to the two meetings of the Commission.

### III.—The Study Committees.

The number of Study Committees has been increased during the year, and now includes the following:

- 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. Professor F. W. R. Nichol, Convener).
- Legal and Property Matters—in Wellington (The Rev. S. C. Read, Convener).
- Worship—in Auckland (The Ven. A. R. Anderson, Convener).
- Marriage and Divorce—in Christchurch (The Rev. W. S. Dawson, Convener).
- General Administration, Life of the Church, and Finance—in Wellington (The Rev. H. S. Scott, Convener).
- Church Government—in Hamilton (The Rev. W. J. Morrison, Convener).

The usual composition of each Study Committee is 15 members—four Anglican, two Churches of Christ, two Congregational, three Methodist and four Presbyterian representatives—appointed by their own Church Union Committee.

The following additional Committees have been appointed:

Theological Training (The Rev. J. J. Lewis, Convener),  
meeting alternately in Auckland and Dunedin.

Publicity—in Wellington (The Rev. I. W. Fraser, Convener).

## SECTION II.—THE FOUNDATIONS OF AGREEMENT

### I.—Preliminary.

In its First Report, the Commission's main concern was directed to "three areas in which in the earlier negotiations between the four Churches, it had proved difficult to reach the desired measure of agreement. These include the Faith of the Church, Baptism and the Ministry". The Commission was able to report that in these three matters it found no insuperable barriers to union. It therefore asked the five negotiating Churches to consider these reports and, according to the appropriate procedures in each case, to express their approval of the reports as indicating a measure of agreement sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union.

The measure of agreement reached in these three areas enabled the Commission to extend its investigations to other fields, and in these the same two objectives have been pursued—to see whether there was some factor which could prove an insuperable barrier to union, and to provide some guidance to the Commission in the preparation of a Basis of Union.

The Reports of the eight Study Committees are referred to in the following sections, with the relevant recommendations of the Commission.

### II.—Reports of the Study Committees.

#### A. THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH.

The Commission has been greatly encouraged by the way that the negotiating Churches have received the Statement of Faith in the First Report. The work of the Study Committee continues, and it will be helpful to see it in relation to three headings:

(i) The first is the primary function of the statement of Faith.

The Study Committee reports:

"The Statement, 'The Faith we affirm together' has been submitted to the supreme courts of the five negotiating Churches and from them it has received a general approval. Although the document is still under revision and under the scrutiny of Synods, Presbyteries and Congregations, it would seem that, in the main, it has fulfilled the first purpose to indicate that there is sufficient



theological agreement to enable the Churches 'to share further in the preparation of a Basis of Union'." (Report p. 9).

(ii) The next function of the statement involves its relation to the Basis of Union. The Commission's intention was that, after final approval by the negotiating Churches, it should be appended to the Basis of Union "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". (Foreword, p. 5).

To this end the Churches were asked to give detailed study to the statement and to forward their comments to the Commission.

The Study Committee has considered again this second stated purpose of the document. Apprehension has been expressed lest the statement be regarded in any way as a "definition of the Faith", i.e., a new Creed. As such the present statement would be quite inadequate. It does, however, fulfil 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.

The Study Committee felt also "that the purpose of this statement is more than preparatory. It should embody the theological affirmation which is the ground upon which to establish a Basis of Union. It should then be, in effect, an integral part of the Basis of Union. To achieve this end, the present statement will require some revision to make it more adequate as an expression of the Faith affirmed together, i.e., as an indication of the present ground of agreement and not as an attempt to produce a 'definition of the Faith'.

"It is freely recognised that sections such as those on the Ministry and the Sacraments require attention, but, while interim comments and suggestions will be very welcome, final revision here will be deferred until the relevant Study Committees have completed their work. Valuable suggestions have already been received. If all further contributions can be made by the middle of January 1967, the Study Committee can begin revision at its meeting on 3 February 1967, in the hope that a fresh draft may be available for the scrutiny of the Joint Commission in August of next year.

"It is hoped to make the statement self-explanatory so that it will not be necessary in the future to append explanatory notes."

The Commission approved this recommendation that the Statement be an integral part of the Basis of Union. It then belongs within the Basis of Union and has no identity separate

from it. It establishes the theological grounds upon which the Basis has been made possible. The function of the Statement indicated in the Foreword of instructing the Church's people and guiding and ordering its life must be considered in relation to the place and function of the Scriptures, the Creeds, and other doctrinal formulations which the united Church may adopt.

(iii) The third matter related to the provision to be made in the Basis of Union regarding the function and status of such doctrinal statements as are at present in use in the negotiating Churches. At the August meeting the Commission received a letter from the Presbyterian Church Union Committee asking that the Commission prepare, through its Study Committee on the Faith of the Church, a statement of the relation of the united Church to the Scriptures, Creeds, Reformation and post-Reformation documents, in order both to secure continuity in the united Church with the faith held by the negotiating Churches, and to safeguard the future freedom of the united Church in regard to the doctrinal expression of its faith.

The Commission has now requested the Study Committee on the Faith of the Church to prepare such a statement. The Committee will also consider the provision to be made in the Basis of Union for the Church to discharge its responsibility for the instruction of its people and the guiding and ordering of its life.

It is anticipated that this will be included in the next report of the Commission.

## **B. HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.**

The following statement prepared by the Study Committee on the Sacraments was adopted by the Commission:

### **A. HOLY COMMUNION**

Among the negotiating Churches there are obvious differences in practice and discipline concerning the celebration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. Do these differences represent theological divisions so great that they cannot be borne within one Church or does there lie behind them a consensus of belief indicating that no insuperable barrier to union exists and providing the Commission with guidance in the preparation of a Basis of Union?

To seek answers to these questions, the Study Committee on the Sacraments considered both the theology of Holy Communion and what normally should be included in each celebration of the sacrament whatever form of service might be used.



While doctrinal consensus is vital, the ordinary worshipper attaches more significance to what is actually done in the service. Recognising that already within each Church, to a greater or lesser extent, there is variety of practice, and anticipating that such diversity would be permitted within the united Church, the Joint Commission requested the Study Committee also to consider questions of a practical nature. Study of some of the major practical issues encourages us to believe that, in this area, no insuperable obstacles to union are to be found. When work is completed on other issues that have been raised, a further report will be given for the information of Church members.

The following statements of the Study Committee are submitted as indicative of agreement sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union:

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER OR THE HOLY COMMUNION

1. In obedience to our Lord's command on the night before He gave Himself to death, and in conformity with the practice of the apostolic Church, each of the negotiating Churches gives the central place in its worship to the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. With regard to this Sacrament we agree upon the following:

2. In the Lord's Supper the people of God, invoking the Holy Spirit, are met by Christ through the Spirit and fed by Him, so that they grow up together into Him and are strengthened for their participation in the mission of Christ in the world.

- (a) The Lord's Supper is a **THANKSGIVING** (eucharistia) (Mark 14:23). In the traditional Jewish meal, thanksgiving was offered for God's redemption of Israel. Christ, in His final supper with the disciples transformed the meal into praise for the greater redemption about to be accomplished by the "exodus" of His death and resurrection. In this sacrament the Church offers thanks on behalf of the world for God's act in creation and redemption in Jesus Christ, and offers itself in gratitude so that Christ may use His people to make known His saving work to all mankind.
- (b) The Lord's Supper, is a **COMMEMORATION** (anamnesis) (1 Cor: 11:24) of Christ's birth, ministry, passion, death, resurrection, ascension, the sending of the Spirit and the promise of His coming again, through which mighty acts Christ effected the new covenant. This commemorative

presentation takes place with Christ as the host, who makes himself known to His people, in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35). As, eating the bread and drinking the cup, they know again His redeeming work, Christ through His presence gives to His people a "participation" (1 Cor. 10:16), in His life, death and resurrection, and makes available to them the benefits of forgiveness and new life in His body. It is thus that they are continuously provided with the grace to continue in the way marked out by their baptism.

- (c) The Lord's Supper is a **COMMUNION** (koinonia) (1 Cor. 10: 16-17), with Christ the head of the body, and therefore with all the members of Christ's body. Here Christ draws His people together in the common life in which they are growing up into "one new man" in Him. In this sharing of new life, through which the walls of partition that characterise human society are broken down, there is an anticipation of the final unity of all things in Christ. Because it shows that reconciling power, the communion also sends all believers to share this power in the world through the love they here receive.

In the Lord's Supper we enjoy fellowship not only with Christ and the Father, but also, in the unity of the Spirit, with one another and with the whole Church, both in heaven and on earth.

- (d) The Lord's Supper is an **ANTICIPATION** and **PLEDGE**. The presence of Christ with His people now gives foretaste and promise of His final victory over sin and death. (Mark 14:25; 1 Cor. 11:26).
- (e) The Lord's Supper is a **SHOWING** forth of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice on the cross through which He who appears before the presence of God on our behalf draws believers into His saving work. All the members of the Church are thus identified with Christ in a royal priesthood and offer themselves to Him in order that their living sacrifice may be taken up into His, and be used by Him in the service of the world (Heb. 9:24; Col. 1:24; Heb. 10:19-25; 1 Peter 2:4-5; Rom. 12).

3. In every celebration of the Lord's Supper bread and wine shall be set apart, with the unfailing use of Christ's words and acts of institution with thanksgiving, and there shall be communion in both kinds by minister and people.



4. The Service shall normally include:

- (a) Prayers of humble approach to God with self-examination and confession, and the declaration of God's mercy to penitent sinners.
- (b) The ministry of the Word; including readings from the Scriptures, with preaching.
- (c) Affirmation of faith.
- (d) Intercession for the Church and the world.
- (e) The offering to God of the gifts of the people including the bread and the wine, of their praise and thanksgiving, and of themselves.
- (f) Invocation of the Holy Spirit.
- (g) Praise for God's glory and goodness in creation; thankful commemoration and showing forth of the redemptive work of Christ in His birth, death, resurrection and ascension, and in His institution of this Sacrament; thanksgiving for the hope of His coming again in glory.
- (h) Expression of communion with God, with one another, with the whole people of God on earth, and with all the company of heaven.
- (i) The Lord's Prayer.

5. In the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion there is expressed the participation of the whole people of God in the life and mission of Christ. This gift of new life and obligation to share in the mission to all the world is summed up in the post-resurrection commission given by Christ to His Church (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:18-20; John 20:21-23).

## B. CONFIRMATION

In considering the practice of Holy Communion for the united Church, the Commission faced a further related question, who may participate in this Sacrament. The Study Committee was thus requested to consider, in this context, the whole matter of Christian initiation. Despite outward diversity of practice all the Churches hold the celebration of the Holy Communion to be the central act of Christian worship. It is a matter of deep conviction with us all that no one should come to the Lord's Table lightly or carelessly. In a diversity of ways the Churches seek to ensure a true preparation on the part of the communicant. For some this preparation clearly involves Baptism and Confirmation. While other Churches may express the invitation to share in the Holy Communion in more general terms, for them too

Christian initiation will be considered complete only after Baptism and Confirmation.

The following statement of the Study Committee is now offered for the approval of the Churches. (This section should be read in conjunction with Section B, Baptism, pp. 13-15 of the First Report of the Joint Commission on Church Union.)

#### CONFIRMATION

In Christian initiation the Church responds to God's acts in Christ and at Pentecost, gladly receiving into its life and worship all who come to Him in faith, love and obedience.

Baptism is incorporation by the Holy Spirit of a person into Christ and therefore into the Church.

Confirmation, which is integral to the administration of baptism, is one of the acts by which the Church takes continual grateful advantage of the events of Pentecost, and of incorporation into Christ. It bears witness in a particular way to the work of the Spirit in the baptised people of God, empowering them for the exercise of their ministry in the world. The action appropriate to this act of empowering or commissioning is the laying on of hands, with the invocation of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism and confirmation are essentially related to Holy Communion, which is the mark of the continuing fellowship.

The Holy Spirit is active throughout the total initiation, and both prior and subsequent to it.

The confirmation of baptised persons, which should take place within the context of congregational worship, shall normally include:

1. The affirmation by the congregation of the faith of the Church.
2. The affirmation by the candidate of that faith, his response to the gift of the Holy Spirit in his baptism and his commitment to live as a member of God's people.
3. Laying on of hands with prayer that he may increase in the Holy Spirit. In the case of the baptism of an adult, the laying on of hands should normally be administered in the same service.
4. His reception by the congregation.
5. In the united Church the normal prerequisite for admission to Holy Communion for those under the pastoral care and discipline of that Church would be Baptism and with it Confirmation. Nevertheless the experience of the negotiating Churches subsequent to



the publication of this Report and prior to union and developments within the \_\_\_\_\_ Church may lead to modifications of this procedure.

The service shall proceed to (or as soon as convenient be followed by) the candidate's first Communion.

#### Recommendations of the Commission:

The Joint Commission has adopted this report for submission to the Churches as a statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Communion and of Confirmation sufficient 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 Holy Communion and Confirmation as a statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Communion and of Confirmation sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.*

### C. THE MINISTRY.

At its February meeting, the Commission began to direct its attention to certain specific matters in the light of the general position set out in the statement on the Ministry, Section C, in the First Report. Discussion revealed that it was desirable for the Study Committee to prepare a Statement on the Ministry of the Whole People of God, and it was asked to continue its consideration of Ministry in the Church, giving particular attention to the Ministry of the Whole Church, the Nature, Ordering and Functions of the Ordained Ministry, and Other Ministries within the Church.

The Study Committee is still giving consideration to the important subject of other Ministries within the Church. Foremost amongst such ministries is that of the Eldership. Some reference to functions of the elder has been made in the present report, but it is obvious that much more study has yet to be made in this area. Not only is this necessary in the realm of ministry, but also in the area of Church Government at all levels. Both the Study Committees on the Ministry and on Church Government are now considering the implications of eldership within the united Church to which attention was drawn in Section 12, page 23 of the First Report. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out in this coming year.

The Study Committee presented a comprehensive Report to the August meeting of the Commission. This was adopted and is here set out in three sections. The first section, The Ministry of the Church, deals with fundamental questions under the following headings:

- I.—The Ministry of Christ.
- II.—The Ministry of the Whole People of God.
- III.—The Ordained Ministry.
- IV.—The Church as the Instrument of Christ's Ministry and Mission.
- V.—Conclusion.

The following two sections deal with specific matters: the Ordination of Women to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments; and the Minister in Confirmation.

## A. THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

### I. THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

The negotiating Churches believe that Jesus Christ, its risen and exalted Lord, as the only Head of the Church, is the source of the Church's ministry in, to and for the world. There is no ministry in the Church apart from His. By virtue of their membership of His Church, His people are called and commissioned to share in His ministry. Christ's ministry as Servant is prophetic in that He makes known God's word to men, priestly in that in obedience to His Father He offered Himself for the life of the world and ever lives to make intercession for us, kingly (pastoral) in that He makes effective God's rule in love over the life of mankind. Christ continues this prophetic, priestly and kingly ministry in and through the Church which He sends among men as the servant people of the Servant Lord. The Church's ministry stands continually under the judgment of Christ whose servant it is. This ministry belongs to the whole Church and not to any individual or special order of ministers within it.

### II. THE MINISTRY OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

"God has chosen and called Himself a people, the people of God . . . As Christ is 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."

(*First Report to the Negotiating Churches*, page 20).

To be the servant People, however, is more than the Church's glory: it is the very *esse* of the Church. Under the Old Covenant God called Abraham and Moses and chose Israel to be His special people and the instrument of His



purpose in the world. But above all He called and chose them to be His servants and servant people who "will serve the Lord, for He is their God" (Josh. 24:18), to make known to mankind His will that all men should serve Him. So, under the New Covenant God sent Jesus Christ to be the beginning of a new humanity, and through Him called the Church to be the new Israel, His new people. By the Sacrament of Baptism and the rite of confirmation we are incorporated into His new people and commissioned to be the servants of His saving and reconciling purpose for mankind.

The Church exists to be the servant People of God; it will never cease to be His servant People. From the very beginning the Church saw its role as that of the servant whose task it was to bring all men to know Christ and in Him the sovereign rule of God, His Father. It looked forward to the time when this task would be fulfilled and "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God, the Father" (Phil. 2:10-11). In the new Jerusalem, when God's rule is manifested in all its glory and fulness, God shall dwell with men and they shall be His people (Rev. 21:3), and all the faithful serve God in perpetual praise and adoration. While the New Testament emphasises the Fatherhood of God and the sonship of believers, the theme of the sovereignty of God and the servanthood of men, emphasised so strongly in the Gospel of the Kingdom proclaimed by Christ, is a continual safeguard against any sentimentalism about the relationship of God and man.

The Church exists as the servant People of God—to it belongs the task of ministry in Christ's name. In order that the Church as His servant People might be better able to perform its work of ministry, God has given to the Church, within its ministry, some to minister in special ways—"some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip God's People for work in His service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-12 N.E.B. Cf. also Rom. 12:4-8, 1 Cor. 12:4-31). Just as in His earthly ministry, out of the many who had obeyed His call to follow, Jesus called and appointed twelve to share in His ministry, so in the Church He continues to call and appoint, out of the many, some to special tasks of ministry within the body of His People. Yet these special "ministries" find their meaning only in the context of His ministry and of the ministry of the whole company of His people; they exist for the building up of the Church, for the equipment of the company of the saints, so that the Church, as God's People, may perform its task of ministry.

The ministry which the Church renders to its sovereign Lord finds its expression in three distinct, but closely inter-

related ways; and within this total task of ministry, the special ministry which is committed to some finds its place and expression.

1. *In worship* (Leitourgia), God's Servant People unites in praise and adoration, in humble confession and repentance, in submission to the discipline of God's Word read, preached, and made visible in the Lord's Supper, in prayerfully laying itself open anew to the power of the Holy Spirit and in joyful affirmation of its loyalty to Christ its Risen Lord. In worship, God's Servants are built up in fellowship, the fellowship of His people, reconciled to God and one another through Christ. Knowing the reconciling power of God, they go forth at His command as His ambassadors bearing to the world God's gift of reconciliation and beseeching men on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-20), and so to become His People.

It is in the light of the nature of worship as the corporate act of the People of God that the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers must be seen. Usually this is taken to mean that every man has a right to approach God without the mediation of any save Christ, the great High Priest. In the New Testament, however, the emphasis is on the corporate priesthood of the whole Church as the People of God, a priesthood exercised by the Church as the Servant People. The individual believer has a priestly function only in the context of the priesthood of the whole People of God. It is the Church which is "a holy priesthood" (1 Peter 2:5), "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9), "kings and priests to His God and Father" (Rev. 1:6). The priesthood of all believers is a priesthood exercised corporately by the Church. Individualistic interpretations of the priesthood of all believers cut across the New Testament doctrines of the Church and of Christ's gift of special ministries for its edification.

In both the Old Testament and New Testament provision is made for the regulation of the worship and life of the People of God by the appointment of special ministries. In the Old Testament priests are appointed for the teaching of the people and for the regulation of its worship, and as guardians of the common faith which finds its expression in the distinctive life and worship of the People of God. At the same time, in the Old Testament prophets are called to remind the people of the demands which God makes upon them in their life as His people. So, too, in the New Testament, special ministries are appointed by Christ for the same purpose, that the People of God may perform its ministry in



worship to God and in its distinctive life as the reconciled People of God.

2. The Ministry of the People of God is exercised as a ministry of reconciliation within the Church. The Church is called to be God's People, reconciled to Him and among themselves. Reconciled to God and each other, the Church is a fellowship called to demonstrate to the world the style of life which God wills for mankind. The New Testament makes it clear that God's People must continually exercise within its own life the ministry of reconciliation, ever growing in love and aspiring to more perfect unity of life and spirit and purpose. Therefore the Church has an inward ministry of reconciliation to the end that the Servant People of God may grow together in a unity and love, which is fostered by and finds expression in the corporate worship of the Church. In particular, in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the Church, being renewed in its loyalty to its Lord, is also renewed in its unity as a fellowship.

For "the equipment of God's People for work in His service", special ministries of reconciliation are necessary and ordained in Scripture "for the building up of the body of Christ", to the end that in its life as God's People it may bear more effective witness to the world of the reality of God's reconciling love and power.

3. The ministry of the People of God, as God's servant People, is a ministry in, to, and for the world, a ministry of witness to a divided world of the saving and reconciling purpose of God,

- (a) by proclamation of the Gospel of reconciliation,
- (b) by manifesting in its own life the reality of God's reconciling power,
- (c) by loving concern for the life of a world divided against itself.

Within the ministry of the whole People, as a means to a more adequate expression of that ministry, as an instrument by which that ministry may be more effectively exercised, and for the building up of the Church, the Church recognises and appoints in the name of Christ those with suitable gifts to special tasks of ministry. Always, however, the ministry of these special ministers must be seen within the context of the ministry of the whole People of God as His servant People.

### III. THE ORDAINED MINISTRY

Ministry considered as the exercise of spiritual gifts and the fulfilment of tasks given to the Church is to be related to the people to whom such tasks and gifts are given. God

Himself sets men apart for these tasks, giving them the gifts they require. For this purpose He gives authority within His Church to certain individuals who act as representatives of Christ in His Church. This exercise of authority is therefore a form of service or ministry on Christ's behalf and it is essential that it be seen as such.

This setting apart or ordination of certain members to fulfil these functions leads to a necessary distinction between the universal ministry of the Church in its many forms and the particular ministry of those set apart or ordained. Behind such setting apart by the Church, and giving it its meaning and power, there always stand two things: the action of God Himself through His Spirit who at all times chooses and sets apart His own; and the original act of Christ who chose and sent out His apostles.

This ministry is exercised by men "sent" to continue the work of Christ. They are the "sent ones" and share in certain fundamental aspects of the ministry of the original Apostles. The Twelve were undoubtedly the first to be commissioned to the work of apostleship. They held a unique place in the Church and were the nucleus of the New Israel called out of the Old. Yet apostleship can be seen from the New Testament evidence as something our Lord laid upon the whole Church, and upon every member of it. But within this apostolic body the Twelve held a special position. As Apostles pre-eminently, they had a responsibility to the Church to see that the Church fulfilled its apostolicity.

There is then New Testament witness to the principle of a distinctive element, the Apostolate, as an original element, but not the sole constitutive element, in the life of the Church. Whether or not the succession of the ministry as known from the end of the second century can be traced through all its stages to the Apostles, yet the Ministry exists in succession to the original apostolate. The Ministry does not exist apart from the Body, nor the Body apart from the Ministry. It is not a separation from the holy People of God. But Christ, in drawing men to Himself, unites them in a fellowship of which the Apostolate which He appointed, and the Ministry which is its successor, are the ministerial organs. The commission to exercise ministry is given through those who already hold it, but it comes from the Risen, Reigning, and Present Lord Himself.

It is not possible to discuss the nature of the Ministry apart from the Body without the danger of false emphasis. So with the doctrine of Apostolic Succession. The Church of God is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. It is Apostolic in as much as, like the original Apostles, it is commissioned



and sent out by the Risen Lord to witness to Him in all the world. It is also apostolic in so far as it preserves and proclaims the "faith once delivered to the saints"; the Apostolic message and Tradition. (Acts 2:42, 1 Cor. 11:23). The Ministry is to be apostolic in both these senses. Such a Ministry, serving, guiding and leading the apostolic pattern of faith and teaching, carried on the Apostles' functions within the Church as far as these were not unique to the original witnesses to the Resurrection.

This conformity with the apostolic pattern of faith and teaching makes possible the continuity in the life of the Church through the centuries. Necessary elements in such continuity are the continuance of the Apostolic faith and witness to Christ on the one hand, and continuance of the ordained ministry as preachers and guardians of the Apostolic message on the other.

This succession in faith and in ministry through the centuries is not to be contrasted with God's renewed guidance of His People by His Spirit. The former provides the framework within which the Spirit's guidance can be rightly received, and the renewing power of the Spirit reveals the true significance of the tradition of faith and order received from the past, and guides the Church in finding an adequate framework for her contemporary mission.

"Apostolic Succession" has been regarded mainly in two different ways, according to whether the stress has been placed upon continuance of apostolic faith and witness to Christ, or continuance of the ordained ministry. Non-Anglicans among us have thought of it mainly as the former and Anglicans as the latter, while neither neglects the emphasis of the other. So Anglicans use the term Apostolic Succession to refer to the episcopal succession in orders, by which each new bishop is consecrated by the action of other bishops through prayer and the laying-on-of-hands, and incorporated into the historic succession of the episcopate going back to the early days of the Church. The other negotiating Churches stress rather that the apostolic succession is maintained by loyalty to the apostolic witness given in the Scriptures, the continuity of the whole body of the faithful, and by a ministry ordered by the Church in forms other than episcopal.

This succession in the office of the episcopate has, however, been a central feature of the Church's ministry for much of its history and over the larger part of its geographical extent. Can it be a focus of unity for the future? Any such claim would be based on the wide acceptance of the historic episcopate through the history of the Church, and on the spiritual and practical value of a constitutional episcopate

to the Church. It cannot be based on any theory which sees the episcopate as itself the sole criterion for judging what is catholic and apostolic, but rather seeing it as in some sense a focus and symbol of the whole process of apostolic succession in all its forms, a focus which is meaningless if apostolicity in its other forms is not also present.

We have then the New Testament concern for continuity and unity with the ministry of the Apostles matched by concern for an ordered and continuous ministry. God calls men to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and gives them the gifts needed to carry out their calling. In Ordination we believe that God, in answer to the prayers of His Church, bestows on and assures to those whom He has called, a Commission for ministry and the grace necessary for its exercise. By the act of Ordination the Church acknowledges that God has both called the ordinand to the Ministry and conveys authority to perform it.

Ordination should be carried out in such a way as to emphasise that it is an act of the whole Church. The bishop as the ministerial means and symbol of continuity and unity of the Church would, as part of his ministry, be the principal minister of Ordination. He should be joined, particularly in the laying-on-of-hands, by representatives of the ordained ministry in the Church. Office and authority will be conveyed through the action of those officers who have been duly chosen to convey it.

In Ordination a man's whole life is claimed by God for this special ministry. Therefore Ordination may not be repeated. A minister may, by proper authority, be suspended from the exercise of his office, but upon permission to resume that exercise of his ministry, he would not be re-ordained.

The Ministry of the united Church will not be established by comparisons of the past, by attempts to evaluate any present regularity or validity. We deny in no way any gift of God to and through our present ministries. We believe that within the united Church ordination, and the exercise of subsequent ministry, will lead to a fuller understanding of the ministry, a more widely accepted authority, fuller obedience, and a way of hope for the future.

### **The Three-fold Ministry.**

Within the united Church we seek an understanding of Ordination which will enable us to receive those forms of ministry which God wills. We agree that the orders of ministers acceptable in such a Church must be based on the witness of Scripture and of our common Tradition, and shaped by the needs of the 20th century world. The life of



the Church in union with her Risen and Ascended Lord has always been marked by concern for proclamation, service and order. These same functions are needed by the Church today. All current schemes of union provide for the three-fold ministry of Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons. The Preface to the Anglican Ordinal speaks of "these orders of Ministers, Bishops, Priests and Deacons". It is concerned to maintain that the Church of England in retaining at the Reformation the Catholic orders of bishop, priest and deacon, did so because they saw these orders to be "agreeable" both to Scripture and to history. Although not used to connote exactly the offices of ministry we now understand by these titles, the titles are found in Scripture, and further, there can be seen a three-fold division of function at any rate in the later writings of the New Testament. In the Pastoral Epistles there are the presbyters or bishops, there is the subordinate order of deacons to help them, and there is a superior or ordaining ministry which is exercised by Timothy and Titus.

Historically, we find this variety of offices subsequently in the Church. The hierarchical three-fold ministry is an established fact in some Asiatic churches at the end of the apostolic age, as in the writings of Ignatius and Polycarp, although other early literature suggests that as late as the third century this pattern was not yet universal.

It is also true that other orders existed—prophets and prophetesses, exorcists and miraculous healers are found towards the end of the second century. The Roman Catholic Church does not recognise only three orders, but rather makes a distinction between major and minor. Some Christian theologians refused to regard the episcopate as a separate order distinct from the priesthood. The Council of Trent defined that bishops and presbyters differ in *gradus*, but not in *ordo*.

It is not possible to regard the three-fold ministry, then, in any exclusive sense. It is possible, however, to find its grounds both in scripture and in history. Without prejudice to other ministries, we may ask whether such a ministry of bishops, presbyters and deacons can command our allegiance, and also sustain that test of universality necessary for a united ministry representing the whole household of faith, as far as may be. Within such a structure of ministry, these representative ministers are ordained for distinctive functions in the Church. If these functions are valid and essential for the unity and health of the Church today, then such a structure of ministry can be justified.

## Bishops.

The First Report (p. 22) referred to *episcopate* beyond the congregation.

The continuity and embodiment of this episcopate was seen to reside in the office of Bishop as the apostolic man among apostolic men. In the ordering of the ministry of the united Church, this office should be seen as both constitutional and historic. By "constitutional" episcopacy we mean that bishops shall be appointed and shall perform their functions in accordance with the constitution of the Church. The bishop is not to be thought of in isolation from the Church. By "historic" episcopacy we mean the episcopate which continues through a succession of some kind the task committed to the apostolic men of the early Church. This episcopate ever since has been understood to preserve and continue in many of the Churches in Christendom their apostolic nature. Such an historic episcopate can thus be found to be a means of expressing the continuity of the Church down the ages and also its unity all over the earth.

In many schemes of union it is specifically stated that the Church is not committed to any one particular theological or historical interpretation of episcopacy. The U.S.A. report understands "that the episcopate historically came into existence without reference to any single doctrine or theory of its being or authority". But this does not mean that there was no reason for its being "given" to the Church. While there may be various interpretations of episcopacy, we ought to say something more positive than simply that the Church is not committed to any one interpretation. "The principal *ministerial* means and symbol of continuity and unity of the Church" says something important; it makes explicit reference to the *personal and representative* nature of such a ministry, which shares in the pastoral rule of Christ as the Shepherd and Bishop of His Church (1 Peter 2:25).

The ministry of the bishop may be described as follows:—

- (a) It is both personal and corporate, exercised by persons who have been consecrated for it. It is personal in that certain episcopal responsibilities are borne by the bishop himself in Christ's name. It is corporate in that it is exercised in partnership with all the other bishops, other office-bearers, and the whole People of God, who together represent to the world the Lordship and service of Christ.



- (b) The functions entrusted to the bishop include the following:—

(the nature of the office depends upon the union of all such elements).

1. *Pastoral*: The episcopate symbolises and expresses in an abiding ministerial form the apostolic mission and authority within the Church. So the bishop is particularly responsible for keeping this mission before the members and congregations.

It is always part of his function to secure faithfulness to apostolic teaching and to guard the Church against error. So the bishop is responsible for the transmission and creative expression of the biblical faith and Christian Tradition through teaching and preaching.

The bishop represents the whole Church in and to his diocese, and his diocese in and to the Councils of the Church. He is a living representative of the unity and universality of the Church, both in the Church and to the world.

The bishop in his diocese represents the Good Shepherd: the idea of pastoral care is inherent in his office. The Church looks to him as under Christ the chief Pastor. He is pastor of pastors to those who serve with him in the Church's ministry.

Since the unity of the Church is in part secured by an orderly method of admitting new ministers and the bishop is here the focus of unity and universality, he is the appropriate agent for carrying on through ordination the authority of the apostolic mission of the Church. So he will be responsible, together with other agencies and office-bearers of the Church, for the education, ordination, and appointment to their tasks, of ministers whom God calls.

He is also responsible for fostering the development of other forms of ministry in response to the changing social and national needs so that the Church as a whole fulfils her apostolic task.

2. *Liturgical*: The episcopate has responsibility for guarding and enriching the worship and sacramental life of the Church. Bishops will lead and counsel ministers and congregations in the ways of worship set forward by the united Church, and be particularly responsible for encouraging the understanding of the variety of ways and forms of worship used in it. They will be responsible to see that the Word is faithfully preached, the Sacraments duly ad-

ministered, Confirmation faithfully observed, and the ministries of oversight properly authorised.

3. *Administrative:* The bishop will take initiative and responsibility in relation to the order necessary to the continuing life of the Church and the faithful performance of her mission. He will have responsibility for the faithful supervision and administration of the Church's organised work and life. He will forward his pastoral office by caring, directly or by delegation, for the complex problems of pastoral relationships. These administrative duties must not be such as to hinder his pastoral or liturgical functions, and vigilant care must be taken to provide the bishop with proper assistance in this work of administration.

It is the coalescence of all these elements in a single person that gives to the episcopate its peculiar character and significance, personally embodying the authority of Christ the Shepherd and inspiring others to deeper obedience to their Lord.

The historic nature of the episcopate and its function as the ministerial means and symbol of unity and continuity in the Church, is to be expressed in the manner of consecration of bishops. Such consecration should be carried out at the hands of at least three bishops in the historic succession, and visible expression of the unity of the united Church with other parts of Christendom would be assisted by the presence and assistance of bishops from other Churches possessing the historic episcopate.

It is our desire to bear witness to our oneness with the Church's tradition of worship, witness and service in the past, and to seek every means which conscience and conviction allow of demonstrating our unity with believing men of other ages. But we ought also to do all in our power to open up the way forward, so that the unity and order of the Church universal across the world today should be made more possible and evident.

### Presbyters.

Clause 6 on page 21 of the first Report of the J.C.C.U. makes reference to the ministry of Presbyter. Throughout the Church's history the presbyterate has shared and expressed in particular ways the ministry of Christ who is Himself prophet, shepherd, teacher, high priest, intercessor, guardian and preacher. Ministers ordained to this office of presbyter, while participating in the whole ministry of Christ in the Church, are normally entrusted with the following duties in a particular local community.



They are appointed to preach the Word; administer the Sacraments; conduct the worship of the congregation; lead the congregation in its obedience to mission; watch over the flock of Christ; teach the faith; share in the Church's discipline; take their rightful place in the Church's government; set an example in their personal life of the standards expected of every Christian; bear in their prayers the people committed to their particular care, the Church and the world; continue to equip themselves through prayer and study for their ministry.

