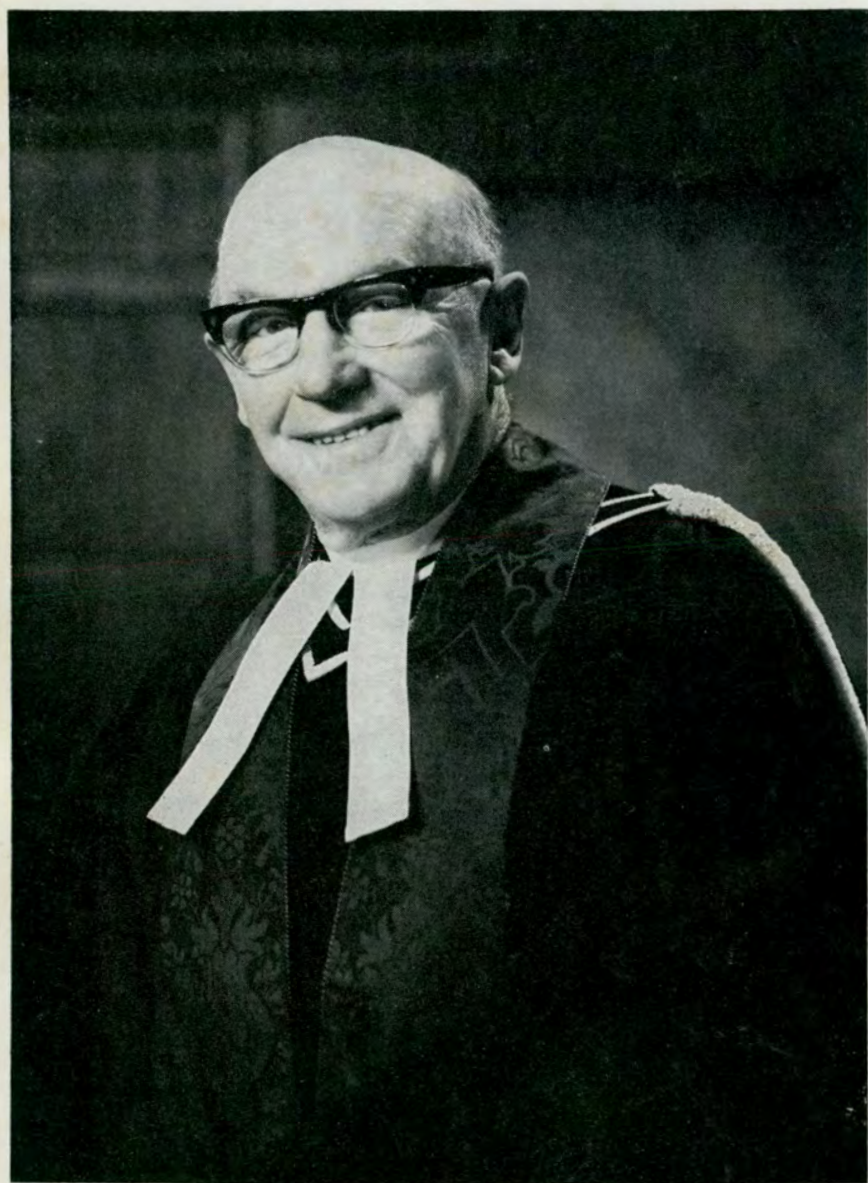


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The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Wednesday, 1st November, 1967, in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin, by the retiring President, Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., after which the Rev. John D. Grocott, B.A., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr William E. Donnelly, M.B.E., was inducted as Vice-President.

The General 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: 1968-9

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APRIL

MORNING

EVENING

1st after Easter	21	Leviticus 23:1-14 Revelation 5:1-14	Job 19:1-9; 21-29 John 21:1-19
2nd after Easter	28	Exodus 19:1-11; 16-20 1 Cor. 15:1-11	Lamentations 3:22-33 John 11:1-16

MAY

3rd after Easter	5	Jeremiah 23:23-32 Luke 4:16-22	Isaiah 43:1-13 John 11:17-28
(Bible Day in N.Z.)			
4th after Easter	12	Magnificat (No. 7) Hebrews 2:1-10	Isaiah 62:1-12 John 11:32-46
(Home and Family Day)			
5th after Easter	19	Isaiah 12:1-6 (No. 67) Luke 10:1-12; 17-20	Isaiah 65:17-24 Luke 11:1-13
(Rogation Sunday & Aldersgate)			
6th after Easter	26	Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14 Mark 16:9-20	Exodus 24:1-18 Luke 24:36-53
(Sunday after Ascension)			

JUNE

Pentecost	2	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 2:1-12	Numbers 11:16, 24-29 John 14:15-26
Trinity or next after Pentecost	9	Isaiah 6:1-8 Matthew 28:16-20	Psalms 97 (No. 50) Revelation 4:1-11
2nd after Pentecost	16	Deut. 30:15-20 Matthew 11:2-19	Judges 4:1-22 Acts 9:1-19
3rd after Pentecost	23	Job 5:8-27 Luke 7:36-50	Judges 5:1-12; 24-31 Acts 9: 20-31
4th after Pentecost	30	Job 14:1-15 Matthew 12:38-50	Judges 6:1-6; 11-16; 33-40 Acts 14:8-27

JULY

5th after Pentecost	7	Job 40:6-24 Matthew 12:38-50	Judges 7:1-8; 16-21 Acts 15:1-20
6th after Pentecost	14	Job 42:7-17 Mark 4:21-41	Judges 14:1-18 Luke 8:26-39
7th after Pentecost (Youth Day)	21	Proverbs 3:1-7; 11-17 Luke 2:41-52	Proverbs 6:6-19 Matthew 10:16-33
8th after Pentecost	28	1 Sam. 8:4-22 Acts 5:33-42	Ruth 1:1-19a Matthew 9:27-10:1

AUGUST

9th after Pentecost	4	1 Sam. 9:15-19; 25-10:1 Acts 6:1-15	Ruth 2:1-17 Matthew 10:2-15
10th after Pentecost (L.P. Sunday)	11	1 Sam 12:1-5; 13-15; 23-25 Acts 7:51-8:4	Proverbs 6:6-19 Matthew 10:34-11:1
11th after Pentecost	18	1 Sam. 15:10-23 Acts 8:26-40	Matthew 10:16-33 Proverbs 10:1-12
12th after Pentecost	25	Proverbs 20:1-12 1 Peter 4:7-19	Matthew 10:34-11:1 2 Sam. 7:1-17 Mark 6:14-29

SEPTEMBER

13th after Pentecost	1
14th after Pentecost	8
15th after Pentecost	15
16th after Pentecost (Christian Citizen- ship)	22
17th after Pentecost	29

MORNING

Proverbs 23:15-26
1 Peter 5:1-11
Proverbs 25:11-28
Mark 7:24-37
1 Kings 3:4-15
Matthew 15:32-16:4
Proverbs 20:1-12
Ephesians 6:10-20
1 Kings 10:1-13
Mark 8:13-26

EVENING

2 Sam. 12:1-10; 15-23
John 13:1-20
2 Sam. 18:5-15; 24-33
Acts 16:6-15
1 Kings 18:1-19
Acts 16:16-34
Isaiah 1:10-20
Romans 12
1 Kings 18:20-46
1 Cor. 12:4-14; 26-31

OCTOBER

18th after Pentecost (World Communion)	6
19th after Pentecost	13
20th after Pentecost	20
21st after Pentecost (Industrial Sunday)*	27

Psalms 40 (No. 31)
John 17
Isaiah 30:1-3; 7-17
Colossians 1:21-2:7
Isaiah 32:1-5;
16-18
Colossians 3:1-17
Exodus 35:30-36:1
2 Thess. 3:6-13

1 Kings 19:1-18
1 Cor. 13
Jeremiah 1:4-15;
18-19
John 8:12-30
Jeremiah 2:1-13
John 8:31-45
Isaiah 35 (No. 69)
Revelation 21:1-7;
10-11a

*N.B: The Social Principles should be read on this day (See MINUTES 1952, p. 33)

NOVEMBER

22nd after Pentecost	3
23rd after Pentecost (Remembrance Day)	10
24th after Pentecost	17
Next before Advent	24

2 Kings 18:13-17;
28-37
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Psalms 46 (No. 33)
Revelation 19:6-16
2 Kings 19:15-20;
32-36
Matthew 20:1-16
Micah 6:1-8
Hebrews 11:1-16

Jeremiah 5:1-3;
21-31
John 8:46-59
Jeremiah 6:9-16
Luke 13:22-4; 31-35
Jeremiah 17:5-14
Luke 14:15-35
Amos 4:6-13
Hebrews 11:23-12:2

DECEMBER

1st in Advent	1
2nd in Advent	8
3rd in Advent	15
4th in Advent	22
Sunday after Christ- mas	29

Isaiah 1:1-4; 11-20
1 Thess. 4:13-5:11
Isaiah 2:1-4
Romans 15:4-13
Isaiah 25:1-9
2 Timothy 3:1-7;
14-17
Psalms 98 (No. 8)
Titus 2:11-3:7
Isaiah 40:12-31
John 1:1-18

Malachi 1:1-14
Luke 1:5-25
Malachi 2:17-3:12
Luke 1:26-38
Malachi 3:16-4:6
Luke 1:39-56
Zech. 2:1-5; 10-13
Luke 1:57-80
Joshua 1:1-11; 16-17
1 John 4:7-21

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JANUARY

MORNING

EVENING

2nd after Christmas	5	Psalm 103 (No. 51) Phil. 2:1-18	Eccles. 3:1-15 Revelation 3
1st after Epiphany	12	Isaiah 60:1-9; 18-22 Matthew 2:1-12	Isaiah 44:6-22 John 1:35-51
2nd after Epiphany	19	Genesis 42:1-20 Matthew 16:13-28	Isaiah 49:14-16; 22-26 1 Cor. 1:1-17
3rd after Epiphany	26	Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 17:1-13	Isaiah 50:4-10 1 Cor. 1:18-31

FEBRUARY

Septuagesima or 9th before Easter	2	Genesis 45:16-46:7 Mark 9:14-29	Isaiah 54:1-10 1 Cor. 3:1-13; 16-23
Sexagesima or before Easter (Covenant Sunday)	9	Jer. 31:31-34 Mark 14:17-26	Ezekiel 37:21b-28 Hebrews 8:1-13
Quinquagesima or 7th before Easter	16	2 Chron. 28:8-15 1 John 3:13-24	Genesis 18:20-33 Luke 10:25-42
1st in Lent	23	Joel 2:12-17 Luke 22:1-23	Genesis 21:9-20 Hebrews 4:14-5:9

MARCH

2nd in Lent	2	Amos 7:7-16a Luke 22:24-46	Genesis 22:1-18 Romans 6:15-23
3rd in Lent	9	Amos 3:1-6; 8-12 Luke 22:47-71	Genesis 25:19-34 Matthew 15:1-20
4th in Lent	16	Amos 5:18-24 Luke 23:1-25	Genesis 29:1-20 1 Peter 2:11-25
5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	23	Amos 8:1-12 Luke 23:26-49	Genesis 32:22-32 1 Peter 3:8-22
Palm Sunday	30	Isaiah 59:12-20 Matthew 21:1-17	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 John 12:20-36

APRIL

Easter Day	6	No. 72 Luke 23:50-24:12	Exodus 12:21-36 Luke 24:13-35
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ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PASSAGES FOR SPECIAL DAYS

Holy Week

Monday:	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	Psalm 22:1-8; 15-18 22-24 Mark 15:16-41 Luke 23:26-49
Easter Even.:	Hosea 6:1-6	Mark 15:42-47
Ascension Day:	2 Kings 2:1-15 Luke 24:36-53	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 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: Psalm 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: Psalm 90; Exodus 12:31-36; Eccles. 3:1-15; Matthew 24:32-51; Luke 12:13-21.

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

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

QUESTION 1—Who are Members of this Conference?

The List of Members of the Conference is according to the Agenda of Conference, pages 12 to 19 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?

Wallis F. Browne, B.A.	John G. Hayhurst.
William A. Chessum, Mus.B.	Bruce E. Mackie.
Ian L. Clarke, A.R.A.N.Z.	John H. Roberts.
Ronald C. Collingwood.	Napi Waaka.
Ludwig Felderhof.	Norman J. West
Hendrik Gerritsen.	(Ordained 1966).

QUESTION 3.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

C. Brice Herbert.

Who have travelled three years.

Roy M. Alexander.	Donald F. Prince.
Robert A. Allan.	Keith J. Taylor.
A. Roy Bowden.	Robert Te Whare.
Richard J. Hendry.	Stanley J. West.
John I. Manihera.	

Who have travelled two years.

Ronald W. Ferguson.	Alistair D. Pain
(See Question 5)	Te Taotahi John Pihama.
Daniel P. Harris.	David C. Pratt.
Colin G. Jamieson.	Enid J. Slaney, M.A.
Laurie A. Michie.	

Who have travelled one year.

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

Bruce L. Hosking, B.A.,	Graeme McIver.
B.Com., S.T.M.	Brian L. Malcournne.
William R. G. Loader, B.A.	John D. Meredith.
Moke A. G. Couch.	Ian C. Norwell.
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A.	Donald J. Phillipps, B.A.
J. Cedric Hay.	Roger G. Sanson.
Roger J. E. Hey.	Morehu Te Whare.
Alan J. Leadley, B.A.	

Also Wallace C. Chapman (Recommended to Fiji Conference)

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

Fosi Palaamo	Filo Telito
Kalati Perese	Jack Wright

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

David R. Alley.	Barry G. Harkness, B.A.
Norman E. Brookes.	Russell G. Rigby.
Ashley J. Corlett.	Robert G. Stringer.
Peter K. F. de Zoete.	Brian H. Turner.
Brian R. J. Eagle.	

Who are continued for a third year.

Ronald W. Ferguson
(See Question 3)
Duncan R. Graham

Murray D. Munro
Rowan E. Smiley
G. Clive Smith
Also Samueli Elia (Samoan Conference Student)
Who are continued for a second year.

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

Warren H. Blundell
William D. Griffiths
John B. Salmon

Ronald N. Simpson
Jack Wright

QUESTION 7.—Who are admitted as Solomon Islands Ministers?

QUESTION 8.—Who remain as Solomon Islands Preachers on Probation?

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

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

QUESTION 10 (B).—Who are to be continued in training?

The answers to Questions 7, 8, 9, 10 (A) and (B) are recorded in the Conference Journal.

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

None.

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

Norma Mary Graves (see Q. 11 D).

(c) What Students are to continue Deaconess Training?

Patricia Ruth Tattersall.

(d) What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?

Norma Mary Graves (see Q. 11 B).

(e) What Deaconesses are received from other Conferences?

Merle Fechner (from Victoria and Tasmania Conference to serve in N.Z. for a second year).

(f) Who are now to be received as Solomon Islands Deaconesses?

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

(h) Who are received for Deaconess Training?

(f), (g), (h) The names are recorded in the Conference Journals.

(i) What Deaconesses are granted Leave of Absence?

Sister Edna Jenkin.

(j) What persons who were Deaconesses now cease to be recognized as Deaconesses?

Sister Elva Harris who has voluntarily resigned.

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

Ronald N. Simpson. (Third Year).

Warren H. Blundell (First Year).

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

E. Percy Blamires.
Ernest B. Chambers.
Ernest S. Hoddinott.

Harris Whitfield.
Cyril Robinson.
(Home Missionary)

OBITUARIES

EDGAR PERCY BLAMIRE

Edgar Percy Blamires (affectionately known as E.P.) was born in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia, in 1878. His sudden death, in Auckland on March 16th, 1967, at the ripe old age of 89 years, closed a most colourful ministry. He was of a family of nine, his parents being the Rev. W. L. and Mrs Blamires of Victoria. Four of the sons entered the Ministry of the Methodist Church.

E. P. Blamires firstly served the Victorian Conference as a Home Missionary. It was in 1899 that he came to New Zealand and served as a Home Missionary in the Bay of Islands Circuit. In 1900 he was ordained to the Ministry and served in numerous Circuits throughout New Zealand until 1922. He is still remembered with much affection and esteem.

In 1922 the Church "called" him to serve as a Youth Director, a position which he held for 17 years and during which he served the Church and particularly the Methodist Bible Class Movement with unrelenting zeal and signal distinction. He had an abiding enthusiasm and was able to communicate to others. He was a man of vision and insight and could see potential in the people whom he encountered. During his service in the Youth Department in 1936-37 he was President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. He also gave timely service to the wider Church as Honorary Secretary of the New Zealand Council of Religious Education, a work which was very near his heart and to which he brought his abilities and concern.

In 1939 Mr Blamires went to England and served with the British Conference. He took temporary charge of a Church at Alton and later served in two Circuits in Norfolk. During this time in England he fed his appetite for knowledge and understanding of the British Marriage Guidance Home and Family weeks. In 1947 he returned to New Zealand taking up residence at Devonport in a house which he had built in 1921, on the slopes of Mt. Victoria. From 1947 to 1965 he travelled back and forth across the Tasman and up and down New Zealand conducting Home and Family weeks in Australia, Fiji, and this country. In this field of concern he was a crusader, unflinching in presenting his ideals. His knowledge of this subject and his passion and concern in this field of work meant that he was much in demand. At the age of 88 years he conducted his 100th Home and Family week.

This record of the life of E. P. Blamires would be incomplete without reference to his literary talents. His was a versatile mind and pen. His writings are revealed in the number of pamphlets and books which found their way into the life of the Community and church, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Mr Blamires was beloved and highly respected by many and he served "right gloriously" his Lord, the Church and the Kingdom of God. To the end he was an irrepressible man with an alert and searching mind. His spirit had been quickened by God's Spirit and he had an everlasting concern for the clear cut presentation of the Gospel. He rejoiced when it was warmly presented and when old and young responded to it. He was forceful, fluent and infectious. He was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, knowing it to be "power of God unto salvation to all who believed".

To use the words of St. Paul again, but to change them as befits the Blamires Brothers—who were keenly involved in cricket—"He has played a good game; he has had a good innings; henceforth there is laid up for him the crown of righteousness".

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

ERNEST B. CHAMBERS

The Rev. Ernest B. Chambers came to New Zealand in 1908 from Northamptonshire, England, after training for the teaching profession. Following some years in business, Ernest Chambers responded to a call to the Christian Ministry by entering Dunholme College in 1915 for Theological training. This was interrupted in 1917 by War Service. Upon return in 1919 he was stationed at Opotiki and there engaged in a type of ministry which was to characterise his whole life-loving care for persons and the improvement of Church facilities and property. He began his Ministry building a parsonage. He was responsible for the erection of Central Church, Invercargill, in his mid-ministry, and in his last Circuit he left a new Sunday School and Youth Block. Ernest B. Chambers travelled in eleven Circuits and served for two periods as Secretary of Synodal Districts. He derived his greatest satisfaction, however, from the knowledge that seven young men of his Pastorates had experienced a "call" to the Ministry, and one was his own son, and another the present President of Conference.

Retiring in 1956 Ernest B. Chambers resolved that after a short spell, he would make his services available for Supply Ministries, preferably of a 12 months' term. In this way he served in this District, at Taupo and at Rotorua West. Here, toward the Eventide, it was as it had been in fuller days, his quiet grace and kindness; his deep sincerity and earthly practicality, and constant sunnyheartedness won for his Christ and for himself the love and loyalty of old and young alike. A true Minister; a grand colleague; and a faithful Christian Gentleman.

ERNEST SYDNEY HODDINOTT

Ernest Sydney Hoddinott was born at Kaponga (Taranaki) on 12th March, 1911. After attending primary school at Hawera he received his secondary school education at Wesley College, Paerata, where he showed something of the leadership qualities which characterised his later years by attaining to the position of Head Prefect. He trained for the ministry at Trinity College, and was Senior Student in his last year there, commencing his Probation at Wellington East (Miramar) in 1938. He ministered at Greymouth, St. Albans, Dunedin South, and Wellington West. In 1960 he became Senior Chaplain to the Justice Department, an appointment he held until his death on 16th May, 1967. He was Chairman of the Otago-Southland and Wellington Districts.

In his younger days, "Mac", as he was affectionately known, participated actively in several sports, and he retained his enthusiasm for, and intimate knowledge of Rugby, until the end. In 1939 he married Miss Mabel Moffatt at Palmerston North. She was a faithful life's companion, and sharing his wide human concerns, and sustaining him through times of mental and bodily strife. Together with their son and daughter, she has reason to be proud of the memory of a devoted husband and father.

Ernest Sydney Hoddinott was a wise and good administrator, who never allowed pettiness to cloud central issues. His faith embraced the whole world of men in their private and social needs. International and national affairs came under the scrutiny of an informed mind and a heart fixed on a great God. When unpopular causes had to be espoused he did so with courage, a characteristic contempt of humbug, and a personal sincerity which never failed to command respect. It was in that same courageous spirit that he walked with death for the

latter years of his life, giving himself without stint in the cause of the prisoners and as a Shepherd of Chaplains, with a kind of reckless abandon. Generously he entered into the trials, frustrations, limitations and obstinacies of human nature, not with easy-going sentimentality, but in the spirit of the Man for Others Whom he sought to commend in life and action.

Long before "dialogue" and "involvement" became fashionable terms in ecclesiastical circles, Mac Hoddinott demonstrated both, whether in his lunch-hour sessions at Hillside Railway Workshops, his counselling with prison inmates, or his encounters with administrative colleagues in the Department of Justice. Through the latter he helped to shape a more enlightened approach to penal policy with all his ability and passionate conviction. This position also enabled him to spell out in practical terms something of his commitment to the re-union of the Church. It is not surprising to find the Senior Roman Catholic Prison Chaplain commenting: "Personally, God alone knows what a tower of strength he was to me; there were no secrets between us."

In his loyalty to the Church and love of orderly worship, he never lost touch with those outside the fold. Prisoners know a man when they see one; let the words of one sum it up thus: "He taught me the meaning of friendship and human dignity. There was never a false note. His God was real."

HARRIS WHITFIELD

Harris Whitfield was born on the 4th of February, 1905, in the North of England into a well-known family. His father was a local preacher and three of his uncles were also local preachers. His maternal grandfather was an evangelist.

Harris finished his education at Armstrong College, Newcastle, and came to New Zealand in 1927.

In 1931 he was received as a Home Missionary probationer. He served as a Home Missionary in Kohukohu, Hawarden and Paraparumu; Ordained in 1942, he served in Mangonui, Riccarton, Dunedin Central Mission, Ponsonby, Papanui, Otaki, Kaikohe, and this year Thames.

During his ministry in Auckland circuits he was Honorary Probation Officer. He was also director of the Nativity Pageant which was held for several years on Mt. Eden or in the Auckland Domain. His voice was heard over the air in the Friendly Road Programme. His association with the Friendly Road covered nine years. In his Kaikohe pastorate he was actively engaged in giving a strong lead to the erection of the present Maori-Pakeha Youth Centre.

Harris was awarded the Coronation Medal and the Efficiency Decoration. He served as Chaplain to the Forces within New Zealand during the last war and to the J. Force in Japan.

After some weeks of indifferent health he died suddenly at the Thames parsonage on the 13th of May, 1967. The large funeral congregation in the St. John's Church, Ponsonby, conducted by the President, the Reverend Ashleigh K. Petch, was a tribute to his personality and his ministry; as well as being a tribute to a life fully expended in the Master's service.

To Mrs Whitfield and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy with the prayer that the memories of a much respected and loved husband and father will help to ease their sense of loss, assured that the "best is yet to be".

CYRIL ROBINSON

Cyril Robinson passed to his rest on March 3rd, 1967, at the age of 77 years.

His life story is that of a man reborn by the grace of God and the working of His Holy Spirit. It is the story of a man who gave himself without stint and without reserve to the service of Christ and His Kingdom.

As a young man he sailed with his parents from Hull, England. The family settled in Napier, then farmed in the Norsewood district. Here Cyril Robinson became a Local Preacher. In 1916 he married Miss Beatrice Tarrant of Tua Marina. In 1917-18 he served overseas with the Hawkes Bay Regiment.

In 1922 he was received into Home Mission work and took up his appointment at Apiti. Then followed service in Reefton, Waddington, Nightcaps, Otautau, Manaia for 8 years, Marton, Paraparaumu, and upon retirement Supply at Waipawa.

One has only to know that he served the Methodist Church in these places between the years 1922-1952 to realise something of the toughness of his being, the strength of his spirit, and the depth of his love for Christ, and his fellow-men.

Their six sons were born into a Christian home wherein the grace of charity was maintained.

Of the privations and struggles we know but little.

Cyril Robinson impressed us as a man of peace, and such a man is first a man of God. In all his work and life there was a quiet dignity. In the thirty years of his full-time ministry he was a faithful friend and pastor to his people.

He preached the living word of God with zeal and warmth of spirit, and with such deep sincerity that congregations thanked God for the gift of this man. While in retirement in the Napier Circuit he became honorary pastor of the Wesley congregation. He was diligent in hospital visitation and all good works until failing health forced him to discontinue.

To Mrs Robinson and the family we extend the sympathy of the Church.

QUESTION 14.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Arthur Hopper
R. Purcell Keall
Jonathan H. Haslam
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
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
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.

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

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

Charles H. Bell, B.A.
 J. Montgomery Blight
 Reginald Day
 Reginald Grice
 Charlie O. Hailwood

Leonard C. Horwood
 George I. Laurenson
 William E. Moore
 Gordon R. H. Peterson

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

Ruth Fawcett
 Airini Hobbs
 Ivy Jones, M.B.E., J.P.

Rita F. Snowden, F.I.A.L.
 Jean A. Miller

(c) What Deaconesses are now placed on the retired list?

Margaret W. Nicholls, M.B.E.

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
 R. T. Alexander
 Roy Coombridge
 W. J. Bryant
 T. Steele

D. I. Robertson
 H. Prowse
 H. A. Wright
 F. E. Trim
 A. E. Tardif

(b) Placed on Retired List?

None.

QUESTION 18.—(a) What Ministers or Probationers have Permission to Serve with Other Organisations during the year?

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

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

Wilf G. Eisner, B.A. (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.).

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

QUESTION 18.—(b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission "To Rest" during the year?

Leslie C. Clements

Wilf G. Eisner

Alan H. Hall, M.A. (Serving Overseas)

Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Ag.Sci. (with permission to serve under the British Methodist Conference).

H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (with permission to serve under the New South Wales Conference)

Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. (with permission to serve under Victoria-Tasmania Conference)

Owen A. Kitchingman, B.A.
 Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip. Ed.
 Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D.
 Ian W. Reid
 John H. Ziesler, M.A., B.D. (with permission to serve at Wesley
 College, Cambridge, and to study overseas).

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

Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
 Warren Green
 Dorothea M. Noble, B.A.

QUESTION 20.—Is any Minister or Probationer Designated for Overseas Mission?

None.

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

Evan R. Lewis (with permission to serve under the Victoria-Tasmanian 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?

David W. Edmonds, who has voluntarily resigned.

QUESTION 24.—What are the arrangements for the Annual Examination of Probationers, Students, Candidates for the Ministry, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Lay Preachers?

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 Goodman.

(A) Examiners for Probationers

Hebrew: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
 Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. W. Gust, B.A.
 2nd year: Rev. P. P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.
 3rd year: Rev. W. Gust, B.A.
 English Bible (O.T.)—Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
 English Bible (N.T.)—1st year: Rev. A. A. Grundy, M.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. Ranginohora Rogers.
 Pre-Collegiate Course—
 N.T.: Rev. A. A. Grundy, M.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. M. J. Campbell

Correspondence Tutor in Greek Rev. Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.

(B) Examiners for Candidates

Bible Knowledge I (O.T.)	.....	.....	.....	Rev. E. F. I. Hanson, B.A.
Bible Knowledge II (N.T.)	.....	.....	.....	Rev. C. B. Oldfield.
Theology	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

(C) Examiners for Home Missionaries

English	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A.
Theology	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. J. H. Osborne, M.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. K. H. Russell
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. D. S. Mullan, B.A.
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).

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. Probationers shall present a thesis of 30,000 words on an approved subject, or normally four 5,000 word extended essays on specified subjects, or sit examinations, the decision in each case to be made by the Examination Committee of Conference, in consultation with the Board of Studies. Notice of this may be given at the end of the second College year.

Regulations:

1. The probationary examination course of study is retained, for those not pursuing a thesis or extended essay 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.—Supervision:

(i) 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.

(ii) The Superintendent Minister of the Circuit to which a Probationer is attached shall be associated with the supervision of the thesis or other study course.

Alternative Examination 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 1968.

1st year: Luke 8-10; Acts 5-6; Phillipians 2.

2nd year: Luke 7-10; Acts 5-6; Phillipians 2-3.

3rd year: Luke 6-10; Acts 5-6; Phillipians 1-4.

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 1968 Second Section. "The Person and Work of Christ".

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,"—H. H. 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", H. R. Mackintosh, Books 1 and 3 only; "Doctrine and Work of Christ", S. 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 1968 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", A. C. 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-

tary 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 \$20 per unit with a maximum of \$40.

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

VII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LAY PREACHERS

1. Old Testament: "An Approach to the Old Testament", Horace Cleaver.
2. New Testament: "An Approach to the New Testament", G. P. Lewis.
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.
5. For 1969 the following textbooks will be used: Old Testament: "A Guide to the Old Testament", G. Gilbert Yates (Epworth Press); New Testament: "A Guide to the New Testament", A. W. Wainwright (Epworth Press).

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 1968—

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	T. M. Morrow
Homiletics:	Worship and Preaching	Paul S. Minear
	(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. (pages 1-153)	P. Lewis
Homiletics:	An Introduction to the O.T. H. Cleaver 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 1968 shall be required on the following dates:

Probationers—May 14th and 15th. September 10th and 11th.

Tutorials for Probationers to commence—Greek: February 1st; Theology: June 1st.

Probationers' Thesis Course—The completed thesis must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners by June 30th in the Ordination year. See Regulations in the Minutes of Conference, Question 24, "Course of Study for Probationers" for preliminary years.

Probationers' Extended Essay Course—Essays must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners by May 31st and September 30th when two essays are required in any year and by July 31st when one essay is required.

Candidates for the Ministry—July 16th, 17th and 18th.

Home Missionary Probationers—September 10th and 11th.

Bible Knowledge for Home Missionary Probationers—Tutorials to commence on March 12th.

Candidates for the Diaconess Order—July 16th, 17th and 18th.

Lay Preachers—First week in June and December.

RESOLUTIONS

1.) That the Oral Examiner for 1968 be the Rev. B. A. Walker, M.A.

2.) That the Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., Secretary, and the Revs. J. S. Hosking, M.A., Dip.Mus., and R. D. Rakana, Assistant Secretaries, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

3. That the following ministers and students be congratulated on gaining degrees during the year and that these be printed in the Minutes of Conference: Revs. B. E. Jones, B.A., E. B. Clarke, B.A., J. B. Currie, B.A.; Students B. L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com., S.T.M. (with distinction from Union Theological Seminary, New York), W. R. G. Loader, B.A., and D. R. Curtis, B.A.

4. That the Committee for the Triennial Visitation of Trinity College in 1968 be the Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (Convener), Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D., and Mr D. McCracken, B.A.