Some of these duties require specialised training and demand the full time of the presbyter if they are to be carried out adequately. Others may be fulfilled without such professional preparation and discipline. Some presbyters, by reason of their particular gifts and abilities and their specialised training, will be more fitted for the exercise of some of these functions than others. It is therefore recognised that some of the duties of the presbyter should, in the ordering of the ministry within a diocese, be restricted to those who by reason of training and freedom of time are able to acquire and maintain the skills those duties demand. Certain duties, which do not depend substantially on professional training for their fulfilment, are clearly dependent on authorisation and ordination by the Church for their performance.

In every case it should be clearly understood that the administration of the Sacraments, preaching, providing such pastoral care as is possible and appropriate, conducting public worship, should be the privilege and responsibility of every presbyter. The particular exercise of this ministry will, however, be dependent upon the authorisation of the Church in every case.

We envisage that some of those who have exercised leadership in the negotiating Churches (e.g., elders, deacons, lay-readers) would be ordained, according to their gifts and calling, to the presbyterate soon after the inception of the united Church. We make this suggestion because we believe that the Church in our time has urgent need of non-professional examples of that representative ministry for which the presbyterate has traditionally stood. By this means the whole Church, other than the ordained, may be enabled to grasp the nature of its apostolic task. Nothing should obscure the recognition that all ordained to this office share a single presbyterate under the authority of Christ and His Church. In the changing circumstances of the world to which the Church must direct its mission it is of great importance that there be an adequate flexibility in adapting the ministry of the presbyterate to the needs of the Church's mission. Within

the single ministry which embraces every form of the presbyterate, there will be many avenues of deployment throughout the Church. Upon the bishop, and those with whom such responsibility is shared, will rest responsibility for the rigorous examination of standards of preparation, and the nature of the duties assigned to the presbyterate.

Our Committee has merely sketched possibilities of the presbyterate, and recognises the need for further exploration.

### Deacons.

The New Testament makes it plain that ministries of service are as important as ministries of leadership if the Church is to participate fully in Christ's ministry. The diaconate should focus and inspire that service through love which is the distinctive mark of those who are in Christ. This office must not be thought of as a subordinate ministry, because responsibility for representative service is as vital to the life of the Church as the shepherding ministry of the bishop.

Neither the New Testament nor history offer much guidance regarding the shape this office might take in the 20th century. In the episcopal churches, the office has usually been understood as a step to the presbyterate, allowing a limited participation in the ministry of Word and Sacraments. Deacons were traditionally the bishop's assistants. They cared for the poor and needy and helped to administer the offerings and property of the Church for this purpose. In those other negotiating churches which retain the name "deacon," the office is linked either with social service and teaching (notably in the case of deaconesses) or with limited liturgical duties, finance and administration.

The time is ripe for a fresh appraisal of the manner in which the Church can share the ministry of our Lord who came not to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:43-5). A diaconate which gathers together the hints offered in the New Testament, history and present-day thinking about the ministry of the whole people of God should include both men and women, some of whom will work in secular occupations, others of whom will be employed by the Church or her agencies in the work of service. This service may be congregational and/or regional, so that selection for the office should not only be the concern of the congregation, but also of the diocese and its bishop.

It is essential that the deacons embody in their own life that quality of service which, on Christ's behalf, they offer to the Church and the world. They should be given such a place in the life and worship of the Church as enables them to lead



and inspire her to serve wherever Christ's love is needed. This could be accomplished in the following ways:—

1. They must share in the government of the Church and the use of her income, buildings and property so that these further her work of service.
2. They must share in worship—reading the Gospel, leading the intercessions, assisting in the distribution of the bread and wine, collecting the offerings of the people for the work of the Church. These functions are not a subordinate ministry to the ministry of Word and Sacraments, but an essential part of it which gives most adequate expression to their distinctive office. They unite that worship and service, vital to the Church, to which the diaconate points.
3. They must share in the pastoral oversight of God's people, both locally and regionally, so that through close personal relationships they inspire others to deeds of love. Teaching in small groups (or house churches) under the guidance of the presbyters or bishop may well be an important means by which this common ministry of love is nourished and sustained.

The development of the welfare state has removed many social services from the exclusive care of the Church. We should welcome this and be willing to learn modern techniques of care from any who serve their fellow-men. Nevertheless, some mature Christians engaged in service of the community could well become deacons in their daily work, to express in a fresh way the Church's concern for healing, reconciliation and service in the whole of society. Only as representative servants of the Church are found working in every area of human need will every Christian be reminded of the immensity of his task and the infinite resources of God's love.

This office could then lead the whole Church so to re-order its life that service in Christ's name is one of its main priorities. The diaconate must not be rigidly defined, for love ever seeks new ways of expression. New forms of service should be expected to develop as Christ leads men and women to pioneer with Him.

Many of those at present elders, deacons, deaconesses, managers, stewards, vestrymen, etc., may well form the core of this ministry in a united Church. Care must be taken, however, to ensure that sufficient training and leadership is given so that the diaconate does not become a collection of odd jobs within the Church or amalgam of traditional functions. Ordination to the diaconate may well be for life, though

terms of appointment to active exercise of the office would depend on the authorisation of the Church.

In addition, the diaconate could provide a testing ground for potential candidates for the presbyterate. It is essential that members of the latter prove their ability to lead through service before they are entrusted with other ministries of leadership. Therefore, it is appropriate that, before they are admitted to the presbyterate, they serve a probationary period as deacons.

#### IV. THE CHURCH AS THE INSTRUMENT OF CHRIST'S MISSION AND MINISTRY

The ministry of the Church is to be understood, directed and judged by the way in which it contributes to the purpose of the Church's own existence. Too often in the past the Church has appeared to exist for its own sake, and in so far as it has made contact with the world, it has been intent simply on calling those of the world to come inside the community of the Church.

But the Church is God's creation and His own possession. It is He who has both called it out of the world and sent it into the world. Its fullest meaning is seen in the Person of the Suffering Servant of God. Our Lord in this role fulfils the destiny of the old Israel and determines the function of the new Israel. The Church, in being obedient to every demand of God, is sensitive both to the holy majesty of God and to the needs of mankind. It is thus committed to the service of God and to the service of the world—one ministry under Christ.

The ministry of the whole Church consists of giving witness to the world of the truth of the Gospel. This witness is given not only by word of mouth but by the quality of its life in the world. Such witness will in varying degrees incur rejection and suffering at the hands of the world; but such suffering steadfastly accepted in Christian hope is redemptive. Service to the world also means engagement in works of love related to the world's need. In our day this implies willing co-operation in common humanity, with men of goodwill, who may not themselves be Christians.

The Church in each generation must realise that in a changing world new human needs emerge, which ought to become its responsibility. In the light of this the Church must be alert, self-critical and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In this way the Church becomes the instrument of Christ's mission and ministry.

#### CONCLUSION

We have tried to keep the needs of the world before us and ask how best we can order the Church so that she fulfils



her missionary task. Our studies have led us to the conviction that the New Testament does not lay down any one order for the Church. Therefore, we have not simply sought to preserve the past but have attempted to break out of the traditional distinction between "clergy" and "laity".

It is vital that the ministry of "laymen" in the negotiating Churches be not only safeguarded but further developed. We want every Christian in the united Church to be *more* responsible in sharing in Christ's ministry to the world, not less than at present. Our past heritages have witnessed to the truth that ministry is for the better performance of the witness of the Church, not to preserve the self-importance of any group of officers within the community of the faithful.

Therefore we have sought to express through the presbyterate and the diaconate a re-interpretation of the representative function of those who are at present elders, deacons, lay-preachers, lay-presidents, vestrymen, etc., as they have shared in the worship, pastoral care and government of the whole Church.

We are aware that there are many problems for our negotiations raised by the office of the elder in the Reformed tradition (See J.C.C.U. Report, p. 23, para. 12), by presidents at Holy Communion in the Churches of Christ, and lay preachers in Methodism.

We believe, however, that the proposals contained in our report with respect to the non-professional presbyters and the office of deacon go far towards meeting the needs of pastoral ministry for which these various offices were designed.

We do not wish to be understood to be excluding, in any way, those who are not ordained to the ministries from a full responsibility in the *government* of the Church. The ordering of this we regard as a matter of polity.

#### Recommendation of the Commission:

The Joint Commission gave general approval to the Report on the Ministry of the Church and commended it to the Negotiating Churches as a basis upon which a statement on the Church's ministry may be prepared for inclusion in the 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 on Church Union entitled "The Ministry of the Church" as a statement regarding the Ministry sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union.*

## B. THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS.

### I.—Women Ministers already Ordained and Ministering in the Negotiating Churches:

- (a) These ministers are in all respects ordained ministers of their respective Churches. There are on record, in Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational order, the reasons for these Churches accepting the ordination of women.
- (b) Since these women belong to the ministry, they cannot be separated from the agreements made concerning the Unification of Ministries within the united Church.
- (c) The negotiating Churches have already accepted the Statement on Ordination, that is, that in ordination there is a life-long obligation.
- (d) Therefore, all women who are ministers of the negotiating Churches at the time of union, will be received under the same conditions as other ministers of the united Church.

### II.—The Admission of Women to the Ministry of the United Church.

It is recommended that following the act of union, the united Church should formulate its own policy in this matter. This is recommended for the following reasons:

- (a) When the united Church comes into being there will be a new situation, out of which we might expect new attitudes and new insights to arise. It will be wrong to bind the new Church, before union takes place, either to the acceptance or the rejection of the ordination of women to the ministry.
- (b) All the negotiating Churches affirm that there is a ministry for women in the Church, that this is a part of God's purpose both for women and for the Church, and that this ministry is important to the life of the Church.
- (c) We recommend that the negotiating Churches begin now to review the theological and practical considerations connected with the ordination of women to the ministry of Word and Sacraments, with a view to assisting the united Church, after its establishment, to reach a mature decision on the matter.



### Recommendation of the Commission:

The Joint Commission adopted the statement on the Ordination of Women to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments and referred it to the Negotiating Churches for their approval, with the request that steps be taken to foster understanding of the issues involved.

The Commission therefore asks the Churches to convey to the Commission an expression of approval of the report on the ordination of women to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments and suggests the following resolution:

*The ————— Church approves the report of the Joint Commission on Church Union regarding the ordination of women to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments, and accepts the recommendation that steps be taken to foster understanding of the issues involved.*

### C. THE MINISTER IN CONFIRMATION.

The following statement was adopted and referred to the Study Committee on Worship:

In the local congregation we envisage that one of the Presbyters will act as "Moderator" for the Parish and will be responsible for the preparation of candidates. At the Service of Confirmation the Bishop would be expected to exhort the candidates on the responsibilities of Church membership, especially in its wider context, and to address suitable questions to them. Confirmation would include the laying-on-of-hands by both Bishop and Moderator after prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This would be followed by representatives of the congregation offering to those confirmed the right hand of fellowship.

### Recommendation of the Commission.

The Commission asks the Churches to convey to the Commission an expression of approval of the statement on the Minister in Confirmation and suggests the following resolution:

*The ————— Church approves the statement of the Joint Commission on Church Union regarding the Minister in Confirmation.*

### D. LEGAL AND PROPERTY MATTERS.

The Committee was advised by the Commission that "as apprehensions about legal difficulties were sometimes expressed, it could be helpful if this Committee could give the assurance that difficulties can be met." The Committee agreed

to inform the Commission that while the legal problems will be complex they are not regarded as insuperable and that while enabling legislation can deal with the property and trusts of the uniting Churches, such legislation will have to be passed by Parliament.

## E. WORSHIP.

The following report was received from the Study Committee:—

### I.—Worship in a United Church.

This Study Committee was asked to report on the ordering of worship in a united church, setting forth the principles involved, dealing with uniformity in worship, and indicating the extent to which there should be specific provision for orders of worship. It was also asked to consider whether in regard to worship there was any insuperable barrier to union.

These requests are taken up in this Report by stating first of all certain presuppositions of Christian worship and then pointing out that these imply a basic liturgical structure, particularly in the service of Holy Communion, which could become the unifying centre of worship in a united church.

Your Committee has been concerned to keep in the forefront of its thinking the liturgical agreements of the five communions it represents, and this has made evident the deep unity God has already given.

### II.—Presuppositions of Christian Worship.

These include:

- (a) That the Living God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has made himself known in creation and history and has come among us in the person of his Son, manifesting his mercy and grace in our redemption.
- (b) That the worship of God's people is their response in the whole of life to this divine action and revelation.
- (c) That this response in worship is subject to the Divine judgment whereby it is demanded of Christians that they seek to express the truths of God's revelation in the age in which their own lives are set.
- (d) That within the Christian Church from the beginning this living worship had had as its *characteristic content* the offering of praises and prayers acknowledging God's majesty and mercy; making confession of sins; pleading his pardon; giving thanks for his loving providence and especially for the gift of his Son to be our Saviour and of his Holy Spirit to be our guide and guardian; hearing his Word spoken to us from Holy Scripture and through the Sermon of the appointed Servant of the Word for



the day; making intercession for "all sorts and conditions of men"; presenting some portion of our substance in acknowledgment that "every good gift is from above" and receiving in humble and joyous faith the tokens of the Saviour's dying love and risen power in the Bread and the Wine of Holy Communion.

- (e) That in offering our worship we do so in the confidence that God himself, the Holy One that inhabiteth eternity, responds by accepting his people's praises and hearing their prayers, and granting anew the grace and guidance of His Holy Spirit in their individual lives and in their corporate life as his Church called to serve him in his world.
- (f) That in offering reverent and rightly ordered worship the people of God gathered in each local congregation, as the reconciled and reconciling community in that place, are united with the whole Church of Jesus Christ "militant on earth and triumphant in heaven."

### III.—The Constraint of a Common Liturgical Structure.

The foregoing presuppositions show that Christian worship is determined by "the everlasting Gospel." In accepting this, we who are engaged in the present conversations make it clear that we are not contending for freedom to worship as we please, but are concerned to worship as we ought. More than that, as those who hold "the common faith" we are already committed so to order our worship that it shall faithfully preserve our heritage in the Catholic and Apostolic Church. Behind whatever variety may appear in our ways of worship there can still be discerned a single pattern; and this must be so if there is a right concern for the historic Gospel as the norm of our worship, because it is by that Gospel that we are constrained to a common liturgical structure.

Because of this we are able to declare that with regard to worship there can be no insuperable barrier to union, and that this should be so is cause for great joy and thanksgiving to God.

Given then that behind all forms of words used for praise or prayer or proclamation there lies a basic structure of Christian worship, our task at the moment is to help one another to discern this structure and to seek a common mind in refusing anything that distorts or weakens it. This is the more so since, while we may joyfully agree that in regard to worship there is no insuperable barrier to union it does not follow that forms of worship acceptable in all the uniting communions will be easily or speedily found, and the way-marks of the road to this goal are by no means clear.

#### IV.—The Central Place of the Service of Holy Communion.

Meantime we are asked two questions. One is whether or not it may be right to allow present somewhat diverse practices in worship to continue in the united church for a specified period. The other question is whether "authorised" and "specific" provisions for worship should be made.

In reply, it is suggested that a third course be considered, that of concentrating upon our agreements in the service of Holy Communion.

In each of the five Christian bodies represented in the J.C.C.U. the central service of public worship is the Dominical Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This ordinance is observed at least weekly in the Anglican Church and in the Churches of Christ; at least monthly in the Methodist Church and in the Congregational Churches; at least quarterly in the Presbyterian Church.

In the three last named the regular diet of public worship is in fact a truncated form of the Lord's Supper.

What is now suggested is that the basic structure of this central service as at present observed by all five communions be recognised and regularised by mutual acceptance of ways in which it can best be preserved and the principles involved can best be made evident. If this is agreed to, it is further suggested that room for considerable variety be allowed in all other services (with the possible exception of the other Dominical Sacrament of Holy Baptism) where forms in present use may be followed unless and until there is found within the united church a need and a desire to reshape these forms.

#### Recommendations of the Commission:

The Commission was informed of some work being done in revising Orders of Service in use in the negotiating Churches, and it was felt that it would be helpful if observers from other Churches could be present at meetings of the Committees concerned. It was therefore agreed that the Commission commends to the several Churches the exchange of observers at meetings engaged on Liturgical Revision, and of reports of such revision.

#### F. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The Study Committee has met eight times since its inception in November 1965. Studies have been carried out in the following fields:

The teaching of Scripture about marriage and divorce.

The nature of marriage in its historical, biological, psychological and sociological aspects.



The legal regulation of marriage and divorce in New Zealand.

The theological doctrine that lies behind the Church's marriage discipline.

It is not possible at this stage to indicate even approximately the eventual findings of the Study Committee. Only when this material has been digested will it be possible for the Study Committee to "report to the Joint Commission on Church Union the teaching and practice of the negotiating Churches on marriage and divorce, as they are related to Union, together with recommendations" (Original briefing).

Thus far no sharp lines of cleavage between the representatives of the negotiating Churches on the Study Committee have appeared during discussion. It is clear that members do not feel themselves already committed to preconceived positions.

The Study Committee hopes to be able to bring down definite recommendations at a later date.

## G. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND FINANCE.

The Study Committee on General Administration, Life of the Church and Finance, reported to the Commission on the administrative structure and financial arrangements of the negotiating Churches on the national, regional and local levels. It also submitted a table of statistics giving the number of Parishes, Churches, Communicants and Church population. It stated that it was working out a plan for administration and finance in the ————— Church and that it was studying the life of the negotiating Churches in relation to their existence as communities and their mission to the world. Consultation between the Mission Boards of the negotiating Churches and investigation into the possibilities of a national Church paper are matters to which it will give attention next year.

## H. CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The work of the Study Committee on Church Government so far has been of a preliminary nature. It has not been possible for it to proceed until the Study Committee on the Ministry completed its more detailed statement on Ministry in the Church. It is anticipated that it will now be able to proceed to draft the lines of approach to be followed in the preparation of a Basis of Union.

## SECTION III.—CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATIVE ACTION

### I.—Joint Action and Church Extension.

In the First Report it was stated that the Commission was "arranging a Consultation involving the responsible Committees of the Churches" on matters concerned with various schemes of co-operation and the need for a concerted policy in the obtaining of new sites. The five Churches were fully represented at the two meetings of this Consultation held in Wellington on 1 December 1965 and 9 February 1966. A detailed report of the very comprehensive discussions and the Recommendations of the Consultation were submitted to the February meeting of the Commission. The Commission agreed as follows:

1. *General Policy*: That the Commission recommends to the Churches that, as a general policy, the Churches plan their extension work together rather than in isolation from each other, and that these be the guiding principles:

- (a) Consideration be given to the joint use of buildings and joint action in new areas, and implemented wherever practicable.
- (b) In new and developing areas land should be purchased with a view to the negotiating Churches having use of the buildings erected thereon.
- (c) As prolonged delay in buying land is fatal in Church extension, pending the decision of the Joint Regional Committee, a denomination or denominations, after notifying the Joint Regional Committee, may take the initiative in the purchase of sections.
- (d) That one acre of land be bought for Church and hall if the area is geographically circumscribed, plus land for the minister's residence.
- (e) That if the population is likely to grow to more than 5,000, adequate sites should be bought early in the development of the area, at an agreed distance apart.
- (f) That as finance is involved in the purchase of sites and the erection of buildings, the national body be asked to give consideration to the financial implications.

*Additional notes*: (1) In areas where the Church is likely to become self-supporting quickly, more land will be needed than in the kind of place where experience has shown that the response will be slight. (2) Each Church may own one portion of land with buildings on it. For instance, the Presbyterian Church could own one site on which the Church



is built; the Anglicans might own an adjoining site on which a hall is built; the Methodists might own a site on which the parsonage is built. (3) One Church might own the land required for one parish, including all the buildings needed. In another parish a different Church would hold the title.

## II.—Joint National Committee on Church Extension.

- (a) That to implement the policy of joint action in new areas, the Joint Commission recommends to the Churches that there be constituted a national body representative of all the negotiating Churches to co-ordinate and advise in this planning, and that there be Joint Regional Committees to which the Churches within the areas concerned will refer all relevant matters for consultation before any sites are purchased or subsequent development takes place.
- (b) That the Joint National Committee on Church Extension shall have responsibility for all joint action of the kind envisaged here, for the oversight of union parishes, for communicating with Church Union Committees, and report annually to the J.C.C.U.

## III.—Formation of Union Parishes.

- (a) That in the event of the formation of a Union Parish, there be close consultation between the Churches concerned and the Anglican Church and the Associated Churches of Christ.
- (b) That, although the Anglican Church is unable to join in reciprocal membership schemes at the present time, in the event of these arrangements being made by the other negotiating Churches, there be consultation with the Anglican Church.
- (c) That as the Associated Churches of Christ are now agreeable to enter into reciprocal membership agreements with other Churches, the Joint Commission on Church Union take note of this fact.
- (d) The Joint Commission draws attention to the fact that "The Joint Use of Buildings" agreement is a type of scheme in which all five negotiating Churches can participate.

## IV.—Oversight of Union Parishes.

That the national oversight of Union parishes be the responsibility of the proposed Joint National Commission on Church Extension.

### V.—Marginal Areas.

That united action in marginal or static areas be referred to the Joint Regional Committees when established, and in the meantime to the Church Extension Committees of the negotiating Churches.

### VI.—Further Study.

- (a) That the Commission set up a small research and study committee to consider, in consultation with sociologists and urban planners, patterns in the mission of the Church in New Zealand, and report to the Joint Commission on Church Union.
- (b) That the matters raised in the following recommendation be referred to the Joint National Committee on Church Extension:

The Consultation on Church Extension was made aware of other areas of co-operation; e.g., the inner city, power projects, etc. There was insufficient time to consider these issues, and the Consultation did not regard them as the whole concern of the negotiating Churches, but recommends to the Joint Commission on Church Union that in any continuing work on Church Extension these matters be considered.

### Recommendations of the Commission:

The Commission submits to the Churches the resolutions agreed upon following the Consultation on Church Extension, and asks the Churches to convey to the Commission an expression of their approval. It suggests the following resolutions:

1. *That the \_\_\_\_\_ Church gives general approval of the principles for joint action contained in the report on Church Extension.*
2. *That the \_\_\_\_\_ Church, in order to implement the policy of joint action in new areas, agrees to the formation of a national body, the Joint National Committee on Church Extension.*
3. *That the \_\_\_\_\_ Church approves the formation of Joint Regional Committees to which the Churches in the areas concerned will refer all relevant matters for consultation before any sites are purchased, or subsequent development takes place.*

### II.—Theological Education.

At its meeting in August 1965 the Commission decided to set up a permanent Committee on Theological Training, and the negotiating Churches were asked to make appoint-



ments to this on the basis of Anglican three, Churches of Christ one, Congregational Union one, Methodist two and Presbyterian three, a total of ten. The Reverend J. J. Lewis was appointed Convener. The Committee submitted a detailed report to the meeting of the Commission in February 1966, and it was agreed as follows:

#### A. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

##### I.—*Training of Deaconesses.*

1. That the recommendation be approved and referred to the Executive for action.

*Recommendation:* That a committee be appointed to consider the future training of Deaconesses in New Zealand.

Its terms of reference would include:

- (a) Consideration of the present function of Deaconesses in the negotiating Churches.
- (b) Consideration of the desirability or possibility of establishing a Union College for Deaconesses in New Zealand.
- (c) Preparation of a syllabus for training.
- (d) Consideration of the location of such a college, costs involved, and any other related matters.

The Committee to consist of ten members in the proportion of 3:3:2:1:1, with power to co-opt, the Committee to report to the Joint Commission through the Committee on Theological Training.

2. That the consideration of the need for and function of Deaconesses in the united Church be referred to the Study Committee on the Ministry, in consultation with the Sub-Committee on Deaconess Training.

##### II.—*Lay Training*—That the recommendation be approved and referred to the Executive for action.

*Recommendation:* That a committee be appointed to consider Lay Training in New Zealand.

Its terms of reference would include:

- (a) Consideration of the possibility of establishing a Lay Academy, with its own staff to initiate research programmes through New Zealand.
- (b) Preparation of a syllabus for courses to cover—
  - (1) Specialist courses for Church workers.
  - (2) Lay training in Theology.
  - (3) Regional courses in urban, rural, and industrial areas.
- (c) Consideration of the location of the Academy, costs involved, and any other related matters.

The Committee to consist of ten members in the proportion of 3:3:2:1:1, with the power to co-opt, the Committee to report to the Joint Commission through the Committee on Theological Training.

III.—*Multi-Racial Training*—That the recommendation be approved and referred to the Executive for action.

*Recommendation*: That a Committee on Multi-Racial Training be appointed, the term "multi-racial" being inclusive of Europeans.

Its terms of reference to include:

- (a) Consideration of the work of the Congregational College, in Auckland, and of the Presbyterian Maori College in Whakatane, with a view to united action in multi-racial training under the Boards of Theological Studies.
- (b) Examination of the question whether such training requires a separate centre and, if so, its relationship to the other Theological Colleges.
- (c) Consideration of the curriculum.

The Committee to consist of ten members, two from each Church, one Island or Maori and one European, with power to co-opt, and to report to the Joint Commission through the Committee on Theological Training.

#### B. JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

That the Commission approve the proposed provisional constitution of the Joint Board of Theological Studies for presentation to the Churches, and that the Churches be invited to appoint representatives on the Board.

##### PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

1. There shall be a Joint Board of Theological Studies to have general oversight of Theological Training for the five Churches in New Zealand negotiating for union, the Anglican Church of the Province of New Zealand, the Associated Churches of Christ, the Congregational Union, the Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church.

2. The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall be under the general control and superintendence of the supreme courts of the five Churches and shall carry out the wishes of the Churches.

3. The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall consist of not more than twenty members with provisional representation as follows:



Church of England	5
Presbyterian Church	5
Methodist Church	4
Associated Churches of Christ	3
Congregational Church	3

Provision shall be made for the Theological Colleges to have representation on the Board. Members shall be appointed for a period of three years for any one term.

4. The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall appoint its own officers each for a period of three years for any one term.

5. The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall meet at least once annually, alternately in the North and South Islands, preferably early in February, to arrange for examinations for the Licentiate in Theology and to review matters relating to Theological Training.

6. The Board of Theological Studies shall prescribe the course of studies, set fees, appoint examiners, and award diplomas on the successful completion of the Licentiate in Theology examinations.

#### C. CURRICULUM

1. That the term for the new examination be "Licentiate in Theology."

2. That the syllabus in outline be approved.

#### III.—Christian Education.

The Commission has been advised of the consultations by the Departments of Christian Education of the negotiating Churches. In July, a meeting was held with representatives of the Australia and New Zealand Board of Christian Education regarding the participation of the five negotiating Churches in the preparation of the Board's new curriculum: this is under further consideration by the Departments of Christian Education.

#### IV.—Women's Organisations.

At the August meeting, a letter was received from the National Executive of the Association of Presbyterian Women asking that the Commission give consideration to the setting up of a Study Committee on the co-operation of the women's organisations in the negotiating Churches.

It was agreed "That Church Union Committees strongly encourage joint meetings of women's organisations at the national executive, regional executive and parish levels, in order that a basis of common understanding may be fostered

and the foundations laid for the future needs of the Church in this area of its life."

It was also agreed to set up a Study Committee to study Women's Organisations in the united Church.

## SECTION IV.—PUBLICATIONS

During the year, three publications have been issued by the Commission.

The First Report was issued as a booklet, 5,000 copies being the first printing. Two additional printings, of 5,000 and 3,000 copies, have been made.

A booklet, Journey Towards Union, for use in study groups was prepared by the Study Committee on the Ministry at the request of the Commission. Two printings totalling 10,000 copies were made and over 8,300 have been sold.

A pamphlet, Toward Church Union, was prepared by the Publicity Committee for distribution at the N.C.C. Ecumenical Youth Conference at Hamilton.

## SECTION V.—THE WORKING OF THE COMMISSION

### A. Meetings in 1967.

Meetings have now been arranged for 14-16 February 1967, in Wellington, and 15-17 August, in Knox College, Dunedin.

### B. Finance.

The Commission recommends that the allocation of the contributions of the negotiating Churches be on the same basis as last year, i.e.

Anglican Church	£250
Associated Churches of Christ	50
Congregational Union	50
Methodist Church	150
Presbyterian Church	250
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J. E. STEWART, Chairman.

9 September 1966.



## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report of the Joint Commission be received and adopted.
2. The Methodist Church approves the report of the Joint Commission regarding Holy Communion and Confirmation as a statement of the doctrine and practice of Holy Communion and of Confirmation sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a basis of union.
3. The Methodist Church approves the report of the Joint Commission on Church Union entitled "The Ministry of the Church" as a statement regarding the Ministry sufficient to enable the Commission to proceed to the preparation of a Basis of Union.
4. That the Statement on the Ministry of the Church be referred to March Ministerial Synods for consideration.
5. The Methodist Church approves the report of the Joint Commission on Church Union regarding the ordination of women to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments, and accepts the recommendation that steps be taken to foster understanding of the issues involved.
6. The Methodist Church approves the statement of the Joint Commission on Church Union regarding the Minister in Confirmation.
7. The Methodist Church gives general approval of the principles for joint action contained in the report on Church Extension.
8. The Methodist Church, in order to implement the policy of joint action in new areas or redeveloping of existing work, agrees to the formation of a national body, the Joint National Committee on Church Extension.
9. The Methodist Church approves the formation of Joint Regional Committees to which the Churches in the areas concerned will refer all relevant matters for consultation before any sites are purchased, or subsequent development takes place.
10. That the Methodist nominations to the Joint National Committee on Church Extension be Revs. B. M. Chrystall, C. D. Clark and Mr F. M. Henson.
11. That the Report of the Joint Commission on Church Union be studied by Leaders' Meetings and study groups.
12. That the representatives on the Joint Committee on Lay Training be Rev. W. F. Ford and Mr A. H. Buckland.
13. That the Faith and Order Committee give consideration to inviting observers from the other negotiating Churches to its meetings on Liturgical Reform.

# APPENDIX





# THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	Sir Donald Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesney	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	F. Penn, N.D.H. (N.Z.)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary
Auckland†	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington†	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick, M.V.O.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence F. Buxton	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.	Philip A. LeBrun, J.P.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1958	Gordon R. H. Peterson	Allen A. Dingwall	Athol R. Penn
Wellington	1959	A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.	Magnus S. Hughson	Athol R. Penn
Invercargill	1960	Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.	Hubert de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.	Athol R. Penn
Auckland	1961	E. Clarence Leadley	Eric A. Humphries	Athol R. Penn
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.	Russell T. Garlick, LL.B.	Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Auckland	1966	Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.	Huia W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip. Ed. (N.Z.)	William R. Laws, 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

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|---|---|
| 1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)  | 1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.)                           |
| 1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)  | " Brown, Hubert G. (Sup.)                             |
| " Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)  | " Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A. (Sup.)                     |
| 1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.<br>(Fellow of Trinity College)<br>(Sup.) | " Kings, Harry S. (Sup.)                              |
| 1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)   | 1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.                           |
| 1906—Ryan, Henry (Sup.)   | 1926—Harris, G. Raymond (Sup.)                        |
| 1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)  | " Voyce, A. Harry (Sup.)                              |
| 1908—Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)   | 1927—Larsen, Norman P. (Sup.)                         |
| 1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)  | " Laurenson, George I., C.B.E.                        |
| " Olds, Charles, H., B.A. (Sup.)  | " Penn, Athol R. (Sup.)                               |
| 1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)   | " Raynor, Ivo M. (Sup.)                               |
| " Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)   | " <del>Silvester, A. Wharton</del> E., M.M.<br>(Sup.) |
| " Rowe, William (Sup.)  | 1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.                           |
| " Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)  | " <del>Nailwood</del> , Charlie O.                    |
| 1912—Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)  | 1929—Dickens, Charles E. (Sup.)                       |
| " Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)  | " <del>Horwood</del> , Leonard C.                     |
| 1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)  | " Kent, Arthur T.                                     |
| 1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)   | " <del>Parker</del> , Walter (Sup.)                   |
| " Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.<br>(Toronto) (Sup.)                         | 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery                            |
| 1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)  | " <del>Draper</del> , Joseph C. (Sup.)                |
| " Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J.<br>(Sup.)                                   | " Leadley, E. Clarence                                |
| " Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)   | " McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D.<br>(Mt. Union, U.S.A.) |
| " Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)  | " Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A.<br>B.D.                  |
| 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.<br>(Melb.) (Sup.)                       | 1931— <del>Carr</del> , Thomas H. (Sup.)              |
| " Chambers, Ernest B. (Sup.)  | " Carr, W. E. Allon                                   |
| " Dennis, John (Sup.)   | " Greenslade, William W. H.                           |
| 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.<br>(Sup.)                              | " <del>Moore</del> , William E.                       |
| " Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)   | " <del>Rayne</del> , Herbert W. (Sup.)                |
| " Parker, James W. (Sup.)   | " Williams, David O., M.A.<br>Litt.D.                 |
| 1919—Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)  | 1932— <del>Day</del> , Reginald                       |
| 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)   | " <del>Hickman</del> , D. J. Donald (Sup.)            |
| " Hames, Eric W., M.A. (Fellow<br>of Trinity College) (Sup.)                | " Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D.                      |
|   | " Jenkin, William C.                                  |
|   | 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.                      |
|   | " <del>Daglish</del> , I. Ainsley                     |
|   | " Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.                              |
|   | " <del>Patchett</del> , Ralph E. (Sup.)               |
|   | 1934—Goodman, George H.                               |
|   | " Johnston, Andrew J.                                 |
|   | " Matthews, Howard C., B.A.                           |

# CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1935—Burton, Ormond E., M.A.  
 (Sup.)  
 " Duder, Clifford L.  
 " Manna, L. Gordon (Temp. Sup.)  
 76 " Luxton, Clarence T. J.  
 " Thornley, Robert, M.A.  
 Dip.Soc.Sc.  
 " Witheford, Arthur R., B.A.
- 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John  
 76 " Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.  
 (Lond.)  
 " Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.  
 B.D. (Melb.)  
 " Hoddinott, Ernest S.  
 " Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.  
 77 (Melb.)  
 " Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.  
 " Silvester, John, M.A.  
 " Whitfield, Harris, E.D.
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.  
 " Grice, Reginald  
 80 " Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agr.Sc.  
 " Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.  
 " Oldfield, Charles B.  
 " Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B., B.A.  
 " Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.  
 " Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.  
 " Greenslade, Lawrence  
 " Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.  
 " Brown, Harold K.  
 " Darvill, Harold A.  
 " Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.  
 " Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.  
 " Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.,  
 B.Com. (Sup.)  
 " Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.  
 (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.)  
 " Morrison, William J., M.A.  
 " Rogers, Ranginohora  
 " 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
- 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.  
 " 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.
- 1945—Green, Warren  
 " Shapcott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister  
 " Moore, Harry  
 " Olds, Norman W.  
 " Shepherd, Trevor  
 " Thompson, George R., E.D.
- 1947—Attwood, A. Francis (Sup.)  
 " Campbell, M. Jackson  
 " Clements, Leslie C.  
 " 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.,
- 1949—Baker, Edward  
 " Benny, T. Ralph (Sup.)  
 " 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.
- 1950—Clark, Colin D., M.A.  
 " Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.  
 " Ramsay, Phillip D.  
 " Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,  
 B.D. (Melb.)  
 " Woodfield, Frank H.  
 " Woodfield, Owen T., B.A.
- 1951—Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D.  
 " Burrough, Amos W.  
 " Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed.  
 " Clucas, Ivan J.  
 " Gilbert, Geoffrey T.  
 " Ruck, Idris J. (Sup.)  
 " Stead, Peter A., B.A.  
 " Toothill, Harry W.  
 " Olds, O. McLennan
- 1952—Edmonds, David W.  
 " George, R. Leslie  
 " Gibson, Loyal J.  
 " Hall, John R.  
 " Handyside, Allan J.  
 " Penman, John A., B.A.



# CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1952—Reid, Ian W.  
" Shaw, Harry I.  
" Spindler, Sydney J.  
" Thompson, John H.  
" Trebilco, George R.
- 1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.  
" LeCouteur, E. Raymond  
" Craig, Hughan M.  
" McKay, Archibald W.  
" Newman, Alan  
" Osborne, John H., 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, Wilfred 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.  
" Kitchingham, Owen, B.A.  
" 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.  
(Sup.)  
" Russell, Kenneth H.  
" Scarr, Geoffrey E.  
" Taylor, Phillip F.  
" Walker, Bryan, A., M.A.
- 1958—Climo, Frederick J.
- " Gilbert, Wilfred S.  
" Glen, Frank G.  
" Hamlin, John R.  
" 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.  
" 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.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1963—Toomer, Kenneth L.               | <i>Solomon Islands District Ministers—</i> |
| „ Tucker, W. Geoffrey                 | (including Tongan and Fijian missionaries) |
| 1964—Bruce, Maxwell L., <b>B.Com.</b> |  |
| „ Felderhof, Ludwig                   | 1944—Piani, Timothy                        |
| „ Gerritsen, Hendrick                 | „ Palavi, Daniel                           |
| „ Major, Ronald G.                    | „ Taufa, John                              |
| „ Neal, Barry W.                      |  |
| „ Olsen, Brian L.                     | 1950—Vula, Aisake                          |
| „ Roberts, John H.                    |  |
| „ Shave, Charles D.                   | 1953—Teem, Tekieru                         |
| „ Slinn, Stuart G.                    |  |
| „ Smith, Neil E.                      | 1955—Bitibule, John Veo, M.B.E.            |
| 1965—Browne, Wallis F., B.A.          | (Sup.)                                     |
| „ Chessum, William A., Mus.B.         | „ Buadromo, Iliesa                         |
| „ Clarke, Ian L.                      |  |
| „ Clarke, Edwin B.                    | 1957—Pataaku, Samson                       |
| „ Collingwood, Ronald C.              |  |
| „ Hayhurst, John G.                   | 1958—Beraki, Serupepeli                    |
| „ Herbert, C. Brice                   |  |
| „ Mackie, Bruce E.                    | 1961—Bongbong, J. Francis                  |
| „ Waaka, Napi                         |  |
| „ West, Norman J.                     | 1962—Boseto, Leslie                        |
|                                       | „ Mosusu, Moses                            |
|                                       | „ Rotoava, Job                             |
| 1966—Alexander, Roy M.                |  |
| „ Allan, Robert A.                    | 1964—Alu, Solomon                          |
| „ Bowden, A. Roy                      | „ Maelagi, George                          |
| „ Ferguson, Ronald W.                 | „ Tarakabu, Tim                            |
| „ Harris, Daniel P.                   | „ Tarakabu, Takarepu                       |
| „ Hendry, Richard J.                  |  |
| „ Manihera, John I.                   | 1965—Beaso, Matthew                        |
| „ Pain, Alastair D.                   | „ Tarurava, Misake                         |
| „ Pihaina, Te Taotahi John            |  |
| „ Prince, Donald F.                   | 1966—Kaskas, Jeconiah                      |
| „ Taylor, Keith J.                    | „ Lokakale, Egan                           |
| „ Te Whare, Robert                    | „ Pitu, Luke                               |
| „ (West, Stanley J.                   |  |
| 1967—Jamieson, Colin G.               | 1967—Bula, Daniel                          |
| „ Michie, Laurie A.                   | „ Pratt, John                              |
| „ Pratt, David C.                     | „ Sipunda, Nathan                          |
| „ Slaney, Enid J., M.A.               | „ Tuza, Esau                               |



## MINISTERS & PROBATIONERS

*in connexion 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.

2. H.M.—Home Missions.  
M.M.—Maori Missions.  
C.E.D.—Christian Education  
Department.

O.M.—Overseas Missions.  
C.S.—Connexional Secretary.  
Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	5	Abbott, William K., Mersey St., P.O. Box 17, Rongotea (Ph. 143)	81
1966	2	Alexander, Roy M., 33 Clothier St., Putaruru (Ph. 137)	45
1966	2	Allan, Robert A., Te Kopuru, Dargaville (Ph. 167)	8
1944	6	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 112 13th Ave., Tauranga (Ph. 85-712)	48
1963	3	Ansell, David H., 19 King St., Whakatane (Ph. 406)	50
1956	5	Andrews, Robert S., 33 Johnson St., Milton (Ph. 397)	137
1963	4	Armstrong, David, 1 Waterview Rd., Mangere, Auckland (Ph. 667,688)	23
1947	S	Attwood, A. Francis, High St., Katikati (1960) (Ph. 363)	36
1924	S	Bailey, John H., 317 Cambridge Rd., Hillcrest, Hamilton (Ph. 66-900) (1956)	41
1963	2	Ball, Niven G., Riemenschneider St., Manaia (Ph. 101)	62
1949	1	Baker, Edward, 3 Buckland Rd., Tuakau (Ph. 274)	28
1953	2	Baker, Frederick J. K., 78 Church St., Mosgiel, Dunedin (Ph. 8293M Mosgiel)	135
1959	1	Barker, Peter S., 32 Hammersley Ave., Christchurch 1. (Ph. 82-147)	112
1941	1	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Rd., Wanganui	63
1957	4	Bell, G. Basil W., Waitoa, Waikato (Ph. 618)	38
1944	5	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., 82 Murray Place, St. Albans, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 57-170 home, 56-795 Church)	117
1956	2	Bennett, G. L., Kapiti Rd., Paraparaumu (Ph. 613)	100
1955	4	Bennett, Trevor L., 11 Redwood St., Upper Hutt (Ph. 87-222)	92
1949	S	Benny, T. Ralph, 26 Meadow St., Papanui, Christchurch (Ph. 529-642) (1967)	118
1913	S	Bensley, Arthur A., 55 13th Ave., Tauranga (Ph. 87-557) (1950)	48

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1951	4	Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 19 Wilson Ave., St. Clair, Dunedin (Ph. 49-516)	135
1954	2	Billinghurst, Noel D., 46 Matthias St., Darfield, Canterbury (Ph. 253)	123
1907	S	Blair, Charles, 7 Hackthorne Rd., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 327-929) (1947)	110
1923	S	Blakemore, Albert, Leigh Haven, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1946)	18
1900	S	Blamires, E. Percy, Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.E.3 (1944)	18
1930	8	Blight, J. Montgomery, Ashhurst (Ph. 870)	78
1917	S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 76 Halton St., Papanui, Christchurch, 5 (Ph. 558-147) (1958)	110
1966	2	Bowden, A. Roy, 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 74-574)	111
1959	4	Bowen, Lewis A., Queen St., Waiuku (Ph. 159)	29
1955	5	Boyd, Edward P., 23 Cuba St., Marton (Ph. 3172)	80
1960	4	Brazendale, Graham, Cavendish St., Ashburton (Ph. 7727)	129
1957	5	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., 7 Cleveland St., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (Ph. 87-689)	85
1943	7	Brown, Clifford G., 151 Kennedy Rd. Napier (Ph. 38-665)	69
1916	S	Brown, George E., Cates Rd., R.D. Rototuna, Hamilton (Ph. 899 HSD) (1956)	40
1941	4	Brown, Harold K., 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 897-843)	112
1924	S	Brown, Hubert G., 27 Cobham St., Spreydon, Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 384-215) (1964)	115
1965	1	Browne, Wallis F., B.A., 2 Otara Rd., Otara, Auckland (Ph. 48-254 (Papatoetoe)	25
1964	1	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., 28 Oxford St., Richmond, Nelson (Ph. 8394)	102
1910	S	Burley, William A., M.A., 54 Albert St., Hamilton (Ph. 69-691) (1951)	40
1951	1	Burrough, Amos W., Okato, Taranaki (Ph. 28)	63
1949	6	Burt, Douglas H., 28 Marion Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland (Ph. 897-111)	14
1935	S	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Lupin Rd., Otaki (Ph. 8447) (1960)	99
1944	5	Bycroft, Leslie F., 100 West St., Feilding (Phone 72)	79
1955	7	Cable, Wilfred J., 18 West Rd., Northland, Wellington (Ph. 26-727)	86
1947	2	Campbell, M. Jackson, 474 Pakuranga Rd., Pakuranga, Auckland (Ph. 578-489)	16
1931	S	Carr, Thomas H., Clarks Beach Rd., R.D. Patumahoe, South Auckland (Ph. 155Z) (1966)	27
1931	3	Carr, W. E. Allon, 320 Hardy St., Nelson (Ph. 4672)	101
1951	2	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5023 Auckland (Ph. 34-525 (office)	O.M.
1917	S	Chambers, Ernest B., Russels Farm, Paradise Valley Rd., R.D. 2, Rotorua (Ph. 3226X) (1956)	47
1944	4	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch (Ph. 77-363)	112
1965	3	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., Liemen St., Otautau, Southland (Phone 8476)	142
1960	5	Christian, Owen L., Park Ave., Oxford (Ph. 1005)	124
1933	4	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1, (P.O. Box 5023) (Ph. 34-525 office)	H.M.
1937	4	Churchill, John, Neville St., Warkworth, Northland (Ph. 446)	32



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1950	3	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington (Ph. 88-360)	87
1965	3	Clarke, Edwin B., 15 Nelson St., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 41-552)	116
1965	1	Clarke, Ian L., 274 High St., Carterton (Ph. 8325)	95
1942	11	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., 130 Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3 (Ph. 42-869 office, 42-323 home)	12
1947	12	Clements, Leslie C., 5 Rodrigo Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington (Ph. 72-581)	85
1958	2	Climo, Frederick J., Tauranga Rd., Waihi (Ph. 8296)	36
1951	8	Clucas, Ivan J., 67 Shearman St., Waimate (Ph. 8701)	127
1939	3	Cochrane, Herbert A., 24 Eden St., Oamaru (Ph. 48-606)	131
1965	1	Collingwood, Ronald C., Murchison (Ph. 57A)	104
1915	S	Cooke, Percy I., 70 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale, Auckland, S.W.3 (1952)	18
1960	4	Conway, James H., 35 Mitchell St., Greerton, Tauranga (Ph. 87-414)	48
1905	S	Copeland, Fred., Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland (Ph. 868-744) (1947)	19
1949	1	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., P.O. Box 374, Kaikohe (Ph. 460)	2
1918	S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc., 8 Sadlier St., Stoke (Ph. 89-683 Nelson) (1955)	101
1953	4	Craig, Hugh M., Methodist Parsonage, Otorohanga (Ph. 86)	53
1943	3	Cramond, George W., Selwyn St., Leeston (Phone 6)	120
1957	6	Cropp, James F., Methodist Church, Munda, British Solomon Islands Protectorate	[6]
1962	3	Currie, John B., 12 Gilberthorpes Rd., Islington, Christchurch (Ph. 4196 Isl.)	119
1933	5	Daglish, J. Ainsley, 11 Hobart St., Miramar, Wellington, E.4 (Ph. 16-609)	88
1941	1	Darvill, Harold A., 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1	[2]
1940	1	Dawson, John B., B.A., 356 Wairakei Rd., Christchurch, 5 (Ph. 518-768)	117
1943	6	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 54 Chester St. W., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 42-065 office, 79-864 home)	110
1932	1	Day, Reginald, 209 Hill St., Thames	33
1917	S	Dennis, John, 8 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (Ph. 1346M Browns Bay) (1954)	21
1929	S	Dickens, Charles E., 41 Idris Rd., Christchurch, 5 (Ph. 516-029) (1967)	117
1959	3	Dine, Mervyn L., C/o. Linton Military Camp, Palmerston North (Ph. 819 Linton — 817 after hours)	76
1940	11	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2500, Wellington (Ph. 55-870 office)	91
1944	4	Dorrian, A. Peter, 18 Tennyson St., Opunake (Ph. 8287)	63
1930	S	Draper, Joseph C., Flat 10, 27 Greenslade Cresc., Northcote, Auckland, N.4 (1960)	22
1935	5	Duder, Clifford I., 5 Princess St., Pahiataua (Ph. 8513)	75
1954	5	Eastwood, Eric R., 22 Hakanoa St., Huntly (Ph. 423)	43
1952	1	Edmonds, David W., C/o. 26 Birdwood Ave., Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 39-581)	113
1948	6	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 43 Miro St., Wellington, E.2 (Ph. 18-553)	85
1911	S	Enticott, Walter J., Kumeu, Auckland (Ph. 120) (1948)	19
1943	17	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 82-519, home)	111
1964	4	Felderhof, Ludwig, 17 Lyford Cresc., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (Ph. 299-397)	21

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1924	S	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 69 Westholme St., Christchurch (Ph. 528-366) (1964)	110
1963	4	Fields, Ronald E., 131 Livingstone St., Hokitika (Ph. 312)	109
1948	11	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 16 Duncan St., Tawa, Wellington (Ph. 3095) (office 57-323)	C.E.D.
1916	S	Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (Ph. 5191) (1957)	57
1957	2	Fowler, Irwin J., 4 Heath St., Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga (Ph. 732 Mt. Maunganui)	48
1937	5	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 149 Kamo Rd., Whangarei (Ph. 88-086)	7
1949	S	Garner, William M., Korari Cresc., Mangakino (1958)	46
1963	3	Garside, Paul A., P.O. Box A36, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate	[7]
1952	3	George, R. Leslie, Apiti (Ph. 70)	82
1964	4	Gerritsen Hendrik, 56 Foyle St., Bluff (Ph. 8366)	143
1952	1	Gibson, Loyal J., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North (Ph. 87-436)	77
1959	6	Gibson, Roger M., 14 Tarawera Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington (Ph. 33-142)	89
1951	7	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 4 Oroua St., Te Puke (Ph. 937)	49
1958	7	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 230 High St., Dannevirke (Ph. 2451)	73
1940	6	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, S.E.7 (Ph. 64-850)	24
1934	1	Goodman, George H., Cambridge Rd., Hillcrest, Hamilton (Ph. 64-244)	41
1950	8	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin (Ph. 70-303 office, 44-165 home)	132
1959	4	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., Waipawa, Hawkes Bay (Ph. 226)	83
1956	3	Grant, Ian D., 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe (Ph. 668)	27
1945	5	Green, Warren, Dunback Rd., P.O. Box 54, Palmerston North (Ph. 216)	132
1959	4	Greening, G. Kingsley, 23 Aynsley Tce., Opawa, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 39-456)	113
1940	3	Greenslade, Lawrence, 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (Ph. 52-507)	17
1931	3	Greenslade, William W. H., 42 Malfroy St., Rotorua (Ph. 2203)	47
1939	2	Grice, Reginald, 811 Pakowhai Rd., Hastings (Ph. 86-219)	70
1959	5	Griffith, Keith C., 9 Paynter's Ave., New Plymouth (Ph. 83-434)	57
1928	12	Grocott, John D., B.A., 20 Yaldhurst Rd., Christchurch, 4 (Ph. 45-519)	116
1943	3	Grounds, Edmund D., 42 Melanesia Rd., Kohimarama, Auckland (Ph. 585-102)	17
1960	4	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui (Ph. 38-151)	65
1954	5	Grundy, John, M.A., 142 North St., Timaru (Ph. 88-401)	126
1957	4	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 31 Beatty St., Melville, Hamilton (Ph. 35-117)	40
1960	4	Gust, Warwick, B.A., 21 Horoeke St., Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt (Ph. 66-700/8823 Stokes Valley)	91
1928	1	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway St., Hamilton	40
1947	5	Hall, Allen H., M.A., 16 St. Lucia Rd., Brisbane, Queensland	12
1952	6	Hall, John R., 82 Pah St., Motueka (Ph. 450)	103
1923	S	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, 25	



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		Lucerne Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (Ph. 545-303) (1963)	17
1958	7	Hamlin, R. John, R.N.Z.A.F. Base, Private Bag, Auckland (Ph. 287-049)	19
1952	7	Handyside, Allan J., 149 Hillhead Rd., Corstorphine, Dunedin (Ph. 47-798)	135a
1935	S	Hanna, L. Gordon, 20 Nogat Ave., Papatoetoe, Auckland (Ph. 84-345) (1960)	25
1960	3	Hanson, E. Francis, B.A., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson (Ph. 88-322)	101
1938	1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 463 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne (Ph. 6260)	71
1966	2	Harris, D. P., 25 Haerehuka St., Otorohanga (P.O. Box 9) (Ph. 720)	[4]
1926	S	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri St., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland, W.3 (Ph. 868-235) (1966)	12
1900	S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (Ph. 7744) (1940)	127
1962	2	Hawkey, Graham E., 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington (Ph. 192)	90
1965	3	Hayhurst John G., 24 Norwood St., Newfield, Invercargill (Ph. 68-183)	14i
1939	10	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., The Manse, Cockfield, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, England	85
1960	S	Henderson, W. John, 43 Abbotsford Rd., Waipawa (Ph. 606) (1963)	83
1966	2	Hendry, Richard J., 24 Mouatt St., Waitara (Ph. 7616)	58
1954	4	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 100 Waiwhetu Rd., Lower Hutt (Ph. 60-023 Wellington)	91
1965	2	Herbert, C. Brice, 10 Freyberg St., Wairoa, Hawkes Bay (Ph. A586)	72
1932	S	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 37 Albert St., Ashburton (Ph. 4735) (1961)	129
1948	4	Hilder, Basil J., 135 Queen St., Northcote, Auckland, N.4 (Ph. 19-332 Auckland)	22
1962	2	Hight, Arnold C., 63 Tukapa St., Westown, New Plymouth (Ph. 6887)	57
1962	3	Hines, David L., B.A., 22 Clarke St., Kamo, Northland (Ph. 70-965 Whangarei)	7
1938	8	Hoddinott, Ernest S., C/o. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie P.O. Wellington (Ph. 16-618)	88
1911	S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (Ph. 87-249) (1935)	70
1936	4	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Main Rd., Woodend, Canterbury (Ph. 647R)	122
1962	2	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2 (Ph. 899-391)	14
1960	4	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 15 Naish St., Balclutha (Ph. 585)	138
1960	2	Horrell, C. Seton, Methodist Church, Kekesa Inus, P.B. P.O. Rabaul, Territory of Papua and New Guinea	[16]
1929	7	Horwood, Leonard C., 994 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (Ph. 84-264)	18
1939	1	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., 801E Queen St., Hastings (Ph. 85-255)	70
1942	S	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 29 Seddon St., Te Puke (1966)	49
1961	4	James, Russell E., 81 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows, H.B. (Ph. 8205)	69
1967	1	Jamieson, Colin G., Kohukohu, Northland (Ph. 41)	4

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1932	8	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 30 Church St., Te Aroha (Ph. 139)	37
1919	S	Jefferson, Alfred E., Flat 2, 8 Shadwell Place, St. Heliers, Auckland, E.1. (Ph. 582-489), (1954)	17
1932	4	Jenkin, William C., 77 Grey St., Woodville (Ph. 113)	74
1934	8	Johnston, Andrew J., 31 Whitby St., Mornington, Dunedin (Ph. 36-238)	134
1943	8	Jolly, Albert, 83 Kolmar Rd., Papatoetoe (Ph. 872)	25
1940	1	Jones, Alan O., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui (Ph. 8799)	64
1962	6	Jones, Barry E., 52 Queens Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin (Ph. 84-593)	136
1899	S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green St., Lower Hutt (Ph. 695-542) Wellington (1940)	91
1949	14	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission, Mendi, Territory, Papua and New Guinea	[18]
1916	S	Kendon, Charles H., 170 Lemon St., New Plymouth (Ph. 88-979) (1954)	57
1929	3	Kent, Arthur T., 17 Mahoe St., Inglewood (Ph. 162)	68
1924	S	Kings, Harry, 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956)	98
1959	2	Kitchingman, David L., B.A., Methodist Church, Nipa via Mendi Territory of Papua and New Guinea	[21]
1957	7	Kitchingman, Henry W., 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland (Ph. 888-499)	18
1956	2	Kitchingman, Owen, B.A., Hydro Village, Manapouri (Ph. 830)	140
1961	4	Langley, John E., 84 Hackthorne Rd., Cashmere, Christchurch 2 (Ph. 37-028)	110
1927	S	Larsen, Norman P., 37 Princes St., Levin (Ph. 6364) (1966)	98
1927	1	Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 2 Westend Rd., Herne Bay, Auckland W.1. (Ph. 13-698)	15
1963	5	Laws, Derek G., 4 Claude St., Hamilton East (Ph. 57-229)	40
1938	4	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 17 Merivale Lane, Christchurch (Ph. 558-257 Home, 66-049 Office)	CS
1930	2	Leadley, E. Clarence, Methodist Church, Munda, British Solomon Islands Protectorate	[6]
1953	1	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 119 Burnet St., Ashburton (Ph. 6297)	129
1958	2	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., 302 West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland (Ph. 6285)	19
1942	15	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3 (Ph. 49-338)	Th.C.
1939	5	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., Hohaia Street, Matamata (Ph. 26)	44
1937	8	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Myers Rd., Manurewa, Auckland (Ph. 67-523 Manurewa)	26
1957	2	Mabon, John C. F., P.O. Box 453, Invercargill (Ph. 79-615)	140
1965	1	Mackie, Bruce E., P.O. Box 41, Kaeo, Northland (Ph. 4 Kaeo)	3
1964	4	Major, Ronald G., 55 Warspite Ave., Porirua East, Wellington (Ph. 7897 Porirua)	90
1966	2	Manihera, John I., Hikurangi, Northland (Ph. 56 Hikurangi)	6
1961	1	Marshall, C. Russell, 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton (Ph. 5476)	71



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1948	1	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., Melandra Rd., R.D. 1, Silverdale (Ph. 77R)	31
1934	8	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 Chapel St., Papanui, Christchurch, 5 (Ph. 529-782)	118
1946	2	McDonald, D. I. Alister, 176 West Tamaki Rd., Glen Innes, Auckland (Ph. 583-503)	17
1930	3	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 62 Wiggins St., Sumner, Christchurch 8 (Ph. 6975 Sumner)	113
1953	1	McKay, Archibald W., 108 Talbot St., Geraldine (Ph. 322)	128
1960	1	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., Wesley College, P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe	27
1967	1	Michie, Laurie A., Ohura (Ph. 2)	56
		Moody, Edward H., P.O. Box 930, Wellington (Ph. 80-029 Office; 52-673 Home)	85
1946	2	Moore, Harry, 5 Paice Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland (Ph. 62-377)	14
1931	4	Moore William E., Cnr. Garfield and Ruatawhiri Rds., Helensville, Auckland (Ph. 3290 Helensville)	30
1959	1	Morrison, William, 49 Murphy's Rd., Blenheim (Ph. 3741)	105
1942	4	Morrison, William J., M.A., 37 Banks St., Te Awamutu (Ph. 5376)	52
1960	4	Mullan, David S., B.A., 36 Kings Rd., Panmure, Auckland E.2 (Ph. 576-084)	16
1964	1	Neal, Barry W., 1 Galileo St., Ngaruwahia (Ph. 8970)	42
1918	-	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathesons Rd., Christchurch 1. (Ph. 38-036) (1953)	112
1953	3	Newman, Alan, 104 Manawapou Rd., Hawera (Ph. 6270)	61
1954	1	Newton, Alan H. V., 30 Matai St., Hamilton (Ph. 76-559)	40
1956	3	Nicholls, Trevor L., 106 Rata St., Lower Hutt (Ph. 67-574 Wellington)	91
1959	6	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 71 Copeland St., Lower Hutt (Ph. 694-773 Wellington)	91
1937	1	Norwell, Leslie T., King Edward St., Eltham (Ph. 2190)	60
1939	7	Oldfield, Charles B., 125 High St., Blenheim (Ph. 3806)	105
1910	S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 3 Masters Ave., Hillcrest, Hamilton, (Ph. 67-669) (1951)	41
1949	3	Olds, J. Stanley, 19 Hillside Cres., Mt. Eden, Auckland (Ph. 62-286)	13
1946	4	Olds, Norman W., 98 North Street, Timaru (Ph. 5625)	125
1951	1	Olds, O. McLennan, C/- 4 Sydney Rd., Lindfield, Sydney, Australia	
1964	1	Olsen, Brian L., 30 Kelso St., Tokoroa (Ph. 8016)	46
1933	35	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., Box 5104, Wellesley St., Auckland C.1 (Ph. 83-387)	13
1953	1	Osborne, John H., M.A., 12 Peronui St., Auckland, S.1 (Ph. 60-334)	16
1966	2	Pain, Alastair D., Rodney St., Wellsford (Ph. 8589)	11
1947	4	Parker, Francis H., 406 Thames St., Morrinsville (Ph. 7623 Pars.; 6430 Ch.)	38
1918	S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Rd., Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3 (Ph. 585-080) (1950)	17
1929	S	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (Ph. 61-469) (1965)	14
1930	3	Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 34 Edmonton Rd., Henderson (Ph. 1415)	19
1933	S	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles St., Christchurch, 1	

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		(Ph. 55-356) (1965)	110
1931	S	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Rd., Torbay, Auckland (1967)	21
1955	3	Peart, Cuthbert F., C. F., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia (Ph. 182)	1
1952	1	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4 (Ph. 57-323 Office; 50-086 Home)	85
1927	S	Penn, Athol R., 141 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2 (Ph. 82-525) (1966)	18
1938	6	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 24 Liverpool St., Hamilton (Ph. 41-047)	40
1960	2	Peterson, Frederick D., Kiwi Rd., Beach Haven, Auckland, N.5 (Ph. 289-705)	22
1925	8	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 235 Karori Rd., Karori, Wellington (Ph. 76-704)	86
1966	2	Pihama, Te Taotahi John, 15 Ward St., Te Kuiti (P.O. Box 102 (Ph. 156)	[4]
1962	3	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., Mace St., Reefton (Ph. 129M)	106
1967	1	Pratt, David C., Russell	2
1966	2	Prince, Donald F., Esplanade, Te Kuiti, P.O. Box 102 (Ph. 198)	54
1954	6	Rakena, Ruawai D., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.W.2 (Ph. 34-525 Office)	[2]
1949	2	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 19 Schofield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland (Ph. 13-202)	12
1959	4	Ramsay, Phillip D., C.F., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch 1 (Ph. 77-766)	117
1901	S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland S.E.3 (Ph. 868-744 (1941)	12
1927	S	Raynor, Ivo M., 8 Konini St., Levin (1966)	98
1957	S	Reddihough, John W., 19 Prestwick St., Maori Hill, Dunedin (Ph. 65-318) (1967)	136
1960	5	Reid, Andrew G., P.O. Box 196, Dargaville (Ph. 724)	8
1952	3	Reid, Ian W., c/o Witako Prison, Private Bag 300, Trentham Camp	92
1955	3	Rigg, Frank S., Main Rd., Greytown (Ph. 374)	94
1947	3	Riseley, Benjamin H., 25 Almorah Rd., Epsom, Auckland	16
1964	4	Roberts, John H., 3 Delta St., Dunedin, N.W.1 (Ph. 70-303 Office; 86-626 Home)	132
1962	3	Robertson, Ian H., Methodist Parsonage, 95 Rifle Range Rd., Taupo (Ph. 1240D)	47
1942	1	Rogers, Ranginohora, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton (Ph. 59-684 Hamilton)	[3]
1960	1	Roke, Charles E., 38 Three Mile Bush Rd., Kamo, Northland	[1]
1963	2	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., 179 Regan St., Stratford	59
1911	S	Rowe, William, 60 The Esplanade, Paremata, Wellington (1949)	90
1951	5	Ruck, Idris J., Mangorei No. 1 R.D., New Plymouth (1967)	57
1954	6	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 31 Carleton Rd., Tawa, Wellington (Ph. 2844) Tawa	90
1957	2	Russell, Kenneth H., 112 Cambridge St., Levin (Ph. 5927)	98
1962	3	Rutherford, Maynard G., 18 Robinson St., Foxton (Ph. 7127)	84
1906	S	Ryan, Henry, 2 Gloucester St., Wilton, Wellington (Ph. 44-941) (1943)	86



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1916	S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (Ph. 85-942) (1955)	18
1959	1	Salter, Lawrence E., 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata, Wellington (Ph. 6311 Wainuiomata)	93a
1956	9	Scammell, Bruce, 36 Taitua St., Taumarunui (Ph. 8193)	55
1957	4	Scarr, Geoffrey E., Willowby, R.D. 3, Ashburton (Ph. 8369 Ashburton)	130
1950	3	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth (3592 Office; 33120 Home)	57
1912	S	Scrivin, Arthur H., "Roviana", 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (Ph. 602-538) (1952)	16
1945	6	Shapcott, Leonard, 43 Queen St., Cambridge (Ph. 5477)	39
1964	1	Shave, Charles D., Box 12, Ruawai, Northland (Ph. 74 Ruawai)	9
1952	6	Shaw, Harry I., N.Z. Reg., 25 Weir Tce., Waiouru Camp, (Ph. 899, extn. 431 Office; 867 Home, Waiouru)	76
1946	1	Shepherd, Trevor, 20a Wellington St., Hamilton (Ph. 65-783)	41
1944	6	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland N.5 (Ph. 19-718)	22
1961	4	Sides, Brian W., Methodist Mission, Sohano Territory Papua and New Guinea	[17]
1927	S	Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.), 46 Park Rd., Campbells Bay, Auckland (1966)	21
1938	4	Silvester, John M.A., Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland (Ph. 42-501)	Th.C.
1915	S	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 198 Clyde Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, 5 (Ph. 519-658) (1958)	110
1964	1	Slinn, Stuart G., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill (Ph. 77-497)	140
1967	1	Slaney, Enid, J. M.A., C/- 524 Church St., Palmerston North	76
1964	2	Smith, Neil E., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch 2 (Ph. 895-058)	113
1952	3	Spindler, Sydney J., 12 Marsden Rd., Greymouth (Ph. 6059)	108
1951	9	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church St., Palmerston North (Ph. 78-749)	76
1953	3	Stubbs, David G., 216 Earn St., Invercargill (Ph. 89-290)	141
1955	1	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 5 Mission St., New Plymouth	[5]
1954	1	Tahere, Te Awa W., 15 Ward St., Te Kuiti (Ph. 156)	[4]
1961	1	Taylor, A. Kerry, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Buin, Territory of New Guinea	[14]
1966	2	Taylor, Keith J., 6 Weka St., Taihape (Ph. 958)	67
1966	2	Te Whare, Robert, 39 Hikurangi St., Trentham (Ph. 88-744 Upper Hutt)	92
1957	1	Taylor, Phillip F., 7 Grey St., Onehunga, Auckland (Ph. 664-599)	23
1911	S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., 6 Rimu Place, Dargaville (1954)	H.M.
1914	3	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington E.2 (Ph. 82-552)	88
1946	5	Thompson, George R., E.D., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington, N.4 (Ph. 37-110)	89
1951	4	Thompson, J. Herbert, 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi (Ph. 7082)	121
1955	1	Thornicroft, Neville, Springston No. 4 R.D., Christchurch (Ph. 2495 Lincoln)	119

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1935	1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna Auckland, N.2 (Ph. 294-584)	21
1908	S	Tinsley, Robert B., Kereone Rd., Morrinsville (1949)	38
1963	1	Toomer, Kenneth L., 35a Halswell Rd., Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 388-136)	115
1951	7	Toothill, Harry W., 50 Clevedon Rd., Papakura, Auckland (Ph. 72)	26
1954	4	Trebilco, David L., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (Ph. 70-042)	20
1952	3	Trebilco, George R., 120 Colombo St., Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 327-017)	114
1963	2	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, 58a Scotland St., Roxburgh (Ph. 257)	144
1926	S	Voyce, A. Harry, 17 Prospect Tce., Milford, Auckland, N.2 (Ph. 298-342) (1959)	21
1965	1	Waaka, Napi, 107 Waihi Rd., Hawera	[5]
1962	2	Waine, Frederick E., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wang- anui (Ph. 8802)	65
1962	3	Wakeling, W. J. Douglas, 40a Henley St., Westport (Ph. 9822)	107
1956	4	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., 19 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (Ph. 1343 Browns Bay)	21
1912	S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (Ph. 549-285) (1945)	17
1961	2	Wallace, William, B.A., 24 Passmore Cresc., Maori Hill, Dunedin (Ph. 86-189)	134
1945	1	Watson, Alexander C., 12 Nahum St., Paeroa (Ph. 8404)	35
1939	4	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 22 Union St. New Brighton Christchurch, 7 (Ph. 889-220)	112
1965	3	West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd., Gisborne (Ph. 4044)	71
1966	2	West, Stanley J., 6 Hastings St., Ohai, Southland (Ph. 777)	142
1938	1	Whitfield, Harris, E.D., 211 Sealey St., Thames (Ph. 76)	33
1959	2	Widdup, Robert W., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christ- church, 2 (Ph. 30-064)	115
1967	1	Williams, Alfred E., 17 Iti St., Otaki (Ph. 7105)	99
1931	21	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Richmond House", Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3 (Ph. 48-584)	Th.C.
1943	1	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland (Ph. 61-249)	12
1942	4	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt (Ph. 60-226 Wellington)	91
1935	1	Witheyford, Arthur R., B.A., 162 King St., Rangiora (Ph. 159)	122
1955	1	Wood, Ronald H., 890 George St., Dunedin (Ph. 77-108)	133
1950	1	Woodfield, Frank H., 37 Nelson St., Petone (Ph. 63-263 Wellington)	93
1950	3	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 15 Verran Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch, 5 (Ph. 519-634)	117
1962	3	Woodley, Alan K., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga (Ph. 34 Rawene)	5
1953	S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	57
1941	6	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 5 William St., Gore (Ph. 7439)	139
1956	6	Ziesler, John, M.A., B.D., 134 Grafton Rd., Trinity Col- lege, Auckland, C.3 (Ph. 31-982)	Th.C.



## MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES

Ralph, W. W., 304 Stanmore Rd., Christchurch (Ph. 897-243)	112
Vickery, John H., 19 Graham Ave., Te Atatu, Auckland (Ph. 6757)	19

## SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT MINISTERS

(add Methodist Church in each case)

1964	4	Alu Solomon, Munda, British Solomon Islands.
1965	3	Beaso, Matthew, Mt. Hagan, Tari, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
1955	5	Bitibule, John V., M.B.E., P.O. Munda, British Solomon Islands (1965).
1958	4	Beraki, Serupepeli, Panggoe, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1961	2	Bongbong, Francis, Siangara via Tonu, Buin, Territory of New Guinea.
1962	3	Boseto, Leslie, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1955	8	Buadromo, Ilesia, Simbo, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1966	2	Lokakale, Egan, Runonga, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1964	4	Maelagi, George, Gove, via Sohano, Territory of New Guinea.
1962	6	Mosusu, Moses, Petats, via Sohano, Territory of New Guinea.
1944	2	Palavi, Daniel, Bilua via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1951	7	Pataaku, Samson, P.O. Box A36, Honiara, B.S.I.P.
1966	2	Kaskas, Jeconiah, Tonu, Buin, Territory of New Guinea.
1944	2	Piani, Timothy, Marovo via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1966	2	Pitu, Luke, Sasamunga, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1962	6	Rotoava, Job, Sasamunga, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1965	3	Tarakabu, Te Takarebu, Wagina, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1965	3	Tarakabu, Te Tim, Titiana, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1965	3	Tarurava, Misake, Tearaka, via Wakunae, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
1944	18	Taufa, John, Roreinang, via Kieta, Territory of New Guinea.
1953	3	Teem, Te Tekiera, Wagina, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1950	7	Vula, Aisake, Sege, Marovo, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1967	1	Tuza, Esau, Sohano, Buka, Territory of New Guinea.
1967	1	Pratt, John, Runonga, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1967	1	Sipunda, Nathan, Paramata, Vella Lavella, via Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1967	1	Bula Daniel, Kekesu, via Sahana, Territory of New Guinea.

## HOME MISSIONARIES

Entd.	Years
1922—C. Robinson (Retired), 108 McGrath Street, Napier (Ph. 4944)	15
1924—R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah St., Motueka	15
1924—W. H. Wilson (Retired), 31 Rangitoto Tce., Takapuna, Auckland (Ph. 294-336)	28
1928—R. Coombridge (Retired), No. 3 R.D. Otorohanga	16
1939—H. R. Wright (Retired), 7 Tor St., Westown, New Plymouth (Ph. 6239)	7
1940—W. J. Bryant (Retired), 210 James St., Whakatane (Ph. 1106K)	11
1941—T. Steele (Retired), Dick St., Reefton (Ph. 332)	9
1948—H. Prowse (Retired), 2 Kowhai Flats, Cuba St., Marton (Ph. 2629)	8
1952—F. L. Johnson (Senior Home Missionary), Paparoa (Ph. 71)	3

1956—F. E. Trim (Retired), Durham St., Rangiora (Ph. 852) .....	6
1961—A. E. Tardif (Retired), 123 McLean St., Woodville .....	1
1937—D. I. Robertson (Retired), 50 Puriri Ave., Beach Haven, Auckland, N.5 (Ph. 285-059) .....	8
1967—C. G. Hay, 112 High St., Masterton (Ph. 4354) .....	1
1967—W. H. Blundell, 70 Ford St., Opotiki (Ph. 658) .....	1
1965—R. N. Simpson, Methodist Parsonage, Eketahuna .....	2

### HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES

Moke, G. Couch (non-Resident Student), 51 Hall Rd., Manurewa.  
 Morehu, Te Whare (non-Resident Student), 519a Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Roskill, Auckland. (Ph. 556-816).  
 J. Cedric Hay (non-Resident Student), 148 Browns Rd., Manurewa.

### UNION CHURCHES MINISTERS

Raglan—Oliver, J. H., The Manse, Raglan (Ph. 155) .....	40a
Taita—Reid, A. R., B.A., 73 Molesworth St., Taita, Lower Hutt (Ph. 67-375) .....	91a
Wainuiomata—Fowler, Richard W., B.A., B.D., 115 Main Rd., Wainuiomata (Ph. 399) .....	93a
Wainuiomata—Salter, Laurence E., 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata (Ph. 311) .....	93a
Corstorphine—Handyside, Allan J., 149 Hillhead Rd., Corstorphine, Dunedin (Ph. 47-798) .....	135a
Mangapapa—West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd., Gisborne (Ph. 4044) .....	71a
Nelson South—Rev. Robert T. Murphy, 158 Toitoti St., Nelson (Ph. 4648).	
Newlands—C/o. Mr I. Stirratt, 30 Lyndfield Lane, Newlands, Wellington (Ph. 75-569).	
Hauraki Plains—Rev. L. Andrews, The Manse, Turua.	

### MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
(a) Full time:		
1960—Matu Makiha, Methodist Parsonage, Waima Hokianga .....		8
1962—Herehere Maihi Maaka, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton, 12 St. Johns St., Tokoroa .....		5
1962—Te Orah Tonga, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia .....		6
(b) Honorary:		
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland .....		39
1930—Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired), P.O. Box 24 .....		10
1932—Tuteao Manihera, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton .....		19
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato (Retired) .....		21
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, via Kawhia .....		15
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Ave, Tamaki, Auckland .....		13
1940—Wiremu Tonga, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton .....		9
1942—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands .....		25
1946—Waiwera Rangawhenui, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country .....		21
1946—Tumu Te Huia, Mako Mako, Raglan .....		21
1946—Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau, Waikato .....		21
1946—Henere Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, R.D. Te Kopuru .....		21
1947—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki .....		20



1948—Nguru Winikerei, Marokopa Valley, R.D. 4 Te Kuiti .....	19
1950—Hotai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167, Kaikohe, Northland .....	19
1950—Te Akikau Waaka, R.D. No. 4, Rotorua .....	17
1951—Pukerau Rangitutia, Aotearoa R.D. 7, Te Awamutu .....	16
1952—Matene Hori De Thierry, Pukekohe .....	15
1952—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, C/o. 36 Barrie Cres., Hamilton .....	15
1952—Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland .....	15
1952—Hohepa Hemara, Cartwright's Rd., Onerahi, Northland .....	15
1955—Wera Couch, P.O. Box 20, Lyttelton .....	12
1957—Taipua Te Uira, C/o. Mrs Armstrong, Karewa, Kawhia .....	10
1958—Himiona Waata, No. 3 R.D., Hikurangi .....	9
1960—Hoera Whakaari Hakopa, Whatawhata, Waikato .....	7
1962—Robert Taka, C/o. Post Office, Kaeo, Northland .....	5
1964—Para Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands .....	3

### DEACONESES

- 1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main Rd., Papanui, Christchurch, 5.  
1921—Sister Margaret Nicholls, M.B.E., P.O. Box 400, Hamilton (Ph. 82-492)  
1935—Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna", 110 Grey St., Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (Ph. 664-589).  
1936—Sister Heeni Wharemaru, 80 London St., Hamilton (Ph. 30-654).  
1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls Hostel, South Rd., Spotswood, New Plymouth (Ph. 6214).  
1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, 102 Sandspit Rd., Howick, Auckland (Ph. 6509).  
1943—Sister Anne Wilson, Seamer House, 515 Remuera Rd., Auckland (Ph. 51-611).  
1946—Sister Lucy Money, M.B.E., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands.  
1948—Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch (Ph. 528-178).  
1948—Sister Grace Clement, 8 Airdale St., Auckland (Ph. 20-981).  
1949—Sister Betty Yearbury, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti (Ph. 953).  
1957—Sister Beverley Taylor, 28 Bannerman Rd., Western Springs, Auckland, W. 2 (Ph. 42-869, office).  
1960—Sister Pamela Beaumont, P.O. Buin, T.N.G.  
1960—Sister Joan Wedding, 21 Longfellow Rd., Opunake (Ph. 8060).  
1962—Sister Edna Jenkin, P.O. Box 239, Dargaville (Ph. 356).  
1963—Sister Barbara Miller, Taheke P.O., Hokianga (Ph. 826).  
1963—Sister Shirley Simpson, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton (Ph. 82-492).  
1963—Sister Elva Harris, 5 Little Regent St., Hawera (Ph. 5183).  
1963—Sister Janet Evans, leave of absence.  
1964—Sister Shirley Ungemuth, 5 Campbell St., Feilding (Ph. 809D).  
1964—Sister Connie Fell, C/o. 8 Airdale St., Auckland, C.1 (Ph. 20-981).  
1967—Probationer Jocelyn Gilling, Methodist Central Mission, P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin (Ph. 70-303, office).  
Sister Merle Fechner, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.

### RETIRED DEACONESES

- 1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 81 Vagues Rd., Christchurch, 5.  
1928—Sister Ivy Jones, M.B.E., 52 Grange Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland.  
1928—Sister Rita Snowden, F.I.A.L., "West Hills", Titirangi Rd., Titirangi, Auckland.  
1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, 80 London St., Hamilton (Ph. 30-654).  
1945—Sister Jean Miller, 38 Haristock Rd., Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1.

### 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 Rosemary Bettany, Roreinang, Kieta, Territory of New Guinea.  
Sister Beryl B. Gray, Munda, British Solomon Islands.  
Sister Judith A. Milne, Kekesu, Inus Private Bag, P.O. Rabaul, T.P.N.G.



# 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, New Zealand	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	— June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christchurch
Ayrton, Moses	Yorkshire, England	1879	1924	3rd October, 1950	Wellington
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bateup, Frank	Patea, New Zealand	1884	1924	29th November, 1962	Hamilton East
Batley, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew	Cumberland, England	1812	1831	1st May, 1893	Oxford, Nth. Canty.
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

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Binet, Vincent Le C.	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10th January, 1943	Auckland
Blamires, Ernest O.	Warrnabool, Victoria	1881	1904	6th June, 1963	Auckland
Blamires, Henry L.	Melbourne, Australia	1871	1896	18th August, 1965	Auckland
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.	Christchurch	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	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Burnet, Oswald	Woodend, Nth Canterbury	1888	1914	4th March, 1960	Christchurch
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, New Zealand	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	4th October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Coatsworth, Thomas	Durham, England	1877	1902	21st March, 1953	Palmerston North
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Collins, Alan F.	Kaipoi	1916	1942	2nd September, 1959	Dunedin
Cook, George S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Cottom, Harry	Birmingham, England	1879	1909	10th February, 1963	Christchurch
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingstand, 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



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Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Divers, W. Lloyd	Dunedin	1921	1947		Medford, Oregon U.S.A.
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Suva, Fiji	1904	1931	10th December, 1963	Napier
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	24th June, 1951	Christchurch
Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. 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	Christchurch
Foston, Charles A.	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4th June, 1944	Levin
Fowles, Arthur H.	Davenham, England	1885	1911	7th April, 1963	Christchurch
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29th March, 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Gatman, William	Hull, England	1884	1919	21st September, 1960	Auckland
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Goldie, John F.	Hobart	1870	1897	29th June, 1954	Melbourne
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France

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Gosnell, Robert B.	Sydney, N.S.W.	1882	1912	20th August, 1944	Ashburton
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Greenwood, Fred	England	1868	1897	18th October, 1956	Wellington
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3rd October, 1951	Christchurch
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
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	Otauhu
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1887	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harkness, Edwin S.	Bendigo, Victoria	1878	1916	21st April, 1966	Auckland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Archer O.	Christchurch	1885	1910	10th December, 1965	Christchurch
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Haylock, Donald C.	Bradford, England	1913	1946	30th July, 1954	Auckland
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	Whirinaki
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	Otauhu
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.



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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. F.R.E.S.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.			1880		Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kukutai, Ngatete, M.B.E.	Te Kohanga	1878	1941	2nd August, 1966	Taupiri
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawrence, Frederick B.	London	1883	1912	16th July, 1959	Nelson
Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1867	1887	8th February, 1958	Auckland
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1851	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Leadley, Frank E.	Yorkshire, England	1876	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	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa

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Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
McArthur, John D.	Christchurch	1880	1909	3rd March, 1961	Blenheim
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	14th August, 1956	Paeroa
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8th February, 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1890	19th August, 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John L.	Kent, England	1892	1933	12th July, 1950	Hutt
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th September, 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.	Auckland	1886	1911	26th August, 1959	Auckland
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March, 1947	New Plymouth
Odell, Henry J.	New South Wales	1888	1915	16th March, 1961	London
Olds, E. Thomas	Enfield, North Otago	1890	1915	25th August, 1966	Auckland
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
Orchard, Hector C.	Geelong, Australia	1884	1920	16th May, 1957	Dunedin
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Victoria	1873	1902	29th June, 1956	Auckland



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Parker, Frederick John	Dunedin	1892	1917	15th November, 1959	Auckland
Paris, Percy R.	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patchett, Ernest D.	Styx, North Canterbury	1878	1902	13th September, 1958	Auckland
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei	—	1882	1910	Kaipara
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Auckland
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1876	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1896	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Pratt, M. A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Christchurch
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
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	—	—	1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rakena, Rakena P.	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	February, 1956	Rapaki
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richard, Henry L.	Moonta, South Australia	1883	1911	14th August, 1961	Christchurch
Richards, James	Victoria, Australia	1883	1910	7th March, 1957	Christchurch

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Richards, Raymond	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, Victoria	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	Wellington
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.	—	—	1850	July, 1883	—
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Roberts, Charles M.	Henderson, Auckland	1882	1906	17th May, 1958	New Plymouth
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey	—	1893	4th January, 1902	Roxburgh
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Napier	1875	1900	8th October, 1955	Christchurch
Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.	Tongala, Victoria	1877	1903	17th September, 1963	Auckland
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	—	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A.	Christchurch	1885	1910	27th September, 1956	Christchurch
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch	1868	1891	4th January, 1950	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
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	Christchurch
Speer, William H.	Bergalia, N.S.W.	1874	1908	18th February, 1954	Rotorua
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Spencer, Herbert	Lancashire, England	1881	1923	15th September, 1961	Wanganui
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Cecil R.	Shropshire, England	1892	1924	21st June, 1966	Christchurch



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Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Christchurch
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland
Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Utting, Harry V.	Auckland	1904	1927	25th September, 1965	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingarua (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
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 Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	—	1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
Woodward, William Coombs	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland

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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

#### IN MEMORIAM—DEACONESSES

Button, Edna Lenna	Scottsdale, Tasmania	1901	1930	30th August, 1940.	Biggin Hill, Kent
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## Part 1

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

DISTRICTS	Part I										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTMS	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.								
NORTHLAND	37	42	19	15	13	1	1	48	1490	28	13	34	4	6	16	70	2	2	3	1482		8	123	10		
AUCKLAND	71	29	64	47	67	2	3	144	6530	89	95	474	48	34	106	411	22	31	104	6596	66		605	17		
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	57	53	42	32	41	2		82	4419	103	67	268	11	15	52	281	15	28	40	4467	48		451	17		
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	36	8	23	15	19	1	1	35	2242	45	32	167	10	6	42	152	16	56	14	2222		20	176	9		
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	45	9	33	22	23	1	1	69	3173	41	41	150	1	28	57	170	2	13	16	3176	3		273	14		
WELLINGTON	47	11	39	31	40	1		83	4111	58	41	303	25	20	60	313	20	21	51	4093		18	333	19		
NELSON	22	23	19	13	14	3		38	1686	42	32	83	7	17	25	98	4	8	20	1712	26		121	13		
NORTH CANTERBURY	59	13	55	31	38	1	3	100	4940	122	34	265	18	30	78	279	21	49	34	4948	8		388	15		
SOUTH CANTERBURY	20	7	16	9	11			30	1522	54	11	49	1	5	34	86	4	3	29	1486		36	75	4		
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND	48	8	28	24	21			40	2636	10	14	224	11	10	42	257	8	38	33	2527		109	161	4		
TOTALS FOR 1966	442	203	338	239	287	12		9669	32749	592	380	2017	136	171	512	2117	114	249	344	32709	151	191	2706	123		
TOTALS FOR 1965	445	213	333	237	297	16		9697	32496	734	447	1975	117	123	463	2039	91	265	285	32749	329	76	2849	151		
INCREASES			5	2					253			42	19	48	49	78	23		59			115				
DECREASES	3	10			10	4		28		142	67							16		40	178		143	29		



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Part 2

DISTRICTS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NORTHLAND	224	253	230	323	194	118	125	59	333	2219	7218	12519		3609	1 42	243	1031	4234	8941
AUCKLAND	1478	1122	1046	1431	901	561	456	351	639	9809	30853	36285	226	8057	1 42	801	10051	10595	38625
WAIKATO - BAY OF PLENTY	852	757	785	957	616	391	359	221	306	6214	19346	28216	297	5618	5 24	3018	2671	13183	10524
TARANAKI - WANGANUI	465	355	330	381	295	163	158	48	251	3317	9713	12923	80	2697	1 14	2613	158	4844	4607
HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU	700	478	407	557	378	271	181	106	380	4629	14118	17090	335	3802	0 19	2880	1435	13145	6717
WELLINGTON	959	611	629	814	504	323	333	203	440	6000	17840	26212	508	5554	0 30	7130	107	23162	2351
NELSON	345	302	243	303	237	148	106	44	196	2550	7259	10867	95	1855	2 10	465	128	3271	1360
NORTH CANTERBURY	966	827	626	1028	651	426	499	310	345	7477	21884	25344	85	12483	1 28	767	221	17685	7591
SOUTH CANTERBURY	303	168	188	209	122	121	120	48	342	1787	5314	7490	106	1721	0 9	3333		5689	9
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND	521	345	401	467	304	210	183	100	192	3829	11276	17848	50	3962	1 21	1346	536	9695	8110
TOTALS FOR 1966	6813	5218	4885	6470	4202	2732	2520	1490	3424	47831	144821	194794	1782	41358	13 209	22596	16338	105503	88859
TOTALS FOR 1965	7021	5338	4941	6743	4436	3011	2652	1711	3046	49319	146390	184305	1337	41744	14 216	23808	21007	109032	76754
Increases									378			10489	445					2471	12108
Decreases	208	120	56	273	234	279	132	221		1488	1569			386	1 7	1212	4669		

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Part I

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS											CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPT'ISM	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers		
										Under 20	20 and Over	By Confirmation	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.						Ceased to Attend	
																										By Transfer from
12. AUCKLAND CENTRAL	5		5	7	12			12	537	3	14	41	8	10	10	53	4	5	9	532		5	47	4		
13. CENTRAL MISSION	1		1	3	2			5	211	3	3	24	13		7	7	1			239	28		15	1		
14. AUCKLAND SOUTH	5	3	4	3	3			9	469	5		45	2	2	10	43	2	4	12	452		17	39			
15. AUCKLAND WEST	2		2	1	1			4	88	1	4	5			2	10			2	84		4	12			
16. AUCKLAND EAST	4		4	4	5		1	14	624	2	8	62			19	35			6	636	12		50			
17. ORAKEI	4		3	3	6			9	521	12	2	22	7	3	8	26	2	4	2	525	4		17			
18. AVONDALE	4	3	4	2	7			10	474	4		35	2	1	6	13	2	2	13	480	6		24			
19. HENDERSON	4	5	7	3	4			7	418			12	2	2	4	18	1		11	400		18	72			
20. DEVONPORT	2		2	1	2			2	101	12	3	12			3	1			2	122	21		6	2		
21. TAKAPUNA	5		5	3	7	1		19	720	7	3	67	2	11	8	52	4	9	15	722	2		38	1		
22. BIRKENHEAD	4	3	4	3	3	1		10	442	3	7	28	1	3	5	21	1	4	4	449	7		61	1		
23. ONEHUNGA	4		6	2	2		1	6	216	22	17	9	1		5	21	3	2	8	226	10		35	1		
24. OTAHUHU	1		2	1	1			2	166	3	1	13			1	17				165		1	30			
25. PAPATOETOE	5		3	2	3			5	438		19	32	3		1	20				471	33		31			
26. PAKAKURA	3	1	2	2	2			7	349		10	35	1	1	5	30			3	358	9		67	3		
27. PUKEKOHE	5	2	4	1	2			5	252	2		15		1	10	13	1		1	245		7	15			
28. BOMBAY - TUAKAU	3	4		2	1			4	100			4			1	13			10	80		20	10			
29. WAIKUKU	1	1	1	1	1			4	125	8	2		6		1	1		1	4	134	9		13	1		
30. KAIPARA	4	3	4	1	1			3	85							11			2	72		13	5			
31. WHANGAPARAOA	3		2	1	1			3	85		1	2				1	1			86	1		5			
32. MAHURANGI	2	4	2	1	1			4	109		1	11				5				118	9		13	2		



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Part 7 (continued)

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Part 2 continued

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
22. BIRKENHEAD	224	125	129	149	84	52	34	22	25	803	2834	870.16.8.	135.0.0M			1596.9.5.	869. 8. 9.		
												870.16.8.	135.0.0M						
												870.16.8.	210.0.0M						
23. ONEHUNGA	60	62	56	90	48	19	21	18	31	460	1375	870.16.8.	135.0.0M			335.15.0.	131.17. 3.	1642. 6. 5.	
												870.16.8.	144.0.0M						
24. OTAHUHU	72	52	48	69	36	12	8	10	14	270	790	871. 0.0.	200.0.0M	2.12.9.				153. 5.11.	
25. PAPATOETOE	79	38	60	85	56	18	19	24	10	750	3000	870.16.8.25	260.0.0M			195. 1.6.	10. 2. 1.	663. 6. 5.	
												780. 0.0.	180.0.0M						
26. PAPAKURA	155	121	102	140	70	49	16	25	24	618	2123	870.16.8.	240.0.0M	50.19.9.		2168.11. 5.			
												870.16.8.	234.8.0M						
27. PUKEKOHE	59	35	19	32	11	11	16	7	21	278	744	870.16.8.15	268.6.2M	285.7.3.		134. 5. 3.	207. 7. 7.		
												581.10.0.8/15	199.7.0M						
28. BOMBAY - TUAKAU	24	29	24	21	9	7	12	1	14	106	364	739. 7.6.	404.43.9M			176. 9.11	85.13. 9.		
29. WAIKUKU	9	27	12	9	8	6		9		200	650	870.16.8.	220.0.0C			45. 2. 2	45. 2. 2.	183.13.11.	
30. KAIPARA	13	19	27	32	13	12	5	3	5	100	350	870.16.8.	240.0.0M			187. 0. 0	257.15. 3.		
31. WHANGAPARAOKA	3	10	8	11	7	3	20		173	592		758. 0.0.	168.0.0M	39.16.2		292.15. 8.			
32. MAHURANGI	42	12	14	8	10	8	7	2	16	126	372	870.16.8.	250.0.0M	22.14.3.		102.18. 9.			
Total this year	1478	1122	1046	1431	901	561	456	351	639	9809	30853	36285.5.6	2258056.4.1M	801.1.4	10051.7.9.	10595.9.10	38652.1.10.		
Total last year	1318	1075	1031	1395	905	609	450	398	523	9716	30395	33982.15.7	1827415.96	c1 147.2.0	9223.6.9.	10873.1. 6	23916.15.10.		
Increase	160	47	15	36		6			116	93	458	2302.9.11	43641.55	c2		828.1.0.		14735. 6. 0.	
Decrease					4	48		47							c1 670.0.8		277.11.8.		

## Part I

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	Part I									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPT'NS			
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
													Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.								
1. MANGONUI	4		2	1	1			4	119	4	2	2			3	8			116		3	8	3			
2. KAIKOHE - BAY OF ISLANDS	4	9	2	2	2			2	122	4	6				2	5			125	3		15	2			
3. WHANGAROA	2	3	2	1	1			5	112		2	2				7			109		3	11				
4. NORTH HOKIANGA	3	4	2	1	1			5	50			4				4			50			5				
5. HOKIANGA	3	3		1	1			2	85			1		3			1		88	3		6				
6. HIKURANGI	1	4	1	1	1			1	55						1	6			48		7	5				
7. WHANGAREI	4	5	4	2	2		1	14	360	6		15	4		5	13	1		1	365	5		26	3		
8. DARGAVILLE	3	6	5	2	2			6	277	5	3	8			3	18	1	1	2	268		9	22	2		
9. RUAWAI	3	1		1	1			5	78	9				3		5			85	7		2				
10. PAPAROA	3	4	1	1		1			83			1			2	2			80		3					
11. PORT ALBERT	7	3		2	1			4	150			1			1	2			148		2	23				



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Part 2

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
1. MANGONUI	17	23	25	27	14	7	21	3	22	179	582	870.16.8.		200	M	13. 2.5.	223.17. 8.		
2. KAIKOHE BAY OF ISLANDS		30	22	32	25	15	19	15	4	380	1100	800.667		340	M	57. 0. 0.		4085. 0.0.	
3. WHANGAROA	8	9	15	14	15	5	4		24	140	283	853		250	M	29.11.10.	294. 7.10.		
4. NORTH HOKIANGA	21	5	7	20	10				12	104	421	780		300	C	92.16.10.	20.12.10.		
5. HOKIANGA	4	7	17	11					40	126	405	870		400	C	13.2.	123.12. 9.		
6. HIKURANGI	17	5	10	6	2	7	6	10	5	135	400	814		206	M	54. 5. 2.			
7. WHANGAREI	61	58	39	66	46	44	51	10	68	407	1206	900.900		146.165	M	747.13. 1.	48.12.10.		
8. DARGAVILLE	38	47	29	50	28	14	17	15	15	265	1060	870.16/8.754.6/8		199.245	M	184. 8.4.	223.12. 4.	911.14.6.	
9. RUAWAI	17	13	8	28	28	11	1		8	111	401	870.16.8.		290	M	40. 7.3.	568. 0. 0.		
10. PAPAROA	14	17	14	15	3	7			15	112	360	790		207	M	45. 0.0.	519.13.1.		
11. PORT ALBERT	25	39	44	44	23	8	6	6	20	260	1000	780		282	M	9. 0. 7.	2209.17.1.	3943.13.11	

Part I

CIRCUITS	Part I									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTISMS		
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.																		
THAMES	3		1	1	1			2	154	4		5			3	10				150		4	13	1		
HAURAKI PLAINS	3	3	1	1	1			1	60	6	2			1	2					65	5					
PAEROA	1		1	1	1			1	69			6				5				69			11			
WAIHI	1	3	1	1	2			1	89	2	3	3		1	10					86		3	6			
TE AROHA	3	1	2	1	1			1	197			4		1	3	4	2			193		4	14	2		
MORRINSVILLE	3	5	3	2	3			5	300	8	13	9		1	22	3	3	1		300			33	1		
CAMBRIDGE	3	1	2	1	1			6	194	6	3	4		1	8	1	1	13		183		11	14	2		
HAMILTON	5	2	4	3	3			8	633	15	9	38	2	1	4	36		3	7	648	15		64	2		
HAMILTON EAST	5	3	6	2	7			12	496	13	5	30		2	5	24			9	508	12		33			
NGARUAWAHIA	3	1	1	1	1			1	50	4	1	1		2	3		1			50			5			
HUNTLY	1	6	1	1	1			3	120	3	3	19			32			2		111		9	41			
MATAMATA	3	1	2	1	1			3	242	7	5	8	1		3	10		3	1	246	4		16	1		
TOKAROA		3	1	1	2			2	64			13		1		4				73	9		21			
PUTARURU	1	2	1	1	1			2	87	7	2	3	1	2		11		3	3	84		3	15			
ROTORUA	4	1	2	2	3			7	280	2	2	24	2	7	18	10	4			280			28			
	39	32	29	20	29			55	3035	77	48	167	6	7	42	191	10	14	37	3046	45	34	321	9		



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## WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DIST.

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

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CIRCUITS									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPTMS		
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believeres
										By Confirmation	By Transfer from			By Death	By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend						
											Under 20	20 and Over	Other N. Z. Circuits		Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N. Z. Circuits		Other Countries					
CARRIED FORWARD	39	32	29	20	29			55	3035	77	48	167	6	7	42	191	10	14	37	3046	45	34	321	9
TAURANGA	4	2	1	3	4			4	459	13	14	42	5	6	4	30	1	5	2	497	38		36	4
TE PUKE	1		1	1	2			2	80			7		2	1	3	2	1		82	2		5	
WHAKATANE-KAWERAU	2		1	1	1			8	136	6	1	4			2	12	2	2		129		7	17	
OPOTIKI	2		2	1		1		2	74			1				2				73		1	10	
TE AWAMUTU	2	2	2	1	1			4	263	6	3	5			3	15				259		4	32	3
OTOROHANGA	1	7	1	1	1			4	115			8				6		4		113		2	18	1
TE KUITI	1	2	2	1	1				56			13				14		2		53		3	3	
TAUMARANUI	1	5	1	1	1				72	1	1	20				3				91	19		3	
OHURA	3	3	1	1	1			2	45			1				5				41		4	6	
COROMANDEL	1		1	1		1		1	23									1	22		1			
RAGLAN																								
	57	53	42	32	41	2		82	4358	103	67	268	11	15	52	281	15	28	40	4406	104	56	451	17

	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
THAMES	27	12	15	26	13	5	10	15	40	220	450	870		160	M		24.3.11.	64.0.11.	
HAURAKI PLAINS	14	12	8	7	4	8	10	6	25	105	380	754		222	M	186.7.2.		616. 0.0.	
PAEROA	20	9	16	8	12	8	4	1		102	377	871		120	M		72.15.0.	69.19.11	
WAIHI	10	16	14	10	12	6	15	9		135	450	870		180	M		332. 0.0.		
TE AROHA	26	25	20	27	26	15	4	9	5	200	550	876		360	M		11. 5.7.	361. 2. 3	
MORRINSVILLE	116	61	63	77	47	31	35	15	13	480	1378	910		300	M	953.17.2		215.1. 3.	
												885		336	M				
CAMBRIDGE	53	29	23	32	13	4	8	5	12	208	583	871		132	M			251.7. 4.	
HAMILTON	144	101	149	140	67	55	41	62	56	789	2216	906	142	178	M		528. 5.6.	7694.17.10	
												870	92	92	C				
												870	42	176	M				
HAMILTON EAST	102	64	127	157	79	42	31	11		720	2160	926		101	C	62.0.20.		1313. 4.7.	
												900		181	M				
												900		78	C				
NGARUAWAHIA		16	11	16	14	9	4	3	12	101	320	780		170	M			30. 7.5.	14. 2. 5.
HUNTLY	26	53		34	23	9	4	1	24	304	1020	870		237	M		140. 0.0.	704.16.4.	
MATAMATA	47	25	44	49	43	26	35	20	8	248	906	870		276	M	217.5.5.		704.2.10.	
TOKOROA	32	61	19	25	14	12	2		15	160	778	871		220	M		285.5.3.		254. 6. 1.
PUTARURU	25	25	10	32	10	8	4		14	160	490	780		144	M		322.11.1.		1534. 1. 3.
ROTORUA	57	67	46	49	44	34	10	10	10	410	1300	882		222	M		298.14.1.	91.18.8.	
												872		120	M				
	599	528	565	689	421	242	257	167	234	4342	1336	18204	276	4005		1419.9.92	105. 0.5.	12117.1.4.	1802. 9.9.



	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
CARRIED FORWARD	599	528	565	689	421	242	257	167	234	4342	13364	18204	276	4005		1419.9.9	2105.0.5	12117.1.4	1802. 9.9.
ROTORUA												590		92	M				
TAURANGA	89	65	56	63	68	40	36	19		481	1544	925			M	239.1.8		588.11.4	1328.12.9.
												900							
												900							
TE PUKE	26	14	19	22	10	5	9			110	402	873		145	M		114.0.0.		7362. 0. 0.
WHAKATANE-KAWERAU	40	26	26	26	29	5	6	3	12	222	654	871		295	M		237.0.0.	58. 0.0.	
OPOTIKI	17	21	17	12	9	15			20	93	330	816		134	M	491.0.0		229. 0.0.	
TE ANAMUTU	66	26	32	63	32	31	29	17	20	335	1060	871	21	393	M	653.0.0			
OTOROHANGA		31	22	24	25	9	7	8		156	550	870			C	152.10.4		7. 5.0.	
TE KUITI		12	10	18	8	3				200	450	780		150	M		267.0.0.		15.16. 5.
TAUMARUNUI	5	16	14	15	8	9	9	4	10	185	715	871		204	M		38.2.7.	170.16.8.	15. 6. 8.
OHURA	10	18	24	14	6	12	6	3	10	90	280	745		200	C	62.15.3		3. 5.0.	
COROMANDEL																			
RAGLAN						11													
	852	757	785	946	616	371	359	221	106	6214	18896	28216	276	5618		3017.7.0	2671.0.3.	13182.19.4	10524.5. 7.