5. Agenda p. 162, under Hawkes Bay-Manawatu. That the Committee to consider the work of the School for Christian Workers be

Revs. W. R. Laws, W. R. Francis, W. F. Ford (Convener), Messrs W. E. Donnelly, D. McCracken and W. Burnell.

6. That the Faith and Order Committee consider the amendment of Question 2 of the Conference Agenda and Minutes as follows:

(a) Who are now admitted as Ministers in Full Connexion with the Conference?

(b) Who are now ordained as Ministers?

7. That the Board of Studies in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Warden of the Deaconess Order consider the report on the possibilities and implications involved in establishing an ordained Diaconate within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

8. That the requirements concerning John Wesley's Sermons and Notes on the New Testament for Candidates for the Ministry be referred to the Board of Studies and the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and report, as their relevance for study in the mid-twentieth century is questioned.

A.—The Joint Board of Theological Studies and the Syllabus Diploma L.Th.

During the year the Board of Studies received through the Convener of the Church Union Committee, the Reverend W. J. Morrison, the constitution for a proposed Joint Board of Theological Studies for the Churches negotiating for union together with the Regulations and Syllabus for a proposed course of theological training, the Diploma Licentiate in Theology. These had been prepared by a sub-committee of the Joint Commission on Church Union. It is the hope of the Joint Commission that the Joint Board of Theological Studies may be appointed this year to commence its work in February, 1968, and that the Syllabus may receive the necessary approval for it to operate in the Theological Colleges of the five Churches in 1969.

The Board of Studies has been involved in the discussions leading to the preparation of these documents and commends both the Constitution and the Syllabus to the Synods and Conference for adoption.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Secretary.

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES CONSTITUTION

1. There shall be a Joint Board of Theological Studies to have general oversight of the 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 fifteen members with representation as follows:

Church of England	4
Presbyterian Church	4
Methodist Church	3
Associated Churches of Christ	2
Congregational Church	2

These numbers shall include members of the teaching staffs of the various Theological Colleges. 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 conducted by the Board and to review matters relating to theological training.

6. The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall prescribe the course of studies, set fees, appoint examiners, and award diplomas on the successful completion of the examinations conducted by the Board.

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES SYLLABUS

Regulations for the examinations for the Diplomas of Licentiate in
Theology and of Scholar in Theology

1. Entrance Qualification

Before presenting himself for examination in any paper of the L.Th. a candidate is required:

(i) To have qualified for matriculation at any recognised University.

OR

(ii) To have passed an examination which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to the Entrance Examination of a University in New Zealand.

OR

(iii) If the candidate is 25 years of age or over, to have passed the Board's 'Qualifying Examination'. This examination shall consist of three papers:

(a) An Essay with a wide choice of subjects

(b) English Grammar and Literature with selected reading

(c) The Study of a Set Text.

2. The Board shall prescribe the text to be used in all Scripture Papers. At present this is the Revised Standard Version.

3. All papers will be graded A, B, C, D and E, grade C or over constituting a pass.

4. The Examination for the L.Th. shall consist of papers 1-17 and ONE of the elective papers 18-21.

5. Where a candidate attains the required aggregate, the Board will award 1st or 2nd Class Honours, provided that he has passed either paper 3a or paper 6a.

6. The Examination for the S.Th. is open to candidates who have passed the L.Th., including papers 3a or 6a, or who have gained a diploma or degree in theology of a standing approved by the Board.

7. A candidate who has passed an examination that in the opinion of the Board is at least equivalent to the standard required by this Syllabus will be granted the corresponding credit. Application must be made in writing, giving details, to the Secretary of the Board. A candidate who is proposing to read equivalent subjects at a University is advised to consult the Secretary.
8. Each year the Board will issue the prescriptions for the following year including a suggested reading list for all papers.
9. A candidate desiring to enter for any paper or papers must obtain from the Secretary of the Board a form of application and submit the same duly completed NOT LATER than 1st August accompanied by a fee of ten shillings (one dollar) for each paper in which the candidate desires to be examined. Upon payment of an extra fee of ten shillings (one dollar) for each paper a late entry will be accepted up to 31st August. The rule as to late fees is strictly interpreted and no exceptions can be made.
10. The Examination for the Diploma L.Th. and the Qualifying Examination are held annually, commencing on the second Monday in October.

SYLLABUS FOR THE DIPLOMA OF LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY

I OLD TESTAMENT

- Paper 1 General introduction to O.T. studies, including geography of Middle East, historical background of the Ancient Middle East and contribution of archaeology to O.T. Studies.
History of Israel until 586 B.C.
Canon, Text and Versions of the O.T.
Introduction to the Pentateuch, the Former Prophets, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah 1-39, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Nahum, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, with special reference to the Pentateuchal traditions and the teaching of the prophets.
- Paper 2 The theology of the Old Testament.
History of Israel from 586 to 63 B.C.
Introduction to Isaiah 40-66, Haggai, Zechariah, Joel, Malachi, Jonah, and the Writings with special reference to Hebrew poetry, Wisdom literature and apocalyptic literature.
- Paper 3 EITHER: (a) Translation and exegesis of prescribed texts from the Hebrew Bible, as set for Paper (b) of Old Testament Stage I of the B.D. examination in the University of Otago.
OR (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the Old Testament from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have a working knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, an understanding of the structure of the Hebrew language and of the theologically significant words within the prescribed texts.

II NEW TESTAMENT

- Paper 4 General introduction to N.T. studies, Jewish and Hellenistic background. Biblical history from 63 B.C.

Introduction to the books of the N.T., and the growth of the Canon.

Paper 5 The theology of the New Testament, with special reference to the Apostolic Preaching, the Synoptic Gospels, Paul and John.

Paper 6 EITHER: (a) Translation and exegesis of prescribed texts from the Greek New Testament as set for the Otago B.D. Stage I. Introduction to and application of the principles of Textual Criticism.

OR (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the N.T. from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have a working knowledge of the Greek alphabet, an understanding of the theologically significant words within the prescribed texts.

III THE CHURCH IN HISTORY

Paper 7 The Church in history from Jesus to 500 A.D.

Paper 8 The Church in history from 500-1600 A.D.

Paper 9 The Church in history from 1600 to the present.

IV SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Paper 10 Philosophical Theology

Paper 11 The Doctrine of God, Trinity, Creation, Revelation, Man.

Paper 12 The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ, Sin and Salvation.

Paper 13 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry, Sacraments, Eschatology.

Paper 14 Christian Ethics. Old and New Testament approaches to Ethics;
Christian responses to ethical problems.

V PASTORALIA

Paper 15 Pastoral Care.

The theology of Pastoral Care and its applications in pastoral visitation, organisation and records. The Pastoral interview. Pastoral resources—Scripture, Prayer, Holy Communion, etc. Care of the sick and the dying, the bereaved, care of the family, the aged. Special cases—alcoholics, etc. Elements of pastoral counselling, assessment of verbatim records. Referrals, professional relationships.

Paper 16 Christian Education.

Principles of Education. Teaching method, child development, the adolescent, adult education, group process. Evaluation of the graded Sunday School, Bible Class organisation. Extra-curricula activities. The mission of the Church, evangelism and Church membership. The Gospel and personality.

Paper 17 Worship and Communication.

The nature and principles of Worship; the origins and The art of communication — types of sermon and methods of construction, selection of relevant topics,

development of Christian Worship, planning the act of worship, the Sacraments.
art of illustration. Radio and television, etc., as means of communicating the Gospel.

VI ELECTIVE PAPERS

Paper 18 Intertestamental Literature

History of the Jewish People in Palestine from 333 B.C. to A.D. 70; Hellenism and its characteristics; the rise of the sects. Judaism of the Dispersion.

Introduction to the Apocrypha of the Old Testament and to selected books of the Pseudepigrapha, especially the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, the Book of Jubilees, the Psalms of Solomon, the Book of Enoch, the Assumption of Moses, the Apocalypse of Baruch. The Qumran Scrolls; introduction to the literature, and its teaching.

Theology of the intertestamental literature: the developing thought of Judaism concerning God, man, sin, righteousness, salvation, last things.

Paper 19 Liturgics

The Nature and Principles of Worship; Christian Worship in East and West up to and including the period of the Reformation.

The Modern Liturgical Movement both within the Reformed Traditions and within the Roman Catholic Communion.

The Development of Worship in the Reformed Traditions up to the present day, with special reference to EITHER (i) the developments within Anglicanism OR (ii) the developments within other Reformed traditions.

Paper 20 Comparative Study of Religion

Definition and Origins.

A comparison of world Faiths, including Christianity. A specialist study of one of the major world Faiths.

Paper 21 South Pacific Studies

History of missionary impact upon the South Pacific. Introduction to anthropology, sociology, Polynesian and Melanesian religions.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference approve the appointment of the Joint Board of Theological Studies and adopt the Constitution of the Joint Board, as outlined.
3. That the following be the representatives of the Methodist Church on the Joint Board: Dr D. O. Williams (Principal), Dr J. J. Lewis (Vice-Principal), Rev. R. G. Bell (Secretary Board of Examiners).
4. That the Syllabus for the Diploma Licentiate in Theology be adopted and its use in Trinity Theological College be authorised.
5. That the Joint Board of Theological Studies be given permission to modify the Constitution as may from time to time be necessary subject to the approval of the Churches and that provision for this power to change be incorporated in the constitution.

B.—Report on Selection Procedures

The Committee on Selection Procedures has been set up and has commenced work. We are very conscious of the importance of the task, and are making a wide survey of selection procedures for the Protestant ministry in this country preparatory to considering what may be radical changes in our present system. We would welcome suggestions and comments from anyone interested and would be able to make an interim report for consideration by March Ministerial Synods in 1968.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

D. S. MULLAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee on Selection Procedures be invited to present its finding to March Ministerial Synods, 1968, and Synod Standing Committees.

C.—The Probationary System

The report of the Board of Studies on the Probationary System was submitted to the Ministerial Synods this year as directed by Conference (Minutes 1966, p.38; Minutes 1965, pp. 277-8). In the covering statement it was pointed out that the question had been raised by the Probationers themselves who felt that their position in the Church is somewhat anomalous. In the discussions it had been noted that, with rising educational standards and with the present full College course, the academic need for the probationary system has passed. On the other hand, the need for practical training under the guidance of senior ministers in some form of probationary ministry is more urgent than ever before. Furthermore the developing ecumenical situation sharpens the need for clarification of the status of the Probationer and also of his relationship to the Church. The recommendations of the Board of Studies called for a two-year Probationary period at the conclusion of the College course. In each of these years there would be a period of two weeks' specialist training, not necessarily in Trinity College but under the direction of the Principal and Staff. A 20,000-word thesis on an approved subject would for all Probationers replace the present examinations.

The replies of the Synods reflect a considerable diversity of opinion and no clear picture emerges. Opinion in some Synods favoured the retention of the present system (e.g. Taranaki-Wanganui; Nelson) but in others (e.g. Northland, Waikato-Bay of Plenty) supported the intention behind the Board of Studies' report. All replies noted the difficulties involved in implementing the proposals, expense to the Circuits and the Connexion, the securing of a sufficient number of Circuits to have place both for the Superintendent and the curate-Probationer. Some ask for a year of Probation within the College course (Northland, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu), ordination at the close of the College course (Otago-Southland) with reception into full Connexion after a two-year curacy. Some ask for the retention of examinations on Probation, even in a modified form (e.g. Wellington) and others suggest a thesis course (Waikato, 30,000 words), four 5000-word essays (Otago-Southland) or some 'unit of work' to be specified (Wellington). Positive suggestions were offered (a) that the Superintendent be

the supervisor of a Probationer's thesis; (b) that other Churches with whom we are negotiating for union may agree to accept Probationers under their supervision in some isolated areas; (c) that any one granted a fourth year of College training commence his relationship to the funds of the Church and begin his years of service from the beginning of his fourth year (South Island School).

In the light of these replies, the Board of Studies believes that the Church would not be ready to implement its earlier recommendations by 1970. It is also aware that union proposals may suggest to the Churches a three-year period of theological training followed by a two-year curacy in the Diaconate for all accepted candidates for the Ministry. The Board of Studies believes that the Church should be working towards this pattern of theological training now. The practical training of the Ministry is best handled within the Circuit Ministry under the guidance of selected senior Ministers.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference reaffirm the present policy of the Church:—
 - (a) to appoint Probationers to Circuits where there is possibility of adequate supervision, this to be a guiding principle for the Stationing Committee;
 - (b) to authorise Probationers to preside at the celebration of Holy Communion, only where this is considered necessary in areas where, otherwise, Church members could be deprived of this means of grace.
3. That Probationers be required to present a thesis of 30,000 words on an approved subject, or normally four 5,000-word extended essays on specified subjects, or to sit examinations as at present, the decision in each case to be made by the Examination Committee of Conference in consultation with the Board of Studies. Notice of this may be given at the end of the second College year.
4. That the Superintendent of the Circuit to which the Probationer is attached be associated with the supervision of the thesis or other study course.
5. That a report of the Probationer's thesis or study programme be presented each year to the Examination Committee by the supervisor.
6. That, in the light of the changes in the system of examining, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, the Rev. R. G. Bell, and the ex-Secretary, the Rev. H. C. Matthews, be asked to bring down a report on the Constitution of the Examination Committee of Conference with a view to the reduction of membership and the increase of efficiency and greater participation of the laity.
7. That Conference draw the attention of Synod Standing Committees to Resolution 2 (a) and (b) and ask these Committees to report to the next Stationing Committee where Probationers could best be placed in their district so as to implement the intention of those resolutions.
8. That the Report on Probationary System from "Probationers Consensus" be forwarded to the Board of Studies in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee as a relevant document.
9. That the Board of Studies investigate the possibility of Ordaining Probationers at the end of their College course and admitting them into full Connexion at the end of their Probation.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

- II (a) The course of study for Solomon Island Probationers and Candidates who will train through Rarongo Theological College, Rabaul.

This course of studies is found in the Minutes of the United Synod of Melanesia and in the Journal of Conference.

- (b) The course of study for Non-College Probationers. These studies are set by the Ministerial Committee of the Synod and are under the direction of an Examination Secretary and Tutors. The studies are:—

Theology: Hunter, 'What a Christian Believes and Why'.

Theology: S. Neill, 'Who is Jesus Christ'.

Biblical: Layman's Commentary, 'Introduction to the Bible'.

Biblical: Thorogood, 'Introduction to Bible Reading'.

Biblical: U.S.C.L. Commentary, 'Study of First Corinthians'.

Methodism, Homiletics: These subjects are prepared by the Tutor.

- VI The Course of Studies for Solomon Island Deaconesses.

Solomon Island Deaconesses receive one year of training at the Bible Training Institute, Goldie College. Their Probation is under the direction of the Principal of this College, and the Deaconess Warden (Mrs Cropp). The length of their probation is determined by the Ministerial Committee of the Synod.

- VII Course of Study for Lay Preachers.

Lay Preachers' Secretaries have been appointed in both parts of the District, and a small committee under the Chairmanship of Rev. Leslie Boseto has been appointed to prepare a course of study suitable for Solomon Island Lay Preachers.

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?

NORTHLAND

That Ruawai and Hikurangi Circuits be granted permission to move toward the establishment of Union Parishes with the Presbyterian Parishes by the 1st February, 1968.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Rotorua-Taupo

1. That the Rotorua-Taupo Circuit be divided into two Circuits as from 1st February, 1968.

2. That the boundaries of the two Circuits be determined in consultation with the Home Mission Department.

3. That the Staffing of the Taupo Circuit be one Ordained Minister.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU

Foxton-Shannon

That the Foxton Shannon Circuit be divided, and that the new Foxton Circuit resulting be constituted with the following boundaries. To the north, Oroua Downs to Taikorea Road, Himatangi Beach and Himatangi Highway Settlement; to the east, approximately the western bank of the Manawatu River to the south, approximately two miles south of Whirokino Bridge; and to the west, the Foxton Beach area and that the rest of the former Foxton-Shannon Circuit be under the pastoral care of the Presbyterian-Methodist parish of Shannon.

NELSON

Westport Union Parish

- (a) That the boundaries of the Union Parish extend from and include Waimangaroa in the north, to and include Charleston in the south, further bounded by the Buller Gorge and Denniston in the east, and the sea in the west.
- (b) That Methodist people living north of Waimangaroa receive pastoral oversight from the Granity-Karamea Presbyterian Parish on a reciprocal membership basis.
- (c) That the first Minister be Rev. Van der Kley (Presbyterian).
- (d) That the Westport Union Parish, approved by last Conference, be constituted on February 1st, 1968.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Dunedin West

1. That Conference sanctions the establishment of a Special Union Parish incorporating the Roslyn Methodist Church and the Wakari, Kaikorai and Halfway Bush Presbyterian Parishes to take effect as from 1st February 1968.

2. That Conference approves the proposed constitution of the West Dunedin Union Parish.

3. That the Dunedin West Circuit be Mornington and Maori Hill. (Note: That during 1968 while the minister is resident at Maori Hill a supply arrangement will be made with West Dunedin Union Parish. During 1968 the Dunedin West Circuit will advise Synod as to the status of Maori Hill for 1969.)

NORTH CANTERBURY

Christchurch East

- (a) "That Conference grant approval for the St. Philip Society (Hills Road) to join in Reciprocal membership with the St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church along the lines approved by the St. Philip's Leaders' Meeting, St. Aidan's Session, Christchurch East Quarterly Meeting, North Canterbury District Synod Stndiang Committee and the Christchurch Presbytery.
- (b) That this arrangement commence on 1st February, 1968.
- (c) That the District Synod Standing Committee, in consultation with the Christchurch East Quarterly Meeting the C.B. and L. Fund Committee, the Methodist H.M. Board and Church Union Committee, be authorised to make the final decisions about the disposal or transfer of the St. Philip's property.

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

SHANNON

That the establishment of the Presbyterian-Methodist Parish of Shannon, authorised by the President to take effect from 1st July, 1967, be confirmed, whereby the Methodist Society of Shannon became part of the Presbyterian Parish, the Parish accepting responsibility for the maintenance of Methodist buildings and for contributions for two years to the Foxton Circuit and support for the Methodist Connexional Budget as set out in the Constitution to be filed in the Conference Records.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

- (a) That Methodist work within the Shortland Islands be constituted a separate Circuit to be called the MONO Circuit.
- (b) That Methodist work in the island of Ranonga be constituted a separate circuit to be called the RANONGA Circuit.

- (c) That the name of the CENTRAL Circuit be changed to the WAG-INA Circuit.

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

AUCKLAND

- (i) Papatoetoe: That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers and a Deaconess.
(ii) Whangaparaoa: That the staffing be one ordained minister.
(iii) Auckland Maori Circuit: That the staffing be one ordained Minister, two Probationers, three Deaconesses, five Home Missionaries.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Rotorua: That the staffing be one Ordained Minister, one probationer.

Taupo: That the staffing be one Ordained Minister.

WELLINGTON

Wellington South: That the staffing be one ordained minister.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Central Church and Mission Dunedin:

1. That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers and a Deaconess.
2. That the name of the Central Methodist Church and Mission Circuit be changed to Methodist Central Mission Circuit.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Wairoa: That the staffing be one Ordained Minister.

(b) To what Circuit are additional preachers appointed?

None.

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

NORTHLAND

Hikurangi.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Central Church and Mission Dunedin (3rd) (see Question 26A).

Invercargill (St. Peter's): Probationer for one year.

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

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

TURANGI UNION PARISH:

Turangi Union Parish:

1. That the Turangi Union Parish be constituted as from the 1st February, 1968 with two Ministers, one of whom to be a Maori, the Constitution to be filed in the Conference records.

2. That Conference expresses appreciation to the Superintendent of the Taumarunui Circuit, Rev. Bruce Scammell, together with his people, for the vital part they have played in the establishment of the Turangi Union Parish.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

West Dunedin Union Parish (see question 25A).

QUESTION 28.—What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for a married Minister?

Rotorua is due but has been relieved for another year.

St Kilda (2) is due.

Levin (2) and is prepared to fulfil its obligation.

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

President—REV. JOHN D. GROCOTT, B.A.

Vice-President—Mr WILLIAM E. DONNELLY, M.B.E.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1968

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 142 and [1] to [5] for Maori 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.
- 5a **Hikurangi**—Union Parish
(Presbyterian Appointment).
6. **Whangarei**—
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Andrew G. Reid.
7. **Dargaville**—
Gordon D. Brough, B.A.
Robert A. Allan.
8. **Ruawai**—
Charles D. Shave.

9. **Paparoa—**
One wanted.
10. **Port Albert—**
David L. Hines, B.A.
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 (Associate Sup.).
Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary)
Ranginohora 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. (Overseas—Cambridge University).
John Silvester, M.A. (Tutor in Systematic Theology).
Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (Appointed for 2 years as Tutor in N.T.
Language, Literature and Teaching).

Auckland Hospital Chaplain—

Benjamin H. Riseley.

11. 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. (Overseas).
John Silvester, M.A.
Bryan A. Walker, M.A.
Benjamin H. Riseley (Hospital Chaplain)
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.).
James W. Parker (Sup.)
G. Raymond Harris (Sup.)
William E. Moore (Sup.).
A Deaconess.

12. Auckland Central Mission—

A. Everill Orr, M.B.E. (Joint Chaplains to Astley House and
Tyler House).
J. Stanley Olds
Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
Two Deaconesses.

13. **Auckland South—**
Harry Moore
Edgar R. Hornblow, LL.B. (Roskill-Sandringham)
W. J. Douglas Wakeling.
Children's Home Joint Chaplains, Harry Moore and Edgar R. Hornblow.
14. **Auckland West—**
Clifford J. Keightley.
15. **Auckland East—**
M. Jackson Campbell
John H. Osborne, M.A.
Stanley R. Goudge, B.A.
David S. Mullan, B.A.
Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Home Mission Department)
George G. Carter, M.A., Dip. Ed. (Overseas Missions Dept).
George I. Laurenson (Sup.).
Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
16. **Orakei—**
Lawrence Greenslade (Chaplain to Winstone Lodge and Joint Chaplain to Seamer House)
Edmund D. Grounds
D. I. Alister McDonald
William Walker, E.D. (Sup.)
Eric W. Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College (Sup.)
Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
17. **Avondale—**
Percy P. Rushton, B.A., B.D.
Henry W. Kitchingman (Avondale-New Lynn)
One wanted.
Rua D. Rakena (Home Mission Department)
Ernest E. Sage (Sup.)
Percy I. Cooke (Sup.)
Fred Copeland (Sup.)
Athol R. Penn (Sup.)
Walter Parker (Sup.).
John Dennis (Sup.).
Leonard C. Horwood (Sup.).
18. **Henderson—**
Alan J. Handyside.
Ludwig Felderhof (Glen Eden).
One wanted—Supply—(John H. Vickery—Associated Churches of Christ).
Walter J. Enticott (Sup.)
19. **Devonport—**
David L. Trebilco
20. **Takapuna—**
Robert Thornley, M.A.
Warwick Gust, B.A.
William R. G. Loader, B.A.
J. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D. (Resting).
A. Henry Voyce (Sup.).
Joseph C. Draper (Sup.)
A. Wharton E. Silvester, M.M. (Sup.)
Herbert W. Payne (Sup.).

21. **Birkenhead—**
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
Donald G. Sherson (Northcote).
Frederick D. Peterson (Beach Haven)
22. **Onehunga—**
David Armstrong
Philip F. Taylor (Joint Chaplain to "Kurahuna").
23. **Otahuhu—**
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
24. **Papatoetoe—**
Albert Jolly
Wallis F. Browne, B.A.
A Deaconess wanted
L. Gordon Hanna (Sup.).
25. **Papakura—**
Clarence T. J. Luxton
Harry W. Toothill
One wanted.
26. **Pukekohe—**
Ian D. Grant
Thomas H. Carr (Sup.)
Wesley Training College, Paerata. Teacher-Chaplain, Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.
27. **Bombay-Tuakau—**
Edward Baker
One wanted.
28. **Waiuku—**
Douglas H. Burt.
29. **Kaipara—**
One wanted.
30. **Whangaparaoa—**
Roger G. Sanson.
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed. (resting).
31. **Mahurangi—**
John Churchill.
- [2] **Auckland—**
Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary and Superintendent, Joint Chaplain to Seamer House and "Kurahuna"),
Morehu Te Whare.
Moke A. G. Couch.
5 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. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

III. WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

32. **Thames—**
Bruce L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com., S.T.M.
Reginald Day (Sup.).
- 32a **Hauraki Plains Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Rev. J. N. Lea Andrew).

33. **Paeroa—**
Alexander C. Watson (who shall supervise the Coromandel Home Mission Station).
34. **Waihi—**
Frederick J. Climo
35. **Te Aroha—**
V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D. (who shall Supervise the Thames Circuit).
36. **Morrinsville—**
Francis H. Parker
G. Basil W. Bell
Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.).
37. **Cambridge—**
Leonard Shapcott.
Reginald Grice (Sup.).
38. **Hamilton—**
Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
Alan H. V. Newton
Phyllis M. Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.
Charlie O. Hailwood (Sup.).
- 38a **Raglan Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (J. H. Oliver).
39. **Hamilton East—**
Trevor Shepherd
Derek G. Laws, F.R.A.N.Z.
George H. Goodman
William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.)
John H. Bailey (Sup.)
George E. Brown (Sup.).
40. **Ngaruawahia—**
Barry W. Neal.
41. **Huntly—**
Eric R. Eastwood.
42. **Matamata—**
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (who shall Supervise Putaruru Circuit).
J. Montgomery Blight (Sup.).
43. **Putaruru—**
Roy M. Alexander.
44. **Tokoroa—**
Brian L. Olsen
William M. Garner (Sup.).
45. **Rotorua—**
William H. Greenslade
Darrell R. Curtis, B.A.
46. **Taupo—**
Ian H. Robertson.
47. **Tauranga—**
Ivan J. Clucas.
Irwin J. Fowler
James H. Conway
Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
A. Francis Attwood (Sup.).

48. **Te Puke—**
Graham Brazendale.
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (Sup.).
49. **Whakatane-Kawerau—**
David H. Ansell.
50. **Opotiki—**
John G. Hayhurst.
51. **Te Awamutu—**
William J. Morrison, M.A.
One wanted.
52. **Otorohanga—**
William K. Abbott.
53. **Te Kuiti—**
Donald F. Prince
A Home Missionary.
54. **Taumarunui—**
Bruce Scammell (who shall supervise Ohura Circuit).
- 54a **Turangi Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointments—B. McN. Patterson and P. Biddle.
55. **Ohura—**
Laurie A. Michie.
- [3] **Waikato—**
Ranginohora Rogers
Robert Te Whare.
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. (Chairman of the District).

V. ROY JAMIESON, M.B.E., E.D. (Deputy Chairman).

C. R. SHOOSMITH, A.P.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

IV. TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

56. **New Plymouth—**
Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. (Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea Hostel).
Hughan M. Craig.
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
61. **Manaia—**
Niven G. Ball.
62. **Opunake—**
A. Peter Dorrian
Amos W. Burrough.
63. **Wanganui Central—**
Alan O. Jones
Charles H. Bell, B.A. (Sup.).
64. **Wanganui North—**
Albert A. Grundy, M.A.
65. **Wanganui West—**
Frederick E. Waine.
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.
(Joint Chaplain to Rangiatea).
Naapi Waaka (Hawera)
6 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
LEONARD P. SCHROEDER, M.A., B.D., Chairman of the
District).
A. L. FOX, F.P.A.N.Z. (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.
Basil J. Hilder (who shall Supervise the Waipawa-Waipukurau
Circuit).
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—**
Graeme McIver.
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. Bennett, M.A.
Mervyn L. Dine, C.F.
76. **Palmerston North (Trinity)**—
Loyal J. Gibson (who shall Supervise the Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe Circuit).
One wanted.
77. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—
C. Brice Herbert.
78. **Feilding**—
Leslie F. Bycroft
A Deaconess.
79. **Marton**—
Edward P. Boyd.
80. **Sanson-Rongotea**—
John R. Hall.
81. **Apiti**—
R. Leslie George.
82. **Waipawa-Waipukurau**—
Roger J. Hey.
W. J. Henderson (Sup.).
83. **Foxton**
Maynard G. Rutherford.
PETER A. STEAD, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
CLIFFORD G. BROWN (Deputy Chairman).
RONALD INGRAM, A.R.A.N.Z., 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.
John Grundy, M.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.)
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**—
Charles B. Oldfield.
Wilfred J. Cable
Henry Ryan (Sup.).
Gordon R. H. Peterson (Sup.).
 86. **Wellington South**—
Colin D. Clark, M.A.
 87. **Wellington East**—
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
Keith C. Griffith.
J. Ainsley Daglish.
 88. **Wellington North**—
George R. Thompson, E.D.
Robert S. Andrews.

- 88a. **Newlands Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Rev. J. C. Doig).
89. **Porirua—**
Barry E. Jones, B.A.
Graham E. Hawkey
Ronald G. Major
Wilfred F. Ford, B.A. (Director of Christian Education)
William Rowe (Sup.).
Porirua Hospital Chaplain (Presbyterian Appointment—W. B. Glassey).
90. **Lower Hutt—**
Leonard V. Willing
Ernest Heppelthwaite
Lewis A. Bowen.
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
John R. Meredith.
Ian W. Reid (Chaplain with Justice Department).
R. John Hamlin, C.F.
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)
Ian C. Norwell.
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).
T. M. PACEY, F.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

VII. NELSON DISTRICT

100. **Nelson—**
W. E. Allon Carr
E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A.
Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Sup.).
Charles Blair (Sup.)
- 100a **Nelson St Luke's Union Parish—**
Presbyterian appointment (Robert T. Murphy, B.A.).
101. **Waimea—**
Maxwell L. Bruce, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z. (who shall supervise the
Murchison Circuit)
One wanted.
102. **Motueka—**
Hendrik Gerritsen.
103. **Murchison—**
J. Cedric Hay.
104. **Blenheim—**
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
William Morrison
One wanted
105. **Reefton—**
Harold C. Pomeroy, B.A.
- 105a **Westport Union Parish—**
(Presbyterian appointment—C. van der Kley).
106. **Greymouth—**
Sydney J. Spindler
One wanted.
107. **Hokitika—**
Ronald C. Collingwood.
ROBERT H. ALLEN, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
H. HOLLAND, F.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

VIII. NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

GENERAL AND CONFERENCE SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED
REPRESENTATIVE—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
METHODIST DEACONESS ORDER—Warden: Wesley A. Chambers,
M.A.

108. **Christchurch (Durham Street)—**
W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
John E. Langley
One wanted—Supply—George L. Sweet—Associated Churches of
Christ).
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (General and Conference Secretary)
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Sup.)
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (Sup.)
Ralph E. Patchett (Sup.).
109. **Christchurch Central Mission and Cambridge Terrace Church—**
Wilfred E. Falkingham
A. Roy Bowden
A Deaconess.
110. **Christchurch East—**
Harold K. Brown
Wesley A. Chambers, M.A. (Warden of Deaconess Order and
President's Supply).
Peter S. Barker

- John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
Owen L. Christian.
Wallace S. Neal (Sup.).
111. **Christchurch (Woolston-Lyttelton)**—
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.
G. Kingsley Greening
Alistair D. Pain
 112. **Christchurch (Sydenham)**—
George R. Trebilco
 113. **Christchurch (Spreydon)**—
Robert W. Widdup
Kenneth L. Toomer
Hubert G. Brown (Sup.).
 114. **Christchurch (Riccarton)**—
John D. Grocott, B.A. (President of the Conference).
Edwin B. Clarke, B.A.
One wanted.
 115. **Christchurch (St Albans)**—
R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M.
John B. Dawson, B.A.
Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.
Alan J. Leadley, B.A.
Charles E. Dickens (Sup.).
 116. **Christchurch (Papanui)**—
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
South Island Orphanage—Chaplain: Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
T. Ralph Benny (Sup.)
 117. **Springston**—
Neville Thornicroft
John B. Currie, B.A.
 118. **Leeston**—
George W. Cramond.
 119. **Kaiapoi**—
J. Herbert Thompson.
 120. **Rangiora**—
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.
John I. Manihera
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (Resting).
 121. **Greendale**—
Noel D. Billinghamurst.
 122. **Oxford**—
Ronald E. Fields.
JOHN D. GROCOTT, B.A. (Chairman of the District).
HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, B.A. (Deputy Chairman).
D. A. WHITE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).
- IX. SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**
123. **Timaru (Banks Street)**—
Norman W. Olds.
 124. **Timaru (Woodlands Street)**—
Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
One wanted (Kensington).
 - 124a **Marchweil Union Parish**—
Presbyterian appointment (Alan Simpson).
 125. **Waimate**—
Phillip D. Ramsay.
Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).

126. **Geraldine-Temuka—**
Archibald W. McKay.
127. **Ashburton—**
E. Raymond Le Couteur
One wanted.
D. J. Donald Hickman (Sup.).
128. **Willowby—**
Geoffrey E. Scarr.
129. **Oamaru—**
Herbert A. Cochrane.
NORMAN W. OLDS (Chairman of the District).
A. MARSHALL, A.P.A.N.Z. (Financial Secretary).

X. OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

130. **Central Methodist Mission (Dunedin)—**
D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.
John H. Roberts
A Deaconess.
Warren Green (without Pastoral Charge).
William G. Slade, M.A., D.D. (Sup.).
131. **North Dunedin—**
Ronald H. Wood
132. **Dunedin West—**
Andrew J. Johnston
John W. Reddihough, F.R.G.S. (Sup.).
- 132a **West Dunedin Union Parish—**
William L. Wallace, B.A.
Presbyterian Appointments:
Ewing C. Stevens, B.A.
Ross K. J. Clark, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.
J. Douglas Criglington, S.T.M.
133. **Dunedin South—**
H. David Besant, B.A., B.D.
Frederick J. K. Baker
One wanted.
- 133a **Corstorphine Union Parish—**
(Presbyterian appointment).
134. **Dunedin (St Kilda)—**
Roger M. Gibson.
One wanted.
135. **Milton-Lawrence—**
Donald J. Phillipps, B.A.
136. **Balclutha—**
Maxwell A. Hornblow.
137. **Gore—**
O. McLennan Olds.
138. **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).
139. **Invercargill (St Peter's)—**
David G. Stubbs
One wanted.

140. **Western Southland—**
William A. Chessum, Mus.B.
Stanley J. West.
141. **Bluff—**
Brian J. Malcouronne.
142. **Central Otago—**
W. Geoffrey Tucker.
D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A. (Chairman of the District).
F. W. E. PITCHER (Financial Secretary).

XI. SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

XII. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

These Districts are now in the United Church in Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands and the names of the Ministers and Deaconesses from the Methodist Church of New Zealand now serving in these Churches overseas are recorded in the Conference Journal.

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.
Devonport—W. H. Wilson (retired).
Birkenhead—D. I. Robertson (retired).
Avondale (3rd)—One wanted.
Henderson (Te Atatu)—Supply. John H. Vickery (Associated Churches of Christ).
Papakura (3rd)—Supply (Ronald N. Simpson, Non-resident student).
Pukekohe (2nd) Supply—T. H. Carr (Sup.).
Bombay-Tuakau (2nd)—One wanted.
Kaipara—One wanted.

Maori Mission:

Rewiti—Supply.
Point Chevalier—Hone Wilcox.
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT—

Whakatane-Kawerau—W. J. Bryant (retired).
Coromandel—Supply (Clarence R. Russ).
Te Awamutu (2nd)—One wanted.
Otorohonga—R. Coombridge (retired).

Kawhia—One wanted.
Te Kuiti—A Home Missionary wanted.

Maori Mission—(a) Waikato:

Hamilton—Wiremu Tonga.
Rangiriri—Matene Hori de Thierry.
Ngaruawahia—Te Orahi 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 and Philip 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.
Nukumaru—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.
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.
Eketahuna—One wanted.
Levin (2nd)—One wanted.

NELSON DISTRICT—

Nelson—R. T. Alexander (retired).
Blenheim (3rd)—One wanted.
Greymouth (2nd) (Runanga)—One wanted.
Waimea (2nd)—One wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Durham Street (3rd)—One wanted. George L. Sweet, Associated Churches of Christ.
Riccarton (3rd)—One wanted.
Rangiora—F. E. Trim (retired).
T. Steele (retired).

Maori Mission:

Rapaki—Wera Couch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

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

Ashburton (2nd)—One wanted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Dunedin South (3rd)—One wanted.

St. Kilda (2nd)—One wanted.

Invercargill (St Peter's)—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—One wanted.

(b) In Institutions and City Missions:

Auckland Central Mission—Two wanted (Sister Olive Holland, Tyler House).

Central Mission, Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch — One wanted.

South Island Children's Home, Christchurch—Sister Rona Collins.

Central Mission, Dunedin—Sister Shirley Ungemuth.

2. MAORI WORK

(a) In Circuits:

Northland Maori Circuit—

Sister Barbara Miller, Taheke, Hokianga.

One wanted.

Sister Atawhai George, Bay of Islands.

Auckland Maori Circuit—

Sister Grace Clement, Auckland.

Sister Constance Fell, Auckland.

One wanted.

Waikato Maori Circuit—

Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton.

Sister Shirley Simpson, Waikato.

Sister Merle Fechner, Waikato.

One wanted (Hamilton).

King Country Maori Circuit—

Sister Betty Yearbury, Te Kuiti.

One wanted, Otorohanga.

Taranaki Maori Circuit—

One wanted.

One wanted.

South Island—

Sister Eleanor Dobby.

(b) In Maori Hostels:

Seamer House, Auckland—

Sister Anne Wilson, Matron.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth—

Sister Evelyn Marriott.

Sister Joan Wedding.

Te Rahui, Tane, Hamilton—

Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Matron.

3. **OVERSEAS WORK**

The names are recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

4. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Sister Edna Jenkin.

5. **WITHOUT APPOINTMENT**

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

6. **IN TRAINING**

Patricia Ruth Tattersall (2nd year).

Norma Mary Graves (1st year).

7. **RETIRED DEACONESSES**

Sister Ruth Fawcett

Sister Eleanor Dobby

Sister Ivy Jones, M.B.E., J.P.

Sister Airini Hobbs

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

Sister Jean Miller.

Sister Margaret W. Nicholls, M.B.E.

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

The names are recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

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 Base—Rev. A. G. Reid.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Auckland and Mater—Rev. B. H. Riseley.

Middlemore—Rev. E. Baker.

Wesley—Rev. A. R. Penn.

National Women's—Rev. E. Baker.

Oakley Hospital—Rev. E. Baker.

Kingseat Psychiatric Hospital and Cornwall—Rev. E. Baker.

Ravensthorpe Psychiatric Hospital: Rev. E. Baker.

Cornwall—Rev. G. R. Harris.

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. A. C. Hight.

Wanganui—Rev. F. E. Waine.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Napier—Rev. C. G. Brown.
Hastings—Rev. B. J. Hilder.
Palmerston North—Rev. C. B. Herbert.
Lake Alice—Rev. E. P. Boyd.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Public Hospital—Rev. C. D. Clark, M.A.
Lower Hutt Public Hospital—Rev. L. A. Bowen.
Silverstream—Rev. L. A. Bowen.
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. C. Collingwood.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Christchurch Hospital—Rev. H. G. Brown.
Princess Margaret Hospital—Rev. J. Langley.
Coronation Hospital—Rev. G. R. Trebilco.
Burwood Hospital—Rev. O. L. Christian.
Sunnyside Hospital—Revs E. B. Clarke, B.A., and K. L. Toomer.
Templeton Hospital—Rev. J. B. Currie, B.A.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Dunedin Public, and Private Hospitals—Rev. J. H. Roberts.
Dunedin Psychiatric Hospitals—Rev. W. Green.
Kew Hospital, Invercargill—Rev. J. C. F. Mabon.

QUESTION 32.—(a) Authority to Administer the Sacraments.

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

David G. Pratt	Keith J. Taylor
Colin G. Jamieson	Enid J. Bennett, M.A.
Robert A. Allan	C. Brice Herbert
Moke A. G. Couch	Graeme McIver
Morehu Te Whare	Roger J. E. Hey
Roger G. Sanson	Ian C. Norwell
William R. G. Loader, B.A.	J. Cedric Hay
Bruce L. Hosking, B.A., B.Com., S.T.M.	Alastair D. Pain
Roy M. Alexander	A. Roy Bowden
Donald F. Prince	Alan J. Leadley, B.A.
Laurie A. Michie	John I. Manihera
Richard J. Hendry	Donald J. Phillips, B.A.
	Stanley J. West
	Brian J. Malcouronne

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

All Senior Home Missionaries	Sister Atawhai
F. L. Johnson	Ronald N. Simpson
Sister Barbara Miller	Wera Couch

QUESTION 32.—(b) Who are elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and Statistical Secretaries for the ensuing year?

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS

Northland—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Auckland—R. Frederick Clement, M.A.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Peter A. Stead, B.A.
 Wellington—Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
 Nelson—Robert H. Allen B.A.
 North Canterbury—John D. Grocott, B.A., President of the Conference.
 South Canterbury—Norman W. Olds.
 Otago-Southland—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES

General Statistical Secretary—John G. Hayhurst.
 Northland—David L. Hines, B.A.
 Auckland—Edmund D. Grounds.
 Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Alan H. V. Newton.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Alan Newman.
 Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Wilfred S. Gilbert.
 Wellington—Wilfred J. Cable.
 Nelson—E. Francis Hanson, B.A.
 North Canterbury—Harold K. Brown.
 South Canterbury—Geoffrey E. Scarr.
 Otago-Southland—Frederick J. K. Baker.

QUESTION 33.—(i) Who are elected as President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Conference for 1968?

President—W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
 Vice-President—E. Allen Crothall.
 Secretary—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (General Secretary).

(ii) Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's Supply?

Rev. Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., Warden of the Deaconess Order, is to act as part-time Supply.

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

Report of the General Statistical Secretary

General:

I must again point out that the only basis of computation of Statistics is to ensure that the "Number of Members last year" is checked with the Minutes of Conference. When this is not done unnecessary mistakes occur.

Returns this year were held up for just this reason for over a week. If Superintendent Ministers would work their Membership Rolls as from July to June instead of from January to December it would enable a new man to see all the movements to and from a Circuit without difficulty and the Roll as at 30th June would coincide with the figures submitted to Synod.

It would facilitate matters considerably if District Secretaries would ensure that the figures are reconciled before sending them on. A few minutes with a Superintendent at Synod takes far less time than writing when Conference Agenda, Finance and Stewardship Committee and the Connexional Office are awaiting figures to complete their work for Conference. Sending in figures which are incor-

rect is a waste of time and therefore the necessity for accuracy and care on the Circuit level will ensure the requirements of Conference being carried out expeditiously.

Buildings:

There is still confusion under this heading; e.g. A Church, the Title Deeds of which are held in the Connexional Office, must be returned as a Church belonging to the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The number of Churches reported this year has increased by 4 and the number now stands at 446.

Other Preaching Places show a decrease of 16, the number now being 187 as at the 30th June.

Schoolrooms have increased by 14 bringing the total to 352.

Parsonages decreasing by 2 stand at 237.

Staffing:

Ministers and Probationers show an increase of 7 making our total 294.

Home Missionaries this year are returned at 17 being an increase of 5.

Deaconesses in the European work show a decrease of 3, the number being 6.

A decrease of 9 Lay Preachers reduces the number to 660.

Membership:

Last year's decrease has been replaced this year with a slight increase of 21. The total as at the 30th June being 32,730.

A total of 890 members were confirmed during the year; 546 being under 20 and 344 being over 20.

Transfers to other Circuits show a loss this year—84 being the number. 1877 were transferred to other Circuits and 1793 actually received as at the 30th June.

A net increase of 45 members to and from Other Countries; the figures being to New Zealand 138; from New Zealand 93.

531 members died during the year.

The members returned as 'Ceased to attend' is still too high. This year's figure stands at 297.

Baptisms:

2,573 infants were reported as being Baptised during the year and also 112 adults.

Christian Education:

The Nursery and Kindergarten Departments show decreases of 391 and 169 respectively. The totals are Nursery 6,414 and Kindergarten 5,049. The Primary Department shows an increase of 131, the total being 5,016. Junior and Intermediates also show increases of 88 and 67; the totals as at 30th June being Junior 6,558 and Intermediate 4,269.

In the Youth section Juniors have dropped by 68 to 2,664. The Intermediates show a decrease of 328, the total being 2,192; while the Seniors show an increase of 75, their total being 1,565.

The Adults show a tremendous decrease for the year, the figure being 996. The total now stands at 2,428.

Pastoral Care:

While we have reported 904 more families the number of people have decreased by 660. So that we have as at 30th June, 48,735 families and 144,161 people under the pastoral care of our Church.

Stipends, etc:

An increase of £6,115/10/- brings the total to £103,512/10/- for the year. Bonus payments to Ministers amount to £2,307.

Travelling Allowances show a decrease of £442, the total paid for the year ending 30th June being £40,916.

Circuit cars number the same as last year, the number being 13.

Cars owned by Ministers have increased by 8, the number as at 30th June being 217.

Finances:

These being for the year ending 30th June, 1967, are reported in the £'s currency which was in use for that period.

Future returns will be in the Decimal currency.

Finances are taken to the nearest £1.

A decrease of £2,202 in Circuit Credits gives us a total of £20,394; while an increase of £3,778 brings the total Circuit Debits to £22,116.

Trust Credits at £127,615 show an increase of £22,112.

Trust Debit Balances show a decrease of £31,581 for the year ending 30th June, the total being £52,278.

Conclusion:

It is unfair to Members of Conference when the Statistical Report is not in the Main Agenda—many members are unable to grasp the mass of 'Facts' presented when these are handed out in the Supplementary Agenda at Conference, with no time to assimilate them.

Again attention at Circuit levels to 'Number of Members last year'; additions and deletions and reconciling same will save valuable time after Synod.

My thanks to those Secretaries who dealt with local problems on the Synod level.

Maori Mission Returns:

I have received NO returns from the Maori Mission Department and so for the second year in succession it is impossible at this stage to make a report.

No returns have come to hand from either the Solomon Islands District or the New Guinea Highlands District.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

7th September, 1967.

B — Solomon Islands District

Buildings:

There appears to be a decrease this year of 34 Churches and also 24 Other Preaching Places. The figures at the end of the year being 230 Churches and 32 Other Preaching Places.

Staffing:

An increase of four Ministers brings the total to 31 while the Deaconesses now number 10 a decrease of one.

There are 34 Catechists, an increase of three, while 15 more Pastors bring the total to 131—Pastor-Teachers show a decrease of 33 the total now being 76.

Lay Preachers number 621, an increase of four.

Membership:

The membership stands at 8455, showing a Nett increase of 147 for the Year. The Youth Roll at 11,654, shows an increase of 2188. Adherents are 308 less than last year, the number being 4876.

Young People's Work:

While there are nine less Sunday Schools and 26 less Sunday School Teachers, an increase of 780 Sunday School scholars are recorded. The figures being Sunday Schools 154; Sunday School Teachers 292, with 4747 Scholars; Bible Classes show increases of 16 Bible Classes, 46 Bible Class Leaders and an increase of 320 Bible Class Members for the year. Numbers reported are Bible Classes 118; with 183 Leaders and 2451 Bible Class Members. Boys' Brigade Companies at 21 is a decrease of one but there are seven more Officers and an increase of 80 boys. The total being 675 Boys. Life Boy Companies have increased by five. The total being six Companies with eight Officers and 220 members. Girls' Brigade Companies number 12 with 19 Officers and 476 members, the latter being an increase of 80. There are four Girls' Brigade Cadets with five Officers and 115 Cadets.

Educational:

There are 97 Schools, a decrease of 21 for the year, staffed by 12 Overseas Teachers, 102 locally trained Teachers and 124 Untrained Teachers. These cater for 2747 boys and 1451 girls:

Medical:

There are eight Hospitals and 15 Aid Posts staffed by one Doctor, two A.M.O's, five Nursing Sisters, nine Staff Nurses—Dressers and 36 Medical Assistants.

Women's Groups:

Figures were not available last year for those in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Area but this year shows a total of 136 Groups of the Methodist Women's Fellowship with 2851 members.

Overseas Staffing:

There are 11 Ministers, eight Laymen and 15 Lay Women and also 11 Volunteers.

Conclusion:

While much has been accomplished during the year in Membership, Youth Rolls and Bible Classes there is still a need to be met and a challenge to our New Zealand Methodism.

Wm C. JENKIN,
General Statistical Secretary.

12th September, 1967.

C — Papua-New Guinea Highland District

Introduction:

The Statistical Report from the Papua-New Guinea Highlands still show signs of rapid growth, but this is hampered by a shortage of staffing.

Buildings:

The number of Churches returned are 134, which is an increase

of 11 on last year's figure. This is offset by the number of Preaching Places, showing a decrease of eight. This is a matter for satisfaction when it is considered the time that this Missions District has been in operation.

Staffing:

a. **From Other Districts:** There is one Probationary Minister, 17 Catechists and Pastors which is an increase of seven for the year. Teachers remain the same at nine. There is also one other worker.

b. **Local Staff:** An increase is shown in Local Staffing: five Pastors (St Paul's Graduates), the number now being nine, while 15 more Evangelists bring this number to 185.

c. **From Overseas:** Ministers in full Connexion number seven, an increase of three though this is offset by two Probationers less, there being none reported. There are seven Missionary Laymen and six Missionary Lay Women reported.

Membership:

Lay Preachers in full connexion have increased by 17, the number now being 150. The number of Church Members confirmed at the end of the year number 9917, which is an increase this year of 2696 members received. Last year's increase was 3294, so that in two years the new members received by Confirmation number 5990 or an increase of some 152.28%. This year being an increase of approximately 36%. It will, of course, be realised that the %s will decrease as the number of Members rise each year. The number under the heading of Church Members (Child) now stands at 634, an increase of 335 or more than double the number for the previous year.

Baptisms:

Believers' Baptisms for the year number 2296. The number of children 372.

Sunday Schools:

The number of Sunday Schools have increased by 17 and now number 68, while Sunday School Teachers, with a decrease of five, stand at 158. Scholars: Children and Adults at 6705, is an increase of 571 for the year.

Primary Schools:

The number of Primary schools remain the same at five. Enrolments at the Primary schools number 441. Children under Religious Instruction in Administration Schools have increased by 180, the number now being 967.

Literacy Classes:

An increase of 13 more classes brings the number to 28 while the enrolments for same show an increase of over 166%, the number being 419. Totals at present number 671.

Bible Study Groups:

An increase of one group brings the number to 78, while the enrolments have increased by 2244, approximately 115% increase. The enrolments now number 4192.

St Paul's College Enrolments:

These have increased by 15 and now number 23, an increase of about 187%.

Amounts Raised Within Circuits:

Missionary offerings amounted to \$50.76 while for their own support the sum of \$3196.56 was raised. An increase in Church

Building Funds of \$558.98 approximately 187%. The total under this heading being \$845.88.

Conclusion:

When it is realised that there are 9917 Confirmed Members with another 2775 in preparation for membership with seven Ordained Ministers it means that on an average one Minister is responsible for just over 1800 members as well as Adherents and children.

Compare this fact with our New Zealand conditions where the average works out at just under 140 for each Minister and Probationer. It can be easily seen that there is an urgent need for more Ministers and Staffing in this Overseas Mission District.

Wm C. JENKIN,
General Statistical Secretary.

12th September, 1967.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference place on record its deep appreciation of the Church of the splendid service rendered to the whole Connexion over 19 years by the Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin as General Statistical Secretary.

3. That the Rev. John G. Hayhurst be appointed General Statistical Secretary.

QUESTION 35.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on (a) The Welfare of the Church? (b) Local Preachers? (c) Men's Fellowship? Women's Guild Fellowship?

A — Welfare of the Church Committee

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Lectionary:

The Lectionary for 1968-69 has been prepared and is recommended for optional use by Preachers.

Census Question (1966 Minutes, page 67, Resolution 6):

In considering this resolution the committee was indebted to copies of a set of correspondence that passed between the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs and the Government Statistician.

It is argued by those who object to the present wording of the census form on the question of 'religion' that under a such general heading people record either their religion, i.e. Christian, Muslim, etc., or else the particular Christian denomination they are connected with. It is claimed that if the form was amended to provide for a record of both the religious and denominational affiliations then the following benefits would eventuate. Firstly, those who had hitherto recorded the fact that they were 'Christian' would henceforth have to be more explicit and enter the name of the denomination, which they as Christians, were associated with. Secondly, a section devoted entirely to one's Christian denomination would be invaluable to those wishing to make assessments and predictions as to the growth and distribution of the various denominations.

However, as the Chief Statistician points out, "the existing question on the census form is unlikely to create any serious

inaccuracy. At the 1961 census only 0.5% of the population returned themselves as 'Christian — not otherwise defined.' Also past experience has shown that the public generally understands what is required in answer to the question as it is found that a great majority of the people use such terms as Presbyterian, Methodist, etc. In the 1961 census 79.2% of the population returned themselves as one of the four main Christian professions. (Church of England 34.6%, Presbyterian 22.3%, Roman Catholic 15.1%, Methodist 7.2%)"

Another factor in favour of the 'status quo' is that the format of each census form is kept as consistent as possible with preceding years to allow for comparability. If the phrasing of the form were to be seriously amended it could result in a loss of comparability, thus hindering the compilation of reliable statistics.

The committee is satisfied that no great advantage would eventuate from the proposed change and accordingly has no recommendation.

Special Weekend Leave for Ministers (1966 Minutes, page 67, Resolution 4).

The committee appreciates the intention behind this resolution but is not convinced that this proposal adequately deals with the factors that would necessitate such a course of action. We are of the opinion that, if ministers become oppressed by the various duties of the circuit, the ultimate answer is not to escape for a while from the pressures of responsibility, but to devise methods by which the demands made upon his time and personality are lessened. One such method would be the delegation of greater responsibility to the Lay Leaders within his Church, c.f. Welfare of the Church report 1965 Minutes of Conference, page 72f.

Further, the Law Book, page 40, section 228 (i) states only the minimum period allowed ministers for their vacation "at least three Sundays free each year." As the demands made upon ministers vary greatly from circuit to circuit, and there is difficulty in assessing the measure of relief required by each minister within the connexion, it would seem that this proposal suggesting a specified period for leave, limits rather than aids any relief deemed necessary for the ministry.

The committee is convinced that the existing law, as stated above, is sufficiently flexible to allow Circuit Stewards the power to grant additional leave to ministers when the need arises.

Resolution 8 (page 67-9, 1966 Minutes):

The nine basic submissions within this resolution appear to draw attention to certain problems related to: The Mission of the Church (submissions 1 and 4); Church Union and Inter-Church Co-operation (submission 5 and 6) and The Ministry (submissions 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9).

While many of the matters raised within this comprehensive resolution fall beyond the terms of reference of this committee, we have, nevertheless, given each some consideration — largely that we might discern which standing committee of the Conference is best qualified to deal with the specific issues raised.

1. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH:

Submission 1. The committee is aware that in certain Churches the task of maintaining financial solvency has become the consuming concern of both Minister and congregation. We are also aware that such an enforced obsession with matters of finance can divert the Church's attention from its task of being a servant community, witnessing to the Grace of God through its corporate life.

Yet it is unrealistic to assume that only circuits with small

membership face the problem as to how to meet their financial commitments. The case of "the bigger the Church the greater the financial commitment" is often true.

Though the point of this particular submission is not clear, we make the following observations in passing.

Firstly, over a number of years now the Conference has commended to Circuits the services of the Department of Stewardship. In the majority of Circuits where stewardship missions have been held there has been a substantial increase in the level of giving and a general improvement in the spirit of giving to the Church. Secondly, in each of the Synodal districts the district finance committee evaluates each Circuit's financial commitments when it comes to recommend allocations to the Connexional Budget. Also, it is the policy of the Department of Finance and Stewardship to make certain adjustments to specific districts where membership is weaker than in other areas. Thirdly, the Connexion subsidizes certain Circuits through the allocation of Home Mission grants. These grants, made annually, are directed to Circuits who have produced evidence of their need for financial assistance.

Submission 4. The truth of this generalization is a judgement upon the ethos of Methodism. Of recent years the role of the laity within the ministry of the Church has been an undeniable emphasis. A succession of Conference statements, Departmental campaigns and a wealth of Christian literature have all sought to impress upon the minds of our people, lay and ordained alike, the concept that the whole congregation is called to minister in the name of Christ.

However, our committee feels that the policy of the Department of Stewardship corrects, in part at least, the hesitancy of our people to become involved in pastoral relationships. It is the custom of the Department to organise a Lay Pastorate within each Circuit that has completed a Stewardship Mission.

Also, the revised constitution of Leaders Meeting clearly involves the local congregation in efforts to make "adequate provision for the pastoral oversight of all families attached to the society . . ." 1966 Minutes, page 77, section 1A (b).

2. CHURCH UNION:

Submission 5. There is little doubt that the sin of disunity is more apparent in rural areas than in the cities where many factors tend to obscure the duplication of services, etc. offered by the various denominations. Yet we would draw attention to the fact that it is the declared purpose of the Conference to move at all possible speed towards Church union. Indeed resolution 6, page 209, 1966 Minutes hopefully suggests a date of 1977 or sooner! for the accomplishment of Union.

Further, there is no legal or theological barrier that our Church would raise against any Circuit wishing to initiate or co-operate in moves towards specific union negotiations. For example, resolution 8 of the report of the Joint Commission on Church Union, page 289, 1966 Minutes, states "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."

Our committee feels however, that there would be value in asking the following question at each of the District Synods. "In what Circuits can the Kingdom of God be better served by entering upon Union negotiations?" This would mean that the initiative would not rest entirely with the Circuits, but at the District level the Connexion

would be charged with the responsibility of furthering the cause of Church Union.

Submission 6. The terms of this submission are so nebulous as to prevent any realistic assessment or comment. How small are these "small places" and who would these "other denominations" be? This committee feels that any such situations are already under review by the Home Missions Department.

3. THE MINISTRY:

Submission 2. A portion of our comments related to the issues raised by this suggestion are contained in our argument set out below under submission 3. However, we feel bound to mention three things by way of direct comment.

Firstly, the development of such an 'Order of Worker-Priests' would need the enthusiastic support of the Church at large, rather than being imposed strictly as a 'theological necessity' independent of the Church's thinking as to its fundamental importance and practicability. Secondly, while this concept suggests certain radical innovations in the Church's ministry, we contend that it is still debatable as to whether or not we have fully exploited the role of the dedicated layman. Thirdly, any consideration of new forms of ministry must also include experiments within the traditional parish structure, such as group ministries in which each minister exercises both a general and specialist ministry.

Submission 3. We would respectfully point out that a precedent has already been set for this suggested line of action. This is a matter which any minister can raise with his Circuit after due consultation with the President and his Committee of Advice. Over the years a small number of ordained men have undertaken part-time secular employment.

Unfortunately, this submission does not make it clear for what reasons such a course of action is to be sanctioned. If it is for financial reasons that a minister must engage upon part-time secular employment, then we must ask, Why is the Circuit unable to meet the cost of maintaining a minister? Is it because there are not sufficient members and adherents amongst whom the cost can be spread? Or is it because members and adherents alike are loathe to raise the standard of their giving that the work of the Church might prosper? Also, a minister is set apart by the Conference for the breaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. How are these demands to be reconciled with the demands arising from consistent part-time employment?

Yet, if it is for theological reasons, that ministers are to be encouraged to undertake part-time work, then the whole concept of the ordained ministry is called into question. Our committee raises the following issues under this heading. One. It is assumed by some that only by meeting a person at their place of work can the relevance of the Gospel be related to them. On the other hand the traditional view of the pastoral ministry has been to emphasize the home as the prime unit to be concentrated upon in terms of pastoral care. A minister, for example, employed in one type of part-time employment could only meet a fraction of his congregation who work. Yet by visiting them at home he comes into contact with the whole spectrum of occupations represented by the people on his pastoral roll. Two. The real barrier between the 'parson' and the world is not one of professionalism but of holiness. This barrier of holiness is as real to the dedicated layman who makes no secret of his loyalty to the Christian Church as it is to the parson. There is evidence to suggest that only the professional ministry can transcend

the distinctions and divisions between employer and employee, and so minister to every section of the working community, whereas a minister engaged in secular part-time work is typed as either one of the management or the worker class and the scope of his ministry is sharply defined.

Finally. We see the need for the Church to clarify its thinking as to the doctrine of Ordination. Some appear suspicious of this doctrine and contend that it unnecessarily exalts a section of the Church to a place of superiority over all other expressions of the Church's ministry. We understand ordination not as a setting apart for privilege, rather the continuation of a professional ministry entrusted with the task of effectively doing those things entrusted to its care, the preaching of the Word, administering of the Sacraments and the pastoral oversight of the people of God. Ordination is not a distinction of status but of function.

Also, our Committee feels that the implications arising out of Confirmation need clarification and emphasis. For Confirmation is far more than a subjective experience enjoyed by the individual. Within this act is the 'setting part' of the believer to a life of devotion to Christ and a commitment to a life of service. For "Baptism is the vocation, or even the ordination, to that general ministry of the Church which all its members share, the ministry of reconciliation. Here we may remind ourselves of the baptism of Christ and how this event, whatever its original character may have been, is represented in the gospels as His commitment to His ministry. The baptism of the Christian is likewise the rite that commits him to the general ministry of the Church."

The committee recommends that the Faith and Order Committee prepare statements and/or studies clarifying the Church's position concerning Ordination and the need for Confirmation to express the involvement of the individual within the caring ministry of the Church.

Submission 7. The point of this request seems to under-estimate the extent to which the Methodist Church is committed to specialist ministries. There are already some sixteen ordained men engaged on either a part or full-time basis working as chaplains to the Armed Forces, the Justice Department, etc. Further we must not neglect to mention that some of our lay people are engaged in full-time specialist ministries. We draw attention to the fact that the Director and Field Directors of the Stewardship Department and the Associate Directors of the Department of Christian Education are fulfilling valid specialist ministries.