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Part I

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																			BAPTISMS						
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.																		
NEW PLYMOUTH	6	1	5	3	6	1	1	9	623	25	9	44	4		19	42	2	5	10	627	4		44	1		
WAITARA	3	2	2	1	1			2	125	2	5	11	2			16				139	4		13	3		
STRATFORD	5		2	1	1			2	178			7				12		5		168		10		16		
EITHAM - KAPONGA	2		2	1	1			3	145		2	5	1	3	1	6		2		147	2			14		
HAWERA	3		1	1	1			2	212	4	3	13	2		4	16	1	31		177		35		14		
MANAIA	4		1	1	1				76			7			1	14				68		8		5		
OPUNAKE	6		5	2	2			4	200	2	8	14		2		14		4	1	207	7			27		
WANGANUI CENTRAL	1		1	1	1			3	281	6		17	1	1	8	10	1	2	1	284	3			11		
WANGANUI NORTH	2	2	2	1	1			5	123			3			5	8				113		10		4		
WANGANUI WEST	2		1	1	1			4	122	3	3	5			2	9			2	120		2		14		
TAIHAPE	1	2	1	1	2				40	2	1	8			1	5				45	5			4		
INGLEWOOD	1	1		1	1			1	107	1	1	2			1		12	2		96		11	10	1		
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Part 2

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NEW PLYMOUTH	115	91	73	71	56	31	40	19	30	852	2070	945 870 870		135 142 135	M M M			2052. 0. 0.	1902. 0. 0.
WAITARA	29	27	35	27	7	10	1		25	272	850	784		250	M		129. 3. 7.	185. 0. 8.	282.15. 2.
STRATFORD	61	25	19	39	24	14	8		42	246	793	870		200	M	110.18.10.		129. 9.10.	2202. 2. 1.
EIITHAM - KAPONGA	33	12	16	17	20	12	16	3	68	195	718	871		206	M	1730. 4. 3.		270. 9. 5.	
HAWERA	30	27	28	19	15	10	8	6		241	656	879		156	M	159. 4. 0.		419.12. 1.	
PATEA										56	157								
MANAIA	17	4	3	6	2	6	3	1		120	384	798		143	M		4. 0. 0.	108.19. 6.	
OPUNAKE	58	70	56	74	54	23	31	7	20	331	1113	875		333	C	39. 9. 2.		723. 0. 3.	100. 0. 0.
												875		333	M				
WANGANUI CENTRAL	43	21	30	35	24	16	12	1		350	950	900	80	135	M	460.12. 4.		168.15. 0.	
WANGANUI NORTH	16	25	20	26	19	15	7	3	26	184	530	870		150	M	11. 5. 9.		335. 8. 4.	
WANGANUI WEST	31	31	31	28	26	13	13	4	18	229	760	900		135	M	32. 3. 1.		187.14.11.	
TAIHAPE	8	8	5	9	6	3	4	2	20	62	145	716		120	M	69. 0. 0.		263. 0. 0.	
INGLEWOOD	24	14	14	24	12	13	6	1	2	179	587	900		121	M		25. 0. 0.		120. 0. 0.
	465	355	330	381	295	163	158	48	251	317	9713	12923	80	2697		2612.17.5.	158.3. 7.	4843.10. 0.	4606.17. 3.

CIRCUITS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										BAPTISMS													
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from		By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend						
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries		Other Denoms.					
NAPIER	5		4	2	3			11	375	3	7	18		6	17		1		379	4		50		
HASTINGS	3		4	2	3			8	473	2	16	26		7	23	2	4	3	478	5		30	1	
GISBORNE	3	2	1	2	2			2	207			10		4	3	14		4	200		7	18		
WAIROA	1		1	1	1				47		1	4		1	4				47			4		
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	3		2	2	1			4	151	3	2	5		4	5	7		1	1	151			21	3
WOODVILLE	1		1	1	1				104	1		3		3	10		1	1	93		11			
PAHIATUA	3		2	1	1			4	118	8	2	6		1	1	13			121	3		21	3	
PALMERSTON NORTH (ST. PAUL'S)	3	1	2	2	2			16	376		7	43		10	13			3	400	24		35	2	
PALMERSTON NORTH (TRINITY)	3	1	3	1	1			5	347	8	1	7		10	14			2	337		10	18	4	
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	3		3	1	1			4	103	4	2	3	2	1	2				111	8		9		
FEILDING	3		4	2	1		1	6	370	8		5		6	18		4		355		15	15		
MARTON	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	86			6	1		4				89	3		7		
SANSON-RONGOTEI-TAIKOREA	3	1	2	1	1			3	151	2		1		1	8		1		143		8	11		
APIITI	4	1			1	1			88			1	15	1	9		1		93	5		9		
WAIKAWA-WAIPUKURAU	2	2	2	1	2			1	58	2	3	10	1	1	1	8		2	64	6		4	1	
FOXTON-SHANNON	4		1	1	1			3	119			3		1	6				115		4	21		
TOTALS THIS YEAR	45	9	33	22	23	1	1	69	3173	41	41	151	1	28	57	170	2	13	16	3176	58	55	273	14
TOTALS LAST YEAR	46	11	32	22	27	1	2	68	3205	42	33	149	8	12	45	183	3	12	33	3173	55	87	227	9
DIFFERENCES	-1	-2	+1	=	-4	=	-1	+1	-32	-1	+8	+2	-7	+16	+12	-13	-1	+1	-17	+3	+3	-32	+46	+5



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## HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DIST.

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## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
CIRCUITS	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NAPIER	130	91	73	95	67	43	36	26	52	850	2945	895	40	156	M	(317	179	9109	4647
"												870	30	156	M	Spl. Reserve)			
HASTINGS	104	61	39	46	28	18	15	7	55	550	1700	923	30	234	M		138	156	
"												881	20	234	M				
GISBORNE	72	41	42	94	47	25	17	14	33	425	1300	850		150	M		326		24
"												750		132	M				
WAIROA	3	5	18	6	9				4	70	228	780		118	M	1394		109	
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	50	25	17	28	13	14	15	3	20	219	725	870		242	M	50		151	562
WOODVILLE	7	21	9	7	15	8		3	2	90	320	870		135	M		24		
PAHIATUA	31	19	7	12	11	4	11		1	189	500	871		209	M		768	72	291
PALMERSTON NORTH (ST. PAUL'S)	65	35	24	77	41	26	25	14	14	575	1451	850	70	225	M	438		182	208
PALMERSTON NORTH (TRINITY)	31	46	42	50	56	32	22	13	80	320	1020	945	45	276	M	4		183	
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	10	25	26	12	9	22	3	5	40	190	500	870		152	M	90		138	
FEILDING	68	32	20	42	19	25	16	12	15	414	1242	900	100	225	M	327		1470	
"												584							
MARTON	26	24	23	18	8	8	7	1		120	330	870		138	M	15		503	974
SANSON-RONGOTEI-TAIKOREA	37	24	29	30	30	24	6	5	12	125	379	870		321	M	31		417	
APIITI		10	21	11	4	4				107	355	871		250	M	56		102	
WAIKAWA-WAIPUKURAU	36	12	9	10	9	4	2		12	164	501	870		234	M	1			11
FOXTON-SHANNON	30	7	8	19	12	14	6	3	40	221	622	900		215	M	157		553	
TOTALS THIS YEAR	700	478	407	557	378	271	181	106	380	4629	14118	17090	335	3802	19M	2880	1435	13145	6717
TOTALS LAST YEAR	762	471	435	577	417	306	248	180	442	4732	14213	17853	353	3953	21M	2604	1476	10050	2478
DIFFERENCES	-62	+7	-28	-20	-39	-35	-67	-74	-62	-101	-95	-763	-18	-151	-2	+276	-41	+3095	+4239

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CIRCUITS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										BAPT'WS													
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year					Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend					
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.						
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	2		2	2	6			7	438			41	5	1	6	49	9	7	20	394		44	21	2
WELLINGTON WEST	3		3	2	3			7	304	10	1	15			5	33	1	1	7	281		21		16
WELLINGTON SOUTH	2		2	2	1			5	128	2	1	11			1	9				132	4			8
WELLINGTON EAST	4		3	2	2			3	299		1	12			6	15				291		8	20	2
WELLINGTON NORTH	3	1	4	2	2			8	261	2	7	27	8	2	5	43	2		3	254		7	16	3
PORIRUA	6	1	1	4	4			11	376	7	6	23	9	12		11	2	7		413	37		29	2
LOWER HUTT	5		5	4	7			12	688	19	16	54	1		13	38	4	4	8	711	23		43	4
UPPER HUTT	2	2	4	2	3			9	229	6	5	21	2	1	1	21			2	240	11		25	1
PETONE	1		1	1	1				147		1	3			1	17				133		14	11	1
GREYTOWN AND FEATHERSTON	2		3	1	1			5	84			4			2	6		1		79		5	19	
CARTERTON	2		1	1	1			1	104	6		1		1	1	8	1	1		101		3		7
MASTERTON	3		2	2	2			8	358	4	2	14		1	6	22			4	347		11	48	4
EKETAHUNA	2	4	1	1		1			80			4			1	5				78		2		3
LEVIN	1		3	1	3			3	346			17			7	17			4	335		11		15
OTAKI	2		1	1	2			3	78			5			3	5				75		3		2
PARAPARAUMU	3	1	1		1				110	2		17		1	2	7	1		1	119	9			18
TAITA UNION	1	1			1	1			26			5				5			2	24		2		17
WAINUIOMATA UNION	2	1	2	2				1	55		1	2		1		2				57	2			15
NEWLANDS UNION	1											27								27	27			
Totals	47	11	39	31	40	1		83	4111	58	41	303	25	20	60	313	20	21	51	4093	113	131	333	19



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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	44	14	15	20	10	15	9	22	21	219	787	1060	20	252	M	4037		4589	127
WELLINGTON WEST	55	39	28	32	15	15	19	17	25	316	830	970	20	150	M	22		1518	
WELLINGTON SOUTH	10	26	12	24	15	9	3	6	7	153	470	886	54	156	M	169		175	
WELLINGTON EAST	49	54	45	42	49	17	29	25	12	427	1175	910	30	160	M	362		3134	
WELLINGTON NORTH	40	49	46	52	36	27	18	21	23	314	1000	872	30	141	M	35		1036	
PORIRUA	97	82	83	93	59	45	48	27	38	631	2370	915		138	M	1319		1116	
												780		136	M				
												906		122	M				
LOWER HUTT	147	80	83	117	73	47	63	38	123	1006	2512	906	40	167	M	105		7205	
UPPER HUTT	98	47	64	113	48	26	30	14	14	372	1227	292	40	167	M	104		474	
PETONE	23	7	13	17	12	6	8	8		169	432	900		180	M	7		626	
GREYTOWN-FEATHERSTON	43	18	18	32	14	13	7		8	140	450	900		240	M	89		1506	
CARTERTON	26	24	9	26	10	9	8	2	11	140	383	900		189	M	117		263	
MASTERTON	66	22	29	53	47	29	37	10	14	455	1304	885	52	220	M	68		550	78
EKETAHUNA	26	7	9	13	8	2	5		16	115	369	730		300	M	85		134	
LEVIN	67	52	62	67	45	31	20	10	45	491	1428	897	26	291	M	571			917
OTAKI	15	11	21	23	10	2	15		15	100	290	865		181	M	24			1229
PARAPARAUMU	57	15	21	29	20	11	9		46	255	740	876		175	M	103		380	
TAITA UNION	46	25	31	32	18	4	5	3	16	450	1200	900		150	M	18			
WAINUIOMATA UNION	50	39	40	29	15	15			6	212	740	900	50	180	M	2		456	
NEWLANDS UNION										35	133								
TOTALS	959	611	629	814	504	323	333	203	440	6000	17840	26212	508	5554		7130	107	23162	2351

CIRCUITS	Part I									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPT'IS			
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.																		
NELSON	2	1	3	3	4			14	482	14	8	28	2	1	3	41	3		9	478		4	24	5		
WAIMEA	5	1	2	1	1			2	172	5	8	7			5	2			2	183	11		9	2		
MOTUEKA	2	1	3	1	1	1		4	134	3	1	6			1	2			2	139	5		3	2		
MURCHISON	1	4	1		1				32	1	3		1	8		4		3		38	6		8			
BLLENHEIM	7	9	6	4	3	1		12	484	8	4	27	1	6	10	18		2	6	494	10		37			
REEFTON	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	56	3	1	1			2	6	1	2	1	49		7	9	1		
WESTPORT	1		1	1	1			3	87	2	2	3	2	2	2	8		1		87			12	2		
GREYMOUTH	2	3	2	1				1	178		3	6	1		1	10				177		1	14			
HOKITIKA	1	2	1	1	1			1	61	6	2	5			1	6				67	6		5	1		
Totals	22	23	20	13	14	3		38	1686	42	32	83	7	17	25	97	4	8	20	1712	38	12	121	13		



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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION											STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children				Youth				Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
NELSON	90	62	62	64	55	31	33	19	73	633	1705	2494	95	400	M	142.0.0.		1478.15.9.	689. 7. 5.
WAIHEA	57	69	48	53	37	17	13			287	845	870		235	M	64.0.0.		523. 0.0.	
MOTUEKA	39	18	15	27	22	21	19		50	195	563	870		144	M	57.14.4.		338.10.7.	
MURCHISON	2	10	9	9		12	16			105	380	676		175	M	20. 0.0.		100. 0.0.	
BLLENHEIM	26	103	68	106	72	40	15	13	37	630	1807	2496		315	CC M	9. 3.8.		618. 8.5.	
REEFTON	35	9	11	7	7	7	3	1		114	370	845		120	M		94.12.0.	2.12.2.	
WESTPORT	36	10	15	7	12	6	7		9	185	530	870		120	M	74. 6.3.		9.3.	
GREYMOUTH	44	14	11	15	16	9	10	10	15	317	832	875		210	M		63.12.8.	153. 13.0.	670.16. 5.
HOKITIKA	16	7	4	15	4	1	6	1	12	84	227	868		135	M		67.17.8.	54. 14.7.	
Totals	345	302	243	303	225	144	122	44	196	250	7259	10864	95	1854	100 M	367. 4.3.	226.2.4.	3270. 3. 9.	136. 3.10.

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CIRCUITS	Part I										CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTMS	
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year						No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.								
DURHAM STREET	3		3	3	8			14	775	18	6	51	3	3	16	35	3	3	8	791	16		36	2		
CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION AND																										
CAMBRIDGE TERRACE CHURCH	1	1	1	2	2			2	82			12			4	10			80		2		4			
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	9	2	11	5	5			14	865	12	12	45	5	6	9	46	5	3	2	880	15		84	5		
WOOLSTON - LYTTTELTON	6	1	6	3	3			7	310	16		21	3		1	28		2	4	315	5		23	5		
SYDENHAM	1	1	2	1	1			5	204			10	1		7	4		4	2	198		6	14			
SPREYDON	2	1	3	2	3			7	295	3	1	17		9	5	24		2		294		1	30			
RICCARTON	4	1	4	1	2			6	279	10	1	21	4		2	23	9	1	1	279			41			
ST. ALBANS	3	2	7	4	4			15	758	14	5	44	2	10	12	52	4	20	15	730		28	65	1		
PAPANUI	2		1	2	2		3	6	258	8	1	15			2	5		7		268	10		24			
SPRINGSTON	6	1	4	2	2			5	164	2	2	9			3	12		3		159		5	12			
LEESTON	4		2	1	1			2	205	9		5			3	12				204		1	9			
KAIAPOI	4		2	1	1			3	171	6		3		1	2	6			1	172	1		10			
RANGIORA	7	1	5	2	2	1		5	360	15	1	8		1	8	14		3		360			18	1		
GREENDALE	3	1	1	1	1			3	95	3	3	4			2	5				98	3		12			
OXFORD	4	1	3	1	1			6	119	6	2				2	3		1	1	120	1		6	1		
Totals	59	13	55	31	38	1	3	100	4940	122	34	265	18	30	78	279	21	49	34	4948	51	43	388	15		



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CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION												STIPENDS, ETC.					STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE			
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals			
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances		
DURHAM STREET	47	48	29	113	60	37	72	51	37	758	1845	935. 0.0.	45	200	M	8.13.10			5210. 0.0.		
												900. 0.0.	25	200	M						
CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION									8		39	130	950. 0.0.		Conf. Rates	M	118. 3.8.		6166. 0. 0.		
CAMBRIDGE TERRACE CHURCH												780. 0.0.		150	M						
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	203	149	127	223	140	101	116	64	12	1660	5342	895.16.8.		120	M	336.19.5.		1976. 0. 0.	1101. 0.0.		
												870.16.8.		120	M						
												870.16.8.		120	M						
												870.16.8.		120	M						
												870.16.8.		120	M						
WOOLSTON - LYTTIELTON	54	38	47	55	45	42	53	15	51	667	1928	870. 0.0.		135	M	11. 0.0.		2529. 0. 0.	5. 0.0.		
												870. 0.0.		135	M						
												870. 0.0.			C						
SYDENHAM	40	19	21	40	22	24	19	22	31	250	584	870. 0.0.		147	M	4.16.11		281. 0. 0.	1. 0.0.		
SPREYDON	66	97	48	70	37	29	38	24		370	1783	871. 0.0.		150	M			127. 0. 0.	1207. 0.0.		
												871. 0.0.		135	M						
RICCARTON	116	101	41	96	66	39	31	15	48	650	1950	866. 0.0.		156	M	53. 5.2.		341. 0. 0.	67. 0.0.		
												750. 0.0.		120	M						
ST. ALBANS	171	126	135	176	107	68	80	38	74	1217	3270	870. 0.0.	25	120	M	13. 2.0.		2052. 0. 0.			
												870. 0.0.		120	M						
												870. 0.0.		120	M						
												870. 0.0.		120	M						
PAPANUI	68	61	50	60	42	18	17	20	30	380	1100	900. 0.0.		165	M	66. 6.8.		533. 0. 0.			

### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Part 2 (continued)

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
CIRCUITS	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
	SPRINGSTON	37	49	31	58	24	20	18	5	288	966	870.0.0.	229	M		33.17.4.	669. 0.0.		
											870.0.0.	135	M						
LEESTON	36	27	12	13	11	3	6	2	14	144	460	878.0.0.	240	M	4.11.0.		1121. 0.0.		
KAIAPOI	41	29	25	36	33	22	11	5	6	248	798	867.0.0.	156	M	274.18.8		131. 0.0.		
RANGIORA	55	54	33	51	39	20	29	35	33	402	1075	880.0.0.	230	M		184.14.3.	925. 0.0.		
											880.0.0.	230	M						
GREENDALE	28	15	15	19	12	2	3	1		101	393	871.0.0.	250	M	143. 2.4		326. 0.0.		
OXFORD	9	14	12	18	13	1	6	5	9	103	330	870.0.0.	240	M		2. 1.5.	508. 0.0.		
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## Part 1

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS RELATIVE TO THE PARTIAL DISCHARGE TEST

\* 1 reciprocal member not shown in total

Overall Net: Decrease 36.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Part 2

## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE				
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals	
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances
TIMARU BANKS STREET	38	20	15	19	9	14	10	2	12	240	598	900	52	150	M	28.6.0		81.10. 1.	
WOODLANDS STREET	68	29	38	46	19	24	30	6	40	321	1120	921	50	150	M	2622.0.0		432. 0. 4.	
MARCHWIEL UNION	15	5	20	20	18	11	11		13	116	449	290		23.10.	M	7.0.0			
WAIMATE	25	8	9	16	7	13	7	12	60	182	550	950		135	M	402.0.0			
GERALDINE - TEMUKA	21	11	10	9	12	19	6	7	10	134	400	866		280	M	42.7.11		488.10. 1.	
ASHBURTON	68	30	43	43	26	23	39	13	179	423	1100	920.16.8. 870.16.8.		150 262.10.	M	88.18.8.		3310.10. 4.	
WILLOWBY	17	27	17	19	17	5	8	2	11	98	304	900		370	M	123.17.3.		1005.17. 8.	8.11. 5.
OAMARU	51	38	26	37	14	12	9	6	17	273	793	870.16.8.	4	200	M	18.10.3.		370.19. 1.	



## GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	Part I									CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPTMS		
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Lay Preachers	No. of Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Members Received During the Year						Members Removed During the Year					No. of Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Infants	Believers
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to									
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend						
CENTRAL CHURCH & MISSION (DUNEDIN)	4	1	1	3	3			6	240			1	16	1	4	5	18		4	1	234		6	9	
NORTH DUNEDIN	5		4	2	1			3	194				10	3	4	6	7		1	1	192		2	8	
DUNEDIN WEST	3	1	3	3	2			2	279				4	2		8	2	6			269		10	5	
DUNEDIN SOUTH	4		3	3	2			2	318	3			11			2	17		6	1	306		12	18	
CORSTORPHINE UNION		1						2	48				6				5		1	1	47		1	2	
ST. KILDA	4		1	1	2			5	239	2	1	19				4	22		1		234		5	13	
MILTON-LAWRENCE	2	1	2	1	1			1	72		2	2	2				9				69		3	5	
BALCLUTHA	2	2	1	1	1			4	135	2		3		1	3	9	2	6			121		14	8	
GORE	4		2	1	1			2	126				9				3		2	1	129	3		12	
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	3		3	2	2			1	309				12	3		2	20				302		7	15	
INVERCARGILL ST.PETERS	3		2	2	2			6	341				17		2	5	26		12	28	289		52	32	
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	6	2	4	2	2			3	168	3	2	5		1	7	6		2			164		4	28	
BLUFF	2			1	1				65			1			1		1				66	1		4	
ROXBURGH									47								47						47		
CROMWELL-ALEXANDRA									55								55						55		
CENTRAL OTAGO	6		2	2	1			3				7	110				10		2		105	105		2	2
	48	8	28	24	21			40	2636	10	14	224	11	10	42	257	8	38	33	2527	109	218	161	4	

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Part 2

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

CIRCUITS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION										STIPENDS, ETC.				STATE OF FINANCES AT 30th JUNE					
	Children					Youth			Adults	Pastoral Care		Annual Stipend	Bonus and / or Allowances	Travelling (or car) Allowances	Ownership of car	Circuits		Trust Account Totals		
	Nursery	Kindergarten	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Junior	Intermediate	Senior		No. of Families	No. of People					Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances Excluding balances held for Special purposes	Total Debit Balances	
CENTRAL CHURCH & MISSION DUNEDIN	17	6	12	20	13	9	16	18	35	292	614	971		235	M	421		5274	4609	
												764		200	C					
												871		200	M					
NORTH DUNEDIN	23	26	18	17	7	5	1		15	155	430			140	M		54	96		
DUNEDIN WEST	36	34	43	61	46	28	22	22		360	1050			120	M	247				
														120	M					
DUNEDIN SOUTH	56	51	44	68	37	22	30	12		500	1350			137	M	120		1392		
														135	M					
CORSTORPHINE UNION	9	5	8	6	7	5	5	6		310	920	871		135	M					
DUNEDIN (ST.KILDA)	44	39	38	42	24	16	8	11	17	263	788	871		180	M	56		510	3433	
												433		84	M					
MILTON-LAWRENCE	17	20	20	20	12	5	7			105	342	871		212	M	43		251		
BALCLUTHA	30	12	14	14	11	10	12	3	20	194	563			235	M	181		232		
GORE	46	25	16	21	15	13	8			185	560	871		217	M	28				
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	68	28	51	53	37	38	18	9	42	460	1250	694		150	M	144		874		
												871		120	M					
INVERCARGILL - ST. PETERS'	85	53	76	93	54	32	34	8	35	441	1535		20	200	M		3	63		
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	27	12	32	19	18	14	7	14		259	864			15	257	M		380	142	68
														15	276	M				
BLUFF	33	14	13	10	14	4	2			140	500			135	M	25		29		
CENTRAL OTAGO	30	20	16	23	9	5	6	4	14	165	510			324	M		99	118		
Totals	521	345	401	467	304	210	183	100	192	3829	11276	17848	50	3962		1346	536	9695	8110	



# HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

### 31st JULY, 1966

#### RECEIPTS

#### BLANCES AS AT 31st JULY, 1965:

General Account .....	2,771
Legacies for Disbursement ..	2,796
H.M. Training Conference ..	108
E. W. Blackwell Trust .....	256
Picture Department .....	309
	<u>6,240</u>

Less Removal Expenses Fund (Dr.) .....	7
	<u>6,233</u>

LEGACIES received during the year .....	685
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#### UNDRY INCOME:

Maori Circuits .....	1,621
General .....	195
	<u>1,816</u>

#### METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Annual Grant .....	3,700
Special Grant .....	400
	<u>4,100</u>

#### TRINITY THEOLOGICAL

COLLEGE .....	240
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#### CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:

11 months 1965-6 .....	34,473
1 month 1966-7 .....	3,026
	<u>37,499</u>

#### INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD:

Interest, etc. ....	3,572
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#### OTHER RECEIPTS:

H.M. Removal Expenses	
Levies .....	6
Duplicating .....	50
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust .....	487
Rent, Connexional Property .....	5
	<u>548</u>
	<u>£54,693</u>

#### PAYMENTS

#### LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:

Wellsford Parsonage .....	100
Kaikohe Parsonage .....	150
Te Kuiti Parsonage .....	100
Russell Parsonage Loan .....	40
Wairakei Road Trust .....	150
Bluff Circuit .....	150
Upper Hutt Circuit (2nd Parsonage) .....	100
Christchurch Central Mission .....	100
Dundas Street Trust .....	50
Huntly Circuit .....	50
	<u>990</u>

#### DITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST GRANTS:

Kaikohe-Bay of Islands .....	50
Bombay-Tuakau .....	50
Putaruru .....	50
Rotorua .....	50
Taihape .....	50
Wainuiomata .....	1
	<u>251</u>

#### MAORI MISSION:

Maori Mission Account:	
Stipends .....	17,011
Travelling .....	4,662
Circuit Expenses .....	500
Circuit Cars .....	512
Deaconess Cars .....	1,800
I.F. Bd Rents .....	1,688
Mission Hill Rent .....	175
Tokoroa Rent .....	240

#### European Minister in Maori Work:

Stipend .....	875
Travelling .....	250
Rent .....	200

#### General:

Worker's Conference .....	50
Maori Section N.C.C. ....	40
South Island Travel .....	100
	<u>28,103</u>

#### CIRCUIT GRANTS:

##### Northland District:

Hikurangi .....	350
North Hokianga .....	462
Whangaroa .....	150
Paparoa .....	50
Kaikohe-Bay of Islands .....	200
	<u>1,212</u>

##### Auckland District:

Kaipara .....	113
Bombay-Tuakau .....	200
Birkenhead .....	550
Mahurangi .....	242
Whangaparaoa .....	150
Onehunga .....	175
Takapuna .....	100
Henderson .....	300
Pukekohe .....	175
Auckland South .....	125
	<u>2,130</u>

##### Waikato-Bay of Plenty District:

Tauranga .....	175
Taumarunui (including Tuarangi) .....	220
Ngaruawahia .....	75
Whakatane-Kawerau .....	100
Te Kuiti .....	325
Te Puke .....	100
Waihi .....	325
Hamilton East .....	300
Coromandel .....	20
Ohura .....	250
Putaruru .....	200
Huntly .....	150
Tokoroa .....	413
Rotorua .....	350
	<u>3,003</u>

##### Taranaki-Wanganui District:

Inglewood .....	112
Manaia .....	125
Taihape .....	163
	<u>400</u>

**HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31st JULY, 1966 (Continued)**

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:**

Waipawa-Waipukurau .....	550	
Apiti .....	75	
Wairoa .....	50	
		675

**Wellington District:**

Paraparaumu .....	75	
Eketahuna .....	50	
Taita Union .....	40	
Upper Hutt .....	337	
Wainuiomata Union .....	171	
Porirua .....	600	
		1,274

**Nelson District:**

Westport .....	175	
Reefton .....	300	
Hokitika .....	188	
Murchison .....	250	
		913

**North Canterbury District:**

Woolston-Lyttelton .....	325	
Springston .....	425	
Spreydon .....	150	
St. Albans .....	150	
Riccarton .....	130	
Rangiora .....	75	
		1,255

**Otago-Southland District:**

St. Kilda .....	45	
Cromwell-Alexandra .....	75	
Bluff .....	90	
Milton-Lawrence .....	62	
Dunedin Central Church and Mission .....	150	
Roxburgh .....	97	
Western Southland .....	100	
North Dunedin .....	150	
		770

(Total Circuit Grants ....	£11,632
Plus E.W.B. Grants ....	251
	£11,883)

**SUNDRY GRANTS:**

Seamer House Hostel .....	100	
Wesley Circulating Library .....	25	
Manapouri Chaplaincy .....	150	
Church Sites Fund .....	400	
Compassionate, etc. ....	45	
Hospital Chaplaincy .....	662	
President's Supply .....	301	
		1,681

**OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES:**

Office Salaries .....	891	
Staff Superannuation Subsidy .....	42	
Office Rent and Rates .....	731	
Expenses, Postages, etc. ....	139	
Light, Power, Cleaning .....	94	
Telephones and Tolls .....	148	
Printing and Stationery .....	225	
		2,270

**MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS:**

Publicity .....	9	
Share of "Lotu" .....	100	
Additional Travel .....	186	
Bulkair Travel Recoverable .....	48	
Insurances .....	118	
Audit Fee .....	35	
Parsonage Allowances .....	34	
Office Equipment .....	47	
Rent of Parking Lots .....	20	
Sundry Expenses .....	25	
		622

**SUPERINTENDENTS (TWO):**

Stipends .....	1,750	
General Allowances .....	100	
Travelling .....	500	
I.F.B. Rents .....	400	
		2,750

**BALANCES, 31st JULY, 1966:**

General Account .....	2,994	
Legacies for Disbursement .....	491	
Ditto — Savings Account ....	2,000	
E. W. Blackwell Trust .....	491	
Home Mission Training .....		
Conference .....	108	
Picture Department .....	309	
		6,393
Less Removal Expenses ....	1	
		6,392

£54,692

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1966, 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, 1966**

RECEIPTS

**BALANCE, Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/65:**

Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust .....	254	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund .....	1,097	
M.W.F. Emergency Fund .....	1,063	
On Account of Capital .....	6,491	
	<u>8,905</u>	
On Account of Maintenance .....	449	
		9,354

**CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:**

Estate of S. B. Hinton .....	25	
" " S. J. Gibson (final) .....	5	
" " G. Phillips (addit.) .....	9	
" " G. C. Sills .....	1,170	
" " S. N. Spear .....	2,289	
	<u>3,498</u>	
Less refund overpayment 1965 .....	2	
	<u>3,496</u>	
Less Proportion for Disbursement .....	685	
		2,811

**LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT .....** 685

**NEW LOANS AT CALL .....** 18,282

**REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS .....** 14,985

**REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGES .....** 342

**OTAGO HOSPITAL BOARD DEBENTURES MATURED ....** 200

PAYMENTS

**INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:**

Through Mornington .....	3	
Through Invercargill .....	9	
Direct .....	3,560	
		3,572

**LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT .....** 685

**CAPITAL INVESTED:**

Special Loans .....	28,572	
Winstone Ltd. Shares .....	1,275	
Post Office Savings Bank .....	1	
Space in Office Building .....	198	
		30,046

**PROPERTIES:**

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel (extension) .....	2,622	
Auckland Maori Parsonage .....	159	
Dargaville Deaconess Cottage .....	29	
Hamilton Maori Parsonage .....	558	
Kawhia Maori Parsonage .....	150	
Manurewa Maori Parsonage .....	16	
Ngaruawahia Maori Parsonage .....	113	
Taheke Deaconess Cottage .....	48	
Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage .....	23	
		3,718

**REPAYMENT OF LOANS:**

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel .....	263	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel .....	160	
Kamo Maori Parsonage .....	42	
Loans at Call .....	10,567	
		11,032

**MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS, NET EXPENDITURE .....** 306

**EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST, EXPENDED ....** 1,544

**NEW CAPITAL:**

Kaeo Property Sales .....	1,400	
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel .....	800	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel (reserve for painting) .....	100	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel (reserve for painting) .....	75	
	<u>2,375</u>	
<b>SINKING FUNDS</b> .....	1,371	
<b>THE REV. T. G. &amp; MRS. BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND</b> .....	102	
<b>THE REV. THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND</b> .....	5	
<b>THE REV. GEORGE &amp; MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT</b> .....	26	
	<u>133</u>	
<b>NET INTEREST AND RENTS</b> .....	3,658	
<b>EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST NET RENTS</b> .....	1,781	
	<u>£55,977</u>	

**INTEREST DISBURSED**

George Buttle Centennial Gift (Wesley College) .....	26	
Thomas Buddle Memorial Library Fund .....	5	
	<u>31</u>	

**BALANCE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND 31/7/66:**

Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust .....	491	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund .....	1,200	
M.W.F. Emergency Fund .....	1,063	
On Account of Capital .....	2,143	
	<u>4,897</u>	
On Account of Maintenance .....	143	
	<u>5,040</u>	
	<u>£55,977</u>	



**THE METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1966**

**LIABILITIES**

**CREDITORS:**

Loans at Call .....		99,315	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund, 31/7/66 .....	1,097		
Added during year .....	103		
		1,200	
Kamo Maori Parsonage Mortgage .....		2,440	
			102,955

**SUNDRY FUNDS:**

Thomas Buddle Memorial Library Fund .....		100	
George Buttle Centennial Gift Fund .....		500	
			600
E. D. & M. E. Jones Trust .....			100
M.W.F. Emergency Fund .....			1,063
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust .....			491
A. J. Seamer Legacy Account .....			300

**RESERVES:**

Working Expenses, Maintenance Account .....		143	
Sinking Funds, 31/7/65 .....	11,629		
Added during year .....	1,371		
		13,000	
Investment Reserve .....		400	
Loan Repayment Reserve .....		2,960	
Hostel Painting Reserves .....		175	
			16,678

**MAORI CENTRES AND HOSTELS:**

**Mortgages:**

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel .....	2,385		
Less repaid during year .....	263		
		2,122	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel .....	1,200		
Less repaid during year .....	160		
		1,040	
			3,162

**ASSETS**

**CASH, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:**

Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust .....	491	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund .....	1,200	
M.W.F. Emergency Fund .....	1,063	
On Account of Capital .....	2,143	
	4,897	
On Account of Maintenance .....	143	
		5,040

**INVESTMENTS:**

**Memorial Gifts, Local Body Stock**

George Buttle Memorial Gift .....	500	
Thomas Buddle Library Fund .....	100	
		600

**General:**

Mortgage .....	302	
Government Stock .....	4,700	
Debentures and Stock .....	22,300	
Sundry Shares .....	5,769	
Post Office Savings Bank .....	37	
Space in Central Mission Building .....	12,363	
Investment in Gabriel Lyons Trust .....	1,049	
		46,520

**Special Loans:**

E. D. & M. E. Jones Trust .....	40	
General .....	131,357	
		131,397

**PROPERTIES:**

**Parsonages, etc.:**

**Maori Hostels and Centres:**

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel .....	32,979	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel .....	12,299	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel .....	11,953	

**Capital Receipts to date:**

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel .....	21,441	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel .....	12,299	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel .....	9,348	
Dargaville Maori Centre .....	2,098	
Hawera Maori Centre .....	2,372	
Kawakawa Maori Centre .....	4,029	
Otorohanga Maori Centre .....	425	
Te Kuiti Maori Centre .....	850	
Opunake Deaconess Centre .....	70	
	<u>52,933</u>	

**Capital Receipts Sundry:**

Hawera Deaconess Cottage .....	383	
Hokianga Deaconess Cottage .....	25	
Opunake Deaconess Cottage .....	100	
Dargaville Deaconess Cottage .....	2,110	
Taheke Deaconess Cottage .....	175	
Kamo Maori Parsonage .....	135	
Kao Property Sales .....	3,088	
Kakariki Avenue Property Sale .....	1,069	
	<u>7,085</u>	

**CAPITAL:**

Balance 31/7/65 .....	114,020	
Add Legacies and Gifts .....	3,496	
	<u>117,516</u>	
Less Transfers to Disbursement Account .....	685	
	<u>116,831</u>	
	<u>302,198</u>	

Dargaville Maori Centre .....	2,058	
Hawera Maori Centre .....	2,395	
Kawakawa Maori Centre .....	4,372	
Otorohanga Maori Centre .....	3,471	
Te Kuiti Maori Centre .....	1,413	
Opunake Deaconess Centre .....	648	
Dargaville Deaconess Cottage .....	34	
	<u>71,622</u>	
Mt. Wesley, Maungawhare .....	1,866	
Mt. Wesley, Parsonage Site .....	/	
Kao .....	2,384	
Kao Farm Development .....	120	
Opononi .....	391	
Waima .....	100	
Kawhia (Te Waitere) .....	100	
Raglan .....	50	
	<u>6,508</u>	

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board including the accounts of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust and Seamer House for the year ended 31st July, 1966.