We would point out however, that in this age of increasing specialization there is a need for the ministry to be able to cope with the problems related to the home and family. It would seem that the demand today is not for more specialist ministries but for better trained and equipped circuit ministers. Also, we must not lose sight of the fact that the majority of our Circuits have a low minister/membership ratio thus limiting the number of those requiring highly specialized pastoral care.

Submission 8. The tenor of this submission seems to have been anticipated by Trinity Theological College itself. A reference in the 1964 Minutes of Conference highlights the degree of flexibility operating within the College curriculum. "Three students at present in their third year have applied for permission to carry out special academic and practical programmes in a fourth year of training."

Submission 9 (a) The committee believes that it is not the policy of the Church that is deficient at this point. It was brought to the attention of the committee that there have been cases on record where

the amalgamation of Circuits and Churches had been deemed necessary. Yet efforts to implement such a line of action were thwarted by the parochial resistance of the parties concerned.

(b) We understand that such experiments have been in progress for a number of years within some of our larger circuits.

(c) The constitutions of many of the newly emerging Union parishes have made provision for specialist ministries to be developed though we note that in certain circumstances that the Union of two denominations has resulted in a reduction of ministerial staff.

POSTSCRIPT. This committee expresses its concern that such a comprehensive recommendation was referred to a standing committee of the Conference without undergoing the customary scrutiny of a Conference committee of detail.

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. (a) That the following question be among the questions asked at District Synods. "In what Circuits can the Kingdom of God be better served by entering upon Union negotiations and cooperation with other Churches?"
(b) That the following question be asked at Circuit Quarterly Meetings: "What more can be done in this circuit to advance the cause of church union and co-operation with other Churches?"
(c) That the following question be among the questions asked at Synod Standing Committee and be the subject of discussion with Circuits on the occasion of the visit of the Triennial Visitation Committee: "In what Circuits can the Kingdom of God be better served by entering upon Union negotiations?"
4. That the Faith and Order Committee prepare a statement clarifying the church's position regarding (i) ordination and secular employment, (ii) confirmation, giving particular emphasis to the concept that in the Act of Confirmation the believer becomes a partner in the church's caring ministry.
5. That the section headed "Postscript" in the report be referred to the Church Council for consideration.
6. That in view of Church Union possibly taking place within a few years the Welfare of the Church Committee be asked to investigate factors involved in the provision of their own furniture by ministers of the Methodist Church and report thereon to Conference 1969.
7. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 9 herein.

B — N.Z. Methodist Lay Preachers' Association

The Dominion Executive based at Christchurch has met regularly during the year.

Examinations:

The results for examinations held in June, 1966 and December 1966 were as follows, (last year in parenthesis) :—

	Passed.	Failed.	Total
Theology	6 (15)	2 (2)	8 (17)
Old Testament	5 (10)	2 (4)	7 (14)
New Testament	14 (10)	1 (7)	15 (17)
Homiletics	9 (11)	1 (7)	10 (13)
The Church	9 (10)	1 (8)	10 (18)
	<hr/> 42 (56)	<hr/> 7 (23)	<hr/> 50 (79)

Although the number of candidates sitting the examinations is reduced, the percentage of passes is considerably higher and the average paper shows an increase in marks of 5.3%.

Accreditations:

368 Mrs R. F. Martin; 369 Miss P. O. Manhire; 370 Mrs E. R. Thornicroft; 371 M. C. Spencer; 372 W. H. Blundell; 373 N. A. Joyce; 374 H. A. Waters; 375 Mrs I. E. McCoy; 376 A. H. Fisher; 377 Mrs M. Fisher; 378 R. D. Short; 379 J. Stringer.

Long Service Diplomas:

H. P. Mourant, 60 years.
I. G. Fordham, 25 years.
S. Luker, 25 years.
R. A. Woodhams, 25 years.
H. L. Clark, 36 years.
W. Jackson, 50 years.

"The Preacher":

This newsletter continues to be distributed to all Lay Preachers each quarter.

Because of the calls made on his time during his term as Vice President of Conference, the Executive agreed to the request of Mr H. W. Beaumont to relieve him of his duties as Editor of this paper.

We are deeply grateful for the fine contribution he made to this periodical.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our friend Mr G. B. Couch, who so ably deputised for Mr Beaumont whilst the latter was overseas.

We thank Dr P. J. Moss for accepting responsibility for future editions of 'The Preacher'.

Post Accreditation Studies:

This matter has, at the request of the Association's Annual Meeting, been referred back district level to enable the individual opinions of members to be obtained on several points. Owing to the slowness of replies from districts reaching the Executive, it has not been possible, to date, to determine what the final report on the question will be.

Progress on this matter has been slow because of the many complexities it presents.

L.P. Reception Order of Service:

At the request of the Otago District Branch, the Order of Service for the Public Reception of a Lay Preacher has been under review. A

sub-committee appointed for this task presented a report which was examined and referred back for further revision. This move has been deemed advisable in view of the exclusion of this Order of Service from the proposed new Book of Offices.

When our final draft is ready we propose to forward it to the Faith and Order Committee.

Preachers on Trial:

We have felt concern about the unevenness of the preparation of Preachers 'on trial.' Whilst we appreciate the time and effort given by many of our superintendent ministers to these preachers, we appeal to those involved to endeavour to provide more adequate help and guidance. It would be a useful contribution if superintendent ministers would occasionally be a listener at services taken by preachers on trial.

ALLEN A. DINGWALL, President.
HAROLD E. HOSKING, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference affirm, that it is in the interests of the Church and the standard of Lay Preaching, that Superintendent Ministers give adequate supervision to Preachers on trial.

3. That Conference encourages all Circuits to use Preachers' Meetings (1) for purposes of consultation between preachers, and (2) in order that sound doctrine may be grasped and preached.

4. That the Lay Preachers' Association be asked to give consideration to a revision of the agenda and purpose for Preachers' Meetings.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FROM LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

In 1963 Conference agreed that the Board of Studies provide a Post Accreditation Reading and Study Course terminating in examination. See minutes of Conference, 1963, page 70.

It was subsequently learned that this was in no way the function of that Board and extensive enquiries were made both by the then Dominion Executive and the present one, in an endeavour to provide something suitable.

Following a questionnaire to Districts and the replies received, the executive have the following recommendations to make to the Annual Meeting:—

- (1) This Executive believes that a Post Accreditation Course is necessary and that it should be offered to members as a Guided Reading Course.
 - (2) That the course consist of suggested books, preferably of the paperback type, embracing biblical and theological and related subjects, from which individual selection can be made.
 - (3) That, after a period, a form be provided seeking members' comments and suggestions, so that a guide can be provided the Executive for future development of the course.
 - (4) That about 12 titles in all be recommended in the first year, from which members can make selection.
 - (5) That titles be chosen by the Board of Examiners.
- It must be clearly understood that the course is entirely voluntary

and that members are free to choose any number of titles with which they feel they can cope.

Should any members feel that they would prefer to use titles of a deeper content than that provided under this course, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners will willingly provide, on request, suggested titles such as used by probation ministers.

We are most grateful to Rev. R. G. Bell, Secretary of the Board of Examiners for his interest in our work and the help and advice he has given and is prepared to continue to give for this project.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Supplementary Report be received and adopted.

C -- Methodist Church of New Zealand Spiritual Advance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE AND SYNODS, 1967

The Committee meets monthly at Palmerston North.

Leaflets:

Arrangements are in hand for the publication of both Advent and Lenten Leaflets. Dr C. A. Gibson is preparing the Advent 1967 Leaflet and the Rev. B. K. Rowe the Lenten 1968 Leaflet. However, the committee gave some thought to the question of whether these now need to be produced year by year or whether the N.Z. Methodist satisfactorily meets the situation. There were some who felt there was a place for the more traditional devotional approach represented by the leaflets while others thought that the seasons were adequately covered by the material in the N.Z. Methodist. The committee believes this is a question to be decided by the church therefore we append a resolution.

Study on Evangelism:

Following the approval of last Conference the committee set up study groups in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch with smaller groups in Taranaki and Southland. The Southland group had special difficulties owing to personal reasons and was unable to function. All the other groups have settled down and are working. They have all sent in preliminary reports which show that they are grappling with the subject but the field is so large that they are still sorting out the basic questions and it is too soon to draw out any specific pattern. The committee asks leave to continue the study. If in the next few months reports show any greater progress it is the intention of the committee to make a supplementary report to Conference.

Billy Graham:

In view of the fact that Dr Billy Graham seems certain to be conducting a mission in Auckland and Dunedin early in 1968 (organised by independent committee and not under the sponsorship of the N.C.C.) the committee recognises the need for adequate care of any inquirers referred to Methodist churches. The committee's concern is that Methodist churches should be adequately prepared to welcome, encourage and nurture them within the Methodist fellowship. The committee has, therefore, in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education, arranged for the preparation of material to be sent to all churches containing suggestions of how this might be done.

Name and Location of Committee:

The committee sees no reason why the proposals of the committee on the structure of the church in relation to a Board of Evangelism replacing the present committee should not be implemented as soon as possible. If this is acceptable we believe the venue of the Board should be considered as it is our opinion that it should be moved from Palmerston North so a fresh approach may be brought to the Board's work.

Membership:

A memorandum was received from the Faith and Order committee setting out what would now be necessary to implement the decision of Conference concerning the concept of membership (see Minutes 1966, pp. 231-2).

All the necessary procedure with regard to handling of rolls and registers, etc., is set out in the memo. This will need to be placed in the hands of all ministers and Leaders' Meetings.

Within this procedure the Leaders' Meeting will have responsibility for deciding when a person's name is to be removed from the Electoral Roll. This is no different from the present law with regard to the Membership Roll. As the intention of restating our position is to lift 'membership' out of the area of being described in terms of 'current church attendance or keeping of certain rules,' there seems little purpose in attempting to state more precisely what would necessitate the removal of a member's voting rights.

Confirmed members will always continue to be within the pastoral care of the church. This would at least include advising them when any major decision is to be voted upon. A person's interest or degree of conviction will determine whether he presents himself at the meeting where voting is to take place or alternatively forward his vote by post, as the case may be. As in any other context decisions would be on the majority of the votes cast.

It is therefore submitted that if the fundamental membership of a person cannot be taken away following Baptism and Confirmation, neither is it necessary to arbitrarily determine who shall or shall not vote. The 'active members' will themselves declare this by reason of whether they will or will not vote. We therefore suggest that the Faith and Order committee give further consideration to the need for an Electoral Roll and guide the church's study on confirmation and preparation for it.

The Church needs to be a living body able to adapt her structure to best serve in the contemporary society. As this structure needs change and growth from time to time, it is dependent on the vote of members. Those whose conviction has already led them to find forms of service and vocation in the wider community should not be penalised from voting. This could become the case, if by reason of other commitments, a person becomes present less frequently at the organised activities of the Church. We need to ensure that those members who are serving outside the institutional structure of the Church still have a voice when matters relating to our changing role in mission are determined.

School of Christian Devotion — Prayer Workshop:

On the second weekend in October the members of this committee together with some others selected from within the Central Districts area, will meet at 'Arahina' Marton. A series of studies will be led by the Rev. L. J. Gibson towards the understanding of 'prayer as life' rather than 'prayer as a special activity in which particular people engage.' Moving from the consideration of our own attitudes to, and concepts of prayer, the group will attempt to see ways in which prayer can better be taught to children.

President-General:

It has been decided that the visit of Mr Gribble ought to take place this year to coincide with the visit he is making to the Annual Meeting of the Overseas Missions Board. It was decided that the best use of Mr Gribble's talents would be through Mission seminars with specially selected groups so he can share his knowledge and insight in the missionary outreach of the church at some depth. At the request of the President-elect (Mr Grocott) it has been arranged for Mr Gribble to stay to fulfil some engagements at the Conference.

There are no other arrangements at the moment for visits from people from overseas.

Circuits continue to hold missions of various types and while many write to the committee for advice and seek guidance with the selection of missionaries too few bother to report on their mission. It is only as circuits share their experiences and their evaluations that the committee can acquire information to give the church a responsible lead in this field. We have received no reports of experimentation by circuits in new forms of outreach which might challenge and inspire others to grapple with newer ways of expressing God's love to men.

L. F. BYCROFT, Chairman.

A. A. GRUNDY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That the Spiritual Advance Committee be instructed to continue the publication of Advent and Lenten Leaflets.
4. That the Spiritual Advance Committee be given leave to continue its study on evangelism and report to Synods and Conference 1968.
5. That Conference urge all circuits to prepare themselves to welcome, encourage and nurture all inquirers referred from the Graham mission and commends the material prepared by the Spiritual Advance Committee in consultation with the Department of Christian Education for the guidance of circuits.
6. That the location of the Board of Evangelism be considered by the Spiritual Advance Committee in consultation with the Committee on the Structure of the Church and be the subject of a relevant resolution to Synods and Conference 1968.
7. (a) In the light of the statement adopted by Conference that 'fundamental membership is conveyed at Baptism' and 'that Baptism and Confirmation are irrevocable' the Faith and Order Committee be asked to reconsider the subsequent suggestion which states that '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,' in particular with regard to the Electoral Roll.
(b) That the Faith and Order Committee continue study with a view to restating the meaning of membership in terms of today's developing interpretation of the nature and mission of the church with particular attention to the resultant changes necessary for:
 - i preparation for Confirmation
 - ii the form of the Baptism Confirmation service
 - iii the measure by which a person would be classified as a non-active member.
8. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 8 herein.

D — Methodist Men's Fellowship

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, 1967

In accordance with the resolution of Conference 1966 the National Executive of the Methodist Men's Fellowship was transferred to Auckland during 1967. The Executive is now in the course of making a survey in order to estimate the strength of the Men's Fellowship Movement throughout the country. As the last survey was made in 1964 we feel that it is time that the records were updated.

One of the resolutions of Conference 1966 was 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. The Council's report among other things states that there is still a need for some separate activity and fellowship for men and women in the local Church. The report points out that future co-operation should be in the direction of joint ventures (not the integration of the two organizations). Joint projects should arise naturally in the local Church and should meet a real need. It appears to our National Executive that in many cases it is more convenient for men to meet separately, especially when there are young families. In addition the type of fellowship and some of the activities undertaken would not be suitable for men and women together. Many men wish to talk over a man's problems with other men and some of the service projects would require work to be performed which would be unsuitable for women. For these and other reasons it is unlikely that any fellowship in real depth can be achieved in a mixed group.

It is on this matter of fellowship that the National Executive has become concerned. In many cases fellowships have flourished at the inception only to find that the interest has waned and membership fallen off in later years. This seems to prove that many men have a desire for fellowship but find this is not achieved in some of the Men's Fellowship groups. They then cease to attend. The Auckland District Executive has a pilot scheme in operation in one fellowship. Here a small group of men meet together for Fellowship, Prayer, and Biblical exposition. The purpose of the group is to meet the desire for fellowship existing in each member and to provide some discipline in Bible study and exposition, and to encourage the habit among members of the group of praying for each other. This group is proving successful in its objectives and it is the intention of the District Executive to promote the idea throughout the Auckland District. It is the opinion of the National Executive that this type of group could well be the answer to the lack of real fellowship which we believe exists in the community. It will also, we trust, prove of assistance in encouraging Methodist Men to a competent understanding of the Bible. We also feel that it is time that emphasis was given to the function of fellowship in building each other up in the faith, which has to a large extent been neglected in recent years in favour of service programmes.

These groups would be especially valuable to those Churches who have no men's fellowship at all or where the men's fellowship is of small numbers. Should this type of Men's group be successful and acceptable to Methodist Men we feel that it could prove the rejuvenation of the Men's Fellowship Movement.

J. G. RUSSELL, President.
E. JEFFS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted .
2. That the Report be read in conjunction with Section 2 of the Report of the Methodist Council of Christian Education on page 93.
3. That the Report be adopted except for the last sentence of the second paragraph: "For these and other reasons it is unlikely that any fellowship in real depth can be achieved in a mixed group" which is received only.

E — Methodist Women's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT

We have pleasure in presenting the Fourth Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Convention—1966, held at St. John's Church, Nelson, was attended by 120 representatives including 61 first-timers. Also present were Mrs B. Sides, Sisters Mary Addison, Lynne Sadler and Esther Watson, from Solomon Islands; Sister Grace Clement and two representatives of the Maori Women's Fellowship; Miss Mary Astley, Revs. G. Carter, and R. Rakena; Observers from the Association of Presbyterian Women, the Mothers' Union, and the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Associated Churches of Christ.

Programme Highlights. 1. At the Public Meeting held on the evening of October 11th, the President of Conference, Rev. A. R. Witheford, spoke of World Methodism, with special reference to the World Methodist Conference which had been held in London only a few weeks earlier. On the same evening Mrs I. G. Baber reported on the Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women which she had attended as the official representative of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship.

2. Miss N. Collins of the Child Welfare Department, Lower Hutt, presented a paper on Social Problems, after which, in a panel discussion, pertinent questions were answered in an informative way by Miss Collins, Mrs Baber and Dr B. Neill.

FINANCE

Allocations: \$8200 to both Home and Overseas Mission Boards. \$5000 for 1965-66 Special Objective (contribution towards meeting the Methodist share of the establishment of a Community Church at Turangi. \$2250 to combined medical and educational grants for overseas workers. \$4541.46 (Stamp Fund)—A record—Divided among Home and Overseas Sisters, Fraternal Workers. \$500 subsidy for support of Solomon Islands MWF Field Organiser. \$1000 to Girls' Scholarship Fund. \$680 to Maori Service Book Fund. Total amount sent through National Treasurer: \$35,333.82. Amount raised for **Other Objects**, \$44,671.40. Of this, Trusts, Circuits, Institutions and Departments of the Church received \$38,638.30. Amount received by Fellowships from Church Budgets, \$16,694.67.

Membership (as at 30th June, 1966): District Councils, 19; Local Fellowships, 342; Members, 9438 (9869 in 1965); Gleaners, 752. **Kurahuna Hostel** continues to provide a home for some 17 or 18 Maori girls, mostly of Intermediate or Secondary school age. Sister Madeline Holland and her staff maintain a high standard of devoted service. In this they are consistently supported by a band of keenly interested and diligent Committee members. **Smethurst House**. During the year Deaconesses and other occupants of the Smethurst Flat have

voiced appreciation of the friendship and attention given by the caretaker tenants, Mr and Mrs Sinclair. The MWF has reason to be grateful also to the House Committee members who bring wisdom and careful stewardship into their task of maintaining this valuable property in good order.

Affiliation at national level with the **National Council of Women** provides an opportunity to add the voice of Methodist women in matters of importance to the Christian way of life in our communities and in our Dominion generally.

World Federation of Methodist Women is another medium by which members are widening their spheres of activity, through the avenues of international co-operation and world missionary projects. During Convention 1966 Mrs Florence Baber and Mrs Winifred Dudley were congratulated on their appointment as Area Vice-President, and as Secretary respectively.

The Communion Service with which the Nelson Convention concluded, was conducted by the President of Conference, Rev. A. R. Witheford, who challenged members to more sacrificial sharing, relating his words to his recent overseas experiences. During this service the incoming National Executive was inducted into office. Thus under the able leadership of Mrs Baber and her Palmerston North executive, the first milestone of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship has been passed.

During the months prior to the printing of this report the newly appointed Executive has become increasingly aware and appreciative of the strength of the foundations laid in preceding years. The changing pattern of life, and of organisation within the church itself, presents the challenge to be prepared for adjustments and to seek new methods of approach. Women must play their part also in the desired progress towards Church Union.

In conclusion the National Executive expresses gratitude for the wise guidance and willing co-operation it has received from the President of Conference and from the various departmental officers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

D. WHITE, President.
J. TRATHEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the National Executive of the Methodist Women's Fellowship be asked to consider ways of making their current Report available to Conference.

F.—Church Council

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1967

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on May 8, 9 and 11, 1967. The President, the Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A., presided over all sessions.

Section I—LEADERS' AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

The Church Council received a communication from the Law Revision Committee, setting out the Revised Constitution of the Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings which was given general approval by the 1966 Conference. The Church Council recommended various

amendments for incorporation in the wording of the relevant sections in the Law Book.

The following definition of a Lay Pastor is recommended for insertion in the Law Book:

"A Lay Pastor is a Church Member appointed annually by the Leaders' Meeting on the nomination of the Minister to share in the pastoral task of the local Church."

RESOLUTION

1. That Section I, "Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings" be received and adopted.

2. That in the light of changes to personnel on the Leaders' Meeting that Conference be asked to delete the present restrictions on the possible number of society stewards and sacramental stewards from the Law Book Sections 236 and 239.

Section II—CONNEXIONAL STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION:

Report of the Committee on Structure.

The Committee submitted its report.

1—DEPARTMENT OF MISSION

It was decided to refer the draft outline of the proposed Department of Mission to the Boards of the Home and Maori Mission and Overseas Mission Departments for consideration and report to the Committee on Structures.

2—COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

(See Minutes 1966, page 98, Section 9, Resolution 1).

Previously, the Committee on Structure, had considered, by direction of Conference, the establishment of a Department of Christian Citizenship. It stated then, as in Minutes 1965, that in its view this would involve the creation of a new department with the services of an executive officer, and that the Church is not yet ready or able to take this step.

The matter was referred to the Committee by Conference 1966, which received only the Section on the Board of Evangelism and asked the Committee to consider whether the Board should not be the Board of Evangelism and Christian Citizenship.

The Committee believed that its report and proposals regarding the Board of Evangelism should stand but presented proposals for a Council of Christian Citizenship.

The draft outline was received and, slightly amended, was approved by the Church Council.

It was stated that the Council of Christian Citizenship might meet once during the year and once during Conference as a steering committee on issues of Christian Citizenship.

The Church Council submits the draft outline to Synods and Conference for approval.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

1. That Conference establish a Council of Christian Citizenship. The Council to consist of not more than 12 members (ministers and laymen) chosen for their ability to guide the Church in its theological and ethical approach to personal and social behaviour and current affairs.
2. The Council shall meet at least annually and shall have two main functions:

- (a) **To be a resource and co-ordinating group**
 - i Establishing theological and ethical bases for the Church's thinking and action on matters of Christian Citizenship.
 - ii Co-ordinate the work of the present Standing Committees: Public Questions; International Affairs; Temperance.
 - iii Initiate consideration of new issues.
 - iv Decide which Standing Committee should deal with each issue and if necessary appoint ad hoc committees for such purpose.

(b) **Preparing business for Conference.**

These duties to include:

- i Determine which major issues should be reported and to co-ordinate the reports from the Standing Committees for presentation to Synods and Conference.
- ii The Council may meet between Synods and Conference to prepare the business for the Committee of Detail in the light of Synod resolutions.
- iii Members of the Council attending Conference to form a Steering Committee to assist the Committee of Detail.

3. **Personnel**

- (a) The Council to be appointed annually by Conference.
- (b) It shall consist of a representative from each of the Public Questions, International Affairs and Temperance Committees, Faith and Order Committee and Board of Christian Education; approx. 5 others, at least, 2 of whom shall be laymen.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Section II No. 1 "Department of Mission" be received.
2. That the report on the Council for Christian Citizenship be received and adopted.
3. That the 1966 Report on the Board of Evangelism (Minutes 1966, page 86) be adopted.
4. Council of Christian Citizenship: That the Rev. M. Jackson Campbell be appointed Convener of the Council of Christian Citizenship and that he consult with the Conveners of the Public Questions, International Affairs, Temperance, Faith and Order Committees and with the Director of the Department of Christian Education to nominate a Committee to the Church Council for further report to Synods and Conference.

3—CENTRALISATION OF ACCOUNTING

A memorandum on this matter was before the Committee. It was seen as a question of whether there should be a unified accounting system for the Connexion.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Section II No. 3 "Centralising of Accounting" be received and adopted.
- 2 (a) That a sub-committee be appointed to investigate all aspects of the needs and procedures of the various Departments for financial and accounting services, and to advise the General Treasurer when appointed.
- (b) That the sub-committee be—the Rev. W. R. Laws, Messrs E. A. Crothall (Convener), W. Hadlee, J. Maddren, K. Torrance and D. A. White.

4—CHURCH EXTENSION

The Church Council received a memorandum prepared at the request of the Committee on Structure on the respective roles of the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department and the Connexional Secretary as Secretary of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

The General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department is responsible for:

- (1) Dominion strategy
 - (2) Overall policy of church extension in a particular area.
- The Connexional Secretary is concerned with:
- (1) Land and buildings, including plans and finance and this involves:
 - (2) Purchases, sales, mortgages, leases, etc.

It is recognized that

- (a) the Conference is the final authority
- (b) both the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department and the Connexional Secretary must consult with Connexional Boards, Synod Standing Committees, Circuit Quarterly Meetings, Local Trusts, etc., as required by Methodist Church Law.

RESOLUTION

1. That Section 2 No. 4 "Church Extension" be received and adopted.

5. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS

After considering the mixed reception given the Report by Synods, the 1966 Conference referred back the Committee's report and recommendations for further consideration.

The Committee on Structure considered the whole matter again in the light of the reactions of the various Synods. There seems to be a strong objection to the proposals from certain Synods. The Committee was seeking ways of bringing relief to the Chairmen, but certain Synods have strongly questioned the value of recommendations made by the Committee.

The Committee came to the conclusion that the proposed changes should not be proceeded with at present. However, while it made no recommendations regarding a change, it pointed out that the Chairman of the District is an official of Conference as well as the Representative of the District. The Committee still maintained that the President of the Church should not automatically become the Chairman of the District. He could be Chairman if the District desires it. It also favoured an Induction Service for the Chairman.

The Church Council received and adopted this section of the Report of the Committee on Structure and approved of the following recommendations being made to Synods and Conference:

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Section II No. 5 "Chairmen of Districts" be received and adopted.
2. That the President of the Church be not ex-officio Chairman of the District, and that consequently Law Book Par. 178, page 31 be repealed.
3. That a Chairman of the District on assuming office
 - (a) be inducted at a special service arranged for that purpose;
 - (b) that the Faith and Order Committee prepare an Order of Service for such an Induction.

6—MATTER REMITTED BY CONFERENCE

(1966 Minutes, page 171, Resolution 6).

Title of the Assistant-Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department.

The Committee on Structure agreed that the title should be 'Associate-Superintendent' and the recommendation was supported by the Church Council.

RESOLUTION

That the Associate to the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department be known as the Associate-Superintendent.

7—THANKS

The Committee on Structure thanked the Consultants for their most valuable assistance in its deliberations.

The Council expressed its appreciation to the retiring Convener, Rev. G. R. H. Peterson.

RESOLUTION

That Conference thanks the Committee on Structure for its work during past years and in particular the retiring Convener Rev. G. R. H. Peterson.

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE FOR 1968

The President of the Conference, Revs H. C. Matthews, J. A. Penman, L. J. Gibson.

Messrs D. A. White, E. A. Crothall, E. G. Heggie, W. E. Donnelly, F. W. G. Claridge.

Consultants: The General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department, the General Secretary of the Overseas Missions Department, the Connexional Secretary, the Director of Christian Education, Revs R. D. Rakena and G. R. H. Peterson.

Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

Further Work of the Committee on Structure:—

The Church Council referred the following Matters to the Committee on Structure for consideration:—

- (1) Limiting of the Size of Conference (1965 Minutes P. 74 Question 2).
- (2) Appointment of Additional Lay Representatives to Conference (1965 Minutes P. 103, Resolution 34).
- (3) Programme and Length of Time of Annual Conference (1966 Minutes P. 99, Resolution 3).
- (4) Provision for full morning and afternoon session of Conference to be given to one of the major Departments of the Church and for Conference to discuss the broad policy of that Department (1966 Minutes P. 99, Resolution 5).
- (5) Rearrangement of Conference Order (1965 Minutes P. 103, Resolution 34).

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Section II Nos. 6 and 7 be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee on Structure be asked to **consider the constitution and roll of the Annual Dominion Conference** and report to Church Council 1968, such consideration to include the following issues:—

- (a) Nature and function of the Conference.
- (b) Relationship of the Conference to (1) Annual District Synods

(2) Synod Standing Committees (3) Standing Committees and Boards.

(c) Timing of Preparatory Committees of the Conference — Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail — Examination Committee — General Purposes Committee — Stationing Committee, etc.

(d) Programme and length of time of Annual Conference.

(e) Constitution of Conference — size and ministerial and lay representation.

(f) Publication of Reports in (1) Agendas for Synods and Conference (2) Minutes of Conference.

3. That the following be referred to the Committee on Structure — That Conference business be so organised that representatives may attend for one week instead of two part weeks.

4. That the Committee on Structure give consideration to Conference meeting at a time when universities are in recess to enable younger representatives, particularly students and lecturers, to attend.

Section III—CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNGER MINDS (1966 Minutes, pages 95, 96).

Resolutions 2, 3, 4 — 1966 Minutes p. 96

The Church Council requested the Secretary of Conference to send out a circular to all Boards and Committees, drawing attention to the Resolutions of Conference on the Contribution of Younger Minds and requesting a report on action taken. (See Supplementary Report).

Resolutions 5, 6 — 1966 Minutes p. 96

It was agreed to report to Conference that Resolution 5 had been implemented at Church Council 1967 in the appointment by the President to Church Council of two representatives of the Younger Minds of the Church — Rev. R. G. Major and Mr D. W. Hudson.

Resolution 6 — 1966 Minutes p. 96

Review of Constitution of Church Council

The Church Council endorses the principle that the Younger Minds of the Church should share in the Church's deliberations at all levels and agrees that due attention should be given to it in the appointment of members of the Church Council, year by year.

Report of Church Council — Addendum

CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNGER MINDS

(1966 Minutes p. 95; 1965 Minutes Conf. p. 118, Res. 8)

The attention of all Boards and Committees, Districts and Circuits, has been drawn to the Conference pronouncements on the Contribution of Younger Minds.

Replies had been received from 15 Boards (or Committees) by July 31, 1967. These revealed that the resolutions of Conference on the subject are being taken seriously and an honest endeavour is being made to include Younger Minds in the Personnel of the Boards (or Committees) responsible for guiding connexional policies. As the need to replace senior members arises, younger men are being given the opportunity to serve. In some cases, the Boards have changed their time of meeting, to enable younger people to attend. At least one Board is going out of its way to cultivate liaison with C.Y.M.M. Councils.

As was to be expected, some Boards referred to the need for their particular task of members with knowledge of the structure and workings of the Church as a connexion—insights not always possessed

by young people in the 18-25 age group. At least one Board finds that the tremendous population shift with this age group makes it difficult to retain 18-25 year olds and 25-30 year olds on it for more than a short period. Another Board pointed out that, if ministers under 30 years of age were to be appointed to Connexional Committees, Probationers would have to be appointed.

It may be possible to report further on this matter to Conference.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary of Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Section III "Contribution of Younger Minds" and the "Report of Church Council—Addendum" be received and adopted.

2. That the Report be referred to Leaders' Meetings for consideration.

3. That the term "Younger Minds" be replaced by "Young Adults".

4. That the constitution of the Church Council be referred to Church Council 1968 to consider provision for a representative range of age groups to be appointed while retaining its necessary continuity as a consultative body of the Conference.

Section IV—GENERAL

1. FUTURE STAFFING NEEDS

A Memorandum prepared by the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department was received.

2. PRESIDENT'S SUPPLY FOR 1968

A letter was received from the President-Elect, Rev. J. D. Grocott, requesting the appointment (full-time) of a Probationer to the Riccarton Circuit.

Some discussion took place regarding the necessity of fulltime supply being provided for every President of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Supply for the President in 1968 be a Probationer or other suitable appointment, the stipend and other costs to be met after consultation between the Home Mission Department, the Contingent Fund and the Deaconess Board.

2. That a Sub-committee report to Church Council 1968 on the role of a President of the Conference, and the need or otherwise of a full-time supply together with the financing of same, the personnel of the Committee to be: President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, Messrs H. W. Beaumont and H. de R. Flesher.

3. That a sub-Committee on President's Supply consider that as a matter of principle the President's supply should be an Ordained Minister.

3. REPRESENTATIVES TO 4th ASSEMBLY OF WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES — July, 1968, Upsala, Sweden.

The Church Council considered several suggestions

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Representatives be as follows:—

4th Assembly of W.C.C.

Rev. A. K. Petch.

Mr G. E. Hill

Guests:

Mr E. A. Crothall
Rev. E. D. Grounds

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Rev. J. D. Grocott
Mr W. E. Donnelly

Guests:

Rev. H. A. Darvill
Rev. M. L. Dine
Rev. B. K. Rowe

2. That Church Council 1968 bring to Conference 1968 for approval an agreed procedure by which nominations shall be made for the Church's representatives to future Conferences overseas.

4. CONSTITUTION OF CENTRAL MISSIONS

A Memorandum was presented by Rev. A. E. Orr, on behalf of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

The Draft Constitution was amended in certain respects and approved. (See Annual Report of N.Z.M.S.S.A. and Recommendations).

5. TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

A Memorandum was presented by Rev. A. E. Orr, on behalf of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

The Memorandum was slightly amended and approved.

6. DATES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

The following dates were approved:—

Wednesday, October 4, 1967, at 10 a.m. and Thursday, October 5.

7. CHURCH EXTENSION APPEAL AND PRIORITIES

(1966 Minutes, p. 96).

The General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department and the Secretary of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee presented memoranda which were received.

Conference 1966 having already decided that the first half of the Church Extension Appeal for the year 1968 to 1969 be devoted to direct grants for new causes, it was agreed to recommend to Conference that the second half of the 1968 to 1969 Appeal be for the Extension Appeal of the Overseas Mission Department.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Church Extension Appeal (1968 to 1969) be apportioned: 50% for direct grants for new and approved causes, 50% to the Extension Appeal of the Overseas Mission Department.

2. That paragraphs 4-7 be received and adopted.

8. EXTENDED LEAVE TO STUDY OVERSEAS

(1966 Minutes p. 98).

It was reported that the Rev. Dr D. O. Williams, Principal of Trinity Theological College, Rev. R. G. Bell, Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Rev. W. R. Laws, Connexional Secretary, had conferred on the matter and, as far as could be ascertained at the present time, there are sufficient funds available from several sources to meet the needs of divinity students who wished to study overseas.

The report was received.

It was agreed not to recommend any further action on the matter.

9. RE-WORDING OF PASTORAL RESOLUTIONS

(1965 Minutes p. 103, Resolution 25).

Rev. A. J. Johnston, Chairman of the Welfare of the Church Committee, reported that a draft was being considered by the Committee.

The Report was received.

10. TIMING OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT SYNODS

(1966 Minutes p. 99, Res. 4) (also p. 67, Res. 7).

After some discussion, the following Resolution was passed:—

That there be no change in the timing of August Synods but that the matter be referred to the Committee on Structure for further consideration.

(It was noted that British Methodism was experimenting with Synods over weekends).

RESOLUTION

That in view of the changed conditions both in community life and in the church, this Conference requests the Church Council to consider the advisability of altering the form of the August Synod so that more of its routine work is undertaken by the Synod Standing Committees.

11. GRANTS TO THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND DEACONESS STUDENTS (with special reference to books and travel costs)

(1966 Minutes p. 147, Res. 5).

The Council considered the matter but had no recommendation to make to Conference.

12. NOMINATION OF VICE-PRESIDENT (1965 Minutes, p. 104, Resolution 39).

USE OF VICE-PRESIDENT (1966 Minutes, p. 67, Res. 5).

Memoranda were introduced by Mr R. T. Garlick, ex Vice-President.

Nomination of Vice-President:

RESOLUTIONS

That the regulations for nomination of the Vice-President continue but the nomination paper be countersigned by the Chairman of his District who shall then inform all other District Chairmen.

2. That paragraphs 8-12 be received and adopted.

13. USE OF VICE-PRESIDENT

It was agreed that Resolution 3, page 70 of the 1964 Minutes should be implemented. The Resolution reads:—

“That during the year prior to their taking office, the President-Elect confer with the Vice-President Elect, and convene a suitable Committee with a view to planning the President's and Vice-President's itineraries during their year of office.”

RESOLUTION

That the Committee be President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Superintendent of Home Mission Department, Director of Christian Education, Secretary of Conference (Convener).

14. COMMISSION ON CHURCH FINANCE

(1966 Minutes p. 217, Res. 9).

Minutes of First Meeting of the Commission were tabled for the information of the Church Council.

15. PRIORITIES IN MAKING FINANCIAL REQUESTS

(1965 Minutes p. 104, Res. 38).

A Report was presented by Mr R. T. Garlick on behalf of the Commission on Finance. The Report was received.

Section V—MINISTERS BEING PERMITTED TO ACCEPT PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN SECULAR OCCUPATIONS AS WORKER-PASTORS.

The President reported that, arising out of a request, he had asked that a Memorandum be prepared and submitted to Church Council on Ministers being permitted to accept Part-Time Employment in Secular Occupations as Worker-Pastors. The Memorandum was received.

It was agreed that the Memorandum be sent to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration along with Resolution 8 (2) and (3) 1966 Minutes p. 67:

- (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.

Section VI—MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

(1966 Minutes pp. 91-95).

A Report was received from the sub-committee of the Church Council.

It was agreed that, in the first sentence of the second paragraph under (1) on the top page 93, the words "should be required" should be replaced by "is advisable." (The sentence then reads: "The Committee is of the opinion that a minimum of at least five years' Circuit service after ordination is advisable to attain the needed experience of the Church that is envisaged.").

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Pastoral Committee be:—
 - 3 Ministers and 3 Laymen to be nominated by the President of the Conference.
- Consultants: Secretary of Conference and the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department.
- Convener: To be nominated by the President of the Conference.
2. That para. V, 13-15 and Section VI "Ministerial Appointments" be received and adopted.
3. That the Pastoral Committee for 1968 be:—The President of Conference, President-elect, the Rev. H. C. Matthews, Messrs W. E. Donnelly, E. A. Crothall and R. T. Garlick. Convener: Mr W. E. Donnelly.

Section VII—LONG SERVICE LEAVE FOR MINISTERS

(1966 Minutes, pp. 97, 98).

Material setting out the regulations of the New South Wales Conference and a communication from the Connexional Secretary for New South Wales was distributed.

A Memorandum was presented by Mr G. C. Burton.
The Report was adopted by the Council.

1.

RESOLUTIONS

- (a) That a Long-service Leave for Ministers scheme be introduced from 1st February, 1969.
- (b) That the scheme be under the oversight of the Home Mission Department.
- (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 1.2.69 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 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.
- (f) 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 Home Mission Department for assistance (including financial aid).

2.

- (a) That ministers and circuits concerned be required to consult with the Chairman of the District in making their plans for the taking of long service leave at least six months in advance of the due date.
- (b) That the agreement and approval of the plans by the Chairman of the District be obtained before they are finalised.
- (c) That if and as necessary, the proposed plans be referred to the Home Mission Department for advice and for decision.

3. That the Church Council give consideration to Deaconesses' participation in the Long Service Leave Scheme, under similar conditions to the Ministry.

Section VIII—DATES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL 1968

Monday, May 6, 1968 (at 3 p.m.) to Wednesday, May 8 (at 3 p.m.) at Wallis House, Lower Hutt.

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, President.

WILLIAM R. LAWS, Secretary of Conference.

G—Report on the Committee on Healing — 1967

The committee has considered the matters referred to it by Conference (Minutes, 1966, page 101, Resolution 2 (b) and has had before it, material from the Methodist Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology and other kindred organisations in Great Britain.

In Britain, the Connexional Committee on Healing fosters (a) the Methodist Healing Fellowship which is concerned with the broad field that was covered by our own Spiritual Healing Committee, as well as promoting healing work in the local Church; and (b) The Methodist Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology which is concerned with doctor-minister co-operation, particularly in areas of healing where psychological factors are more directly involved, and also undertakes the training of ministers and deaconesses in pastoral psychology. In addition, the Methodist Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology is also affiliated with two inter-denominational organisations—the Church's Council of Healing and the Institute of Religion and Medicine.

It is important that the Church should not seek to 'make capital' out of healing. Healing should be undertaken not for its 'apologetic' value but as part of the Church's service to the world in Christ's name, and as an expression of love and responsibility to our fellow men. It is important also to avoid undue complexity and overlapping of organisations in this field. In order to evolve some sort of practical Christian philosophy of healing that bears a positive relationship to what is actually going on in the twentieth century, the committee

feels that our approach should be as comprehensive as possible, in three different dimensions:

(a) It should be made, as far as this is possible, from within the wholeness of the Church, rather than from within any one denomination or tradition. We therefore suggest a Commission set up by the National Council of Churches in conjunction with the Roman Catholic Church.

(b) It should include within its terms of reference, the sort of concerns dealt with by both types of group mentioned above—such as healing through prayer, laying-on of hands and sacramental ministry, the place of faith, forgiveness, confession and conversion, the ordinary pastoral ministry of the Church to the sick, the healing potentialities of preaching, worship and fellowship in the local Church, the uses of counselling and the various aspects of pastoral psychology. But it should also range more widely than this, to survey the responsibilities of the Church in social service, including the provision or staffing of hospitals, geriatrics, the care of the handicapped, specific contributions towards the work of psychiatric institutions, general medical practice, nursing and medical social work, chaplaincies, liaison with the medical profession and medical faculties and students, support for medical research and training, public health education and voluntary organisations within the community, such as Intellectually Handicapped Children, Epilepsy Association, Disabled Citizens, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

(c) Insofar as healing is the responsibility and concern of the whole community, and Christian ministry is the ministry of the whole Church, it is important that the responsibility of the serving Church in this field should be conceived in such a way that it will fully involve lay men and women and voluntary workers as well as the various professions concerned.

While it is desirable that healing should be conceived in the most comprehensive terms, the committee feels that there is also room for a body to foster more immediate doctor-minister co-operation in those areas of healing in which pastoral and psychological factors predominate. Such an organisation would need to be as widely based as possible, and yet be assured of some continuing life and usefulness. It could well be considered one of the immediate things which the five negotiating Churches could begin to do together with a view to its becoming an established department in the united Church.

With regard to the more specific use which the Church should make of the work and research of the former Spiritual Healing Committee, this committee hopes to report direct to Conference.

I. RAMAGE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference ask the National Council of Churches to approach the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church with a view to setting up a joint commission to investigate and report on the responsibilities and opportunities of the serving Church in the whole field of healing and public health in New Zealand, bearing in mind the various suggestions that are made in this report.
3. That Conference authorise the Committee to seek the co-operation of the other four negotiating churches in setting up a Society for Medical and Pastoral Psychology to foster co-operation between doctors and ministers in those areas of healing in which pastoral and psychological factors are of major importance.

4. That the committee be re-appointed, with power to co-opt further members, and be given leave to foster and develop the Methodist contribution towards the two inter-Church organisations mentioned in the previous two resolutions.

5. That a grant of ten dollars be made from the Contingent Fund towards the expenses of the committee.

6. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on p.8 herein.

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

A.—Methodist Council of Christian Education

1. PREPARATION OF A NEW HYMNAL

(Minutes of Conference 1965 Page 77; 1966 Page 102).

i Acting upon the decision of the 1966 Conference, Dr C. A. Gibson and the Rev. W. A. Chambers drew up a memorandum outlining the need for a new Hymnal and suggesting certain procedures for implementing the work entailed in the preparation of such a volume. The findings of the memorandum were:

(a) That the most practical thing that our Church could do at this stage was to prepare and publish a separate Supplement to the Methodist Hymn Book on the assumption that the congregations will continue to use the 1933 Hymnal for some time yet. It was suggested that this could be done within the Methodist denomination, though such a supplement might also be of use to other denominations.

(b) The preparation of such a supplement could be in the charge of an independent committee which should co-ordinate and direct the work of three specialized sub-committees which would have approval powers. These sub-committees would be:

A Committee examining theology and doctrine.

A Committee examining literary merit.

A Committee examining musical standards.

Note was taken of a further suggestion that the Supplement might be published with a Book of Worship.

ii (a) The Faith and Order Committee agreed with the need for a new Hymnal for New Zealand Methodism and with the proposal of a Supplement to the present Hymnal as the only course likely to prove even remotely possible.

The proposed machinery was regarded as adequate for the task.

(b) In assessing the size of any Supplement the sub-committee agreed that this would need to be in the vicinity of 90-100 hymns and that sooner or later the question of a music edition would have to be faced. Hence enquiries were made as to the cost of producing a volume of this kind and size at present day prices. The inquiries indicated that the venture could succeed — even if the Australian Church did not participate.

The Council, after considering the report and estimates of cost adopted the report and these recommendations:

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Council of the Department of Christian Education prepare for publication a supplement to the present Methodist Hymn-book containing a majority of new hymns in both traditional and modern idiom, in and designed to express the insight of recent thought.

2. That a Committee and Sub-committee be set up as in paragraph 1 of the report.

3. That the other Negotiating Churches and the Australian Methodist Church be informed of our plans and invited to co-operate.

4. That the J.C.C.U. be informed of our plans.

2. INTEGRATION OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORK

Conference 1966 resolved "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". Page 73, No. 2.

In considering this matter the Council took into account the 1965 and 1966 reports of the Men's Fellowship and memoranda submitted by the two national executives early 1967.

- i Men and women share responsibility for the total mission of the Church. Thus separate men's and women's activities have limited scope. Separation of men and women in some aspects of congregational life tends to obscure their partnership in mission.
- ii There is a growing awareness of the need for men and women to work together in fellowship. Three major changes in community life point to integration of activities:
 - (a) Earlier marriage—young marrieds both working seek fellowship opportunities together.
 - (b) Working mothers need new opportunities for fellowship.
 - (c) With earlier retirement, husband and wife seek fellowship opportunities together.

Another factor is that with the increase in the number of women working or resuming their professions, more women are becoming dissatisfied with the traditional pattern of women's meetings.

- iii The need is still seen for some separate activity and fellowship for men and women in the local church. Established women's groups should continue for some time yet to cater for certain categories of women. i.e. evening groups of mothers of young children and single business women, and day-time groups for more senior women, both spinsters and women whose husbands are still working. However, the continuing of a national men's movement is seriously questioned. Our women still have a lot to gain through contact with the National Council of women and the World Federation of Methodist Women, representation being achieved through the M.W.F. as a national body. It is less important for men to meet for fellowship, as they meet with other men every day, while experience shows that men prefer to gather for action rather than to meet for speakers and discussion.
- iv Future co-operation should be in the direction of joint ventures (not the integration of the two organisations). Joint projects should arise naturally in the local church and should meet real needs. Integration through joint ventures will best come through the implementation of the new Leaders' Meeting structure, which will bring men and women together in committee work and in the various activities that the committees set up for the wider membership of the congregation. This will be more effective than the women arranging joint activities and inviting the men, or vice versa. Flexibility should be the key note.
- v Guidance, training and production of resources for men's and women's groups in the Church should continue to be under the auspices of the Department. Fellowships should be encouraged to

make more use of Department materials. Possibly the Directors of the Department should specialise more in assisting these groups e.g. Miss Astley might give a greater proportion of her time to assisting women's groups.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be referred to Leaders' Meetings for their information and guidance. That in considering the report Leaders' Meetings note:

- (a) The growing need for men and women in the church to co-operate for specific tasks and purposes and that flexibility should be the keynote in such co-operation.
- (b) That the desirable measure of integration of men's and women's work be achieved through programmes arranged by the Leaders' Meetings and its sub-committees.
- (c) Men's and women's groups may well forego their regular meetings when joint meetings or joint action are more appropriate.

3. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH AND TEACHING MINISTRY IN THE RECENT THEOLOGICAL CONTROVERSIES

- (a) A positive contribution to the work of the Church has been that religion has again become a topic of general conversation in the community. An opportunity has been given to laymen to testify to their faith; a teaching opportunity has been presented to the clergy; and a deep interest about the meaning or existence and death has been revealed.
- (b) The ferment has shown up an ignorance of the basic content of the Christian faith. The beliefs of too many people have been shown to be immature. Many have been unable to cope with the challenge presented to the forms in which their beliefs have been expressed.
- (c) Our methods of communication have been shown to be faulty. Christian Education is more than indoctrination.
- (d) Services of worship are not adequate as the sole means of Christian Education. There is a need for adult groups of a type where people can honestly grapple with the content and expression of the Faith.
- (e) The Church's sense of community has been shown to be deficient. The Church needs to be a place where people are accepted in love and as Christians though one may have reservations about details of their belief. We must endeavour to create within the Church an atmosphere within which people may think creatively without being thought heretics.
- (f) The controversy has revealed a number of 'gaps' in the Church i.e. between frontier theologians and the minister's study; the minister's study and his pulpit; the pulpit and the pew. There is a need for structures in the Church which encourage dialogue between people in the pews and between pew and pulpit.

Positive Suggestions:

- (a) The Ministers are challenged to keep abreast of current theological developments. Schools of Theology provide an opportunity for ministers to keep up to date with "frontier theology" and to develop creative attitudes towards theological developments.
- (b) The Ministers have been reminded of the need to plan preaching so as to cover the main elements of Christian truth in a twelve-month period. Preaching should include forthright presentations of modern insights into the Gospel.

- (c) The need for adult groups—as above. Terminal groups gathered for a particular purpose and which then disband are helpful. Such groups should study not only the expression of the faith in daily living but also the content of the faith.
- (d) There is an urgent need for our folk to gain an adequate understanding of and approach to Scripture (see 1966 Minutes, P. 103).
- (e) Confirmation classes present an admirable opportunity for the presentation of the Faith as an orientation of life rather than a body of facts which must be blindly accepted.
- (f) We speak from the point of commitment to Jesus as Lord and this obedience to Him provides a background of hope and confidence against which to engage in the openness of theological debate. Overly dogmatic ways of expressing the faith are inadequate in a rapidly changing world.

RESOLUTION

1. That Section 3 of the Report of the Methodist Council of Christian Education be referred to Leaders' Meetings for study and action.

4. DEPARTMENT STAFF

- (a) Up to Conference 1960 Associate (or Field) Directors were appointed for 3-year terms. In order to give lay directors a greater sense of security and to allow them to make a more settled and professional contribution the triennial re-appointment has since been replaced by an unlimited term which either side can terminate on 6 months' notice.

(The Director's position in line with other Ministerial Connexional appointments is for 6-year terms).

During 1966 when the Director's position was being considered the Board agreed with a suggestion made by the Associate Directors that a representative group of ministers and laymen should be invited to comment on the desirable length of service for them and their present effectiveness.

A summary of the replies was considered by the Council.

- (b) The Council also considered a request from the Board that some satisfactory means be provided for periodically surveying the Department's work.

This request was dealt with in the light of the Church Council's proposal for a Pastoral Committee (1966 Minutes P. 93-4).

The Council is to review this matter at its next meeting.

- (c) The Council received a report presented by the Chairman of the Board of the steps being taken to secure a successor to Mr Ford.
- (d) The Council noted the need for a supply of professionally trained Christian Educators in New Zealand.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference expresses warm confidence in the work of the Associate Directors, Miss H. M. Astley and Mr C. H. Couch, and express the hope that they will continue in their appointment for at least the next three years.

2. That the periodic review, on behalf of the Connexion, of the Department staff be the responsibility of the Pastoral Committee.

3. That the Council of Christian Education be responsible for the review of the programme and work of the Department.

5. RENEWAL OF WORSHIP (1965 Minutes P. 133 (a) and 1966 P. 102).

Some of the Congregations who had been encouraged to study worship and then experiment in new forms have reported. A composite report prepared by the Rev. G. E. Scarr was before the Council. The values seen in the work were:

- (a) All groups indicated that they felt the real value of the project was the opportunity it afforded their members to begin to think about the meaning of worship.
- (b) While there is no clear pattern emerging from the reports, there is indication that we are in an interim period in which variety (as distinct from novelty) in conducting of Public Worship is important. Our people are at many different levels of understanding and need.
- (c) The congregations that took the time and effort to work at their project with imagination and to report their work fully, have provided much helpful material for other groups seeking some leads, searching for the appropriate questions to be asked.
- (d) Efforts so far seem to have been directed at sprucing up the old rather than forging out the new.
- (e) Encouraging to see Worship Committees set up and functioning in a steady way, bringing recommendations to the Leaders' Meeting as the congregation grows in its understanding.
- (f) Reports indicate that as a church we have much yet to be done in this area.

The reports also prompt certain warnings:

- (i) The method of introducing the project is important. Although outside stimulation is needed a congregation can travel only at its own pace.
- (ii) Although the purpose was "renewal of worship" this can degenerate to "making the service more interesting"! This emphasises the importance of the preliminary study that was asked.
- (iii) Care needs to be taken in evaluating the experiments. What questions should be asked to assess the value of our explorations in Acts of Worship?

RESOLUTION

1 That renewal of worship be sought in the following ways:

(A) That one year be chosen to concentrate on instruction, education, review and renewal of worship by local Churches, through their Worship Committees and CYMM's. The Memo already prepared by the Department and other material be widely distributed, and congregations be asked to engage in more concentrated study of the nature and forms of worship. Instruction, as well as discussion to be given on the symbolism and significance of the building, furniture and forms of worship.

Note: It would be valuable if infrequent attenders and non-church persons could be involved in this review of worship. Summary of the finding from Churches which have been studying and experimenting to be used as part of the material made available by the Department.

(B) That the Department be asked to give guidance to local congregations to bring variety and greater depth into our services, and especially in the use of Sunday evening.

(C) That any significant findings be reported to the Department for sharing with the wider church.

6. THE NEW CURRICULUM

The Council was informed of some of the likely features of the new curriculum and how its introduction could affect the local church's teaching programme.

ACE Programme — The Joint Board with the support of its member Departments of Christian Education proposes to enlist the support of voluntary "Associates in Christian Education" to interpret the new curriculum to local Churches. It is suggested that 75 of such Associates be New Zealand Methodists. Main features to be:

- Commitment to a 3-year programme.
- Fee of \$5.00 per Associate, subsidised by Joint Board, and, if possible, contributed in part by the Circuit.
- Bi-monthly publications mailed to each Associate.
- Annual training conferences to be provided.
- Ministers to receive selected mailings to keep them informed on developments.

7. TRENDS IN C.Y.M.M.

The National Vice-President, Mr Duncan Graham, drew the Council's attention to issues which were affecting the C.Y.M.M.

Effective district organisation was difficult to maintain even though many small local groups needed the support and inspiration of that larger fellowship. There is still a lack of trained adult counsellors to work with local and district C.Y.M.M. Councils.

RESOLUTION

1. That Conference approve the ACE programme for the introduction of the new curriculum,

8. FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (1966 Minutes P. 104, No. 5 and P. 111, No. 5).

The Council decided to await the report of the special Commission before taking this matter up. The report adopted by the 1966 Presbyterian General Assembly gives a good lead.

H. W. BEAUMONT, Vice-President.

W. F. FORD, Director of Christian Education.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That in appointing Representatives to Synods District Education Councils be strongly urged to include at least one active member of the C.Y.M.M.
3. That the Constitution of the D.E.C. (Law Book page 103 Section 503 Sub-section 18 Minutes of Conference 1966 page 270 Sec-members as may be necessary for the effective working of the D.E.C.

B. Board of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

1. NEW CURRICULUM

i Progress Report:

The Second stage Curriculum Conference was held in New Zealand in 1966. The first had dealt with objectives and the principles that affect the curriculum. This Conference reviewed how learning takes place, and the setting in which Christian Education should be conducted.

Representatives of the N.Z. Anglican Provincial Board of Christian Education were present. It now seems likely that the N.Z. Anglicans will be full partners in this project.

The preparation of the new Curriculum was taken a stage further at a Conference in Melbourne in July 1967. The Director and the Rev. J. Grundy attended.

Findings from conferences held in each state of Australia and in New Zealand were received and recommendations affecting the curriculum were formed.

The new lesson materials will come into use in 1970.

ii Preparing Churches:

Much thought has been given to how the local churches can be helped to understand, welcome and use the new approaches that a major curriculum revision involves. A major part of this preparatory programme is the recruitment and training of voluntary "Associates in Christian Education" (A.C.E. Programme). There are to be 75 ACE's in our Church. They will receive literature and attend training conferences before being available to local churches in their area. Ministers also may receive mailings of selected materials.

iii A Supervisory Group Essential:

There has been strong support for the proposition that any effective improvement in the Churches' education programme requires an able, properly appointed supervisory group.

In our Church the Local Education Committee is exactly the group envisaged. We recognise that the present position as to L.E.C's is very patchy but the Board is convinced that some effective supervisory and policy-making group is essential. Where a Local Education Committee is impossible a Circuit Christian Education Committee reporting to the Quarterly Meeting is strongly recommended.

2. STATISTICS

In common with all other denominations and most other countries we find our children's and youth rolls are declining. We cannot be content with this. Experience shows that where a congregation gives this work sufficient priority and provides a programme, trained leadership, conditions for learning all designed to meet the needs of today's children and youth the trend can be reversed.

But we can be too concerned with numbers. The Church's first call is to obedience to her Lord. This may not mean success, but it does mean a care for the quality of our work.

3. LANGUAGE BARRIER

In last year's report we said: "There are two human operations in communicating the Christian Faith verbally: transmitting by speaking or writing, and receiving the communication by hearing or reading." It was pointed out that one of the barriers that can block or hinder communication is the words and expressions we use. That judgment was supported by the results of a very limited inquiry.

It was clear from the Board's inquiry and the subsequent discussion of the report that many lay people are finding the language barrier a difficulty.

An important conclusion the report pointed to was the need for the communicator (preacher, teacher or leader) to get some "feedback" to indicate what had actually been received.

Because there are real problems in obtaining and receiving this feedback and also in acquiring the skills which are needed to overcome the language barrier this is not a project which can be easily or quickly completed.

Some of the areas in which the Church's communication could be made more effective may be referred to a new Commission on Communication being recommended by another Committee.

The Board is taking no further action at this stage other than offering suggestions for training sessions at March Synods and making the report available to interested persons or groups.

4. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The most significant developments during the year have been firstly the draft course on "Helping Conversations" which has been used experimentally and is now being revised. It will be available to all Churches at the beginning of 1968, and is certain to be most useful as a lay training tool. Secondly, the Group Life Laboratories in which the Five Negotiating Churches are co-operating. A full quota of Methodists attended the Otaki Laboratory in August 1967 but the timing of our annual Synods has made attendance at the South Island one at Lincoln College more difficult. The Board considers that this form of sensitivity training is extremely valuable. Thanks are due to a Connexional and a District Trust for a generous subsidy.

5. CAMPING

The Joint Commission on Camps, Conferences, and Retreats convened by the Department and representative of the Five Negotiating Churches, has now reported. The Commission has set down fifty "guidelines" for the future development of Camping and Site Facilities, calling for wider recognition and use of the unique opportunities that camping offers for the achievement of Christian education objectives with all age groups. A progression in camping experiences from childhood through to adulthood is recommended with several options being offered in each age group to meet differing needs and preferences. The call to switch from a programme-centred approach to a person-centered approach in planning will mean giving more place to the concept of informal small-group camping. There is urgent need to train leaders for camping, especially for new types of camp, and to develop complementary and more flexible site facilities in each district in order to provide for much needed diversification in camping patterns. This will best be achieved by the Negotiating Churches working together. The Report of the Commission is now being studied by Christian Education Departments and various camping committees.

6. PUBLICATIONS

The Australian and New Zealand Joint Board of Christian Education has extended its publication range. Recent titles include these books: "Christian Parenthood", "Songs of Faith", "Teaching the Christian Faith To-day", "Getting it Over".

Among their booklets are: "A Way With Youth", "Discussion Aids", for use with "The New Reformation", "Faith in a Secular Age" and "The Secular City".

Substantial improvements have been made in the Joint Board's current lesson materials. More will be introduced next year. These have been very well received by both religious and secular educators.

Our own Department has published this year "Situation Plays", "Group Bible Studies" 2nd series; and a revision of "Christian Marriage" including the new Order of Service for Marriage and a check-list of topics for premarital conversations.

"The Christian Education Worker's Manual" first instalment of Book I appeared in place of the April issue of "Christian Educa-

tion Handbook" and has been well received by other denominations as well as our Churches.

"Family Worship" — the book for use in congregational worship will need to be replaced soon. The Board of Publications has asked the Department to take action. The Board of Christian Education thinks the new publication should contain (a) Orders of Service in traditional form and language. (b) Orders of Service in contemporary form and language. (c) Resource material — Litanies, Prayers etc., in contemporary language which can be used with the framework of (a) and (b).

The Faith and Order Committee has since expressed interest in the project and will now take the lead.

7. MINISTRY WITH YOUTH

Youth Magazine:

A Joint Youth Publications Board, representative of the Youth Movements and Christian Education Departments of the five Negotiating Churches, has plans well advanced for the publications of a bi-monthly Joint Youth Magazine as from February 1968. A quarto-size publication of 24 pages with colour cover is envisaged, selling at \$1.20 per annum.

The Rev. R. McCullough, of Christchurch, at present editor of "The Young Anglican" has been appointed editor of the new magazine, which will be called "MOMENT".

1967 Project:

The C.Y.M.M. has entered into its first joint enterprise with Methodist Youth of Australia (M.Y.A.) in supporting "Go — New Guinea", a project to raise short-term and long-term volunteers to work on Australian and New Zealand Mission Stations in the Territory of New Guinea.

Order of St Stephen:

During the year five young people have been received into the Order having satisfactorily completed their year of service. They are Heather Salmon, Dianne Rushton, Anne Shaw and Enoch Kaneru, who served overseas, and Miriam Tabuteau who served in New Zealand. There are now seventy-three members of the Order.

Twelve candidates are serving this year. Eric and Sally Harney, Eileen Schick, John Siana and Jean Zale are working in the Solomon Islands, Janette Schnell in Fiji, Len Daniell in New Guinea, Judith Layton in Arnhem Land, Australia, and Pat Wall and Gladys McKenzie in New Zealand. Keith and Valerie Masters have been accepted for service overseas.