In my opinion the Balance Sheets and statements of accounts show 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, 1966.

M. C. COPELAND, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.



**EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1966**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Repairs .....	82	Rent and Rates .....	2,322
Rates .....	248		
Insurance .....	188		
Commission .....	125		
	<u>643</u>		
Depreciation Reserve .....	275		
Net Income Carried Down .....	1,404		
	<u>2,322</u>		<u>2,322</u>
Transfer to Capital .....	281		
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve .....	150		
Transfer to Home Mission Fund .....	487	Net Income Brought Down .....	1,404
Transfer to Investment Funds Board .....	486		
	<u>1,404</u>		<u>1,404</u>

**EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1966**

LIABILITIES							
<b>CAPITAL:</b>				<b>BUILDINGS:</b>			
Balance, 31/7/65 .....		13,260					10,000
Added during year:				<b>Investments:</b>			
From Income .....	281			National Savings Investment .....	481		
From Interest .....	160			Post Office Savings Bank .....	26		
		441	13,701	Auckland City Council Stock .....	2,000		
				Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority Stock .....	2,500		
<b>DEPRECIATION RESERVE:</b>				Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board Stock .....	2,500		
Balance, 31/7/65 .....		5,598		Manukau County Council Stock .....	1,500		
Added during year:				Waitemata County Council Stock .....	1,000		10,007
From Income .....	275						
From Interest .....	275						
		550	6,148				
<b>MAINTENANCE RESERVE:</b>							
Balance, 31/7/65 .....		7					
Added during year:							
From Income .....	151						
From Interest .....		151	158				
			£20,007				£20,007



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND: OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1965**

**LIABILITIES**

**SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:**

Overseas Workers' Balances .....	263	
Local Workers' Balances .....	95	
Sundry Creditors .....	<u>20,125</u>	
		20,483
Solomon Islands Church Building Funds .....		<u>2,230</u>

**SPECIAL FUNDS:**

Medical .....	34,472	
Medical Orderly .....	530	
Working Capital .....	27,465	
Vanes Bequest .....	655	
Boat Insurance .....	27,125	
Boat Replacement .....	3,281	
Fire Insurance .....	13,278	
Sickness and Accident .....	1,048	
South Sea Islands Catechist' Retiring Fund .....		167
Solomon Islands Ministers and Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	1,575	
New Guinea Highlands Appeal .....	5,932	
New Guinea Highlands Agriculture ....	125	
Nicholson Memorial .....	118	
Refrigerator Replacement .....	1,613	
Landrover Replacement .....	1,481	
Sundry Solomon Islands Trust Funds ..	4,269	
Leper Fund .....	<u>3,860</u>	
Leper's Trust Board Dispensary in North Solomons .....		406
Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital Facilities, B.S.I.P. ....	2,887	
Lepers' Trust Board Nurses' Training Centre, Munda .....	2,600	
Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital Centre, B.S.I.P. ....	2,350	
Lepers' Trust Board New Station, Bougainville .....	<u>2,194</u>	

**ASSETS**

**SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:**

Cash in Hand and in Bank .....	8,337	
Sundry Debtors .....	3,755	
Stock .....	<u>17,958</u>	
		30,050
Boats .....		25,000
Solomon Islands District Account ....		20,901
Solomon Islands District Expenditure Suspense .....		39,648
Sege Plantation Lease .....		<u>214</u>

**INVESTMENTS:**

N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock ....	19,755	
Local Body Stock and Debentures ....	80,580	
Mortgages .....	2,260	
Shares and Stock .....	6,368	
Commonwealth Savings Bank and National Savings .....	9,652	
Savings Banks and National Savings .....	12,804	
Share in Central Mission Building ....	<u>9,954</u>	
		141,373

Medical Fund .....	34,472	
Medical Orderly .....	530	
Working Capital .....	27,465	
Vanes Bequest .....	655	
Boat Insurance .....	27,125	
Boat Replacement .....	3,281	
Fire Insurance .....	13,278	
Leper Vessel Reserve .....	15,500	
Sickness and Accident Fund .....	1,048	
South Sea Islanders Retiring Fund ....	167	
Solomon Islands Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	1,575	
Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital Centre, B.S.I.P. ....	<u>2,350</u>	

Leper's Trust Board New Hospital Centre, British South Solomons ....	1,672
Lepers' Trust Board Hospital Centre, Sege .....	768
Lepers' Trust Board P. J. Twomey Memorial Hospital .....	142
Leprosarium Bequest .....	211
Mission to Lepers Grant .....	354
Oamaru Special Gift, Buka .....	529
Leper Relief Vessel Maintenance .....	15,500

# METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FUNDS:

Buildings and Equipment .....	4,724
Sisters' Salary Emergency .....	1,000
Teachers' Training .....	1,129
Nipa Teacher's Salary .....	2,000
Scholarship for Girls .....	1,142
	<hr/> 9,995
Building and Equipment Fund .....	15,569
Extension Fund .....	1,420
Solomon Islands Jubilee Scholarship Fund .....	703
New Guinea Highlands Solomon Islands Support .....	489
New Guinea Highlands District A/c. .....	12,552
New Guinea Highlands Sundry Creditors .....	314
New Guinea Highlands District Reserve .....	429
Vella Lavella Translation .....	134
M.W.F. Translation .....	100
Sundry Creditors .....	654
Boat Reserve Account .....	25,000
Loans at Call .....	2,737
Accumulated Fund .....	14,483
Solomon Islands District Reserve .....	2,722
Solomon Islands History Account Reserve .....	72
	<hr/> £266,693

Lepers' Trust Board New Station, Bougainville .....	2,194
Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital, British South Solomons .....	1,672
Leprosarium .....	211
Sisters' Salary Emergency .....	1,000
Oamaru Special Gift, Buka .....	529
New Guinea Highlands Appeal .....	5,932
General Investments .....	2,389
	<hr/> 141,373
Residence, General Secretary .....	1,508
Projector and Tape Recorder .....	22
Sundry Debtors .....	392
Stocks, Stationery .....	175
New Guinea Highlands Sundry Debtors .....	836
Leper Vessel Maintenance .....	1,892
Cash in Bank of New Zealand .....	4,682
	<hr/> £266,693

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Overseas Missions Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the books of the Department, as at 31st August, 1965. Island assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having been entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

AUCKLAND. (Sgnd.): Macky & Frear.



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND: OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1965**

**EXPENDITURE**

**SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:**

**Support of Overseas Staff:**

Stipends .....	21,791	
Superannuation and Retiring Funds ....	844	
Travel, Freight and Insurance .....	4,512	
Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment .....	651	
V.S.O. and O.S.S. Expenses .....	1,026	
	<u>28,824</u>	
LESS Government Grants .....	3,132	
	<u>25,692</u>	
Grant in aid of District Budget .....	9,874	
	<u>35,566</u>	
LESS Reduction to New Zealand currency .....	6,884	
	<u>28,682</u>	

**PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT:**

Support of New Zealand Staff .....	7,066	
One-Third of District Expenditure ....	5,638	
	<u>12,704</u>	
LESS Reduction to New Zealand currency .....	2,459	
	<u>10,245</u>	
LESS Government Grants .....	434	
Interest on Appeal Funds .....	178	
	<u>612</u>	
		9,633

**INCOME**

Interest, Working Capital .....	1,342
Interest, Medical Fund .....	1,607
Donations outside Budget .....	752
Methodist Women's Fellowship .....	4,100
Connexional Budget .....	34,810
Lepers' Trust Board for Medical Expenses .....	8,000

**HOME BASE EXPENDITURE:****General Administration:**

General Secretary's Stipend and Allowance .....	916	
General Secretary's Travel .....	80	
General Secretary's House .....	150	
Office Salaries .....	824	
Office Rent and Rates .....	633	
Printing and Stationery .....	168	
General Office Expenses .....	325	
Telephones .....	133	
Travelling, Board Meeting .....	82	
	<hr/>	3,311

**Publicity and Deputation:**

Annual Report .....	35	
Material and Travel .....	63	
Subsidy, OPEN DOOR and LOTU .....	162	
	<hr/>	260

**Miscellaneous**

Methodist Times .....	20	
C.O.M.I.C.A. ....	49	
Insurances, Employers' Liability, Air Travel and Fire .....	267	
Interest on Overdraft .....	139	
Audit Fee .....	39	
Staff Superannuation .....	26	
Missionary Aviation Fellowship Grant .....	100	
Sundries .....	134	
	<hr/>	774
Car Depreciation .....		104
Surplus to Accumulated Fund .....		7,847

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£50,611

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£50,611



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND: OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1966**

**LIABILITIES**

**Solomon Islands District:**

Overseas Workers' Balances .....	1,656	
Local Workers' Balances .....	366	
Sundry Creditors .....	22,389	
		24,411
Solomon Islands Church Building Funds .....		2,506

**Special Funds:**

Medical .....	34,565	
Medical Orderly .....	531	
Working Capital .....	20,513	
Vanes Bequest .....	683	
Boat Insurance .....	21,500	
Boat Replacement .....	161	
Fire Insurance .....	13,921	
Sickness and Accident .....	1,300	
South Sea Islands Catchists' Retiring Fund ....	190	
Solomon Islands Ministers' & Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	1,937	
New Guinea Highlands Appeal .....	3,128	
New Guinea Highlands Agriculture .....	130	
Nicholson Memorial .....	122	
Refrigerator Replacement .....	1,312	
Landrover Replacement .....	1,490	
Sundry Solomon Islands Trust Funds .....	5,116	
Leper Fund .....	4,029	
Lepers' Trust Board Nurses' Training Centre, Munda .....	2,680	
Leper's Trust Board New Hospital Centre, B.S.I.P. ....	2,350	
Leper's Trust Board New Station, Bougainville .....	1,638	
Leper's Trust Board New Hospital, British South Solomons .....	1,724	
Lepers' Trust Board Hospital Centre, Sege .....	713	
Leper's Trust Board New Hospital Facilities, B.S.I.P. ....	2,469	
Leper's Trust Board, P. J. Twomey Memorial Hospital .....	143	
Leprosarium Bequest .....	217	

**ASSETS**

**Solomon Islands District:**

Cash in Hand and in Bank .....	5,725	
Sundry Debtors .....	5,639	
Stock .....	18,840	
		30,204
Boats .....		25,000
Solomon Islands District Account .....		19,934
Solomon Islands Expenditure Suspense Account .....		35,054
Sege Plantation Lease .....		213

**Investments:**

N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock ....	14,745	
Local Body Stock & Debentures .....	78,180	
Mortgages .....	1,000	
Shares and Stock .....	6,366	
Commonwealth Savings Bank and National Savings .....	11,306	
Savings Bank and National Savings .....	7,192	
Share in Central Mission Building ....	9,953	
		128,742
Medical Fund .....	34,565	
Medical Orderly .....	530	
Working Capital .....	20,513	
Vanes Bequest .....	683	
Boat Insurance .....	21,500	
Boat Replacement .....	161	
Fire Insurance .....	13,921	
Leper Vessel Reserve .....	12,394	
Sickness and Accident Fund .....	1,300	
South Sea Islanders Retiring Fund ....	190	
Solomon Islands Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund .....	1,937	
Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital Centre, B.S.I.P. ....	2,350	
Lepers' Trust Board New Station, Bougainville .....	1,638	

Lepers' Trust Board Leprosarium & Clinics, Munda .....	2,000	Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital, British South Solomons .....	1,724
Mission to Lepers Grant .....	354	Leprosarium and Clinic, Munda .....	2,000
Oamaru Special Gift, Buka .....	545	Leprosarium .....	217
Leper Relief Vessel Maintenance Reserve .....	12,394	Sisters' Salary Emergency .....	1,000
<b>Methodist Women's Fellowship Funds:</b>		Oamaru Special Gift, Buka .....	545
Buildings and Equipment .....	4,191	New Guinea Highlands Appeal .....	3,128
Sisters' Salary Emergency Account .....	1,000	General Investments .....	8,446
Teacher Training .....	1,129		128,742
Nipa Teacher's Salary .....	2,000	Residence, General Secretary .....	1,677
Scholarship for Girls .....	956	General Secretary's Residence, Main- tenance Account .....	870
	9,276	Projector and Tape Recorder .....	22
Building and Equipment Fund .....	4,785	Motor Car .....	925
Extension Fund .....	4,044	Sundry Debtors .....	330
Solomon Islands Jubilee Scholarship Fund .....	640	Stocks, Stationery .....	176
New Guinea Highlands, Solomon Islands Support .....	832	New Guinea Highlands Sundry Debtors .....	124
New Guinea Highlands District Account .....	13,957	Cash in Bank of New Zealand .....	2,929
New Guinea Highlands Sundry Creditors .....	915		
New Guinea Highlands District Reserve .....	2,190		
New Guinea Highlands, Mission to Lepers Grant .....	450		
Vella Lavella Translation .....	134		
M.W.F. Translation .....	100		
Sundry Creditors and Maps .....	704		
Boat Reserve Account .....	25,000		
Loans at Call .....	2,300		
Accumulated Fund .....	13,215		
Solomon Islands District Reserve .....	2,805		
Solomon Islands History Account Reserve .....	81		
	<u>£246,200</u>		<u>£246,200</u>

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AUCKLAND,

(Sgnd.): Macky & Frear.



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1966**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
<b>Solomon Islands District:</b>		Interest, Working Capital .....	1,278
<b>Support of Overseas Staff:</b>		Interest, Medical Fund .....	1,384
Stipends, including Superannuation and Retiring Funds .....	32,898	Donations Outside Budget .....	425
Travel, Freight and Insurance .....	6,372	Methodist Women's Fellowship .....	4,100
Maintenance of Buildings & Equipment .....	322	Connexional Budget .....	36,082
V.S.O. and O.S.S. Expenses .....	2,254	Leper's Trust Board Grant for Medical Expenses .....	10,000
	41,846	Deficit Transferred to Accumulated Fund .....	1,267
LESS Government Grants .....	3,927		
	37,919		
Grant in aid of District Budget .....	11,009		
	48,928		
LESS Reduction to New Zealand currency .....	9,470		
	39,458		
<b>PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT:</b>			
Support of New Zealand Staff .....	6,689		
One-third of District Expenditure ....	7,465		
	14,154		
LESS Reduction to New Zealand currency .....	2,740		
	11,414		
LESS Government Grants .....	1,506		
Interest on Appeal Funds ....	213		
	1,719		
	9,695		

**HOME BASE EXPENDITURE:****General Administration:**

General Secretary's and Executive Officer's Salaries and Allowances	954	
Executive Officer's Rent Allowance ....	108	
General Secretary's House Expenses ....	300	
General Secretary's and Executive Officer's Travelling and Car Expenses .....	321	
Office Salaries .....	894	
Office Rent and Rates .....	611	
Printing and Stationery .....	139	
General Office Expenses .....	251	
Telephones .....	123	
Travelling, Board Meetings .....	88	
	<u>3,789</u>	

**Publicity and Deputation:**

Annual Report .....	40	
Subsidy, "Open Door" and "Lotu" ....	351	
Deputation, Material and Travel:		
Bulletin .....	135	
General Expenses .....	138	
	<u>273</u>	
		664

**Miscellaneous:**

Methodist Times Grant—½-year .....	10	
C.O.M.I.C.A. ....	49	
Insurances, Employers' Liability, Air Travel and Fire .....	298	
Interest on Overdraft .....	182	
Staff Superannuation .....	30	
Overseas Travel Expenses .....	271	
Sundry Expenses .....	22	
	<u>862</u>	
Motor Car Depreciation .....	68	
	<u>£54,536</u>	

£54,536



**AUCKLAND MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL — SEAMER HOUSE**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1966**

RECEIPTS					
Balance, 31/7/65 .....	302			Matron's Salary .....	590
Petty Cash .....	15			Wages .....	930
			317	Provisions .....	1,122
Boarding Fees .....	3,676			Light, Heat & Power .....	264
J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant .....	350			Cleaning and Laundry .....	34
Auckland Savings Bank Grant .....	100			Repairs & Replacements .....	208
Home Mission Dept. Grant .....	100			Sundry Equipment .....	111
Sundry .....	10			Telephones .....	42
			4,236	Rates .....	193
				Insurance .....	105
				Interest on Mortgage .....	103
				Sundries .....	59
				Deaconess Retiring Fund .....	6
				Transfer to Painting Reserve .....	50
				Television Set (Recoverable) .....	105
					3,922
				Balance, 31/7/66:	
				Bank of New Zealand .....	616
				Petty Cash .....	15
					631
			4,553		4,553

# EPWORTH BOOKROOM (HAMILTON)

## TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1965

Stock at 30/6/64 .....	2,028	Sales .....	5,520
Purchases .....	3,352	Stock transferred to Epworth (Auck- land) .....	1,228
Gross Profit .....	1,368		
	<u>£6,748</u>		<u>£6,748</u>
Advertising .....	39	Gross Profit .....	1,368
Cleaning .....	26	Nett loss for year .....	147
Electricity .....	25		
General Expenses .....	72		
Interest .....	72		
Insurance .....	15		
Postages .....	44		
Rent .....	477		
Stationery .....	44		
Telephone .....	36		
Wages .....	665		
	<u>£1,515</u>		<u>£1,515</u>

## REALISATION OF FIXED ASSETS

Sale of Assets .....	110	
Balance from Sale Lease .....	800	
	<u>800</u>	£910
Less Fixed Assets .....	435	
Added during year .....	5	
	<u>440</u>	
Excess Book Value to Capital .....		£470

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1965

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Home Mission Department		Cash & Stock to Epworth, Auckland .....	£1,325
Loan .....	£2,900	Capital: Deficit at 30/6/64	£1,898
		Less excess sale of assets	470
			<u>1,428</u>
		Add loss for year .....	147
			<u>1,575</u>
	<u>£2,900</u>		<u>£2,900</u>

I certify that I have examined the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet of Epworth Bookroom (Hamilton) and in my opinion they report a true and fair view of the trading of the Bookroom for the year ended 30th June, 1965, the winding-up of the business and the affairs of the Bookroom as at 30th June, 1965. I also wish to advise that I am in agreement with Mr. Kemsley's notes attached to the Balance Sheet with reference to minor matters of winding up the Bookroom.

(Sgd.) R. L. KNIGHT,  
Public Accountant, Hamilton.



# EPWORTH BOOKROOM (AUCKLAND)

## TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

Stock on Hand, 30/6/65 .....	7,520	Sales .....	16,822
Purchases .....	14,133		
	<u>21,653</u>		
Less Stock on Hand at 30/6/66 .....	8,216		
	<u>13,437</u>		
Gross Profit .....	3,385		
	<u>£16,822</u>		<u>£16,822</u>
Advertising and Stationery .....	423	Gross Profit .....	3,385
Accountancy and Audit .....	79	Loss for year .....	2,512
General Expenses .....	140		
Cleaning .....	47		
Insurance .....	16		
Interest .....	89		
Phones .....	78		
Light and Power .....	101		
Postages .....	277		
Rent .....	1,748		
Rates .....	172		
Salaries .....	2,533		
Depreciation .....	194		
	<u>£5,897</u>		<u>£5,897</u>

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	
Bank Overdraft .....	1,054	Cash in hand, Cash in	
Sundry Creditors .....	2,190	Auckland Savings Bank ....	20
Bills Payable .....	26	Sundry Debtors .....	2,594
Subs in Advance .....	31	Less Reserve for Bad	
Sundry Loans .....	2,900	Debts .....	50
			<u>2,544</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,201</b>	Stock on hand .....	8,216
			<u></u>
<b>CAPITAL:</b>		<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>10,780</b>
Balance at 30/6/65 .....	9,144	Superannuation paid in advance	95
Add Van Reserve transferred	1,545	Furniture and Fittings:	
	10,689	Balance, 30/6/65 .....	1,940
Less Hamilton A/c.		Less Depreciation .....	194
transferred .....	1,757		<u>1,746</u>
Less loss for year ....	2,512		
	<u>4,269</u>		
	<u>6,420</u>		
	<u>£12,621</u>		<u>£12,621</u>

I have audited the books and accounts of the Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) for the year ended 30th June, 1966, and certify that in my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet correctly sets out the position of the Bookroom as at 30th June, 1966, as disclosed by its books and the information and explanations I have received.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.  
Auditor.

# Estimates for 1967

(1)	PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS .....	3,350
(2)	METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:	
	Grant .....	3,700
	Special Gift .....	400
	Smethurst Interest .....	130
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		4,230
(3)	EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST .....	491
(4)	MAORI CIRCUITS .....	2,000
(5)	MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS .....	300
(6)	TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:	
	Living out allowance, 2 students .....	270
(7)	CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:	
	1966-67 (5 months) .....	15,923
	1967-68 (7 months) .....	22,367
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		38,290
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		£48,931

(Adjusted to Stationing and to the new stipend rates)

<b>NORTHLAND DISTRICT</b>		<b>Investment Funds Board for Rent —</b>
<b>Maori Work</b>		<b>Waima .....</b>
Minister—Stipend .....	948	Kamo .....
Travelling .....	250	
Parsonage Allowance .....	15	
Supernumerary Minister—Honorarium .....	52	
Travelling ..	125	
Home Missionary—Stipend .....	822	
Travelling .....	200	
Parsonage Allow.	15	
General Circuit Expenses .....	100	
Deaconess—Stipend .....	621	
Rent .....	78	
Provision for car .....	150	
Deaconess—Stipend .....	621	
Rent .....	78	
Provision for car .....	150	
Deaconess Supply—Stipend .....	660	
Travelling .....	150	
		<b>Circuit Grants</b>
		Kaikōhe-Bay of Islands—M & P. (R.B.) .....
		(E.W.B.) .....
		Whāngarua—P. " .....
		North Hokianga—P. ....
		(Travelling) .....
		Hikurangi—P. (R.B.) .....
		(E.W.B.) .....
		Whangarei—2 M. ....
		Paparoa—S.H.M. ....
		<b>£1,775</b>
		<b>£5,360</b>



# **AUCKLAND DISTRICT**

## **Maori Work**

Minister—Stipend .....	948
Travelling .....	250
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Non-resident Student Supply—	
Stipend .....	768
Travelling .....	150
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Non-resident Student Supply—	
Stipend .....	768
Travelling .....	200
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Circuit Expenses .....	100
Deaconess—Stipend .....	711
Rent .....	78
Provision for car .....	150
Deaconess—Stipend .....	699
Provision for car .....	150
Deaconess Supply—Stipend .....	652
Travelling .....	25
Investment Funds Board for Rents—	
Tuakau .....	150
Auckland .....	250
Manurewa .....	250

**£6,344**

## **Circuit Grants**

Auckland South — 3 M. ....	100
Auckland West — M. ....	100
Henderson — 3 M. ....	300
Birkenhead — 3 M. ....	600
Onehunga — 2 M. ....	250
Papatoetoe — 2 M. ....	150
Papakura — 2 M. & Student	
Supply .....	200
Pukekohe — M. & Sy. ....	100
Bombay-Tuakau — M. ....	225
Bombay-Tuakau — (E.W.B.) ...	75
Kaipara — M. ....	250
Whangaparaoa — Supply .....	100
Mahurangi — M. ....	100

**£2,550**

# **WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT**

## **Maori Work. (A) Waikato Circuit**

Minister—Stipend .....	948
Travelling .....	250
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Home Missionary—Stipend .....	822
Travelling .....	75
Provision for car .....	125
Parsonage Allow. ....	15
Home Missionary—Stipend .....	822
Travelling .....	200
Parsonage Allow. ....	15
Home Missionary—Stipend .....	822
Travelling .....	75
Provision for car .....	125
Circuit Car—Travelling .....	150
General Circuit Expenses .....	150
Deaconess—Stipend .....	711
Rent .....	78
Provision for Car .....	150
Deaconess—Stipend .....	711
Rent .....	78
Provision for Car .....	150
Deaconess—Stipend .....	621
Rent .....	78
Provision for Car .....	150
Deaconess—no appointment	

Deaconess (half-time)—Stipend .....	317
Rent .....	78
Travelling .....	75
Investment Funds Board for Rents—	
Ngaruawahia .....	125
Heaphy Terrace .....	200
Tokoroa .....	200

## **(B) King Country Circuit**

Minister—Stipend .....	948
Travelling .....	250
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Probationer—Stipend .....	822
Travelling .....	200
Probationer—Stipend .....	744
Rent .....	78
Travelling .....	200
H.M. Supply—Hon'm. ....	52
Deaconess — no appointment	
Deaconess—Stipend .....	711
Rent .....	78
Provision for Car .....	150
Investment Funds Board for rent—	
Kawhia .....	150
Te Kuiti .....	200

**£4,598**

## **Circuit Grants**

Waihi — M. ....	250
Ngaruawahia — P. ....	100
Huntly — M. ....	150
Putaruru — P. ....	100
Tokoroa — M. ....	375
Rotorua — 2 M. & Sy. ....	300
(E.W.B.) .....	50
Te Puke — M. ....	250
Whakatane-Kawerau — M. ....	150
Te Kuiti — P. ....	225
(E.W.B.) .....	75
Taumarunui — M. ....	100
Taumarunui—Turangi (+) — Trav. ..	200
Ohura — P. ....	300

**£2,625**

(+) Turangi — to be paid when required.

# **TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT**

## **Maori Work**

Minister—Stipend .....	948
Travelling .....	250
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Probationer—Stipend .....	822
Travelling .....	200
Parsonage Allowance .....	15
Circuit Expenses .....	75
Deaconess—Stipend .....	684
Rent .....	78
Provision for Car .....	150
Deaconess—Stipend .....	621
Rent .....	78
Provision for Car .....	150
Investment Funds Board—Rent—	
Hawera .....	200
Grey Institute Trust—Rent—	
New Plymouth .....	175

**£4,461**

## **Circuit Grants**

Manaia — M. ....	150
Taihape — P. ....	200

**£350**

## HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

### Circuit Grants

Wairoa — P. ....	200
(E.W.B.) .....	50
Pahiatua — M. ....	150
Apiti — M. ....	75
Waipawa-Waipukurau .....	400
	<u>£875</u>

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Porirua — 3 M. ....	600
Upper Hutt — M. & P. ....	350
Upper Hutt — (E.W.B.) .....	50
Eketahuna — H.M.P. ....	100
Paraparaumu — M. ....	100
Painui-o-mata Union Parish .....	100
Wainui-o-mata — (E.W.B.) .....	50
Taita Union Parish .....	80
	<u>£1,430</u>

## NELSON DISTRICT

### Circuit Grants

Murchison — P. ....	200
Reefton — M. ....	300
Westport — M. ....	200
Hokitika — M. ....	200
	<u>£900</u>

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

### Circuit Grants

Woolston-Lyttelton — 2 M.+P. ....	175	R.B.
Spreyden — 2 M. ....	150	
Riccarton — 2 M. ....	100	
St. Albans — 4 M. ....	150	
Springton — 2 M. ....	460	
Springton — (E.W.B.) .....	40	
	<u>£1,075</u>	

## OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

### Circuit Grants

Central Church and Mission .....	150
North Dunedin — M. ....	150
Western Southland 2 P. ....	100
Bluff—P. ....	100
	<u>£500</u>

## GENERAL PAYMENTS

### Maori Work

South Island Deaconess—	
Honorarium .....	52
Travelling .....	26
Hostel Subsidies .....	200
Deaconess Car Depreciation .....	150
Additional Travel .....	550
South Island Travel .....	100
Maori Section, N.C.C. ....	40
	<u>1,118</u>

### General Grants

Church Sites Fund .....	400
N.Z.M.S.A. ....	30
	<u>430</u>

### Chaplaincies

Auck. Hospital Chaplain (½) .....	650
Southland N.C.C. Manapouri Chaplain .....	150
Porirua Hosp. (with P.S.S.A.) .....	450
Oakley Hosp. (with P.S.S.A.) .....	450
	<u>1,700</u>

### Miscellaneous

H.M. Publicity and General Staff Insurance .....	300
Ministerial Supplies .....	40
President's Supply (½) .....	100
Share of "Lotu" .....	450
	<u>135</u>
	<u>1,025</u>

### Superintendents (2)

Stipends .....	1,896
Travelling .....	500
General Allowances .....	100
Parsonage Allowances .....	30
Investment Fund Boards Rents .....	500
	<u>3,026</u>

### Office Expenses

Bookkeeping, Secretarial and Wages .....	900
Office, Interest and Rates .....	710
Light, cleaning, etc. ....	100
Phones, Tolls and Postages .....	250
Printing and Stationery .....	300
	<u>2,260</u>

### GRAND TOTAL

£50,733

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES FOR CONNEXIONAL YEAR, 1967

### RECEIPTS

Properties and Investments .....	3,350
Methodist Women's Fellowship .....	4,230
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust .....	491
Maori Circuits .....	2,000
Miscellaneous Donations etc. ....	300
Trinity Theological College .....	270
<b>Connexional Budget:</b>	
1966-67 .....	15,923
1967-68 .....	22,367
*Estimated Deficit .....	1,802
	<u>£50,733</u>

### PAYMENTS

Maori Work .....	30,212
Circuit Grants .....	12,080
Chaplaincies .....	1,700
General and Miscellaneous .....	1,455
Superintendents (2) .....	3,026
Office, etc. ....	2,260
	<u>£50,733</u>

\* The Home Mission Fund carried forward a Credit at the 1st August, 1966 of £2,993, only a portion of which will be expended by the 31st January, 1967 — there ought to be more than sufficient to meet the deficit shown above.