8. MINISTRY WITH ADULTS

i Joint Adult and Family Life Committee:

One Wellington Committee now advises and serves the Anglican (Wellington and Provincial Boards), Presbyterian and Methodist Departments.

ii Young Adults:

A small committee, mainly young adults (18-25 years) are reviewing the Church's ministry with this age-group. The committee has looked at characteristics of young-adulthood, their common attitude to the faith and to the Church, and the applications of this for the Church's programme. It is already clear that in this age-group we find the most eloquent dissatisfaction with traditional and inflexible church structures and impersonal authoritarian methods.

A fuller report and guidance to Local Churches will be available next year.

9. DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (1966 Minutes, P. 110 and 112)

Since the adoption of those reports the Chairman and the Board has advised all our ministers inviting them to inquire about the position or offer names of persons who should be considered. The position was also advertised in the United Church of Canada and in each Australian State. No applications were received from New Zealand or Australia. Two were received from Canada but neither of them suitable.

The main duties of, and personal qualifications sought in, the Director were listed and it was decided to approach New Zealand Ministers.

As a result the Board now confidently submits the name of the Rev. John Grundy, M.A., for designation as Director of Christian Education for appointment by Synods and Conference next year. He would take up his duties on 1st February 1969.

Mr Grundy has agreed to nomination. Even though he would not have applied for the position and feels strongly called to the preaching and pastoral ministry he responds to the exciting and challenging opportunities which this position offers.

The Board considers Mr Grundy is in the right age-group for a new Director; he has a very good record as a Circuit minister; he has already been recognised in our Church as a theological resource person; he has the stimulating adventurous approach to the faith which is important — especially as the Director is responsible for adult work and lay training; he is an effective teacher.

The Board hopes that it may be possible for Mr Grundy to be stationed in Wellington in 1968 so that he can be prepared for the important responsibilities ahead of him.

10. NEW BUILDING

Plans for a modest 2-storey building at the rear of the Taranaki Street property are going ahead by the great generosity and co-operation of the Wesley Trust. The building will house the Epworth Bookroom on the ground floor enabling it to specialise more efficiently as mainly a mail-order operation. On the first floor the Department of Finance and Stewardship Offices, an Office for Connexional Leaders when visiting Wellington and a small Board room which will be primarily for Connexional use. Total cost, including floor coverings and fittings will be approximately \$26,000. Servicing the loans will be a charge on the Connexional Budget.

During the year the Department received what seems to have been its first legacy. It was for \$1,000 from the estate of Mrs A. M. M. Ramsay and is being used for the new building.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Director.

N.Z.C.C.E. Evaluation — Progress Report on the first stage supplied by the General Secretary of N.Z.C.C.E.

"Prompted by the approach from the Methodist Church and others, the New Zealand Council for Christian Education has begun an evaluation of the effectiveness of religious instruction under the $\frac{1}{2}$ hour allowed for in the Religious Instruction or Observances Act, 1962. In this the Council has been guided and assisted very greatly by Prof. L. B. Brown of Massey University. This progress report is based on surveys of lay voluntary religious instructors in two areas. Although the samples are small (and made smaller by the fact that about 50% did not return the questionnaire) there is reason

to believe that the spread of attitudes and opinions is fairly representative of the situation in the whole country.

The first conclusion to emerge is that lay voluntary teachers largely consist of ageing women teachers who admit they are inadequately trained. Although they admit their lack of training, there is little enthusiasm for training. Preparation merely to teach a class for one $\frac{1}{2}$ hour a week is uneconomic and there is much more scope for the use of the staggered hours allowed by the Act. (i.e. staggered time within one school or in a group of neighbouring schools).

Aims at present are too wide and diffuse to be realistic. Voluntary teachers tend to fall into two groups. One group regards this work as a Christian duty and service while the other sees teaching in schools as an evangelistic opportunity. Three-quarters of the former group are dissatisfied with what they are doing. This may make them more able to accept change. Two thirds of the second group are satisfied with what they are doing and achieving. 9% of all teachers said they did not follow the Agreed Syllabus while 10% were uncertain.

There is a general acceptance of the present system though most thing a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour lesson is too short. There is rather much dependence on Activity Books, and flannelgraphs appear to be widely used rather than a variety of visual aids.

Improvement of the present system is dependent on a more child-centred, inductive approach, more guidance on suitable teaching aids and on class control and teacher/pupil relationships. Paramount is the encouragement of younger women to take up this work and to teach more than one class per week".

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report of the Methodist Board of Christian Education and from the N.Z.C.C.E. be received.

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

3. That where there is no adequate committee for the special purpose of supervising and planning the Church's teaching ministry the Quarterly Meeting be asked to establish a committee (or committees) responsible to either the Quarterly or Leaders' Meetings.

4. That Conference conveys to the Australian and New Zealand Joint Board of Christian Education its appreciation of the Joint Board's present work.

5. That the Rev. John Grundy, M.A., be designated by this Conference for appointment by Conference 1968 as Director of Christian Education for a term of six years commencing 1st February, 1969.

6. That Conference records its appreciation of the generous assistance given to the Connexion by the Wesley Trust in accommodating the Department Offices and Bookroom from their inception and now being given in making land available for a Connexional Building.

7. That the D.E.C. Secretaries be as printed below:—

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Otago:

Southland: Mr N. Stanton, 102 McMaster Street, Invercargill.

8. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 5 herein.

C. Commission on Family Life

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1967

Due to the dispersal of the members over quite a wide area it has not been easy to convene the Commission. Two Meetings of the Auckland steering committee were held to make preliminary arrangements, and the full Commission met in Auckland on July 29th.

Of the three basic documents referred to us by Conference (1966 Minutes, Resolution 5, page 111), the working paper of the British Council of Churches on 'Sex and Morality' is under study by the members, and we are still seeking further copies of 'Families Everywhere' containing the addresses and reports from the first World Methodist Conference on Family Life. It was decided to leave the Anglican report on the reform of the English divorce law in abeyance in the meanwhile.

Communications have been received from Bishop Hazen G. Werner on behalf of the World Methodist Family Life Movement, urging the setting up of a network of organizations from the world level down to the local Church level, to foster the programme of the movement. But it is the opinion of the Commission at this stage that while we shall keep in liaison with the World Methodist Family Life Movement, we should be better employed in trying to promote the appropriate action at the local level first, and let any further organization rise out of this as and when it is needed.

The first meeting of the Commission was necessarily exploratory and aimed at selecting topics for further investigation. The matters listed below then, simply give some idea of the scope of our enquiry, and the Commission seeks leave to continue its work along these lines and any others which emerge.

(a) Many views and opinions about the actual state of home and family life in New Zealand, the treatment of children and the behaviour of adolescents etc. are based on hearsay and preconceived ideas, and it is necessary to base our work on factual evidence so far as this is available. Certain basic research into the changing patterns of family life in our country is being undertaken through various

university agencies, and the Commission is seeking information from these sources.

(b) The traditional position of Christianity in setting the normal fulfilment of sex within the context of the sort of fully personal relationships that are possible only within monogamous marriage, needs to be seen not as something extrinsic to man's own nature, or imposed by tradition or external authority, but rather, as belonging to the basic structure of our humanity inherent in God's creation not only as it has evolved biologically, but as it comes to fruition in historical and social evolution also. The excellent statement of the Public Questions Committee on 'The Christian View of Marriage and Parenthood' (1963 Minutes, pp 87-90) should be commended to our people for study.

(c) Young people should be given guidance towards realistic expectations in marriage. The sanctity of marriage and responsible participation in married life do not either pre-suppose or require the full sanctity of the parties. No marriage partner should be asked to bear the strain of over-idealization and subsequent disillusionment. The financial realities of marriage also need to be well understood by those intending to marry. For these and other good reasons we commend the various Family Life courses and courses in Personal Relationships that are being sponsored in the secondary schools by the Marriage Guidance Councils. These courses are conducted by carefully selected and well trained tutors and we should support their work rather than try to duplicate it. The Extension of this kind of education back into the primary schools should also be investigated.

(d) There is a need for clear teaching in the Church about the Christian duty to seek the appropriate help in marriage and family difficulties. Christians who admit their need of this are not 'letting down the side' as though their Christian loyalty demanded that they maintain the appearance of a successful marriage at all costs. On the contrary they are simply having the honesty and humility to admit to a particular instance of what the Christian faith always reminds us of anyway — that we are fallible, sinful human beings, savable but not yet fully saved by grace. On the other hand it is quite a serious failure of Christian duty to refuse to seek such help when it is needed, simply because we fear that this would upset the 'good image' of ourselves which our ministers, friends or fellow church members are supposed to have.

(e) A number of other matters relating to family life are under investigation by the Commission. These include the influence on monogamous marriage of the growing equality of economic and social status as between men and women, cultural and behavioural clashes between parents and adolescent children, the effects of television programmes on family life, the growing illegitimacy rate in New Zealand, sex and the single person, the responsibility of the Christian family towards the unattached, or those living alone or in institutions, and parental violence against young children.

(f) The Commission is concerned that the division of our Church activities into those of women's men's and youth groups does very little to foster the unity of the family or to bring the different generations together in common understanding and enterprise. This matter is already being looked into by the Dept. of Christian Education. We invited a married couple from the Christian Family Life Movement within the Roman Catholic Church to speak to us of their movement. This is a lay movement in which husbands and wives participate together in a programme in which the emphasis is

on study, understanding and appropriate action in the community. It has already brought new life to some parishes and families and has been adapted and used by Anglican and Presbyterian Churches as well. We have samples of the literature used and intend to investigate the possibilities of this movement for our own Church.

L. C. CLEMENTS, Chairman

I. RAMAGE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be taken as received and adopted.
2. That a grant of \$20 be made to the Commission from the Contingent Fund.
3. That the Commission be reconstituted with those residing in Auckland, the Revs. Dr D. O. Williams and I. C. E. Ramage, Drs Alice Bush and L. A. Scrivin, the Rev. Moke Couch and a nominee, together with Rev. L. C. Clements to be the Commission with the Rev. W. S. Dawson, Messrs D. Webb and N. Hancock and Miss H. M. Astley as corresponding consultants. The Rev. I. C. E. Ramage to be the Convener.

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

A—Public Questions Committee

1. ENCROACHMENT OF CITIZENS' RIGHTS

(see Minutes 1966, p. 116, Res. 7)

Security Services:

Over the years the Committee has sought information from Prime Ministers of National and Labour Governments concerning the operation of the Security Service, and has received un-informative answers. The Director of the Service recently declined an invitation to meet this Committee. We note that, while initially the operations of the Security Service were covered under the general heading of the Report of the Prime Minister's Department to the House of Representatives, a separate report now allows for fuller discussion in the House. Over the past few years the operations of the Service have been subject to Parliamentary scrutiny on several occasions. This development is welcome.

- (a) If it is accepted that the realities of modern international life require the existence of a Security Service, it must also be accepted that its operations cannot be subject to public scrutiny in the ordinary way.
- (b) It is clear that the existence of any organisation, not subject to public scrutiny, but capable of wielding considerable influence in, for example, appointments to the Public Service, is undesirable in a democracy. Some form of direct or indirect supervision of its activities seems desirable. Little information exists concerning the tests by which the Service measures "Security Risks", but misgivings have been expressed in the House of Representatives and in other responsible circles.
- (c) Bearing in mind the dictum that "absolute power corrupts absolutely", measures to safeguard individual freedoms seem necessary. The Committee suggests that some such legislation as the following should be seriously considered by Government.
 - (1) Defining the powers and objects of the Security Service.
 - (2) Charging a judicial body (e.g. a Committee of Supreme Court Judges) with the responsibility of periodically inspecting the

operations of the Service, requiring it to report annually to the House that it is satisfied that the Service has adhered to the scope of its activities as defined under (1), and that no basic human rights have been infringed in the process.

Powers of the Police:

The Committee notes that, in the light of more powerfully organised and more sophisticated crime and criminals, the retired Commissioner of Police has proposed more sweeping powers of arrest and interrogations for the police, and a Crown Prosecutor has suggested that existing judicial provisions regarding an accused person's right to refuse making a statement which might incriminate him, as well as the right to elect trial by jury, and certain safeguards built into that system, are an anachronism. We also note that some legal opinion is disturbed by these suggestions.

The Committee does not feel competent to enter into detailed examination of all legal aspects involved. It is clear that the community has the right to protect itself against those who break the law. It is also true that provisions aimed at preventing possible miscarriages of justice, should not lightly be set aside.

What seems principally at stake in the proposed alterations to procedure is the further erosion of the traditional legal principle that the onus of proof of guilt falls on the prosecution. No doubt under the existing system there is the possibility that justice may not be done in that those guilty of a crime are able to escape conviction. It is also true that any alteration to existing provisions carries with it the possibility that innocent persons may be found guilty. In a choice of this kind the Committee suggest that there have to be very weighty reasons indeed before any substantial alterations are made.

N.Z.B.C. Censorship:

Since this Resolution was passed, undoubtedly in the light of the then current controversy regarding the cancellation of some politically topical programmes, some changes in the handling of this type of material by the N.Z.B.C. have been noticed. When a news system has a virtual monopoly in its sphere, the need for impartiality and objectivity in handling politically topical issues must weigh heavily with those in charge. New Zealanders are unaccustomed to free and uninhibited discussion of these on Radio or TV. Perhaps our education toward cultural and political maturity is, in part, the responsibility of the N.Z.B.C., much though one can understand the reluctance of those in authority, in politics as in the church, to foster such discussions. In this sphere, as in others mentioned in this report, the ultimate safeguard lies, not in legislation, but in the cultivation of a responsible, informed, and alert public opinion. The Church must ask itself some searching questions concerning its attitudes to free public discussion of religious issues before censoring others. How much censorship (however "unofficial") there will be, and will seem to need to be, exercised in any country, depends in the last analysis on the ability of the public to think and act responsibly.

2. USE OF LAND AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(see Minutes 1966, p. 116, Res. 4)

Sociological Factors:

The Committee's Report to Conference 1966 examined the extent of urban encroachment on agricultural land and concluded that much apparent concern at this was not justified by the facts. On the other hand, the sociological implications of setting up a new residential area, although hardly unrecognised, often seem to be greatly underestimated.

The two schedules accompanying the Town and Country Planning Act, 1953 set out matters to be considered in preparing regional and district planning schemes. Communications, land use, public utilities and public amenities are specified in this way.

Equally with any other person or body, Government itself is bound by this Act and the chief department concerned is the Ministry of Works. But responsibility for preparing a plan rests with the appropriate local body which determines how the land will be used. Ratepayers and residents can, at this stage, make known to their local body what are the real needs of the community, and seek to have these catered for in the district plan.

What then, are the main factors to be considered in the establishment of a new community? In our opinion they are:—

- (1) Adequate medical care of members of the community. Are there enough doctors, hospital services and visiting nurses for the area?
- (2) Adequate cultural facilities. Is a hall or some other communal meeting place available?
- (3) The community's religious needs.
- (4) Opportunity for the mingling of young and old, higher and lower income groups, newly-marrieds with pensioners, and the white-skinned with those of other skin pigments.

Increasing population is something that affects most of New Zealand's larger centres. Housing must keep up with this growth and where a centre is already populated to its interim capacity, new settlement must take place at the edges of existing population. Again and again, areas which were formerly pastoral in character become in a short season new housing estates, having, like young children, their own special needs in the formative years.

New housing areas are of two sorts: those settled by private housing either on an individual enterprise basis or by large house-building operatives; and those built up by the State for renting to people on low income or with some other special need. Nearly all extensive residential development is initiated and carried out by the State which therefore has a heavy responsibility for community planning.

Considerable difficulties arise in planning for a community. While a newly developed area seems to attract its initial medical practitioner as quickly as any other community, the State housing area appears to lag behind others in the rate with which additional doctors take up practice. A Community spirit that will work to create amenities is slow to develop in a new housing area. The increasing tendency for various church denominations to pool their resources in such areas is generally welcomed and not least by community planners in Government departments.

Large State housing developments are a distinctive feature of the New Zealand social scene. The State Advances Corporation determines who will occupy State houses, and eligibility to occupy, appears to be determined by a family's need. More might yet be done to avoid creating homogeneous blocs, though it is easy to understand the reluctance to mingle young and old, and those of different colour. No doubt the free mixing of housing occupancy without regard to racial, age and social factors, is unlikely to come before a more enlightened spirit on this topic can be found in the community as a whole.

In this lies a challenge to christian people. Is acquiescence in the many forms of communal snobbery ever christian? Christians ought always to work towards the breaking down of social barriers which man continually sets up against his neighbour.

3. CHRISTIAN ETHICS

(1965 Minutes, p. 125, Res. 7)

The Report on Christian Ethics adopted by Conference, 1965, outlines briefly the assumptions on which Conference statements on social questions have been based. In forming judgements on matters of private and public morality the individual Christian and the Church should be guided by Christ's emphasis on love and his concern for people.

The Public Questions Committee was requested to relate this report to interim ethics and the prophetic function of the church. In submitting this brief addendum to the statement on Christian ethics, the committee directs attention to the original report.

Interim Ethics:

Different Christian traditions have adopted varied viewpoints on the application of Biblical insights to personal and social issues. One school of thought argues that because Jesus expected the imminent end of the world he was not concerned about the Christian's role in society. On this view Jesus' rules of conduct were intended as practical guides for the last short span of time, the interim, before the end of the world; his ethic was an "interim-ethic" and therefore was not intended to be applied to the social and political issues. This has led some Christian people to a withdrawal from the world, and to regard political and social action as outside the area of Christian concern. Historically the church both in theology and practise, has adopted the opposite point of view. The church has been involved in social and political action, proclaiming the Lordship of Christ over the whole world and His triumph over principalities and powers.

The Prophetic Function of the Church:

Throughout the Bible and Christian History there has been a strong prophetic tradition. Men and women of vision, courage and a sense of mission in response to God's call have sought to communicate his judgements to his chosen people, and to the wider community of men. The church has inherited this function from its Lord.

The Christ who discerned the coming destruction of Jerusalem as prophet, wept over it as pastor. His concern for people caused him to speak forthrightly about their short comings when occasion demanded it. The critic of others is always open to the charge of self-righteousness or of using his criticism to hide his own faults. When the church assumes the role of prophet it must scrutinise its motivation and speak in humility.

In the exercise of its prophetic function the church must identify itself with the life of imperfect society. It must avoid confining itself to merely negative criticisms. Public pronouncements by the church should be made only on the basis of accurate information and after detailed study of the issue. The increasing complexity of life imposes a responsibility on the church to avoid over simplified generalizations.

4. THE SOCIAL CREED

(Minutes 1966, p. 116, Res. 6)

Conference 1952 adopted a statement headed, "Some Social Principles of the Methodist Church". From 1960 the Lectionary referred to this as the "Social Creed".

There is a distinction between "principle" and "creed". Principle is defined, "a general law as a guide to action". "Creed" in this context is "a brief summary of Christian doctrine" usually affirmed in a service of worship. The 1951 statement is more accurately referred to as "Social Principles".

The Conference resolution requests the Public Questions Committee to produce a Social Creed which the Faith and Order Committee would put into a form suitable for liturgical use. The Public Questions Committee has not been able to discover any social creed suitable for use in worship, and does not consider that it is possible to produce one. Our social concern is adequately expressed in worship, by prayers of intercession and by preaching on social issues.

"Some Social Principles of the Methodist Church", have not been reprinted in an accessible form since the 1951 Minutes. The Committee does not see any need to revise them at present, but considers that they should be reprinted in the Minutes of Conference from time to time, in order that they might be more widely used.

The Committee believes that a useful purpose would be served if a summary statement of "Social Concerns" were prepared at regular intervals, based on recent reports from the Temperance, International Affairs and Public Questions Committees. This statement would help Methodist members to keep abreast of the church's thinking on social matters, and would be available to congregations for discussion and study.

5. MEETINGS WITH ELECTION CANDIDATES

A limited number of replies was received to a questionnaire, forwarded by the Committee, on meetings with candidates arranged by churches before the 1966 elections. Replies concerned fourteen electorates. In a number of places at least one candidate was reluctant to attend, and in four or five places actual refusal resulted in no meetings being held.

There is a variety of opinion on the best method of meeting. Many sponsored meetings with all candidates present on the one platform answering set questions. Some arranged consecutive appearances, occasionally in the context of worship. In only a few cases were questions from the floor allowed. Though many adopted the Committee's suggested questions as a basis, a wide variety of questions was actually used.

6. LEGAL TOLERATION OF HOMOSEXUAL PRACTICES

(1961 Minutes p. 94-96)

Conference 1961 adopted a report on the "Factors involved in Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices", which pointed to "certain anomalies in the present law in regard to homosexual offences" and suggested the legal toleration of homosexual acts between consenting male adults, as a "first step towards . . . opening the way to a more constructive treatment of a hidden problem".

While it is good to see efforts already being made to encourage consideration of the topic in television and radio programmes, there is need for more informed discussion and public support of the efforts being made to reform the law. The Public Questions Committee recommends that Conference re-affirm its 1961 statement on 'Factors involved in Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices', and that church members be requested to study the report.

7. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

With the departure of Rev. M. J. Savage causing a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Council is considering policy on this matter. In the hope of being able to appoint someone who could do research and preparatory work, as well as minutes and correspondence, the levy for each church has been raised to \$20 to enable an honorarium to be paid. This increase is being met without increase in the Committee's application to the Contingent Fund.

Annual Report 1966:

During the year matters considered by the Council included the following:

Health Benefits for missionaries and their families while on furlough. The Council is happy to report that in this matter which has been the subject of long negotiation between the Government and the churches, a satisfactory conclusion has been reached. Missionaries and their dependants on furlough in N.Z. are now included under the terms of the Social Security Act and as such have resort, while on furlough, to all health benefits available to those ordinarily resident in the country.

Increased Grants to churches for Social Welfare Work. Following discussions on the position of churches unable to receive grants from lottery funds, and conversations on the whole matter of social welfare work, the Government has introduced a greatly liberalized policy of provision for increased aid in the fields of the Care of the Aged, Children's Homes, Youth Hostels and Young People's Activities.

The Council was responsible for the publication "One Percent: the Case for Greater Aid"; continues consideration of liquor problems, especially 'Extended Hours' and 'Revision of the Ballot Paper'; and through the Advisory Committee on the Care of the Aged is associated with a National Consultation on the Care of the Aged in September 1967.

COLIN D. CLARK, Chairman
ROGER M. GIBSON, Convener

Factors involved in Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices:

(1961 Minutes, pp. 94 to 96) (1960 Minutes, p. 98, Res. 15)

The function of criminal law, in this field, is to preserve public order and decency, to protect the citizen from what is offensive or injurious, and to provide sufficient safeguards against exploitation and corruption of others, particularly those who are specially vulnerable because they are young, weak in body and mind, inexperienced, or in a state of physical, legal, or economic dependence. It is not the function of the law to intervene in the private lives of citizens or to seek to enforce any particular pattern of behaviour further than is necessary to carry out the purposes we have defined above. The Church has always distinguished between sin and crime and does not believe that the State is the best guardian of private morality. The Church may well suggest standards to guide its members in their own behaviour, but it must be remembered that such standards are governed by the morality of grace. When considering the sanctions of the law, the Church moves in a different realm.

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

How far such punishment stamps out the crime is debatable. It is not known how many would-be criminals are deterred by it; it is known that large numbers are not. Most authorities today agree that

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

To say that in certain circumstances homosexual behaviour should not be a criminal offence is not to condone or encourage private immorality. When we acknowledge the private nature of moral or immoral conduct and are reminded of the responsibility of the individual for his own actions, we conclude that the mature person can himself carry this responsibility without the threat of punishment from the law.

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

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Some Social Principles of the Methodist Church

"The ethical and social ideal of the Methodist Movement is the ideal of essential Christianity. Methodism's impact on the life of the eighteenth century was due in some degree to the re-discovery of a social message. In 1743 John Wesley wrote (An Earnest Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion): "We see, on every side, either men of no religion at all, or men of a lifeless, formal religion. We . . . should greatly rejoice if by any means we might convince some that there is a better religion to be attained, a religion worthy of God that gave it. And this we conceive to be no other than love; the love of God and of all mankind; the loving God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, as having first loved us, as the fountain of all the good we have received, and of all we hope to enjoy; and the loving every soul which God hath made, every man on the earth as his own soul."

Believing this and recognising that society at present falls far short of the Christian ideal, the Methodist Church stands for:

1. The sacredness of human personality and the equal value of all men in the sight of God.
2. Adequate opportunities of employment for all those willing and able to work, and reasonable standards of living for those who, because of age or infirmity, are not able to work.
3. The co-operation of employers and employees for the benefit of the community.
4. The duty of all to render conscientious service, the condemnation of scamped work, of sweated labour and of consumer exploitation.
5. The right to a just return for services rendered and the right to good housing, and a healthy environment.
6. The wise use and careful conservation of the world's physical resources.
7. The removal of the root causes of poverty, unemployment and war.
8. The promoting of social and industrial reforms by lawful means.
9. The right to freedom of conscience, constitutional liberty, secrecy of the ballot and access to the Courts.
10. Christian influence in politics and civic affairs.
11. The conviction that the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ contains the message that will promote effectively the regeneration and reconstruction of society.

The Methodist Church reminds her people that Christian ethics cannot be maintained without Christian faith. The good life of the Christian and faith in Christ are inseparable. Where one fails the other cannot last.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the Report be received and adopted except Section 3 "Christian Ethics" which was received only.

2. That the suggestions made under Security Service (c) be conveyed to the New Zealand Government and the leaders of the three main political parties.

3. That the Report on "Use of Land and Urban Development" be referred to the Inter Church Council of Public Affairs for further study.

4. (a) That a summary statement of "Social Concerns" be prepared at regular intervals.

(b) That the Board of Publications in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education initiate this immediately.

(c) That the Faith and Order Committee in preparing the Orders of Service consider the possible inclusion of material which suitably expresses our social concern.

(d) That the Social Principles adopted in 1952, be reprinted in the Minutes of Conference.

5. That Conference re-affirms the 1961 statement on "Factors involved in Legal Toleration of Homosexual Practices" and commends it to our members for study and that it be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

6. Section 7—That Conference supports the intention of the Minister in seeking to prevent the importation of indecent literature. It also expresses confidence in the work of the Indecent Publications Tribunal as at present constituted.

7. That the Public Questions Committee consider the restriction that applies in New Zealand on freedom of speech and the right of peaceful assembly and report to Conference.

8. That the Conference refer to the Public Questions Committee the statement "In the light of the Second Affirmation of the Methodist Social Creed—adequate opportunity of employment for all those willing and able to work, and reasonable standards of living for those who because of age or infirmity are not able to work, this Conference expresses deep concern at the rising level of unemployment and wishes to encourage the Government in all possible steps to end this situation. It believes this is also a responsibility for all those in the community able to offer employment."

9. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to study and report on conditions in mental hospitals and the policy of treatment of psychiatric patients.

10. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 8 herein.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Widows' Benefits

From the Conference resolution of 1965 and a subsequent addition in 1966 regarding "all sole parents", the committee has made various submissions to the Minister of Social Security. The Committee has taken no action on the latter suggestion, as there are other groups known to be taking action in this regard and it was felt better to concentrate on a specific claim. Consequently a recommendation that the Children's Allowance, for each child additional to the first, be increased from \$52 to \$156 per year was made, and a deputation met the Social Security Commission in September, 1967.

The discussion lasting nearly two hours, fully covered all aspects relating to the submissions. The Commission did not accept the validity of our claims for these reasons (noted during the meeting, not provided in writing from the Department).

- (a) Comparative with other Social Security beneficiaries the widow is relatively well off.
- (b) Even in relation to the average wage earner the widow's "possible total" compares favourably. (At time of meeting the national average income was \$40 weekly, and a widow with three children could receive, with allowable income, \$38.5.)
- (c) Any alteration to one benefit would require similar alteration in others.
- (d) Up to \$5 weekly supplementary assistance is available on application.
- (e) Our particular proposal would put a widow with a large family in a most advantageous financial position.

The official reply of both the Commission and the Minister acknowledged our concern and gave assurance that in any future review of widows' benefits our representations will be kept in mind.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Supplementary Report on "Widows' Benefits" be received and adopted.
2. That Conference urges the Minister of Social Security to give urgent consideration to increasing the benefits for all sole parents with dependent children.

B. International Affairs Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1967

Personnel: New members on the Committee are the Revs G. E. Hawkey, J. A. Penman and L. E. Salter and Mr D. Law.

Chairmanship: Mr G. H. Braithwaite has succeeded the Rev. R. Thornley as Committee Chairman.

Division of work: In March four sub-committees were formed to cover the following areas of concern: A. Vietnam, B. Christian approach to Communism and Anti-Communism, C. United Nations and Overseas Aid, and D. Human Rights and matters of Conscience.

Presentation of Report Material: In order to save space in the Agendas and Minutes of Conference and to ensure that material was readily available to our people the Committee had consultation with the Director of Christian Education and the Connexional Secretary, and decided to issue this year some matter as background material sent out separately from the Report, but covered in the Resolutions, and other material to be sent to Committee C (Social Services and Public Questions) of Leaders' Meetings through the Christian Education Handbook. The Committee is also considering the issue of Conference decisions on various International concerns as a guide for the church.

1. ISRAELI-ARAB WAR:

The Committee recognises that almost totally irreconcilable factors are built into the present situation: tensions of the Cold War have been superimposed on the racial, nationalistic and religious factors basic to it, and propaganda from both sides must be examined

critically. A thorough grasp of the historical background is necessary before any worthwhile assessments can be made.

The changing situation may require a later report on this issue.

2. VIETNAM WAR:

In view of the failure of all attempts at negotiation and the continuing escalation at the time of writing, the Committee submits the following:

RESOLUTIONS

1. That Conference **notes** with deep regret that the war in Vietnam continues on an increased scale, **expresses** its concern over the appalling loss of life and destruction of property, **records** its apprehension that the conflict may escalate into a wider and more disastrous war, and **appeals** to all parties to the dispute to leave the battlefield and come to the conference table.

2. That Conference supports the National Council of Churches in urging the Government of New Zealand—

(a) To seek every means of de-escalation of the war in Vietnam.

(b) And in furtherance of this objective not to increase the size of New Zealand military commitment in Vietnam.

3. That Conference affirms its conviction that consultation is the only means by which any satisfactory cessation of hostilities can take place and warmly supports the efforts of the Secretary General of United Nations to achieve this end.

4. The Conference strongly protests against the recent Government action in sending more New Zealand troops to Vietnam as being a move which can only escalate an already tragic and brutal war still further and thus add to the appalling toll of death and destruction.

5. While recognising that there is a need for a Ministry of the Word and Sacraments to personnel of the armed services, as there is to any other group in the community, the Methodist Conference wishes to make it clear that the appointment of a Methodist Chaplain to serve with the New Zealand Military Forces in Vietnam does not indicate any change whatever in the Church's strong opposition on moral and humanitarian grounds to New Zealand's military involvement.

6. That in accordance with Conference decision of 1966 we again request the Government to withdraw New Zealand troops from Vietnam so that New Zealand can play a positive and effective part in bringing about a peaceful settlement.

3. CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO COMMUNISM AND ANTI-COMMUNISM:

The Committee submits the following for discussion, amendment, and adoption by Conference 1968:

The Church must approach Communism and anti-Communism with penitence, because when Karl Marx looked at the Christian Church he did not find in it the good news for the whole of man. He found division of body from spirit, the hope of a spiritual eternal life and little application of the Gospel to the material arrangements of this world.