# MAORI MISSIONS

	Northland	Auckland	Waikato	King Country	Taranaki	TOTALS
<b>GENERAL:</b>						
No. of church-buildings .....	14	2	—	—	1	17
Other Preaching Places .....	13	36	58	39	20	166
Parsonages/Mission Houses .....	2	2	2	1	1	8
Deac. Cottages .....	2	—	1	2	2	7
Maori Centres .....	2	1	1	2	2	8
Hostels .....	—	2	2	—	1	5
<b>STAFF:</b>						
No. of Ordained Ministers .....	1	1	1	1	1	5
No. of Deaconesses .....	3	4	3	1	2	13
No. of Home Missionaries .....	1	2	2	—	1	6
No. of Honorary H.M. ....	7	2	6	3	1	19
No. of Lay Preachers .....	—	3	6	—	—	9
No. of Lay Preachers on trial .....	6	1	5	4	—	16
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>						
With full status .....	483	334	760	466	296	2,339
Confirmed during year .....	1	9	6	—	6	22
Adherents .....	176	149	—	116	395	836
Baptisms during year .....	—	208	236	61	69	574
Deaths during year .....	—	11	36	9	10	66
Transfers out .....	—	—	14	11	3	28
Transfers in .....	—	—	15	2	1	18
<b>PASTORAL CARE:</b>						
No. of families .....	338	650	1,180	734	397	3,299
No. of persons .....	1,148	—	—	2,773	1,603	—
<b>WOMEN'S GROUPS:</b>						
No. of Women's Fellowships .....	12	8	7	7	4	38
No. of Members .....	90	72	64	62	60	348
<b>YOUTH GROUPS:</b>						
No. of Sunday Schools .....	25	—	18	11	14	68
No. of Scholars .....	376	—	251	182	229	1,038
No. of Bible Classes .....	3	—	2	5	7	17
No. of Scholars .....	45	—	14	44	123	226
No. of Youth Clubs .....	5	5	4	2	1	17
No. of Members .....	129	100	68	30	15	342

# SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

## STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1966

		B.S.I.P.	T.P.N.G.	District 1966	1965	Increase	Decrease
<b>A—Buildings:</b>							
No. of Churches	.....	104	142	246	252	—	6
Other Preaching Places	.....	13	43	56	24	32	—
<b>B—Staffing:</b>							
Ministers	.....	18	9	27	21	6	—
Deaconesses	.....	7	4	11	—	—	—
Catechists	.....	19	12	31	—	—	—
Pastors	.....	32	84	116	—	—	—
Pastor/Teachers	.....	75	34	109	—	—	—
Lay Preachers	.....	449	168	617	400	217	—
<b>C—Membership:</b>							
Members	.....	4616	3690	8306	7790	516	—
Youth Roll	.....	6345	3121	9466	—	—	—
Adherents	.....	2465	2719	5184	—	—	—
<b>D—Young People's Work:</b>							
Sunday Schools	.....	88	75	163	146	17	—
Sunday School Scholars	.....	1926	2041	3967	4730	—	763
Sunday School Teachers	.....	170	148	318	—	—	—
Bible Classes	.....	63	39	102	—	—	—
Bible Class Members	.....	1652	479	2131	—	—	—
Bible Class Leaders	.....	78	59	137	—	—	—
Boys' Brigade Companies	.....	14	8	22	—	—	—
Boys' Brigade Boys	.....	326	269	595	—	—	—
Boys' Brigade Officers	.....	19	17	36	—	—	—
Life Boy Companies	.....	1	—	1	—	—	—
Life Boy Members	.....	44	—	44	—	—	—
Life Boy Officers	.....	1	—	1	—	—	—
Girls' Brigade Companies	.....	7	3	10	—	—	—
Girls' Brigade Members	.....	240	156	396	—	—	—
Girls' Brigade Officers	.....	15	8	23	—	—	—
G.L.B. Cadet Companies	.....	2	4	6	—	—	—
G.L.B. Cadets	.....	56	67	123	—	—	—
G.L.B. Cadet Officers	.....	4	5	9	—	—	—
<b>E—Educational:</b>							
Schools	.....	84	34	118	137	—	19
O/S Trained Teachers	.....	7	4	11	—	—	—
Local Trained Teachers	.....	37	54	91	—	—	—
Untrained Teachers	.....	122	31	153	—	—	—
School Boys	.....	1881	1151	3032	5767	79	—
School Girls	.....	1624	1190	2814			
<b>F—Medical Work:</b>							
Hospitals	.....	4	4	8	8	—	—
Aid Posts	.....	9	6	15	—	—	—
Doctors	.....	1	—	1	1	—	—
A.M.O's	.....	2	—	2	—	—	—
Nursing Sisters	.....	2	3	5	6	—	—



**SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT  
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1966 (Continued)**

		B.S.I.P.	T.P.N.G.	District 1966	1965	Increase	Decrease
Staff Nurses, Dressers	.....	8	1	9	—	—	—
Medical Assistants	.....	47	16	63	—	—	—
<b>G—Women's Groups:</b>							
M.W.F. Groups	.....	*	33	33	—	—	—
M.W.F. Members	.....	*	520	520	—	—	—
<b>H—Overseas Staffing:</b>							
Ministers	.....	8	4	12	11	1	—
Laymen	.....	5	4	9	7	2	—
Laywomen	.....	6	6	12	17	—	5

\* Figures not available.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE  
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1966

	Roviana	Marovo	Vella Lavella	Choiseul	Central	Simbo	Aola-Honiara	Ranongga Sub-District	Totals
<b>A—Buildings:</b>									
Number of Churches .....	15	13	17	38	1	4	4	12	104
Number of Other Preaching Places .....	4	1	1	1	3	—	3	—	13
<b>B—Staffing:</b>									
Ministers .....	5	2	1	3	3	1	2	1	18
Deaconesses .....	2	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	7
Catechists .....	1	2	4	10	—	—	—	2	19
Pastors .....	3	5	10	1	—	3	1	9	32
Pastor/Teachers .....	11	7	15	34	2	1	2	3	75
Lay Preachers .....	76	81	134	89	20	23	10	16	449
<b>C—Membership:</b>									
Members .....	615	455	737	1842	240	256	166	305	4616
Youth Roll .....	987	567	1029	2144	480	343	300	495	6345
Adherents .....	285	327	602	268	275	40	400	258	2465
<b>D—Young People's Work:</b>									
Sunday Schools .....	15	12	13	31	4	4	3	6	88
Sunday School Teachers .....	32	23	21	63	5	6	10	10	170
Sunday School Scholars .....	495	306	339	1006	235	186	160	199	1926
Bible Classes .....	4	10	10	33	3	1	2	—	63
Bible Class Members .....	70	300	403	805	33	22	14	—	1652
Bible Class Leaders .....	6	12	17	35	5	1	2	—	78
Boys' Brigade Companies .....	3	1	3	4	—	1	—	2	14
Boys' Brigade Boys .....	85	50	123	125	—	28	—	45	326
Boys' Brigade Officers .....	4	3	5	4	—	1	—	2	19
Life Boy Companies .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Life Boy Members .....	—	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	44
Life Boy Officers .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—



## BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE — STATISTICAL RETURNS 1966

				Roviana	Marovo	Vella Lavella	Choiseul	Central	Simbo	Aola-Honiara	Ranongga Sub-District	Totals
Girls' Brigade Companies	.....	---	---	1	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	7
Girls' Brigade Members	.....	---	---	40	37	36	102	-	25	-	-	240
Girls' Brigade Officers	.....	---	---	2	4	4	3	-	2	-	-	15
G.L.B. Cadet Companies	.....	---	---	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
G.L.B. Cadets	.....	---	---	-	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	56
G.L.B. Cadet Officers	.....	---	---	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>E—Educational:</b>												
Schools	.....	---	---	10	11	15	30	4	5	2	7	84
Overseas Trained Teachers	.....	---	---	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	7
Local Trained Teachers	.....	---	---	5	3	6	15	4	2	1	1	37
Untrained Teachers	.....	---	---	18	13	13	52	3	7	3	13	122
School Boys	.....	---	---	331	154	303	645	136	100	50	162	1881
School Girls	.....	---	---	289	157	204	611	102	80	50	131	1624
<b>F—Medical:</b>												
Hospitals	.....	---	---	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
Aid Posts	.....	---	---	1	-	2	6	-	-	-	1	9
				<b>District</b>								
Doctors	.....	---	---	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
A.M.O's	.....	---	---	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Nursing Sisters	.....	---	---	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Staff Nurses, Dressers	.....	---	---	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	8
Medical Assistants	.....	---	---	22	4	9	11	-	-	-	1	47
<b>G—Women's Groups:</b>												
*M.W.F. Groups	.....	---	---									
*M.W.F. Members	.....	---	---									
<b>H—Overseas Staffing:</b>												
Ministers	.....	---	---	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	8
Laymen	.....	---	---	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Laywomen	.....	---	---	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	6

\* Figures not available.

**TERRITORY PROTECTORATE OF NEW GUINEA**  
**STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1966**

	Buka	Kieta	Teop	Buin	Totals
<b>A—Buildings:</b>					
No. of Churches	21	29	30	62	142
No. of Other Preaching Places	9	1	29	4	43
<b>B—Staffing:</b>					
Ministers	3	1	2	3	9
Deaconesses	1	—	1	2	4
Catechists	5	1	2	4	12
Pastors	11	23	25	25	84
Pastor/Teachers	6	4	2	22	34
Lay Preachers	20	24	39	85	168
<b>C—Membership:</b>					
Members	1201	833	570	1086	3690
Youth Roll	661	522	582	1356	3121
Adherents	620	117	892	1090	2719
<b>D—Young People's Work:</b>					
Sunday Schools	14	19	17	25	75
Sunday School Scholars	600	506	365	570	2041
Sunday School Teachers	40	44	19	45	318
Bible Classes	3	14	7	15	39
Bible Class Members	61	211	55	352	679
Bible Class Leaders	3	31	8	17	59
Boys' Brigade Companies	5	1	2	—	8
Boys' Brigade Boys	134	86	49	—	269
Boys' Brigade Officers	12	3	2	—	17
Life Boy Companies	—	—	—	—	—
Life Boy Members	—	—	—	—	—
Life Boy Officers	—	—	—	—	—
Girls' Brigade Companies	1	1	—	1	3
Girls' Brigade Members	38	60	—	58	156
Girls' Brigade Officers	3	1	—	4	8
G.L.B. Cadet Companies	1	—	2	1	4
G.L.B. Cadets	11	—	40	16	67
G.L.B. Cadet Officers	2	—	2	1	5
<b>E—Educational:</b>					
Schools	9	6	7	12	34
O/S Trained Teachers	1	1	—	2	11
Local Trained Teachers	11	8	11	24	54
Untrained Teachers	10	7	10	4	31
School Boys	341	198	208	404	1151
School Girls	321	175	183	511	1190
<b>F—Medical:</b>					
Hospitals	1	—	1	2	4
Aid Posts	—	2	—	4	6
Doctors	—	—	—	—	—
A.M.O's	—	—	—	—	—
Nursing Sisters	—	—	1	2	3
Staff Nurses, Dressers	1	—	—	—	1
Medical Assistants	2	3	4	7	16



TERRITORY PROTECTORATE OF NEW GUINEA  
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1966 (Continued)

			Buka	Kieta	Teop	Buin	Totals
<b>G—Women's Groups:</b>							
M.W.F. Groups	.....	.....	15	—	2	16	33
M.W.F. Members	.....	.....	276	—	24	220	520
<b>H—Overseas Staffing:</b>							
Ministers	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	4
Laymen	.....	.....	1	1	—	2	4
Laywomen	.....	.....	1	1	1	3	6

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W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

WE have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD for the year ended 30th June, 1966, 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.



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INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Fees	8,141	5 5	Staff Salaries	4,100	16 1
Board	183	4 6	Fuel	259	2 1
Interest	19	7 0	Bread, Meat, Milk	1,204	8 7
Lease and Grazing	526	0 0	Groceries and Vegetables	2,642	6 10
Grants: Grey Trust	1,000	0 0	Lighting and Heating	349	6 8
Kai Iwi	300	0 0	Repairs and Renewals	865	12 7
Wellington Meth. C. & E.E.	1,618	4 8	Telephone and Tolls	48	19 4
Seminar	20	0 0	Insurances	224	1 5
	2,938	4 8	Petty Cash	60	0 0
			Deaconess Retiring Fund	6	0 0
			Rates	162	3 7
			Interest on Overdraft	94	16 0
			Secretaries Honorarium	200	0 0
			Audit Fees	63	0 0
			Advertising, Printing and Stationery	75	4 5
			Sundry Expenses	84	12 4
			Water Rates	45	13 9
			Car Depreciation & Travelling Allowance	155	4 0
			Cleaning	75	7 6
			Depreciation Buildings	616	0 0
			Furniture and Fittings	480	18 5
				11,813	13 7
	£11,808	1 7	LOSS FOR YEAR		£5 12 0





**TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE  
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Stipends and allowances	.....	4,392	0 2	Connexional Budget	.....	6,016	0 0
Divinity Student Fees	.....	3,720	0 0	Probert Trust	.....	2,500	0 0
Bursaries	.....	256	0 0	Emsley Trust	.....	95	0 0
Furnishings	.....	711	18 0	Prince Albert Trust	.....	290	0 0
Library Fund	.....	100	0 0	Pitt Street Trust	.....	100	0 0
333 University Fees	.....	202	0 0	School Christian Workers	.....	15	0 0
Insurance	.....	9	0 0	House Service Account	.....		
Travelling Expenses	.....	91	2 6	Contribution to Administration	.....	500	0 0
Printing and Stationery	.....	99	1 8	Interest Received	.....	5	11 9
Bank Charges	.....	5	6 9	Excess Expenditure over Income	.....	657	13 11
General Expenses	.....	57	17 0				
Grant Fiji Student and Prince Albert Trust	.....	90	0 0				
Interest	.....	353	12 7				
Legal Expenses	.....	10	15 0				
Land Tax	.....	28	12 11				
Repairs	.....	4	5 9				
Rent	.....	47	13 4				
		£10,179	5 8			£10,179	5 8

**METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1966**

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds .....	37,400	0	0		Mortgage Investments .....	26,400	0	0	
Plus Transfer from Profit & Loss A/c. ....	1,400	0	0		Mortgage Interest accrued .....	285	14	11	
Transfer from Fire Loss Reserve .....	40,000	0	0						26,685 14 11
Investment Contingency Reserve .....	3,404	7	10	78,800 0 0	Debenture & Govt. Stock Investments .....	54,284	15	0	
					Debenture Interest Accrued .....	744	0	5	
Profit & Loss Appropriation A/c. ....				3,404 7 10					55,028 15 5
Grants recommended .....				345 7 0	Sundry Debtors .....				1,910 17 2
Sundry Creditors .....				6,000 0 0	Premiums due .....				2,250 12 4
Natural Calamities A/c. ....				78 14 8	Government War Damage Due .....				4,311 8 6
				1,558 18 10	Bank of New Zealand .....				
									£90,187 8 4
				£90,187 8 4					

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, 1966.

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.

Auditors.



**METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Administration Costs .....	1,300	0	0	Premiums and Commission .....	4,988	2	11
Stationery and General .....	271	16	0	Mortgage Interest .....	1,004	3	5
Balance to Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c. ....	7,455	4	2	Mortgage Interest Accrued .....	285	14	11
				Debenture Interest .....	1,855	0	5
				Debenture Interest Accrued .....	744	0	5
				Deposit Interest .....	149	18	1
	<u>£9,027</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£9,027</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT AS AT 31st MAY, 1966**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Recommended Grants .....	6,000	0	0	Grants (Refunded) .....	25	10	0
Transfer to Accumulated Funds .....	1,400	0	0	Balance as at 31st May, 1965 .....	264	12	10
Balance Forward .....	345	7	0	Transfer from Revenue Account .....	7,455	4	2
	<u>£7,745</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£7,745</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>





**SITES FUND ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 31/5/65  
Plus Revenue Account

1,166	10	6		
796	14	2		
<hr/>			1,963	4 8

**Administration Account**

Capital  
Balance as at 31/5/65  
Transfer from Rev.

			300	0 0
1,347	0	10		
220	4	6		
<hr/>			1,567	5 4
			£155,686	2 6

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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to their correctness. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 31st May, 1966.

W. R. LAWS,

H. de R. FLESHER,  
Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.

R. H. SHERRIS, A.C.I.S.,

Auditors.

**METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1966**

To Loans as at 31/5/65	£	s.	d.	By Loans Repaid	£	s.	d.
New Loans Advanced	134,846	6	2	Loans as at 31/5/66	20,665	11	9
	29,212	10	0		143,393	4	5
	£164,058	16	2		£164,058	16	2

**SITES FUND ACCOUNT**

338 To Exchange and Stationery	£	s.	d.	By Contributions:	£	s.	d.
Grants:		10	0	Home Mission Department	400	0	0
Papakura	150	0	0	Fire Insurance Fund	500	0	0
Balance	796	14	2	Bank Interest	47	4	2
	£947	4	2		£947	4	2

**ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT**

To Administration Costs	£	s.	d.	By Working Expenses	£	s.	d.
Stationery and General Expenses	850	0	0	Interest	1,032	8	3
Balance to Capital Account	226	2	2	Brochure	195	16	1
	220	4	6	Commission	1	1	0
	£1,296	6	8		67	1	4
					£1,296	6	8



AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966

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<b>Motor Vehicles</b>						
Bedford Van	....	....	....	64	8	0
Rotary Hoe	....	....	....	49	3	0
Graveley Mower	....	....	....	20	12	0
Morrison Mower	....	....	....	24	0	0
Fiat Car	....	....	....	439	13	6
				<hr/>		
Less Depreciation	....	....	....	597	16	6
				120	12	6
				<hr/>		
<b>Stock on Hand</b>	....	....	....		477	4 0
<b>Payments in Advance &amp; Sundry Debtors</b>					50	0 0
<b>Bank of New Zealand Current Accounts</b>					1,249	13 9
Town Hall	....	....	....	7,071	4	9
Mt. Roskill	....	....	....	400	0	0
Mt. Roskill Imprest Account	....	....	....	200	0	0
				<hr/>		
					7,671	4 9
				<hr/>		
					£143,080	5 0
				<hr/>		
Trounson Bequest—with Gen. Purposes Trust Bd.					£510	0 0
				<hr/>		

£143,080 5 0

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the books and accounts of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage for the year ended 30th June, 1966 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.

15th August, 1966.

A. R. W.GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Public Accountant.



**MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	£	£		£	£	£
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>				<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Sundry Creditors .....	635			Bank of New Zealand—			
Wellington Board—Current Account .....	129			Current Account .....		275	
—Building Improvements Account .....	446			Maintenance Fund .....		250	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> .....		1,210		Depreciation Fund as at 1965 .....	124		
<b>SPECIFIED FUNDS</b>				Added 1966 .....	+259		
Newcombe Trust .....	15			Less Capital Expenditure .....	—43		
Provision for Maintenance .....	250					340	
Police Charity at 1965 .....	155			Post Office Savings Bank—Police Charity .....		199	
Further donation and Interest .....	+219			Sundry Debtors .....		471	
Expended .....	—175			Livestock .....		75	
		199		<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....			1,610
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIED FUNDS</b> .....		464		<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>			
<b>341 CAPITAL</b> — Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities				Held by Wellington Board .....		27,939	
Balance as at 1/7/65 .....	29,072			<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>			
Legacies added: Est. I. Galbraith .....	200			Land & Buildings (vested in Wellington Board, £18,235) .....			
Est. M. J. MacIvor .....	250			Furniture and Plant at 1965 .....	1,594		
Est. L. W. Dunn .....	250			Additions .....	+43		
	29,772			Depreciation .....	—259		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income .....	519			<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b> .....			1,378
<b>BALANCE as at 30/6/66</b> .....		29,253					
		£30,927					£30,927

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home for the year ended 30th June, 1966, 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, 1966, and the result of its transactions for the year ended at that date.

Masterton, 5th September, 1966.

J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Treasurer.

R. R. DEANE,  
W. G. SADLER,

Auditors.





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We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the period ended 31st March, 1966, 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,  
J. O. YOUNG,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,  
Auditors.

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the period ended 31st March, 1966, 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,  
J. O. YOUNG,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,  
Auditors.

**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1966**

EXPENDITURE										INCOME																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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Wages	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,194	15	11	By	Interest	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..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**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenses and Commission Account	31	18	6	By Interest Earned	2,700	19	1
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	50	0	0	Bank Interest	136	8	8
Legacies transferred to Capital Account	7,730	11	2	Legacies Received	7,730	11	2
Grant to South Island Orphanage	3,100	0	0	Deficit for year	344	10	9
	£10,912	9	8		£10,912	9	8

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
South Island Methodist Orphanage	2,705	16	4	Mortgage Investments	9,381	11	0
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	1,300	0	0	Plus Accrued Interest	117	16	8
Plus further provision	50	0	0				
	1,350	0	0		9,499	7	8
Capital Account	53,597	8	8	Debenture & Government Stock	36,849	11	9
Plus Legacies	7,730	11	2	Plus Accrued Interest	463	5	2
	61,327	19	10		37,312	16	11
Less transfer to Orphanage re Barrington Street Sections	3,583	10	10	Loans	2,820	0	0
	57,744	9	0	Plus Accrued Interest	4	19	6
Less deficit	344	10	9				
	57,399	18	3	N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Stock	2,824	19	6
	£61,455	14	7	Preference Shares St. Elmo Courts	350	0	0
				National Savings	500	0	0
				P.O. Savings Bank	2,210	3	8
				Bank of New Zealand	52	12	10
					8,705	14	0
					£61,455	14	7

W. R. LAWS,  
J. O. YOUNG,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,  
Auditors.

# **CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE** **BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			7 18 6	Bank of New Zealand			
Bank of New Zealand			792 8 8	House Property—17 Merivale Lane			2,621 12 5
<b>Connexional Fire Insurance Fund</b>				Furniture as at 30/6/66			1,076 3 5
House Mortgage	2,250	0	0	Office Equipment as at 30/6/65	810	9	8
Less Reduction	250	0	0	Less Office Equipment reserve	695	0	0
			2,000 0 0		115	9	8
<b>Provision and Reserves</b>				Add Purchases 1966	1,647	8	8
Salaries Fluctuation Reserve			500 0 0				1,762 18 4
Office Equipment Reserve			— — —	Sundry Debtors			104 3 2
House Maintenance Reserve			— — —				
<b>Capital Account</b>							
Balance as at 30/6/65	1,544	11	2				
Add Surplus	719	19	0				
			2,264 10 2				
			£5,564 17 4				£5,564 17 4

I report that I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended the 30th June, 1966. 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, 1966.

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.



**CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

		EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
347	To Office Administration:							By Appropriations	.....	.....	4,902	0	0
	Salaries	3,978	9	6				Registration Fees	.....	.....	40	0	6
	Less Salaries Reserve	271	12	5				Board Room Rents	.....	.....			
					3,706	17	1	Bank Interest	.....	.....	24	15	10
	Office Rent				266	17	6	Budget Account	.....	.....	400	0	0
	Telephone and P.O. Charges				82	7	7						
	Stationery and General Expenses				149	18	7						
	Office Equipment Reserve				—	—	—						
	Salaries Reserve Account				—	—	—						
	Parsonage Allowance				15	0	0						
House Property—17 Merivale Lane													
	Repairs and Furnishing	387	15	11									
	Rates	55	0	8									
	Insurance	8	0	0									
	Interest	75	0	0									
		525	16	7									
	Less Maintenance Reserve	100	0	0									
					425	16	7						
	Surplus				719	19	0						
					£5,366	16	4				£5,366	16	4

**NEW ZEALAND "METHODIST TIMES"**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Advertisements (Unexpired Values) .....			Bank of New Zealand .....	226	0 0
Subscriptions Prepaid .....	2	5 0	Subscriptions in Arrears .....	158	6 0
Agents' Commission Provision .....	4	16 0	Advertisements in arrear .....	24	18 3
Contingent Fund Reserve .....	500	0 0	Accumulated Deficit .....	18	12 2
			Plus Balance from Revenue .....	79	4 7
				97	16 9
	£507	1 0		£507	1 0

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at June 30th, 1966.

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.

**NEW ZEALAND "METHODIST TIMES"**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Printing and Publishing .....	2,622	10 8	Subscriptions .....	3,250	8 5
Addressograph Plates .....	8	6 0	Advertising .....	630	18 11
Process Blocks .....	110	1 8	Connexional Budget Committee's Grant .....	644	0 0
Distribution Charges .....	475	2 2	Donations .....	2	19 0
Agents' Commission .....	87	9 6	Bank Interest .....	31	5 8
Editor's Honoraria, Expenses and Contributors' Fees .....	493	12 3	Deficit .....	79	4 7
Office Expenses .....	141	14 4			
Authorised Appropriation .....	700	0 0			
	£4,638	16 7		£4,638	16 7



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>				Secured Advances	15,736	7	10
Bank of New Zealand			2,013 9 11				
Interest Accrued			111 16 8				
<b>Loans at Call:</b>							
Department of Christian Education			750 0 0				
General Purposes Trust Board			10,000 0 0				
Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust			500 0 0				
Wesley Church Social Service Trust			1,000 0 0				
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			14,375 6 7				
<b>Accumulated Funds:</b>							
Balance as at 30/6/65	1,296	13	11				
Add excess of Income over Expend.	64	7	4				
			1,361 1 3				
			<u>£15,736 7 10</u>				<u>£15,736 7 10</u>

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account. In my opinion they are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1966.

W. R. LAWS,  
F. W. BLACKWELL,  
Treasurers.

D. A. WHITE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest Receivable	713	9	9	Administration Charges	52	0	0
				Interest Payable	568	13	11
				Postages, Exchanges, etc.	28	8	6
					649	2	5
				Excess Income over Expenditure	64	7	4
			<u>£713 9 9</u>				<u>£713 9 9</u>

**METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND**  
**CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances and Withdrawals	440	19	8	By Balance as at 30/6/65	1,190	11	5			
Balance as at 30/6/66	1,192	11	7	<b>Contributions:</b>						
				Personal	166	10	0			
				Circuit	112	0	0			
				Home Mission Board	104	0	0			
								382	10	0
				Interest				60	9	10
	£1,633	11	3					£1,633	11	3

**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest to Contributors' Account	60	9	10	Balance as at 30/6/65	82	1	8
<b>Office Expenses:</b>				Interest	91	1	6
Administration Charges	10	0	0				
Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expenses	7	9	2				
Balance as at 30/6/66	95	4	2				
	£173	3	2				£173 3 2

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	1,192	11	7	Debentures	300	0	0
Sundry Creditors	135	0	0	Debentures (Interest Accrued)	3	2	10
Capital Account	644	15	0	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	1,764	7	11
Revenue Account	95	4	2				
	£2,067	10	9		£2,067	10	9

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1966.

W. R. LAWS,  
W. E. CLOTHIER,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,

Auditors.



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND  
CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
To Withdrawals	----	----	1,279	7 7	By Balance as at 30/6/65	----	----	33,899	5 2
Forfeitures	----	----	30	10 0	Personal Subscriptions	----	----	1,027	14 6
Balance as at 30/6/66	----	----	35,654	16 8	Fire Insurance Subsidy	----	----	506	10 0
					Interest to Contributors	----	----	1,531	4 7
			£36,964	14 3				£36,964	14 3

**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
Interest to Contributors	----	----	1,531	4 7	Balance as at 30/6/65	----	----	44	18 4
Administration Charges	----	----	95	10 0	Forfeitures	----	----	30	10 0
Stationery & General Expenses	----	----	24	10 5	Interest on Deposits and Investments	----	----	1,529	2 6
			120	0 5	Balance as at 30/6/66	----	----	46	14 2
			£1,651	5 0				£1,651	5 0

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	----	----	35,654	16 8	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	----	----	35,642	2 6
Sundry Creditors	----	----	34	0 0	Revenue Account Deficit	----	----	46	14 2
			£35,688	16 8				£35,688	16 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, 1966.

W. R. LAWS,  
W. E. CLOTHIER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,  
Auditors.

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND — BENEVOLENT FUND**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Grants	.....	265	5 0	By Balance as at 30/6/65	.....	314	8 11
Balance as at 30/6/65	.....	175	14 7	Donations	.....	52	3 4
				Interest	.....	74	7 4
		£440	19 7			£440	19 7

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Capital Account	.....	1,400	0 0	Deposit — Supernumerary Fund	.....	1,575	14 7
Revenue Account	.....	175	14 7				
		£1,575	14 7			£1,575	14 7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1966.

W. R. LAWS,  
W. E. CLOTHIER,  
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,  
Auditors



**EMSLY TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest from National Savings Account .....				By Trinity College .....	95	0	0
Interest on Debentures to 1/3/66 .....	95	0	0				
	£95	0	0		£95	0	0

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital Income .....	1,900	0	0	By Auckland Electric Power Board Debentures—5%— 1/3/1970 .....	1,900	0	0
		1	0	Deposit at National Savings Investment Account No. 1/9553 .....		1	0
	£1,900	1	0		£1,900	1	0

Audited and found correct.  
A. R. MARTIN,  
R. EVANS,  
Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL,  
Treasurer.  
July 19th, 1966.

**THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>Capital Account</b> .....	50,000	0	0	<b>Freehold Properties:</b>			
<b>Deposit Account</b> .....	5	0	0	Land .....	17,580	0	0
<b>Income Account:</b>				Buildings .....	34,573	9	8
Balance as at 30th June, 1966. ....	24,863	15	0		52,153	9	8
<b>Building Renewal Fund</b> .....	29,500	0	0	Less Fire Loss .....	600	0	0
Government Valuation — 1/1/65 .....							51,553 9 8
Unimproved Value .....	126,600	0	0	<b>Buildings Renewal Fund Investments:</b>			
Value of Improvements .....	52,150	0	0	<b>Debentures—</b>			
Capital Value .....	£178,750	0	0	Auckland City Council, 5% 1/2/69	3,000	0	0
<b>Realization Account</b> .....				Auck. City Council, 5% 1/10/69	2,000	0	0
				Auck. Hospital Bd., 5% 1/11/69	2,000	0	0
				<b>Registered Stock—</b>			
				Auck. Harbour Board, 5% 10/8/70	2,000	0	0
				Auckland Hosp. Bd., 5½% 5/8/73	3,000	0	0
				Auckland Regional Authority			
				Drainage Division, 5% 5/6/70	3,000	0	0
				<b>Mortgages—</b>			
				N. G. Dunning, 6½% 10/3/70	7,000	0	0
				B. G. Pirrit Ltd., 6½% 26/7/66	2,500	0	0
				<b>N.Z. Govt. Stock, 5% 15/8/67-69</b>	5,000	0	0
							29,500 0 0
				<b>Loan:</b>			
				Trinity Methodist Theological College			5,000 0 0
				<b>Mortgages:</b>			
				Henry Cannell Ltd., 7½% 18/3/69	2,500	0	0
				W. P. Pennell, 6½% 1/12/66	1,700	0	0
				P. M. Rasmussen, 7½% 25/3/69	2,450	0	0
				Henry Starkey, 7% 21/12/70	2,625	0	0
							9,275 0 0
				<b>Post Office Savings Bank</b> .....			27 3 4
				<b>Registered Stock:</b>			
				Thames Valley Electric Power Board			
				(£2,000), 5% 1/6/67	1,978	0	0
				Auck. Transport Bd., 5½% 31/7/69	1,000	0	0
							2,978 0 0



£104,459 4 3

Bank of New Zealand: Current Account  
Cash in Hand

5,938 12 1  
186 19 2

£104,459 4 3

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1966, 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, 1966, as shown by the books.

A. R. MARTIN,  
R. EVANS,

Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.  
July 15th, 1966.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

EXPENDITURE						INCOME							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations:							Rent				8,592	12	1
No. 1 Block	702	6	1				Interest:						
No. 2 Block	26	11	2				Bank of New Zealand	36	10	6			
No. 3 Block	177	11	6				N.Z. Government Stock	250	0	0			
Cottages, etc.	323	5	5				Debentures & Registered Stock	1,079	15	0			
				1,229	14	2	P.O. Savings Bank			15	7		
Insurance Premiums				266	2	5	Mortgages	1,276	0	10	2,643	1	11
Rates				248	3	3							
Sundries:													
Audit Fee	21	0	0										
Land Tax	226	9	2										
Sundries	59	10	3										
Secretary's Salary	250	0	0										
Commission on Rent etc. Collected	305	11	11										
				862	11	4							
Surplus for the year				8,559	2	10							
				£11,165	14	0					£11,165	14	0
				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Appropriated to Building Renewal Fund				2,500	0	0	Balance as at 30th June, 1965				20,804	12	2
Paid to Theological College				2,000	0	0	Surplus for the year				8,559	2	10
Balance as at 30th June, 1966				24,863	15	0							
				£29,363	15	0					£29,363	15	0

Examined and found correct.  
R. EVANS,  
A. R. MARTIN,  
Auditors.  
15th July, 1966.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.



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J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

**METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance as at 30th June, 1965:			Grants to Ministers:		
Cash at Bank of N.S.W. Wellington	12	9 3	For twelve months ended 30/6/66	4,327	10 0
Payments received from Connexional Budget Treasurer	4,650	0 0	Sundry Expenses:		
Interest:			Exchange	4 17 9	
As allowed by Bank of N.S.W.	2	1 5	Cheque Book	10 0	
				5 7 9	
			Balance as at 30th June, 1966:		
			Cash at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington	331	12 11
	<u>£4,664</u>	<u>10 8</u>		<u>£4,664</u>	<u>10 8</u>

Audited and found correct.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.  
Hon. Auditor.

T. M. PACEY,

ROBERT THORNLEY,  
Hon. Treasurers.

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**METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966**

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance National Bank 1/7/65	32	2 1	Duplicating and Printing	12	5 6
Affiliation Fees	33	8 0	Annual Meeting Expenses		13 6
Conference Tea	1	0 0	Postage	4	8 2
Interest	18	0	Cheque Book		5 0
	<u>£67</u>	<u>8 1</u>	Balance National Bank 30/6/66	49	15 11
				<u>£67</u>	<u>8 1</u>

Audited and found correct.

E. A. HARRINGTON, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

S. D. McHARG,

Treasurer.

6th August, 1966.



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966**  
**GENERAL FUND**

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance as at 30/6/65	.....	404	9 0	Travelling	.....	53	18 9
Connexional Budget	.....	100	0 0	Stationery	.....	3	18 0
Interest	.....	6	8 11	Tolls and Stamps	.....	12	15 10
				Duplicating and other	.....	1	7 4
				Overseas Visitors Fund	.....	25	0 0
						96	19 11
				Balance Bank of New Zealand	.....	113	18 0
				H.M. & Investment Funds Board	.....	300	0 0
						£510	17 11
		£510	17 11				

**OVERSEAS VISITORS' FUND**

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance as at 30/6/65	.....	586	6 6	Hambly Travel	.....	27	1 0
General Fund	.....	25	0 0	Rupp Travel	.....	24	0 0
Interest	.....	3	7 7	Cheque Book	.....		10 0
Circuits—Hambly	.....	89	9 0	Allowances	.....	60	1 0
Dr. Rupp — Auckland	.....	28	13 0			111	12 0
				Balance P.O.S.B.	.....	221	4 1
				H.M. & Investment Funds Board	.....	400	0 0
						£732	16 1
		£732	16 1				

Audited and found correct.  
 20/7/66.

S. H. THOMAS,  
 M. H. WHITLOCK,

Auditors.

**PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th, 1966**

		£	£	£	£
<b>1965</b>					
<b>Comparative</b>	<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>				
490	Bank of New Zealand		5,520		
1,333	Debtors—Disbursements to be recovered from I.B.M. Building tenants	887			
54	Rent arrears—Shops	114			
473	Rent arrears—I.B.M. Building	267	1,268		
760	Demountable partitions—				
—	Insurance paid in advance—Shops	373			
—	—I.B.M. Building	170			
			543		
3,110				7,331	
	<b>INVESTED FUNDS:</b>				
2,885	Auckland Harbour Board 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ % Stock		—		
—	National Mutual Life Association				
	(secured by Endowment Policies on lives of three Trustees)				
3,818	Mortgage Redemption Sinking fund No. 1.		5,312		
—	Mortgage Redemption Sinking fund No. 2		136		
6,703				5,448	
	<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>				
61,000	Land at 1958 Government Valuation		61,000		
25,000	Queen Street shops at 1958 Government Valuation		25,000		
30,000	Hotel and Annex buildings at 1958 Government Valuation		30,000		
86,849	I.B.M. Building at cost	86,849			
—	Expenditure to date on extension	6,993			
1,583	Upper car park at cost		93,842		
			1,583		
204,432				211,425	
214,245					224,204
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>				
705	Rent paid in advance—I.B.M. Building		1,351		
684	—Hotel		684		
160	Insurance				
1,549				2,035	



<b>FIXED LIABILITIES:</b>		
55,500	National Mutual Life Association	55,500
—	6½% Mortgage repayable by 1974	—
—	Secured by first mortgage over I.B.M. Building and land upon which it stands	—
	Less repaid 1965-66	4,500
		<u>51,000</u>
57,049	Plus interest due	853
		<u>51,853</u>
		53,888
144,305	Accumulated funds June 30, 1965	157,196
12,890	Plus surplus transferred Profit Loss account	13,120
		<u>170,316</u>
£157,196	Nett funds	£170,316

- NOTE**—1. Under a contract let to Milne onstruction for the extension of the I.B.M. Building, £25,311 remains outstanding at June 30, 1966.  
 2. An agreement to accept a 15 year loan to be secured by Mortgage on the I.B.M. Building extension has been signed by Trustees. Funds are yet to be uplifted.  
 3. The latest valuation carried out by the Government Valuation Department and stated on their certificate dated 1/1/65 shows these items stated above at a Government valuation of £116,000 to be now valued at £243,000.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Prince Albert College Trust. In my opinion the above Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet have been properly drawn up so as to show a true and fair view of the Trust's affairs as at June 30th, 1966.

Auckland.  
 July 18th, 1966.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,  
 Auditor.

**PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD**  
**COMPARATIVE TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1966**

			Total £		Shops £	I.B.M. Building £	Car Parks £	Hotel & Annex £	Admin. £
1965		<b>INCOME:</b>							
Comparative		Rent—Shops	5,839	5,839					
5,586		—I.B.M. Building	9,611			9,611			
9,719		—Car Parks	1,228				1,228		
1,253		—Hotel and Annex	3,282					3,282	
3,307									
	19,865	Gross Rent	19,960	5,839	9,611	1,228	3,282		
56		Interest on fixtures provided	39		39				
40		Interest — invested funds	192						192
52		Insurance agency commission							
—		Insurance collected	356					356	
—		Profit on Sale Auck. Harbour Board stock	20						20
—		Rates collected	78	78					
	20,013	Gross Income	20,645	5,917	9,650	1,228	3,638	212	
		<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
200		Administrative expenses	200						200
283		Advertising and signs	21			21			
32		Bank charges	6						6
143		Insurance	1,105	372	281			374	78
3,707		Interest—National Mutual Association	3,487		3,487				
104		Land Tax	152						152
253		Legal expenses	6	6					
15		Printing, Stationery, Stamps	21						21
150		Property supervision—Shops, Hotel	150	110				40	
317		Rates	322	263					59
		Rent collect—Livingstone Jones Lang and Wootton	689			628	61		
1,140		Rent negotiation—Stace Bennett	33	33					
—		Repairs—Buildings	301	292	9				
400		—Car Park resealing and steps	317				317		
		—Roof coating, I.B.M. Building	314			314			
		—Erosion prevention planting	73			73			



30	Sundry expenses	....	....	....	13	3				10
	fittings	....	....	....	25		25			
149	Building opening	....	....	....	—					
6,923					7,235	1,079	4,838	378	414	526
£13,090	Nett Income	....	....	....	£13,410	£4,838	£4,812	£850	£3,224	£314
200	Grants—Trinity Theological College	....			200					
—	Theological fees—Fijian student		....		90					
200					290					
£12,890	Surplus transferred to accumulated funds	....			£13,120					

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EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Stock of Booklets—1st August, 1965	448	12 2			
Printing Booklets:			Sale of Booklets		1,218 3 10
—“Methodist Answers”	62	17 6	Grant—Connexional Budget		105 0
—“Spiritual Healing”	29	7 6	Interest—Auckland Savings Bank	10 4 6	
—“Born of the Virgin Mary”	222	17 9	—National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	24 6 9	
—Conference Reports	119	4 3	—Investment Funds Board	21 7 2	
—Prayer Manuals	178	3 8			55 18 5
—“Why are you in Hospital”	49	15 0			
—“Final Conflict”	210	1 3			
	872	6 11			
	1,320	19 1			
Less: Stock of Booklets—30 June, 1966	326	10 7			
<b>Cost of Sales:</b>	994	8 6			
Petty Cash, Postages & Stationery	104	3 3			
Travelling Expenses and Allowance	15	18 0			
Typewriter Maintenance	8	7 11			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	1,122	17 8			
<b>Excess Income over Expenditure for year</b>	256	4 7			
	£1,379	2 3			£1,379 2 3



### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966

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JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct—

R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.

Auckland: 13th July, 1966.

**THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1965**

	LIABILITIES					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SUNDRY CREDITORS:</b>						
Loans on Mortgage—						
Marianne Caughey						
Smith-Preston						
Memorial Rest Homes						
Trust	9,000	0	0			
State Advances Corp.						
				9,000	0	0
Trade Creditors				4,455	12	11
Undistributed Scholarship						
Income				267	4	8
						13,722 17 7
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:</b>						
Marianne Caughey						
Smith-Preston	2,000	0	0			
George Winstone	1,000	0	0			
Stephen James Ambury	1,000	0	0			
Kingswood	840	11	6			
War Memorial (Maori)	384	10	0			
Henry Wills Memorial	250	0	0			
				5,475	1	6
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS:</b>						
Blacklock Library Be-						
quest	150	0	0			
Capital Investment	630	0	0			
				780	0	0
						6,255 1 6
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT:</b>						
Balance as at 1/1/65	248,630	19	1			
Grafton Lease Conversions	461	12	0			
Release Loan on Mortgage—						
State Advances Corporation	200	0	0			
Excess of Income over Expenditure	8,105	12	2			
Maori Purposes Fund Board Grant						
Sale of Grafton Property						
				257,398	3	3

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	ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>LAND, BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS:</b>						
Paerata	177,508	14	0			
Maurice Harding Park	9,805	0	0			
Grafton	17,905	0	0			
Waikowhai	18,730	0	0			
Hobson County	10	0	0			
				223,958	14	0
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:</b>						
Farm Machinery	505	0	0			
Motor Vehicles	3,080	0	0			
Furniture and Equipment	11,200	0	0			
				14,785	0	0
<b>STOCK ON HAND:</b>						
Livestock	4,811	0	0			
Produce and Sundries	1,613	18	7			
				6,424	18	7
<b>GENERAL INVESTMENTS:</b>						
Shares — Auckland Co-op. Milk						
Producers Ltd.	299	0	0			
Bank of New Zealand	5,063	7	10			
Savings Bank Accounts	1,655	12	5			
Deposits Methodist Church of New						
Zealand — Home Mission Dept.	10,000	0	0			
				17,018	0	3
<b>SCHOLARSHIP AND SPECIAL FUNDS</b>						
<b>INVESTMENTS:</b>						
N.Z. Government Stock (Maturity						
Value £2,400)	2,384	10	0			
Loan on Mortgage	1,000	0	0			
Auckland Methodist Central Mission						
Debenture	500	0	0			
Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd.						
(1,500 Ordinary Shares of £1						
each fully paid)	1,125	0	0			
Savings Bank Accounts	1,245	11	6			
				6,255	1	6



Less Bad Debts written off ..... 500 0 0  
 256,898 3 3

£276,876 2 4

Capital Commitments in respect of Master's Residence  
 and Laboratory at Paerata £15,100 not included in  
 these accounts.

**SUNDRY DEBTORS AND  
 PREPAYMENTS**

..... 8,584 8 0  
 Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..... 150 0 0  
 8,434 8 0

£276,876 2 4

**AUDITOR'S 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, 1966, 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, 1966.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFE, CAMERON & CO.,

Auditors.

G. B. C. MINOGUE, F.C.I.S., Secretary.

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**THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	970	15	1	Cash at Bank—			
Accumulated Funds—				Bank of New Zealand	421	1	10
(Excess of Income for year transferred from Revenue	3,025	2	5	Auckland Savings Bank	2,497	10	0
Account)							
				Cash in Hand			2,918 11 10
				Sundry Debtors			10 1 11
				Office Furniture and Equipment (at cost)	320	8	7
				Less Depreciation	10	13	7
							309 15 0
							£3,995 17 6
	£3,995	17	6				

**THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Editor's Salary	250	0	0	Advertising Receipts	628	17	3
Editor's Travelling	67	13	6	Donations—Partners in Print	969	1	2
Associate Editor's Salaries	150	0	0	—Methodist Times Committee	226	0	0
Payments to Contributors	14	12	0	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	4,000	0	0
Wages—Office Assistant	204	2	2				
Accountancy Fees	50	0	0				
Rent	169	0	0				
General Expenses (Stationery, Postages, Telephone,							
Office Cleaning, etc.)	459	2	3				
Establishment Costs	211	19	11				
Printing Costs	971	12	10				
Photographs	25	3	5				
Distribution Costs	74	16	4				
Advertising Salesman's Commission	140	0	0				
Depreciation	10	13	7				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,025	2	5				
	£5,823	18	5				
					£5,823	18	5

**METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trainees Emergency Fund	5	5	0	Freehold Property	12,900	0	0
Sister Lenna Fund	11	13	6	Furniture and Plant	1,000	0	0
Furniture Renewals	234	8	9		13,900	0	0
Property Reconstruction Fund	1,803	6	6	Less Depreciation Reserve	3,583	6	8
Maori Library Fund	49	12	3				
Accumulated Funds	10,774	4	1				
				Post Office Savings Bank		10,316	13 4
				Canterbury Savings Bank Depreciation		1,161	2 10
				Reserve Account		307	11 3
				General Purposes Trust		43	15 4
				Bank of New Zealand		1,049	7 4
	£12,878	10	1			£12,878	10 1

Audited and found correct—

F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.  
 Auditor.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

R. de R. FLESHER, Treasurer.

**METHODIST DEACONESSSES' RETIRING FUND**  
**CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances and Withdrawals	2,411	10	3	By Balance as at 30/6/65	23,898	16	2
Benefits Surrendered	59	0	0	<b>Contributions—</b>			
Balance as at 30/6/66	23,656	6	9	Personal	382	10	0
				Circuit	309	6	8
				Home Mission Board	284	18	4
				Overseas Mission Board	293	16	0
						1,270	11 0
				Interest		957	9 10
	£26,126	17	0			£26,126	17 0



## REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1966

EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Interest to Contributor's A/c, .....				957	9	10	By Balance as at 30/6/65 .....	.....	1,060	17	4
<b>Office Expenses:</b>							Interest .....	.....	1,230	0	2
Administration Charges .....	75	0	0				Benefits Surrendered .....	.....	59	0	0
Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expenses .....	38	19	9								
				113	19	9					
Balance as at 30/6/66 .....				1,278	7	11					
				£2,349	17	6			£2,349	17	6

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LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Personal Accounts				23,656	6	9	Debentures and Government Stock	1,200	0	0	
Capital Account as at 30/6/65	2,560	0	7				Debenture Interest Accrued	11	0	1	
Plus Grant N.Z.M.W.F.	500	0	0				Deposit — Supernumerary Fund	27,203	2	6	
				3,060	0	7					
Revenue Account				1,278	7	11					
Sundry Creditors				419	7	4					
				£28,414	2	7					
								£28,414	2	7	

W. R. LAWS.

W. E. CLOTHIER,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD &amp; MOORE.

Auditors.

**METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION**  
**HOSTEL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
House Supplies	.....	1,310	16 2	Hostel Receipts	.....	3,828	4 9
Light and Heat	.....	365	10 0	Board for Trainees	.....	465	0 0
Wages and Salaries	.....	2,036	13 9	Rent	.....	280	7 0
Telephone	.....	20	2 5	Interest	.....	63	19 8
Repairs	.....	585	19 9	Balance from Trainees and Warden Expenses Account	.....	26	4 6
Rates	.....	292	9 3	Excess Expenditure over Income	.....	214	4 10
Advertising	.....	9	8 6				
Insurance	.....	57	0 11				
Depreciation	.....	100	0 0				
Presentation — Retiring Matron	.....	100	0 0				
Transfer from Trainees Expenses & Wardens Account	.....	—	— —				
Balance	.....	—	— —				
		£4,878	0 9			£4,878	0 9

**TRAINEES & WARDENS EXPENSES ACCOUNT**

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Board 2 Trainees 1 year, 2— $\frac{1}{2}$ year	465	0 0	Balance Budget Allocation 1964/65	55	0 0
Printing and Stationery	55	1 6	Budget Allocation 1965/66	1,220	0 0
Lecture Fees	16	16 0	Refund — J. Wallis	99	17 6
Travelling and Honorarium	90	2 9	Balance to Hostel Revenue Account	—	— —
Library	27	6 7			
Balance of Trainees Allowances	81	17 6			
Share of Wardens Stipend	481	6 3			
Share of Parsonage	50	0 0			
Share of Local Travelling Expenses	20	0 0			
Wardens Deputation Expenses	48	10 10			
Trainees General and Medical Expenses	12	11 7			
Balance of Hostel Revenue Account	26	4 6			
	£1,374	17 6		£1,374	17 6

**FURNITURE RENEWALS ACCOUNT**

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash Payments	223	7 5	Balance as at 1st July, 1965	137	1 11
Balance as at 30th June, 1966	234	8 9	Interest	5	0 0
			Donations from Fellowships	315	14 3
	£457	16 2		£457	16 2



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
SUPERNUMERARY FUND  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1966.

W. E. CLOTHIER,  
W. R. LAWS,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD, PAYNE and HILSON,  
Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

**SUPERNUMERARY FUND**

## REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

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RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<b>Balance 1 July 1965</b>					
Post Office Savings Bank .....	2	4 9	Removal Expenses .....		3,636 3 11
Bank of New Zealand .....	383	4 8	General Expenses .....		11 10 0
			Bank Interest .....		6 1 6
			General Purposes Trust Board—Interest		62 10 0
Church Finance and Stewardship Com-			—Principal		2,500 0 0
mittee Budget Allocation .....					
Bank Interest .....			<b>Balance 30 June, 1966—</b>		
			Post Office Savings Bank .....	2	4 9
			Bank of New Zealand .....	680	10 6
					682 15 3
					£6,899 0 8
					£6,899 0 8

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EXPENDITURE						INCOME						
					£ s. d.						£ s. d.	
Removal Expenses	----	----	----	----	3,636	3	11				6,500	0
General Expenses	----	----	----	----	11	10	0				13	11
Interest	----	----	----	----	68	11	6					
Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year	----	----	----	----	2,797	5	10					
					£6,513	11	3				£6,513	11

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS		£	s.	d.		
<b>CAPITAL:</b>								Post Office Savings Bank				2	4	9
Excess of Income over Expenditure	for Year	2,797	5	10				Bank of New Zealand				680	10	6
Less Debit Balance 1 July, 1965		2,114	10	7										
					682	15	3							
					£682	15	3					£682	15	3
W. R. LAWS,								Audited and found correct—						
W. E. CLOTHIER,								F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,						
Treasurers.								Auditor.						

Audited and found correct—  
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,  
Auditor.

12/9/66.

**METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest on Trust Accounts	4,514	18	3	Interest Earned	5,376	8	3
Administration	650	0	0	Commission	131	3	5
Stationery & General Expenses	139	13	4				
War Damage Insurance	2	11	0				
Excess Income over Expenditure	200	9	1				
	<u>£5,507</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£5,507</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal & Church Trusts	92,531	9	10	<b>Current Assets:</b>			
<b>T. W. Newbold Trust:</b>				Bank of New Zealand	9,622	5	2
Capital A/c. as at 30.6.65	11,517	8	2	<b>Sundry Debtors &amp; Accruals:</b>			
Plus transfer from Revenue A/c.	480	2	5	Newbold Trust	120	13	6
				Winstone Trust	830	19	0
<b>Winstone Memorial Trust:</b>				Sundries	298	15	4
Permanent Capital A/c. as at 30.6.65	31,941	3	3	Personal Trusts	69	11	1
Transfer from Revenue Account	772	3	5	Interest accrued on Mortgages	267	14	10
				Interest accrued on Debentures	1,292	15	10
Grants Capital as at 30.6.65	15,007	2	6		2,880	9	7
Plus Revenue less Grants	2,475	13	1	<b>Investments:</b>			
				Debentures & Government Stock	93,793	3	4
<b>General Purposes Trust Board:</b>				Less Investment Fluctuation Reserve	1,000	0	0
Capital Fund	2,921	10	11		93,793	3	4
Plus Revenue	200	9	1	Mortgages	17,374	8	6
				Loans to Trusts against Deposits	3,780	19	5
	3,122	0	0	Loan to Removal Expenses Fund	1,000	0	0
				Loan to Methodist Transport Board	3,000	0	0
				Loan to ditto (Winstone Trust)	7,000	0	0
				Freehold Property (Winstone Trust)	19,395	16	8
	<u>£157,847</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>145,344</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>
					<u>£157,847</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1966.

W. E. CLOTHIER,

W. R. LAWS,

Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE, Auditors.



# METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30/6/66

RECEIPTS				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance 1/7/65				1,262	15	5			
Less balances due to Districts				372	4	10			
<b>Connexional Budget Grant</b>							890	10	7
<b>District Collections &amp; Interest:</b>							7,500	0	0
Northland									
Auckland				20	4	3			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty				9	13	5			
Taranaki/Wanganui				8	9	0			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu				9	16	4			
Wellington				11	1	2			
Nelson				6	9	3			
North Canterbury				8	19	9			
South Canterbury				4	16	10			
Otago/Southland				11	17	0			
<b>Conference Collections:</b>							91	7	0
<b>Sales:</b>							117	1	4
Minutes 1964				172	7	6			
Minutes 1965				187	11	0			
Communion Booklets				22	1	3			
Confirmation & Baptism				19	18	8			
Circuit Schedules				35	0	0			
Pastoral Rolls				23	7	2			
Other Miscellaneous				99	8	2			
<b>Interest</b>							559	13	9
							32	19	2
Carried Forward							£9,191	11	10

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>By Cost of Conference:</b>									
<b>(a) Travel to Christchurch—</b>									
Equalisation Fund				650	0	0			
Official Representatives				347	7	10			
							997	7	10
<b>(b) Printing and General:</b>									
Agendas				610	13	0			
Minutes				1,136	18	8			
Station Lists				39	11	5			
Home Mission Reports				39	17	6			
Foreign Mission Reports				32	19	3			
Pastoral Letter				35	17	0			
General				20	4	7			
Stationery				30	4	1			
Secretary's Expenses				70	0	0			
Ordination Bibles				4	0	0			
Platform Staff				37	10	0			
							2,057	15	6
<b>District Expenses:</b>									
Northland				119	14	10			
Auckland				147	17	5			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty				209	14	3			
Taranaki/Wanganui				149	1	0			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu				63	12	8			
Wellington				98	10	7			
Nelson				61	1	0			
North Canterbury				113	18	0			
South Canterbury				103	19	6			
Otago/Southland				248	13	8			
							1,316	2	11
<b>Synod Expenses:</b>									
Northland				54	4	6			
Auckland				19	2	0			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty				66	9	6			
Taranaki/Wanganui				77	0	11			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu				33	11	5			

Brought Forward £9,191 11 10

Carried Forward £9,191 11 10

Wellington	57	17	6
Nelson	54	5	8
North Canterbury	1	16	4
South Canterbury	17	0	0
Otago/Southland	99	18	5

**Church Council****Grants:**

Joint Committee Church Union	150	0	0
Public Questions Committee	25	0	0
Faith and Order Committee	30	0	0
Radio and T.V. Committee	70	0	0
International Affairs	30	0	0
Temperance Committee	35	0	0
Structure and Organisation	10	0	0
Ecumenical	10	0	0
World Methodist Council	25	5	2
Wesley Historical Society	10	0	0

**Connexional Payments:**

President's Exps. Blce 1964/65	52	0	0
President's Personal Allowance	65	0	0
President's Travel	150	0	0
President's Supply	132	13	6
President's Travel—Australia	65	7	9
President's Gowns and Photo	41	4	6
Vice-President's Travel	69	10	0
Vice-President Burton—Travel	100	0	0

**Printing—**

Synod Agendas	245	7	9
Communion Booklets	89	5	0
Baptism	113	3	0
Membership Cert's	120	9	8
Miscellaneous	48	7	6

**General—**

Church Union	391	11	6
Examination Committee	113	0	0
Connexional Paper	108	16	10
Committee on Church Structure	215	12	7
Budget Committee	148	5	0
School of Theology	50	0	0
Church Council	29	18	0
O/S Mission Secretary to Fiji	43	10	6
General Travel	84	3	0
University Fees	30	0	0

481 6 3  
122 10 1

395 5 2

2,507 6 1



Brought Forward £9,191 11 10

£9,191 11 10

Treasurers Expenses	.....	.....	2	9	11
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	.....	.....	£7,880	3	9
Balance Bank of New Zealand	.....	2,108 5 10			
<b>Balances due to Districts—</b>					
Northland					
Dr. £191 7 0					
Auckland	191 19 10				
Waikato/B.P.	Cr. £23 16 7				
Taranaki/Wanganui					
83 6 8					
HB/Mana	192 2 6				
Welling	109 19 10				
Nelson	Cr. 21 7 1				
N. Canter	76 19 3				
S. Canter	2 10 5				
Otago/Southland	Cr. 6 4 1				
		Dr 796 17 9			
			1,311	8	1
			<u>£9,191</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of The Methodist Conference Contingent Fund together with the District Chairmen's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1966, 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.,  
Auditor.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances	3,309	0	4	By Budget	7,280	0	0
Office Salaries and Superannuation	1,532	8	6	Bookroom Grant	1,200	0	0
Office Accommodation	156	0	0	Duplicating	9	0	9
Parsonage Property Expenses	264	8	10	Interest	8	12	1
Grants — D.E.C.'s	150	0	0				
Travelling Expenses	699	15	1				
Christian Education Handbook	414	1	11				
Home Sunday School and Bible Class	22	18	6				
Printing and Stationery	288	5	9				
Postages	161	2	2				
General Expenses	344	19	4				
Insurances	77	6	0				
Order of St. Stephen	81	7	6				
National C.Y.M.M. Council	125	18	7				
Missionary Education	45	6	2				
Adult Summer Conference	13	2	9				
Leadership Training	20	0	0				
Audio-visuals	9	0	10				
Curriculum Conference	129	0	0				
Overseas Training	474	16	11				
Excess Income over Expenditure	178	13	8				
	<u>£8,497</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>				
					<u>£8,497</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,

Hon. Treasurer.





# **NEW ZEALAND METHODIST STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

INCOME				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Banks and Loan at Call 31/8/65	....						15,732	11	6
Contributions from Districts as Summary:									
Membership Fees	....	....	....	491	14	4			
Missions General Account	....	....	....	12,313	2	7			
Kurahuna	....	....	....	2,187	16	7			
Stamps etc. Fund	....	....	....	2,270	14	7			
Overseas Travel Fund	....	....	....	253	3	1			
Legacies	....	....	....	50	0	0			
Other Objects	....	....	....	100	7	1			
							17,666	18	3
Interest:									
Missions, General Account	....	....	....	155	14	11			
Kurahuna Emergency Account	....	....	....	54	19	3			
National Executive Expense Account	....	....	....	1	12	0			
							212	6	2
Donation postages President's letter	....	....	....				1	0	0
Miss M. Alexander, 1965 Stamp Fund Allocation returned	....	....	....				20	0	6
Sale of Literature	....	....	....				16	9	1
Smethurst Estate: Rents, Interest, etc.	....	....	....				506	2	2
							£34,155	7	8

## **SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1966.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>"Kurahuna" Capital and Depreciation Account:</b>						
Credit Balance 1/9/65	1,926	0	11			
Depreciation Reserve 1 Year	23	6	0			
Interest accrued 1 Year	77	0	10			
				2,026	7	9
<b>"Kurahuna" Bequest Account:</b>						
Credit Balance 1/9/65	500	0	0			
Interest accrued 1 Year	20	3	10			
	520	3	10			
Less Interest transferred to Revenue A/c.	20	3	10			
				500	0	0
<b>Smethurst Estate Investment Account:</b>						
Credit Balance 1/9/65	4,000	0	0			
Interest accrued 1 Year	130	0	0			
	4,130	0	0			
Less Payment to Maori Mission Dept. towards stipend Maori Minister	130	0	0			
				4,000	0	0



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1966.**

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1965 Convention Resolutions:									
Home Mission Department Grant	....	....	....	3,700	0	0			
Additional Gift	....	....	....	400	0	0			
Overseas Missions Department Grant	....	....	....	3,700	0	0			
Additional Gift	....	....	....	400	0	0			
Special Objective: Maternity and Infant Welfare Block, Nipa.	....	....	....	2,500	0	0			
Kurahuna Revenue Account	....	....	....	2,147	14	3			
Stamps, etc Fund	....	....	....	2,016	10	6			
Overseas Workers' Medical, Educational and Gift Box Funds	....	....	....	1,100	0	0			
Honorarium, National Treasurer	....	....	....	156	0	0			
Epsom Church, Use Office and Telephone 1 year	....	....	....	10	0	0			
							16,130	4	9
Allowances Deaconess Trainees:									
4 @ £26 p.a. for 1 quarter	....	....	....	26	0	0			
2 @ £26 p.a. for 3 quarters	....	....	....	39	0	0			
							65	0	0
Sister Eleanor Dobby: Annual Grant	....	....	....				24	0	0
Welcome Home Gift (Mirrors) to Mrs G. G. Carter	....	....	....				11	18	8
Depreciation Reserve: Kurahuna Capital A/c.	....	....	....				23	6	0
Distribution "Other Objects" as specified by Districts	....	....	....				100	7	1
Legacy A/c. for Overseas Missions Dept. Extension Fund	....	....	....				50	0	0
Printing and Stationery	....	....	....	300	10	0			
Travelling Expenses	....	....	....	77	0	10			
Administration Expenses	....	....	....	70	5	10			
Subscription World Federation of Methodist Women	....	....	....	8	8	0			
Subscription National Council of Women	....	....	....	4	0	0			
Part Telephone Rental Box Organiser	....	....	....	8	10	0			
Exchange	....	....	....	4	16	8			
							473	11	4
Smethurst Estate: Sundry Disbursements	....	....	....				402	0	3
Portion Fare and Expenses Presidents' attendance at Conference, World Federation of Methodist Women	....	....	....				310	14	0
							17,591	2	1
Credit Balances:									
Missions, General Account	....	....	....	7,860	10	9			
Kurahuna Revenue Account	....	....	....	3,164	10	7			
Stamps, etc. Fund	....	....	....	2,270	14	7			
Kurahuna Emergency Account	....	....	....	1,735	3	10			
Smethurst Estate	....	....	....	1,391	17	1			
Overseas Travel Fund	....	....	....	141	8	9			
							16,564	5	7
							£34,155	7	8

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Missions, General Account	****	****	****	****				7,860	10	9
Stamps, etc. Fund	****	****	****	****				2,270	14	7
Overseas Travel Fund	****	****	****	****				141	8	9
<b>"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Hostel:</b>										
Revenue Account	****	****	****	****	3,164	10	7			
Maintenance, Stall and Legacy Account	****	****	****	****	624	10	6			
Emergency Account	****	****	****	****	1,735	3	10			
Bequest Account	****	****	****	****	500	0	0			
Capital and Depreciation Account	****	****	****	****	2,026	7	9			
Property Account	****	****	****	****	7,138	2	0			
								15,188	14	8
<b>Smethurst Estate:</b>										
Revenue Account	****	****	****	****	1,391	17	1			
Investment Account	****	****	****	****	4,000	0	0			
Property Account	****	****	****	****	4,000	0	0			
								9,391	17	1
								£34,853	5	10



31st AUGUST, 1966.

ASSETS					
			£	s.	d.
Credit Balance at Banks	.....	.....	14,960	16	1
Loan at Call: Methodist Home Mission Department	.....	.....	2,228	0	0
Deposits General Purposes Trust Board	.....	.....	2,026	7	9
Drainage Board Debentures	.....	.....	4,500	0	0
<b>Properties:</b>					
"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Hostel	.....	.....	7,138	2	0
Smethurst Estate	.....	.....	4,000	0	0

£34,853 5 10

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, 1966.

16th September, 1966.

W. T. WALTON, A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I., Auditor.

N.Z.M.S.S.A.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966

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INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 30/6/65	247	1	6	By Travelling Expenses 1966 Annual Meeting	100	0	0
9 Levies at £30	270	0	0	Travelling Expenses of Official Representative to exploratory Wellington Meeting for setting up of a Co-ordinating Agency for Community Social Service Organisations	15	14	0
Interest credited by Bank of New South Wales to 31st March, 1966	10	7	9	Stamps and Stationery	8	0	9
				Booklets on Alcoholism	9	17	6
				Course on Alcoholism	4	0	0
				Advertising in Law Journal—			
				1965/66	100	0	0
				1966/67	106	5	0
					206	5	0
				Balance at Bank of New South Wales	183	12	0
	£527	9	3		£527	9	3
To Balance as at 30/6/66	£183	12	0				

Audited and found correct—

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.

Wellington,  
9th September, 1966.

T. STEPHENS,  
Hon. Treasurer,

8th August, 1966.



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E. C. FLYGER (Acting Treasurer).

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—BUDGET ACCOUNT**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1966**

		RECEIPTS					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank of N.Z. 30/6/65					1,924	13	9
<b>1964/65 Budget—</b>							
Auckland	.....	331	19	6			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	.....	696	10	0			
Taranaki/Wanganui	.....	150	0	0			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	.....	285	0	0			
Nelson	.....	20	0	0			
North Canterbury	.....	1,043	7	7			
<b>1965/66 Budget—</b>					2,526	17	1
	%						
Northland	80.46	3,370	0	6			
Auckland	98.35	30,331	17	0			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty	96.29	18,371	14	0			
Taranaki/Wanganui	96.33	10,797	19	6			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu	97.44	16,020	0	0			
Wellington	100.2	17,717	0	0			
Nelson	99.68	8,432	4	6			
North Canterbury	96.78	24,393	1	3			
South Canterbury	101.19	8,731	0	0			
Otago/Southland	93.62	8,774	14	7			
<b>1966/67 Budget</b>					146,939	11	4
<b>Surplus Funds Returned:</b>					72	0	0
(Res. 6, Minutes of Conference, 1964)							
Auckland District Synod—							
University Chaplaincy Fund	.....				220	0	0

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		PAYMENTS					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Supernumerary Fund					9,198	0	0
Home Missionary Retiring Fund					297	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund					1,199	0	0
Removal Expenses Fund					6,500	0	0
Children's Fund					4,750	0	0
Contingent Fund					7,400	0	0
Church Building & Loan Fund					20,000	0	0
Home and Maori Mission Department					37,437	0	0
Overseas Mission Department					35,533	0	0
Department of Christian Education					7,280	0	0
Trinity Theological College					6,017	0	0
Deaconess Institution					1,220	0	0
Connexional Secretary Fund					400	0	0
Children's Homes—Auckland		200	0	0			
—Masterton		1,500	0	0			
—South Island		1,250	0	0			
					2,950	0	0
Central Missions—Auckland		725	0	0			
—Wellington		797	10	0			
—Christchurch		797	10	0			
—Dunedin		580	0	0			
					2,900	0	0
Methodist Times					500	0	0
Miscellaneous Causes Funds					3,734	0	0
Finance and Stewardship Committee					589	0	0
District Expenses—							
Auckland		985	0	0			
Waikato/Bay of Plenty		291	0	0			
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu		124	0	0			
Wellington		100	0	0			
Nelson		12	0	6			
North Canterbury		678	0	0			



South Canterbury	180	1	3
Otago/Southland	504	3	3
Balance at Bank of N.Z. 30/6/66	2,874	5	0
	904	17	2
£151,683	2	2	£151,683 2 2

Audited and found correct.

D. TAYLER, B.Com., F.R.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

E. C. FLYGER (Acting Budget Treasurer).

Wellington, 12th September, 1966.

# THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1966

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account				70,700	15	1	Wellington Property	30,430	0	0
<b>Masterton Home:</b>							Masterton Property	20,142	2	4
Capital Account	27,239	6	10				Foxton Property	3,660	0	0
Add Bequests	700	0	0	27,939	6	10	N.Z. Government Stock	13,307	6	2
							N.Z. Government Stock re Newcombe Trust	51	5	0
Current Account							Loans on Mortgage	25,356	6	2
Newcombe Trust Prize Fund	51	5	0				Deposit Transport Trust Board	500	0	0
Add Interest	8	10	0	59	15	0	Post Office and National Savings	1,872	14	8
Rangiatea Maori College Trust				600	0	0	Australia and New Zealand Bank Limited	2,777	10	10
							Shares Wairarapa Building Society	200	0	0
							Masterton Home Current Account	129	2	7
							Sundry Debtors	8	0	0
							Rent & Interest Accrued	865	9	2
				£99,299	16	11		£99,299	16	11

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, 1966 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.

Wellington, 16th September, 1966.

Audited and found correct.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

EXPENDITURE							INCOME										
						£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.
To General Expenses						20	8	10	By Interest						1,399	16	9
Legal Expenses									Rents						1,969	5	0
Land Tax						101	7	8									
Secretarial Fee						100	0	0							£3,369	1	9
Balance Carried Down						3,147	5	3	By Balance						3,147	5	3
						£3,369	1	9									
To Rangiatea Maori College						1,200	0	0									
Masterton Children's Home						1,947	5	3							£3,147	5	3
						£3,147	5	3									

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