There was no encounter between Marx and the prophetic Church. Communism had its origin in 18th Century Europe and its roots go back to early Greek philosophy, Hebrew theocracy and Messianism, and has similarity to early Christian practice.

The Russian peasant socialist movement resorted to violence as

the only response they could make to assist their cause when their early peaceful efforts had met with slaughter and brutal repression by a state which had the strong support of the church.

The Church recognises parallels between the authentic Gospel message and the concern for man's genuine humanity, liberation to real freedom and sacrificial service, to be found in the radical humanism of the Communists.

The Church does not raise objections against a classless society or the revolutionary transformation of all old conditions.

The Church must resist every emotional quasi-religious crusade, either against Communism or anti-Communism, where one side is seen by the other as being absolutely evil.

The Church recognises that evil resides in every society, and that the forces that dehumanize and enslave man are common to societies on all sides of the curtains of separation in the contemporary world.

The Church rejects theories that identify Communism with Hitlerism, and anti-Communism with imperialism and neo-Nazism.

The Church must resist classifying any form of political organisation as being particularly more "Christian" than any other, remembering that Christians have to live under every form of government, and as citizens have to determine those things in their national life which can be supported and those which cannot.

Intellectually and morally, atheism in modern responsible Communists is a much higher expression of humanity than any struggle against the new society in the name of traditional Christianity. The Church cannot join in any religious war against the atheism in Communist socialism when it is tolerant towards the practical atheism of modern, nominally Christian Western society.

While the Church recognises that although both East and West are responsible for the Cold War, it is superficial to assume that the blame lies more heavily with the Soviet Union.

The Church cannot accept that the ideologies represented by the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. are permanently incompatible, and it cannot support either of the powerful national interests masked by these ideological interests, or take sides in a war between democracy and socialism or Communism.

The Church must try to correct international misunderstandings held in East and West of the meaning of socialism, Communism and capitalism; of the extent to which social welfare legislation is a restriction on capitalism in Western countries, and the scope for individual incentive that is allowed in Eastern countries.

The Church recognises the increasing diversity of national expressions of Communism.

The Church opposes the intervention of the two superpowers to further their political ends in developing countries all over the world, through diplomatic pressure and propaganda, openly or covertly, and sometimes with subversion and open force.

The Church warns the nations that they must justify before God vast expenditures of capital on military structures feared necessary to maintain a balance of power in the competition of the Cold War, denying millions of people in less developed countries the possibility of raising their living standards to a reasonable level.

The Church opposes the maintenance of systems of defensive, offensive and retaliatory weapons of mass destruction for use against the people and property of ideologically opposed nations. None of the objectives of the Cold War controversy is worth the mass annihilation of nuclear war.

Recognising the dignity of persons holding either Communist or anti-Communist views the Church must encourage dialogue between people of both groups, and arrange for meaningful meetings of people of differing political and religious cultures.

RESOLUTIONS

a. That Conference request churches and societies to discuss the statement on the Christian Approach to Communism and Anti-Communism during 1968.

b. That church groups engaging in this discussion make use of the background material prepared by the International Affairs Committee.

c. That comments and suggested amendments be forwarded to the International Affairs Committee.

4. INCREASING OVERSEAS AID:

The Committee draws the attention of the Church to the new target of 2% of the gross national product (higher than national income) of affluent societies for the peaceful achievement of international economic justice set by the Conference on Church and Society.

For some years the Methodist Church has been among those who have urged the Government to increase greatly New Zealand's contribution to overseas aid. It is apparent that the Government is unlikely to accept the proposed target (even of 1% of the national income) until there is more evidence of awareness and willingness to accept commitment among the electorate, particularly in time of economic difficulty. This is therefore a time for spreading awareness and making commitment.

In 1962, two out of three leaders who completed a questionnaire sent to Leaders' Meetings recorded their willingness to commit themselves to giving a definite proportion of their income (1% was suggested) to approved overseas aid as a personal contribution to peacemaking. The Committee now suggests that to those wishing to do so an opportunity to register a commitment to give a specific proportion of personal income to approved overseas aid should now be given.

The Committee is considering how this can best be done in practice, and would welcome suggestions.

A conference on New Zealand's international aid programme is being planned to take place in Wellington on 4-6 December, 1967, under the sponsorship of the N.Z. Institute of International Affairs. As a preliminary study for this conference a book by G. J. Thompson and N. J. Pope is being published. We commend this as a source book on New Zealand's international aid.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the International Affairs Committee encourage local Social Service and Public Questions Committees to study ways and means and initiate actions in the local church to increase support for overseas aid. Suggestions should be given of various ways to encourage personal giving and giving by the Society corporately.

2. That the International Affairs Committee consult with the Finance and Stewardship Committee before making any organised appeals to the church for funds for approved Overseas Aid as distinct from the Overseas Mission Appeal.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS:

One of the most striking achievements of the year in the field of human rights was the unanimous adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of two treaties providing international protection for the basic rights of men.

A country ratifying the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will guarantee the right to a fair trial, and protect persons against arbitrary arrest or detention. The Covenant also recognises freedom of thought, conscience and religion; freedom of opinion and expression; the right of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association.

A country ratifying the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will acknowledge its responsibility to promote better living conditions for its people. It will recognise everyone's right to work, to fair wages, to social security, to adequate standards of living and freedom from hunger, and to health and education.

The World Conference on Church and Society recognised the need to adopt at the heart of society a genuine respect for persons, freedom, peace, justice for all, and a true restraint of power.

The Church welcomes all progress towards the universal recognition and adoption of standards which recognise the inherent worth of all God's children, but despite a growing expression of concern in Universal Freedom and Human Rights, a careful analysis of the position indicates also an equally widespread erosion and denial of the practical expression of those rights.

This denial ranges from legislative or social barriers of race, poverty or class — to deprivation resulting from social or economic pressures, intimidation, smearing, and the suppression of information. All power structures from extreme left to extreme right use such methods to varying degrees to maintain power and privilege—always equated with “the maintenance of law and order” and “the best for our country.”

In our own country dissenters know the politician's smear, suppressed and twisted information, manufactured fear hysteria, the mass media blockade, and the failure of Christians and non-Christians to take significant action.

In such countries as South Africa, Greece and Eastern Europe the political prisons are more apparent, but no less effective in stifling freedom than McCarthyism, White Citizens' Councils, or growing surveillance by security agencies.

Dr Robert Jungk and other specialists in the field have warned that through perfection of the techniques of the mass media, absolute thought control of mass societies will be possible at a comparatively early date. This threatens the very basis of human rights. The only safeguard appears to be an early awakening to present trends which are most dangerous where least realised and least apparent.

The Committee draws the attention of the Church to the invaluable activities of voluntary groups such as Amnesty International, the Defence and Aid Fund, Oxfam, Christian Action, and any impartial government-sponsored schemes including U.N. Agencies which are in some measure meeting this denial of Human Rights. We recommend these activities to our people.

RESOLUTION

1. That ministers and the editor of N.Z. Methodist be requested to make fitting recognition of Human Rights Day, December 10, and that the Committee make preparations for the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1968.

6. SELECTIVE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION:

The tendency in recent times for nations to be involved in restricted or limited wars — e.g. Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam — raises a new issue, namely that of the selective objector who is not totally opposed to war but on moral and humanitarian grounds feels that he cannot participate in a particular war. This issue could become acute in our own country should the Vietnam War become even more intensified and the N.Z. Government decide to conscript troops to serve in that area.

At present the Methodist Church supports those who object to Military Service on the grounds that war in any form is contrary to the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Committee believes that this support should be extended to any person who cannot participate in a particular war because, on grounds of Christian conscience, he feels that such action would for him be morally wrong.

We believe also that it is in the best interests of the country to safeguard the validity of conscientious objection motivated by philosophical and humanitarian moral conviction as well as by religious moral conviction. Where a person objects to military service through a deeply held concern for people, it is the responsibility of the Church to support such a person and to press for the recognition of his objection at law.

RESOLUTIONS

1. (a) That Conference request the Government to make statutory provision for the recognition of the selective conscientious objector who objects to military service in a specific war on religious or other moral grounds.

(b) That the International Affairs Committee make representation to the Government on the issue of selective objection, and to investigate and report on possible forms of alternative non-military service.

7. W.C.C. CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND SOCIETY:

Fifty copies of the Conference Official Report have been distributed to Districts and Committees, and Districts have been requested to study the material. The report is an invaluable aid to the Christian approach to the revolutions of our age.

APPENDIX:

Names and addresses of Overseas Aid and Humanitarian Organisations commended:

C.O.R.S.O. National Headquarters, "Freedom From Hunger Campaign",
P.O. 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.

G. H. BRAITHWAITE, Chairman.

E. HEPPELTHWAITE, Convener.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference request the Government to explore all the possibilities that could facilitate the admission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, and to recognise the People's Republic of China.
3. That the Committee for 1968 be as nominated by the Committee to Conference.
 2. That the International Affairs Committee give guidance:
 - (a) On the implications of economic sanctions and its relationship to the Gospel message.
 - (b) That the Committee consider and outline methods of expressing opinion on disagreement with decisions which Governments and groups in authority make. Particularly with regard to demonstrations, strikes, and other far reaching methods which may adversely affect large groups of people not directly related to the primary issue.
4. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION 37.—

C—Temperance Report

REPORT TO SYNOD AND CONFERENCE 1967

"A new and constructive approach to the basic problem of control than a vote for prohibition allows" (see Minutes of Conference 1966, page 128).

1. We believe that for the effective control of the Liquor traffic there is a need for regular referendums giving the public opportunities to express itself on matters regarding the sale of intoxicating liquor.
2. The ballot paper as worded at present is unsatisfactory:
 - (a) A vote for National Prohibition is unrealistic in that it seems obvious that an increasing proportion of the people does not believe that National Prohibition is either feasible or desirable.
 - (b) A vote for State Purchase and Control is likewise unrealistic in that both political parties have declared that, if this issue were carried by national referendum, they would not implement it. There is therefore no reason why it should be continued as an option. The reason for this political decision is plain to see: viz, the purchase of property alone would place a strain on the economy. (In a city the size of New Plymouth, with a population of 35,000, it would cost approximately £1,000,000.) In addition to the purchase of property, the State would have to pay compensation and/or goodwill. The cost of this in one lump sum would be considerable. Moreover, it is doubtful if all those who desire reform of the liquor traffic would be willing for the State to invest all this money in the liquor traffic.
3. It appears to the committee that the only feasible alternative to the present ballot paper would be along the following lines:
 - (a) Whenever new liquor licenses are sought, the residents in the area concerned should be given the opportunity to vote on the options of control by licensing commission as at present, or Trust Control.
 - (b) On the National issue, there should be given the opportunity to vote on the options of control by the licensing commission as at present, or the gradual acquisition of the liquor traffic for Trust Control over a period of years.

4. The Committee is sure that many abuses of the consumption of liquor could be overcome by giving urgency to the recommendations of the Licensing Commission regarding the renovation of many sub-standard premises particularly in down-town areas.

The Committee was asked to "investigate the proposed change in the legal drinking age in this country." (See Minutes of Conference, 1966, page 128.) The Committee finds that there is no proposal by the Government, at this stage, to change the legal drinking age. We are strongly convinced that the most urgent need in this regard is to educate the public on the particular dangers of teen-age drinking. (See below.)

Name of the Committee: This Committee feels that the aims of this Committee can be expressed by a change of name to "Committee on Responsible Attitudes to Alcohol."

Drinking Facilities for Minors Under the Care of Sports Bodies. (See Minutes of Conference 1966, page 128.)

The Committee investigated this matter by calling in representatives of sporting bodies who had experience in Rugby football, cricket and tennis. These men were sympathetic to our enquiries, answered our questions frankly, and showed a responsibility to the problem of teen-age drinking of alcoholic liquor.

It appears that most sporting bodies have passed through three phases in the control of liquor among minors.

There was the stage where there was practically no control at all. This was found to be detrimental to the players themselves and to the club. The second stage was the total prohibition of liquor to all players under 21. This had two results: the junior players went straight to hotels after the match, and often had too much. In other cases, boys refused to join the clubs that imposed the restrictions, preferring those that allowed unrestricted drinking. Now, most clubs provide a limited amount of liquor after the match, and soft drinks for those who prefer them. This has proved to be the most satisfactory way of dealing with the problem. The players between 18 and 20 years of age do not go off to the hotels; those that want it drink under supervision of responsible senior players. Those who do not wish for alcohol have no pressure put on them and enjoy the soft drinks in company with their friends. The boys do not seem to resent the supervision and controls imposed. Some clubs demand of their junior players that they refrain from beer the night before the match.

The representatives of the sports bodies submitted the following comments as lines of approach to the problem:

1. Sports bodies should be encouraged to maintain control of teen-age drinking, i.e., 18-20 years, by providing for the consumption of liquor under the control of fully responsible adults. Soft drinks should be provided for those that prefer them. And no alcoholic refreshments should be provided except under such control.

2. Parents should be encouraged to let their sons bring their team-mates home for an evening after the match. Where liquor is expected, it should be provided in limited quantities. The parents would then come to know the persons their children are associating with. Where they do not make such social contact possible the young people often gather for their own parties, without restrictions of any sort, and the parents are ignorant of the undesirable elements associated with such uncontrolled drinking. As a general rule the young people will not resent parental control along these lines.

3. In some sports, such as cricket and tennis, the players of one team range in ages from 17-40, whereas in Rugby, League and Soccer, the team age is much more restricted. It has been found that where

the teams are composed of older and younger players, there is little cause for concern over drinking because of the constant presence of senior players. When teams are composed of youths only, there needs to be supervision by older players.

4. Sports bodies should be encouraged to form discussion groups on the control of teen-age drinking, and the dangers associated with it. In this matter, the Churches could give a lead, by approaching the sports bodies with this suggestion.

5. Sports bodies should refrain from selling beer to be taken away. Some sports bodies do allow this practice. It is illegal and should be discouraged.

6. No sports bodies should provide spirits for players under 21. (Some few clubs do allow this to happen.)

7. The following maxim is suggested as a useful guide: "You cannot beat it, so control it."

The Temperance Committee is confident that sporting bodies are becoming increasingly aware of the dangers of uncontrolled drinking among teen-agers. They have to deal with players who come both from homes where liquor is taken for granted and also from homes where the parents are total abstainers, and they cannot discriminate between them. We are strongly convinced that the most urgent need is to educate the public on the particular dangers of teenage drinking.

The Particular Risks of Teenage Drinking

(Compiled by the Health and Education Committee on Alcoholism in Queensland for study in Queensland schools).

"If a drink is not harmful to most adults, what's so bad about my taking an occasional beer?" This is the question most teenagers ask today. They deserve an honest answer.

Any person, young or old, who takes even one drink, incurs some element of risk. In addition, there are six risks, or dangers, that a teenager is uniquely susceptible to, if he drinks:—

1. Adolescents are affected more quickly, and more severely, by alcohol than adults. Because they weigh less, one ounce of alcohol will bring a higher concentration in the blood in a young person than in a fully grown adult.

2. Adolescents are more susceptible to psychological intoxication than adults. The awakening of emotions not heretofore experienced, the increasing self-reliance, and revolt from home dominance, the planning and starting of life careers, the awakening of interest in the opposite sex; all these are factors making for strain, which is seriously affected by alcohol. Adolescent emotions are typically expressed in extremes. Certain pals are tops; others are 'squares', etc. There is excessive exuberance in sports, dances and dating. These factors predispose the teenager to psychological intoxication, after as little as one drink.

3. Adolescents need to learn wholesome ways to meet personal problems, not develop habits of hiding or masking them. Extreme shyness, or boisterous over-aggressiveness in adolescents are often due to conflict with his pre-conceived moral and ethical standards. To face this conflict, he must learn to recognise, and solve, or live with the problems of daily life. For this period of his life he must use his most accurate perceptions and judgment. If his senses are dulled, or his controls released, by alcohol, he will block, or postpone the normal practice period, during which he should be developing skills he will use throughout life as he meets joys and disappointments.

4. Adolescents are more likely than adults to become ill from drinking a given amount of alcohol.

5. Inexperienced drinkers and inexperienced drivers are a dangerous combination. Teenagers are new drivers. Even a small amount of alcohol will affect quickly and adversely the skills most recently acquired. Inexperience in driving + inexperience in drinking + emotional immaturity = extreme danger.

6. Calories derived from alcohol, rather than from usual foods, do not supply the proper nutrition; and during the growth period of adolescence this may adversely affect health.

Education on Alcohol and its Misuses

A new organisation has been established in Australia calling itself C.A.M.E.R.A. (Commonwealth Advance Movement Encouraging Responsibility towards Alcohol). The objects of this foundation are summed up thus: "To intensify public concern about alcohol problems and guide appropriate action by the community to resolve these problems in the national interest." Dr Harold A. Wood, O.B.E., M.A., an Ex-President general of the Methodist Church of Australasia, is one of the Governing body of C.A.M.E.R.A. It intends to collate and publicise the results of medical, social and educational research. The Temperance Committee intends to join this organisation in the hope of gaining educational material on the dangers of alcohol which would be relevant to our situation here. It commends membership to individual Methodists. The address is: C.A.M.E.R.A., G.P.O. Box 623j, Brisbane. (Membership fee: 2 Australian dollars).

L. P. SCHROEDER, Chairman.

A. T. KENT, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted except the Section "Drinking facilities for minors under the care of Sports Bodies" which was received for study.

2. That the name "Temperance Committee" remain in the meantime.

3. That the Temperance Committee study the matter of unlawful access to liquor by minors and the enforcement of the law at this point.

4. That in view of the suggestion made by sports representatives that sports bodies be encouraged to form discussion groups on the control of teenage drinking and the dangers associated with it, Conference recommends that the Churches give a lead by approaching sports bodies with this suggestion and offer assistance where possible.

5. That in view of the growing problem of youth and alcohol in the community Conference commends the report on the 'Risks of Teenage Drinking' and recommends that it be commended to the Department of Christian Education for use.

6. That the Synod commend the National Society of Alcoholism for its current education programme.

7. That Conference advises the Minister of Justice that we support the following submissions put forward by the Wellington Presbytery: (1) That we support any move to introduce legislation which will make blood tests compulsory for a person arrested for, or suspected of, driving while affected by, or under the influence of alcoholic liquor. (2) That we give support to legislation which would make provision for degrees of seriousness of offences under the Transport Act: (a) That if the blood alcohol level is shown

by the test to be over 0.05% but not more than 0.10% (over 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres but not more than 10 milligrams per 100 millilitres) that the offence be regarded as driving with skills impaired by the use of alcohol. (b) That if the blood alcohol level be over 0.10% (over 100 milligrams per 100 millilitres) that the offence be driving while drunk, or drunk in charge.

8. Believing that the opening of the hotel bars until 10 p.m. is giving added opportunity to hotels to assume the role of social centres of the community, conference calls upon Quarterly and Leaders' Meetings to consider more seriously ways and means of offering fellowship to people on denominational, ecumenical and communal levels.

9. That the Temperance Committee be asked to consider the matter of the Incidence of Drug Addiction and advise the Church as to whether there are any organisations dealing with this problem in New Zealand.

10. That the Conference encourage the Government to review liquor legislation (a) to meet the points raised by the 1967 Licensing Control Commission Report to Parliament under the section "the law and its meaning" and (b) to introduce an adequate programme of alcohol education in schools (e.g. similar in concept to that in the State of Queensland).

That Conference encourage the Government to initiate a conference of all Government Church and Community organisations involved in the rehabilitation of victims of alcoholism, to define the areas of common thought and action.

11. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 9 herein.

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, 1967, are summarised herein.

1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

		\$	c	\$	c
RECEIPTS					
Credit Balance from last year—					
General Account			248,051.62	
Special Purposes			1,057,564.65	
Loans Received—					
1. C.B. & L. Fund			91,191.43	
2. H.M.I.F.B.			37,572.08	
3. Commercial			120,383.54	
4. Private			50,172.72	
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				299,319.77	
Extraordinary Receipts—					
1. Bequests			177,283.05	
2. Sale of land			77,040.66	
3. Transfer from other Trusts			52,624.39	
4. Grants from non-Circuit Sources			24,490.06	
5. Other Extraordinary Receipts			168,771.97	
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				500,210.13	

All other General Receipts	715,577.75	
All other Special Receipts	120,549.24	
		836,126.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,941,273.16
Debit Balance General Fund		106,836.18
GRAND TOTAL		<u>\$3,048,109.34</u>

	\$	c	\$	c
PAYMENTS				
Debit Balance from last year			154,433.86	
Loan Repayments—				
1. C.B. & L. Fund	46,503.72			
2. H.M.I.F.B.	16,871.16			
3. Commercial	71,219.00			
4. Private	42,005.61			
			176,599.49	
Interest			57,354.36	
Purchase of Land			619,963.73	
Transfers to Other Trusts			41,355.73	
All other General Payments	416,414.39			
All other Special Payments	11,288.32			
			529,302.71	
TOTAL PAYMENTS			1,579,009.38	
Credit Balances Carried Forward—				
General	251,511.27			
Special	1,217,588.69			
			1,469,099.96	
GRAND TOTAL			<u>\$3,048,109.34</u>	

	\$	c
2. Total of Fire Insurances	15,033,835.45	
3. Debt:		
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	147,970.33	
Add New Loans received during year	731,339.89	
TOTAL	879,310.22	
Deduct Loans repaid during year	235,456.27	
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	<u>\$643,853.95</u>	
	\$	c
The Mortgage Debt at 30/6/1967 was made up as follows:—		
Church Building and Loan Fund	307,343.59	
Home Mission Investment Funds Board	238,242.21	
Commercial	799,315.61	
Private	251,985.62	
TOTAL	<u>\$1,596,887.03</u>	

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:—

	\$	c
(a) General Trust Income: An increase of	468,388.11	
(b) Amount held for special purposes:—		
An increase of	156,396.13	
(c) Amount spent on new projects of various kinds:		
An increase of	283,930.54	

W. R. LAWS,

General Secretary for Church Property

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the District Property Secretaries be thanked for their services and that appointments for 1968 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 K. W. Dey, 65 Nixon Street, Hamilton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Mr J. P. Harding, 13 Lorne Street, Kaponga.

HAWKES 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 H. C. Vince, Town Hall, 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:

Messrs W. J. Court, A. Kelly.

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:

The Chairman of the District, the Secretary of the District, the District Property Secretary, the District Financial Secretary, and Rev. V. R. Jameson, Messrs W. B. Young and A. A. Lilley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Revs. A. O. Jones, A. A. Grundy, Mr W. P. Thrush.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Chairman of Hawkes Bay Sub-District Standing Committee and Mr A. H. Fisher.

WELLINGTON:

Mr T. M. Pacey.

NELSON:

Messrs V. Smart, R. Fergusson, H. R. Holland, R. W. Wardrop, Ministers to be appointed by Synod Standing Committee.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Rev. I. J. Clucas, Messrs A. Marett and R. Littler.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Synod Standing Committee.

B. Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

SALE OF PROPERTIES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of properties as under. If not acted on by January 31, 1969, the sanction expires. In some cases final sale price has not been determined(*).

Northland:

Mangonui, 8 perches and Church \$300.

Auckland:

Tuakau, 32 perches, \$1000; Mt. Roskill Church-Hall \$12000; Sandringham Church-Hall \$12000; Warkworth, .7 perches \$40; Waiuku, 1 rood, 7 perches \$2000.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Morrinsville Parsonage \$4200; Home Mission Department, Parsonage, Hamilton \$8500.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Cardiff, 1 rood, 12.6 perches, \$20; Tuna, 17.3 perches, \$30; Waverley, 1 acre, \$800; Kakaramea, 2 roods, \$70; Alton, 1 rood, 2 perches, \$60; Est. J. L. Downes, dwelling and section, \$7200.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Halcombe Church Building, \$; Colyton Church Building, \$44; Wesley House, Feilding \$1400.

Nelson:

Nelson South Church Hall, \$8450; Section, Tipohi Street, \$6000; Parsonage \$10,000; West Coast Campsite (Punakaiki) \$3000; Havelock Church Building ? ; Grovetown, Blenheim, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre \$870.

North Canterbury:

Amberley (Rangiora Circuit) Church Building, ; South Island Children's Home — Barrington St., 33.3 perches, \$3000; Morley Rest Home \$10000; Wentworth Street, Riccarton — 2 sections, each 32 perches, ; Woolston, 2 perches.

South Canterbury:

Waterton, 1 rood and buildings, \$120.

Otago-Southland:

Ravensbourne, 31 perches, \$700; Roxburgh, ? .

PURCHASES

The following purchases of land have been approved:—

Auckland:

Avondale, 2 roods, 11.1 perches, \$11600; 276 Mt. Albert Road (Roskill-Sandringham); 2 roods, 15.3 perches and dwelling \$18000; Muriwai, 34 perches (Gifted); Snell's Beach, 1 rood 24 perches (Gifted); Marion Avenue, building, \$3040; Auckland Central Mission (1) 23 perches and dwelling, \$15,000; (2) 32 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden, 5 acres, 2.2 perches and dwelling, \$6000; (3) 5 acres (Pukekohe), \$8700; Devonport, 27 perches and dwelling, \$3900; Camp Morley, ¼ acre, \$1500; Waiuku, 3¼ acres, \$12,000.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

H.M. Department (Tokoroa), 1 rood, 11.8 perches and dwelling, \$10800; H.M. Department, Bishopcourt, Hamilton and 3 roods, 11.8 perches, \$28000; adjoining property Union Street \$12000.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Himatangi (Campsite) 4 acres, \$1500.

Wellington:

Johnsonville, 22.2 perches and dwelling, \$15000.

North Canterbury:

Islington, 38.6 perches and dwelling, \$3000; Avonhead, \$3700; Aldred Memorial, 31.9 perches and dwelling, \$8800; Christchurch Central Mission, 1 rood, 19 perches and dwelling, \$36000.

BUILDINGS

Purchases (P), Erections (E), Additions and Alterations (A).

Auckland:

Auckland Central Missions, Chapel, Mt. Albert (E) \$; Tyler House Extension (E) \$30,800; Pakuranga, Christian Education Block (E) \$28,000; Devonport, Church Centre and Education Rooms (E) \$; Lynfield Joint Parish, Church Centre (E) \$28,000; Roskill-Sandringham, Church Centre, 276 Mt. Albert Road (E) \$55,000; New Lynn, Church (E) \$17,600; Warkworth, Alterations to Parsonage (A) \$; Camp Morley, Shed \$.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Ohura, Additions (A)* Parsonage, \$2,200; Ngatea, Extension to Parsonage (A) \$; St. John's, Hamilton, Hall and Education Block (E) \$; Te Kuiti, Garage (E) \$; Matamata, Additions to business block (A) \$10,000; Tauranga, Christian Education Block (E) \$38,000.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Whiteley, New Plymouth, Garage (A) \$800; Vogeltown, New Plymouth, Additions to Hall (A) \$; Taihape, Alterations to Parsonage (A) \$.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Greenmeadows, Church (E) \$? .

Wellington:

Raumati Beach, Parsonage (E) \$15000; Levin, Alterations to sanctuary (A) \$700; Island Bay, Alterations to Parsonage (A) \$3,800.

Nelson:

Loney Hall, Richmond, Alterations (A) \$440.

North Canterbury:

New Brighton, Garage (E) \$440; Woolston, alterations to Church and Hall (A) \$; Leeston, Classroom and storeroom (A) \$5,464; Bryndwr, Parsonage, \$12,000; Linwood, Hall \$;

Papanui, Church Interior (A) \$

South Canterbury:

Tinwald, Porch (A) \$2,600.

Otago-Southland:

Dunedin, Central Mission, Day Nursery (A) \$5,500; Company Bay Home Renovations (A) \$64,000; St. Peter's Invercargill, Alterations to Hall (A) \$2000.

LOANS

Loans (interest free)—Current (A): As at May 31st, 1967 there were 240 loans amounting to \$322,464.36.

New Loans (B) amounting to \$93,199.00 have been advanced to 28 Trusts as under:—

Northland:

Keri Keri \$1000; Paparoa \$2000; Omapere \$3000.

Auckland:

Trinity Theological College \$3000; Avondale \$3000; Manurewa-Homai Parsonage Trust, Te Atatu (additional) \$2,844; Henderson (Additional) \$2,685.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Morrinsville \$2,000; Te Puke \$4,000; Hillcrest \$3,000; Ohura \$1,000.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Taihape \$2,400.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Wesley, Hastings (additional) \$1,700; St. Leonard's, Hastings, \$1,850; (additional).

Wellington:

Johnsonville \$1,400; Paekakariki \$2,000.

Nelson:

Nelson Camp Site \$2,000.

North Canterbury:

Durham Street, Christchurch, \$3,000; Aldred Memorial, \$3,900; Upper Riccarton, \$3,000.

Beckenham, \$3,000; Lincoln Road-Halswell Parsonage Trust, \$2,000; Islington, \$3,000; Addington, \$3,000.

Otago-Southland:

St. Kilda, Dunedin, \$3,000; Bluff, \$400 (additional); Invercargill Central \$3,000.

(C) Loans Promised:

At May 31st, 1967, 25 Trusts had been promised loans amounting to \$64,824. Where new buildings are involved, these loans will be made available to the Trusts concerned as soon as work is proceeded with, and the moneys are available.

Sites Fund:

The following Trusts have received grants for the purchase of new sites or for the recommencement of work on another site:

Hastings (Flaxmere) \$200; Home Missions Department—Tokoroa Mission House \$300; Avondale \$400; Waiuku \$500; Roskill-Sandringham \$600.

Grants for New Causes (Church Extension):

The amount carried forward from last year was \$37.40. The sum of \$43,956 was received from the Connexional Budget, bringing the amount up to \$43,993.40. Grants paid to Trinity Theological College

amounted to \$14,652. Grants totalling \$14,650 have been made as under, leaving a Balance of \$39.40.

Auckland:

Lynfield \$4,000; Manurewa-Homai \$3,000.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Hillcrest \$1,600 (part).

Wellington:

Upper Hutt \$350 (balance).

Nelson:

Stoke \$2,000.

North Canterbury:

Upper Riccarton \$2,700; Halswell \$1,000.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

ADDITIONAL REPORT

Property Returns:

This year experimental use is being made of the forms drafted by a committee in the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District. Comments from Synods and District Property Secretaries as to ways in which the forms may be made more meaningful will be appreciated.

Methodist Properties in a Union Parish: (1966 Minutes, page 137, Resolution 4).

The Committee wishes to draw the attention of Synods and Conference to the fact that such a provision already exists. Where Methodist properties become part of a Union Parish, the following procedures may be followed:—

- (a) A small local holding Trust may be created.
- (b) The property may be vested in the names of the executive officers of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
- (c) The property may be transferred to the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board Incorporated.

In each case, the property will continue to be held in terms of the Model Deed, 1887.

No further action on the part of the Conference is needed.

Brochure for Guidance of Trustees (1966 Minutes, page 137, Resolution 5).

The Church Building and Loan Fund has commenced the revision of "The Church in the Midst". It is intended to include in the Brochure detailed guidance for Trustees regarding their powers and duties, procedures for the buying and selling of properties, investment of moneys, etc.

Advisability of Trustees Being Given Permission to Invest in Land (1966 Minutes, page 137, Resolution 6).

This subject is being carefully investigated.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman

W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 5 herein.

C. Custodian of Deeds

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

1. TITLES.

For the year ended June 30, 1967, the following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:—

Auckland:

Muriwai (Section); Warkworth (Church).

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Rotorua (Church); Coromandel (Church and Parsonage); Karapiro Cambridge, (Camp Epworth).

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Normandy (Section).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Norsewood (Parsonage), Himitangi Campsite (Section).

Nelson:

Nelson (Church, Hall, Parsonage); Redwoodtown (Section).

North Canterbury:

Rolleston (Section); Aldred Memorial, Christchurch (dwelling).

Otago-Southland:

Frankton, Queenstown (Holiday Camp); St. Clair, Dunedin (Parsonage); Hillside Road, Dunedin (Central Mission Day Nursery).

2. NEW TRUSTS.

New Trusts have been registered as under and certificates issued:

Northland:

Kaeo Parsonage Trust.

Auckland:

Manurewa-Howai Parsonage Trust; Lynfield Joint Parish Trust, Roskill-Sandringham Trust.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Himitangi Camp Trust.

North Canterbury:

Waddington-Russell's Flat Trust; North Canterbury Camp Sites Trust.

Otago-Southland:

St. Clair Parsonage Trust.

3. TRUSTEES.

Changes in the personnel of Trustees have been registered as under and certificates issued:

Districts	Trusts.	Deletions.	Registrations
Northland	1	6	11
Auckland	3	32	95
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	—	60	69
Taranaki-Wanganui	—	13	21
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	1	35	28
Wellington	—	37	36
Nelson	—	31	11
North Canterbury	2	82	60
South Canterbury	—	44	26
Otago-Southland	1	67	56

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for their consideration and report to Synods and Conference 1968. That to prepare our people, and particularly Trustees, for the transitions to Church Union, and in order that personnel of all Trusts be revised as soon as possible, Conference directs that the following procedure be followed:

(a) In triennial visitations of Circuits it be required that Circuit Schedule Books be produced and examined together with up-to-date certified lists of Trustees, to ensure that these lists correspond with the records in the Circuit Schedule Books.

(b) That in the light of such examination Conference require all Chairmen of Trusts to revise their Trusts (1) with a view to seeking the contribution of younger minds, and (2) to ensure adequate qualification of Trustees to act.

QUESTION 39.—What is the condition of the various Mission Education and General Connexional properties and investments?

1—The Probert Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their Report for the year ended 30th June, 1967.

The Financial Statement shows that the gross income of the Trust from rents and interest has increased, but the surplus for the year is about £1,000 (\$2,000) less because of the considerable increase in maintenance costs.

The Building Renewal Fund now stands at £34,500 (\$69,000). It is proposed to add a further amount of \$5,000 to this Fund in the coming year.

The appropriations for the past year were as follows:—

Grant to Trinity College	£2,000 (\$4,000)
Amount written off Loan to Trinity College	£1,000 (\$2,000).
Building Renewal Fund	£5,000 (\$10,000)

The future development of the property is still uncertain, because of the very extensive roading alterations being made nearby to connect with the new motorway, and also because of the considerable movement of population from the neighbourhood. It is too soon to assess the effect of these changes on properties nearby, and the policy of the Board continues to be to maintain the property in reasonable condition and conserve funds for expansion and re-building which will be essential within the next few years.

It is with very deep and sincere regret that the Trustees record the death during the year of the late Chairman, Mr J. H. Blackwell. He became a member of this Board in October 1939 and in August 1953 was appointed Chairman, which position he occupied at the time of his death. The Trustees place on record their high appreciation of his conspicuous service.

The members of the Board are — Mr T. L. Hames (Chairman), The Reverends D. O. Williams, E. D. Grounds and E. W. Hames, and Messrs E. S. Astley, A. L. Caughey, P. Dellow, W. E. Lewisham, G. C. Riddell and W. F. Winstone.

T. L. HAMES, Chairman.
F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

2—Prince Albert College Trust Board

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1967

1. General:

It has been the policy of this Trust Board over recent years to develop its freehold land in central Auckland within its financial resources.

It is pleasing to report that during this year a £30,000 (\$60,000) extension to the IBM Building has been completed, and the floor space fully let from time of completion. In addition, a carpark has been completed on the Turner Street frontage at a cost of £2970 (\$5,940).

2. Income:

The profit and loss account for the year shows a net income after deducting all expenses of £14,782 (\$29,564). This is an increase over 1966 of £1,372 (\$2,744). All income is absorbed in meeting mortgage and sinking fund commitments.

A full year's operation of the new assets mentioned under 1 will substantially increase this result in 1967-68. All assets have been fully let during the year past.

3. Grants:

Grants totalling £265 (\$530) were made during the year.

4. Funds:

With the capital expenditure undertaken in 1966/67, Trust funds have been heavily committed. A mortgage of £18,000 (\$36,000) was obtained to finance the building extension, the remaining funds coming from rental income.

Mortgages were reduced during the year by £7,900 (\$15,800), and £3,102 (\$6,204) was paid into the sinking fund for mortgage redemption.

5. Future Development:

The Trust is currently studying a proposal to erect a further commercial building. Preliminary estimates show the project to be economically sound. While this Trust holds a valuable freehold site eminently suitable for this type of development, financing of a further major scheme in times of national economic restraint is causing Trustees to carefully examine all avenues of financing available, including debentures.

R. A. BARFOOT, Secretary.

Rev. R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

RESOLUTION

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

3—The James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Fund Trust Board

CONFERENCE REPORT FOR 1967

Grants amounting £451 (\$902) have been made during the year. Applications for assistance for needy Methodists of good standing for whom inadequate provision is made by any other fund of the church

or elsewhere, are given sympathetic and confidential consideration.

The Board depends upon our Ministers to sponsor such applications, and application forms are made available on request from any circuit or Home Mission station in the Dominion.

The Board rejoices in the privilege of disbursing these gifts which cheer the way for the numerous beneficiaries who thus are blest by the generous provision of the founders—the late Mr and Mrs James and Martha Trounson.

The Board is as follows: Mr L. W. Peak (Chairman), Revs. Dr H. Ranston, A. H. Scrivin, W. Walker, F. Copeland, G. I. Laurensen, E. W. Hames, M.A., B. M. Chrystall, B.A., E. E. Sage (Secretary), Messrs J. S. Caughey, K. M. Griffin, G. S. Gapper and C. K. Wigglesworth.

L. W. PEAK, Chairman.

E. E. SAGE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

4—The Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference our report on the activities of the Board for the year ended 30th June, 1967.

Masterton Children's Home:

This continues to be our chief activity, but following an increase in autonomy granted to the Management Committee, our functions have largely resolved themselves into general supervision together with the provision of the funds for the conduct of the Home.

The Board endorses the Annual Report which the Committee has made direct to the Conference and supports the nominations of membership made therein.

Rangiatea Maori College Trust:

The Board continues its interest in the work of the College Trust and has granted a sum of \$2,400 in support of the work.

Although distance from New Plymouth makes frequent visits from our representatives on the Board of Trustees impracticable, we are deeply appreciative of the efforts of the local members of the Trust whose efforts must have such a beneficial effect on Maori-Pakeha relationship and understanding.

Financial:

The finances of the Board show little variation from previous years. After providing for the grant of \$2,400 to Rangiatea, the balance of nett revenue is passed over to the Masterton Home Management Committee and this year amounted to \$3819.60.

On behalf of the Board.

T. M. PACEY, Acting Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. F. Ford be appointed Chairman of the Board.
3. That Mr Trevor J. Martin be appointed a member of the Board.
4. That the Masterton Children's Home Committee as nominated in the Annual Report of the Committee be appointed.

5—The Emsley Trust Board

That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

6—Grey Institute Trust

(Reports biennially)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

7—Kai Iwi Mission Estate

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

Robert Gibson Trust Board

ANNUAL REPORT

It is with pleasure that I report on the second year of the operation of this Trust. It is now fully functional within the directives of Conference and the Supreme Court Order.

Practically the whole of the nett income for the year ending June, 1966, has been expended during 1967.

All applications for educational bursaries and for grants have been carefully scanned, preferential treatment having been given to needy cases.

Perhaps the highlight within the grants was that made to enable the Rev. J. A. Zeisler to study in Cambridge, England. To underwrite in a major degree the future theological and educational welfare of the Church must unquestionably ensure that its students will be able to measure up to the tasks that they will face in this so-fast changing world.

It will not be normal procedure to show from year to year details of awards, but in this the first year of full operation we give the following summarised information:—

Wesley Training College	10 Awards	3202
Massey University	5 Awards	716
Victoria University	2 Awards	700
Trinity Theological College	1 Award	600
St. Margaret's College	1 Award	100
Otago University	1 Award	100
Lincoln College	2 Awards	250
Other Secondary Schools	2 Awards	420
Trinity College, Rev. J. A. Zeisler		3000
Masterton Children's Home		1000
Sundry other grants		1336
TOTAL BURSARIES AND GRANTS		<u>\$1142</u>

Seasonal and other reasons caused a drop in income from the farms, and receipts from interest on investments are reduced because of absorption of monies in our building programme on the farms and in Manaia. The Board however feels that the nett income yield of \$9440 to June 30, 1967, may be considered satisfactory.

In December of last year the \$40,000 Robert Gibson Memorial Hall was opened in Manaia by Rev. W. R. Laws. It is a worthy remembrance of a very worthy man, and will continue in some part the service which Robert Gibson gave to the community during his lifetime.

With the object of increasing the income of the Trust and satisfactorily employing its reserves two of its members are to meet the members of the Church Building and Loan Fund to discuss the investment of reserve and other funds approximating \$44,000.

The Trust is recommending the purchase of another farm. In so recommending, its objective is not only to combat inflationary diminution of its at present loaned money assets, but to lay a firm and productive foundation, which, for all the years ahead, may assist young New Zealanders to a worthwhile fulfillment in life. It will also further strengthen those activities of the Church to which its income is pledged.

The Public Trustee continues to act as Secretary Administrator and correspondence regarding bursaries and grants should be addressed to him at Hawera.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD.

MAGNUS HUGHSON, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Board for 1968 be:— The General Secretary, the Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, the Superintendent Ministers of the Manaia, Hawera, Stratford and New Plymouth Circuits, and Messrs S. W. Bailey, H. J. R. Donald, J. P. Harding, M. Hughson, A. M. Moss, O. T. Parry, R. J. Thomas.

Question 40.—What is the Report of the Board on Connexional Insurance?

Methodist Connexional Fire Insurance Fund

A. ANNUAL REPORT

The annual financial statement for the year ended 31st May, 1967, will be presented to Conference with this Report.

INCOME:

Premiums and Commissions amounted to	\$10061.48
With interest from Mortgages, Debentures and Deposits amounting to	\$9231.23
The total earned income was	\$19292.71
Deducting Administration costs	\$4329.83
The amount left to be transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account was	\$14962.88
Adding to this amount carried forward from last year (\$690.70), and Grants refunded (Nil)	\$690.70
The total herein was	\$15653.58
After provision for Grants (1967) \$12800.00, and Transfer to Accumulated Funds (\$2800.00)	\$14400.00
The Balance carried forward was	\$53.58

CLAIMS:

The year ended May 31, 1967, marked the conclusion of the third year of the ten-year-contract.

Our re-insuring agents have paid out in full claims totalling \$1217.30 (Fire) \$360.98 (Employers' Liability) \$73.43, (Plate Glass) \$407.22, (Public Liability) \$166.92, (All Risks) \$88.75, (Malicious Damage) \$120.00.

Fire Loss Reserve:

With the transfer of \$2800 to Accumulated Funds, the total Accumulated Funds now stand at \$160400.00.

Investment Contingency Reserve:

This now stands at \$6894.03.

New Insurance:

New and additional insurance (Fire) written up during the year amounted to \$383760.00.

Grants:

In making its recommendations for Grants, the Board has had in mind the necessity of adding to Reserve Funds the amount of \$2800 (previously approved by Conference) and the increased subsidy to the Ministers Home Acquisition Fund (approved by Conference — See Minutes 1965 p. 154, Resolution 3) has been allowed for. A Grant of \$1000 has been recommended to the Sites Fund (Law Book 517 (17) p. 154).

Necessity to Insure:

The Board would again urge all Trusts to make adequate provision for as much comprehensive Insurance cover as possible. In

particular, it would draw attention to the need to arrange Builder's Risk Cover where a new building is being erected or alterations and additions are being carried out.

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:

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund	\$2400
Sites Fund	\$1600
Department of Christian Education (for new building)	\$2000
Trinity Theological College (towards Ranston House)	\$2000
N.Z.M.S.S.A. (capital expenditure)	\$2800
Church Building and Loan Fund	\$2000

3. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 5 herein.

B.—Fire Insurance Fund — Special Report

The 1966 Conference resolved:—

That the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board be asked to report on the following:—

- (a) that the total surplus funds be distributed each year
- (b) how the capital funds may be used to provide loan money in the service of the Church.

The present contract with the Atlas Assurance Co. Ltd. will terminate on May 16, 1974, i.e. seven years hence. The Board must, therefore, make some preparation for the termination of the present contract. Without adequate reserves, the Fund would not be able to negotiate any future contract from a position of strength.

The Board considers that it would be a retrograde step for the Fire Insurance Board to become merely an agency of some Insurance Company. In the past, the Board carried some of the Insurance and this may not only be possible, but necessary, again in a future contract.

The Board may conclude future arrangements with Insurance Companies to enable it to write policies by accepting some proportion of each risk, either the lowest part or the highest part. Resources would have to be available to enable this to be done and the result should be more income available for future Church projects.

Any future contract might provide for some kind of franchise whereby the Board would undertake the lowest or the first part of any fire risk.

Above all, the Board must provide for some capital to offset the effects of inflation.

- A. The Board submits the following reasons to Synods and Conference 1967 for continuing the present policy of adding to Accumulated Funds every year.

When the new contract came into force in May, 1964, the Reserve Funds amounted to £76,000 (\$152,000). Knowing that the Conference of 1923 had directed the Board to build up its Reserves by no less than £1000 (\$2000) annually, the Board decided that, for the current

ten-year period, it would add to its Reserves by £1400 (\$2800) annually. The Board is aware that the objective of a Reserve Fund of £90,000 (\$180,000) by 1974 is a modest one but our experience has been that an even more modest amount has enabled the Board in the past to negotiate a satisfactory Insurance contract and carry a proportion of the insurance cover. The Board is convinced that a reserve of this size would enable the Board to do the same in the future.

Because of inflation and the increase in the capital value of church assets and consequently in insurance cover, it is imperative that there be gradual accretion to the capital fund.

Increasingly our church buildings are being built of permanent materials and the risk of large claims is being correspondingly reduced though the possibility of a year of heavy claims remains. All Insurance Companies face the same basic problem of increasing their reserves and their funds because of the increasing sums insured. Some of the risk is spread by re-insuring with other Insurance Companies.

Over the life of the Fund, moneys have been accumulated from income and there has been a judicious balance maintained between the policy of building up capital and making grants for the benefit of the whole Connexion. Provision must be made for the future and consideration not given solely to the present. Approximately 50% of the distributable surplus comes from income from investments and it must not be lost sight of that, if it were not for the interest earnings on the Reserve Funds, the amount of money available for grants annually would be reduced considerably.

It is significant that it is the general practice of Insurance Companies to distribute to shareholders only those profits derived from investment income. The balance of the surplus is added to reserves, thus increasing investment income as well as building up reserves as backing for the higher insurance covers as well as offsetting inflation.

Surpluses distributed bring benefit to the Church on one occasion only: accumulations invested help to provide an increasing source of income for the Church over the year.

In view of all these considerations, the Fire Insurance Fund Board is of the opinion that the present policy of adding to its reserves annually should be continued and that building up of the Reserve Fund to £90,000 (\$180,000) by May 16, 1974, is the very minimum objective that the Board ought to set itself.

To sum up, the Board considers that the Accumulated Funds should be built up to £90,000 (\$180,000) for the following reasons:—

- (1) Though a small reserve, it is sufficient to negotiate a contract.
- (2) It would enable the Fund to carry a proportion of the insurance cover if necessary in future contracts.
- (3) It is imperative to offset inflation, to allow for the increasing capital value of church buildings and for the increase in the number of buildings.
- (4) It is the practice of all insurance companies to build up reserves against bad years.
- (5) An increase in reserves producing increased income will produce Grants at an increasing level.

PROVISION OF LOAN MONEYS FOR CHURCHES

At January 31, 1967, the accumulated funds of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board were invested as follows:—

First Mortgages

\$4000	at	3%
\$14250	at	5½%
\$15000	at	6%
\$19000	at	6½%

\$52250

Government and Local Body Stock \$108,568

The Board has no objection in principle to the Accumulated Funds being used to provide loan moneys for churches but it would draw the attention of Synods and Conference to the following inevitable results:—

- (1) The lending of moneys to Trusts would mean a rearrangement of the Fund and, if the rates of interest charged were lower than the present earning rate of the Fund, it would mean a reduction in the annual income and so the Fund could not help the church so much by way of grants.
- (2) The Fire Insurance Fund must have a percentage of its investments in negotiable securities that can readily be turned into cash if necessary. This would be absolutely essential, if, on the termination of the present contract, the Fund was required again to carry a proportion of the insurance cover.
- (3) Granting of Loan moneys to particular Trusts could mean that only certain areas benefited, whereas the policy of the Board and the Conference to date has been that grants from the Fire Insurance Fund surpluses should benefit the whole Connexion.

For many years, grants from the Insurance Fund have almost invariably been for capital purposes only and usually only for connexional objectives. The Board would be very happy to know that, by lending moneys to churches, its funds were continuing to be used to assist projects involving capital expenditure.

B. The Board has been asked to report to Synods and Conference how the Capital Fund may be used to provide loan money in the service of the Church.

The Board, therefore, reports that Loan Moneys could be provided in the service of the Church in the following ways:—

- (1) By loans to Trusts at current rates of interest.
- (2) By loans at current rates of interest less 1% to Departments of the Church of Union Churches or Co-operative Schemes, provided such schemes have the approval of the Conference.
- (3) By interest-free loans to Trusts with half-percent working expenses (loans not to exceed maximum loan granted by Church Building and Loan Fund).
- (4) By low interest loans to Trusts, charging interest at 3½% (Loans not to exceed £2000 (\$4000)).

The Board considers the following conditions should apply:—

- (a) That at no time shall the amount of money advanced as loans to Churches exceed more than 33½% of the total Accumulated Funds of the Board.
- (b) That no loan shall be made available to a particular church Trust without the prior approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
- (c) That normally the maximum term of a loan would be 10 years.
- (d) That loans be made available only as investments mature.

In making a decision, the Conference should bear in mind that the Board already has annual commitments to Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund (see Lawbook p. 143, paragraph 512 (2) (b)) and the Sites Fund (see Lawbook p. 154, paragraph 517 (17)).

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That Conference appoint a small commission to confer with the Board and report on the matters covered in this Report to Synods and Conference 1968.
(b) That members of the Commission be Messrs G. E. Hill, D. A. White, H. C. R. Blackwood and A. Marshall.

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 advised the Secretary regarding the running of the office and the steps being taken to modernise methods of accounting. A bookkeeping machine has now been purchased.

The General Treasurer:

The Committee has reported to District Chairmen, Church Council and other interested persons the procedure that it intends to follow to obtain a nomination for the office of General Treasurer to Conference. Since Church Council, the President of the Conference has confirmed the authority of the Committee to proceed with the making of a nomination. The position is being widely advertised in the daily newspapers, the "N.Z. Methodist" and the N.Z. Accountancy Journal. Applications close on September 30. In making a nomination to Conference, 1967, the Committee will be acting in consultation with the President's Committee of Advice.

The Committee is looking forward to the appointment of the General Treasurer which it believes will be of great benefit to the whole Church.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Appropriations be:— Supernumerary and Allied Funds (\$3300), General Purposes Trust Board (\$1950), Church Building and Loan Fund (\$2600), Fire Insurance Fund (\$4000), Transport Trust Board (\$126).
3. That Mr C. Roy Hasseldine, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., be appointed General Treasurer as from February 1st, 1968.
4. That the Connexional Secretaryship Committee consider the abolition of fees in connection with the Registration and changing of Trusts, in view of the small amount involved in the overall finances of that Committee, and report to Synods and Conference 1968.
5. That the Board of Management for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 42.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Trinity Theological College and Hostel?

Trinity Methodist Theological College

ANNUAL REPORTS, 1967

A. COUNCIL REPORT

The Council has met bi-monthly. It is a matter for great satisfaction that so many busy ministers and laymen are keen to serve the College in this way.

Property:

Carpet has been laid throughout the library and this has completed the work needed to make the library an attractive as well as useful facility.

The whole of the upper floor of the college has been renovated and re-furnished. This long overdue work was made possible by the granting of loans by the Home Mission Department and the Probert Trust. Work remaining and needing urgent attention is the renovation of the rooms in the Grafton Rd side of the first floor. The very greatly improved condition of the properties during the last few years will give satisfaction to the whole Church. Particular thanks is due to the Principal for his dedicated work in this way, to Boards who have made grants and loans and to the builders who have given outstanding service. When the rooms mentioned have been attended to, the college renovations will be complete.

Halls of Residence:

The drawings for the first phase have been completed. This provides for an eight storey block to accommodate one hundred and fifty-two students. Word is now awaited from the Building Programmer so that steps may be taken to commence building. A property in Seafeld View Rd has been secured. This will give needed access and provide accommodation for staff. Word that Government subsidy is available for this is being awaited. The building of the envisaged two blocks together would undoubtedly mean an ultimate saving of money. This would provide accommodation for three hundred and four students. The possibility of this will depend on the continuing financial support of interested people.

Domestic Staff:

The retirement of an excellent housekeeper meant a change in staffing. We have been fortunate in the replacement and the domestic side of the College is very satisfactory. The Rev. J. A. Ziesler has continued to supervise.

Teaching Staff:

The Church continues to benefit from the services of an outstanding staff. Each member makes his real and highly effective contribution. The use made of the members outside the college is a tribute to the respect in which they are held.

Overseas Service of the Rev. J. A. Ziesler:

Mr Ziesler was approached by the Rev. Dr Gordon Rupp and then by the Methodist Church in Britain. The request was that he serve for one year as tutor at Wesley House, Cambridge; and in the second year do research work for a Ph.D. The council has for some

time had it in mind that Mr Ziesler should go overseas to complete his studies. With the agreement of the President the Council urged Mr Ziesler to accept this outstanding opportunity. The Council wrote to the British Church offering any help necessary to make this arrangement possible. We are delighted at the outcome and Mr Ziesler and his family will leave New Zealand in August.

The Council has given earnest consideration to the position of staffing for the two years from August. In spite of an offer from the three remaining members to carry the lectures for two years, the Council feels strongly that this would not be the right course to follow and that it would not be the wish of the Church. With the agreement of the President we have asked the Rev. B. A. Walker to join the staff for two years as Tutor in New Testament Studies. The Church will be well served in this.

Bursar (Conference Minutes 1966, page 147, Resolution 4):

The Council is more than keen to protect the members of the staff from over-commitment. We can see that at some time in the future much of the work connected with the management of the college should be the work of an appointed person. This would include work at present being done by the Principal, the Treasurer of the Council and the member of the staff supervising the domestic arrangements. We feel that the time for this has not yet arrived but the Council will continue to look at the matter. The services of a suitable person to do some of this work will be sought. It should be noted that many duties are such as arise on a daily basis and can only be attended to by someone on the property.

Overseas Study:

The Church has repeatedly asked that overseas influence and insights be brought into the life of the College. The Council believes that this can best be done by sending members of the staff overseas when this seems wise. There has been no recognised financial arrangement in the past to make such study visits possible. We believe that the resolution now made will have the approval of the Church and will make it possible for the Council to plan ahead knowing that resources are available.

Designation of Principal:

The Conference of 1962 appointed the Rev. Dr D. O. Williams as Principal of Trinity Theological College for "an initial period of six years" from 1st February, 1963. Procedure of the church requires that a designation of Principal should be made this year for appointment at Conference 1968.

Because a six-year term would take the present Principal beyond the date when he may ask to become a supernumerary, the College Council asks the Conference to agree to the designation of Dr D. O. Williams as Principal for a further period of three years from 1st February, 1969. It asks that the question of further extension of service beyond this term be left open and flexible.

The Council wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the service and the life of the late Mr J. H. Blackwell. Throughout a life of ninety-five years Mr Blackwell served God and the Church in outstanding devotion. As a Vice-President, member and Chairman of the Probert Trust and long serving member of the College Council he placed his great gifts at the disposal of the Church. The College owes an immeasurable debt to this truly good man.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

L. GREENSLADE, Secretary.

Trinity Theological College

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1967

The Trinity College Roll has an international flavour this year. In addition to the Pacific Island students studying for the Fiji and Samoan Conferences we have a group of students from the Congregational College who attend lectures in the School for Christian Workers. These come from Niue Island and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Two of our own students have been continued on the College Roll for a fourth year. Wm. Loader is taking four subjects for the New Zealand B.D. degree and Bruce Hosking has spent the academic year at Union Theological Seminary New York where he has graduated S.T.M. with good gradings. Brian Turner, who visited Malaysia in the long vacation has stayed on with the permission of the President. His exact status has yet to be determined as visa difficulties have led to changes in his plans.

At Trinity we have twelve men in the third year including Wallace Chapman who is completing his training for the Fiji Conference. The College Council awarded Mr Chapman its ecumenical scholarship to cover his final year at Trinity. Of the third year men three hold student pastorates; four students married in their third year and live out and there is one married candidate. The remnant of four students is resident in the College. The second year numbers eight and all are accommodated in the College. Of the five first year men two are married candidates and live out while three live at Trinity. In addition Samuelli Elia is a first year student for the Samoan Ministry and lives out. Altogether of a roll of twenty-six, fifteen are resident students and the remaining forty-five beds are occupied by hostel students. Living out allowances are paid to twelve married students and four of these being married candidates receive grants from the Mr and Mrs William Walters Fund. The married candidates are currently receiving around £8 per week of the college year and we are very grateful to the Mr and Mrs William Walters Fund for making this possible.

University Work:

Eleven of our men are working for degrees. Five are enrolled as extra-mural students of Otago University for the B.D. degree and six are attending lectures at the University of Auckland.

The success rate of our students is considerably above the average for the University and in the B.D. examinations some good passes have been secured.

School for Christian Workers:

The School has slipped to the lowest level since it was inaugurated. Only one student has come forward from the New Zealand Churches but five students from the Congregational College make up the total to six which is reasonable for a class.

Enquiries we are able to make seem to show two things. First that the local churches are usually unaware of the facilities offered by the school as a training ground for lay work in the Circuits and second that those who have received training are not given opportunities in the Circuits to use their training.

Staff:

The members of the full time staff have maintained the course of studies set out in the Minutes of Conference. The Rev. E. W. Hames has lectured in Church History — now a three-year course — and in Christian Ethics. Rev. R. Rogers was transferred to Hamilton and the Rev. H. A. Darvill, his successor in Auckland, has taken over the course in Maori Studies. The Rev. L. C. Horwood has continued

his work with the First Year Men and the Schoolers in Sermon Construction.

The Rev. J. A. Ziesler has been invited to serve as a lecturer and to work as an advanced student at Wesley House Cambridge. The President, on the recommendation of the College Council has granted Mr Ziesler two years' leave of absence and has designated the Rev. Bryan Walker as supply during his absence. The project is being financed by generous allowances and grants from the British Conference and the Gibson Trust.

We are all delighted that this opportunity has come for Mr Ziesler to do advanced study and he goes with our best wishes and eager support.

Occasional Lectures:

During the year we have concentrated, in the Occasional Lectures, on the theme of the Mission of the Church. The Overseas Mission Department and the Home and Maori Mission Department have each provided a six-lecture course. Three prominent Auckland Laymen are to give two lectures each on the general theme. We also were glad to welcome the President of the Conference and to hear from Dr Lewis an up to the minute account of the progress towards Church Union.

Devotional:

The devotional life of the College is healthy and vigorous. In addition to the regular meetings for prayer and meditation and the evenings given to visiting speakers, we have been experimenting with a method of Bible Study in depth, which is outlined in the W.C.C. publication, RISK. We believe that the small group will again become a regular feature of Church life and are seeking to find some form of fellowship meeting that, being transferred to the local church, will be productive of spiritual growth and the integration of personality.

During the mid-term break a Retreat was held at Camp Morley under the leadership of the Rev. I. Ramage. This proved an unlifting and strengthening experience to all and our thanks are due to the Waiuku Methodists who make this annual gathering possible, and to Mr Ramage for his skilled leadership.

Joint Curriculum:

We are hoping that the Conference and the courts of the other negotiating churches will approve the Joint Syllabus of Theological Training so that the implementation of the proposed scheme may not be long delayed.

Thanks:

We are grateful to Alan Leadley and Brian Malcouronne Senior and Vice-Senior Students respectively for their excellent leadership during the year. The students have also worked effectively in the maintenance of the College grounds and buildings.

I am personally grateful for the sustained support of the teaching staff and appreciative of all the extra work they do to make the College an effective institution. Many extra hours are given to tutorial work and many hours are given to service in the wider fields of Church and Community.

D. O. WILLIAMS

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

The Trinity College Council has received the following gifts to the Library:

Mrs B. Metson: "Primitive Physic."

Mr Alan Robert: Books and donation towards library funds.

Mr Yates: "History of Protestantism."
 Rev. W. E. A. Carr: Commentaries by Delitzsch.
 Mr A. H. Reed. 1743 letter to Charles Wesley; 1290 MS of 24th Psalm; Folio of early 15th Century Book of Hours.
 Mr J. M. R. Owens, Massey University: Details of Mission Material held in Mitchell Library, Sydney.
 Mrs C. Judkins: "Journal of the Experiences of the Rev. Walter Harris."
 Wesley Historical Society, through Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore: "The Changing Role of the Leader in Maori Society" — Maharaia Winiata.
 Rev. W. A. Chambers: Books from library of the late Rev. E. B. Chambers.
 Rev. O. E. Burton: Two signed copies of his book "Percy Paris."
 The late Rev. H. Whitfield: Hebrew reading texts.
 Mr M. Benfell: "Outline Story of Christianity."
 The College is most indebted to these donors.

C. Treasurer's Report Trinity Methodist Theological College

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

It gives me pleasure to summarize briefly.

General Account Income and Expenditure:

We opened with an overdraft of £286/6/8 (\$572.67)—our income and expenditure followed closely our budget and we closed overdrawn by £212/0/10 (\$424.08).

Building Fund Account:

This year we carried out extensive repairs to the top floor of the College. On the 30th of June we finished with a credit of £196/8/9 (\$392.88).

Organ Fund:

Chapel organ—Accumulated interest £632/3/7 (\$1,264.36).

House Account:

This has a closing cash balance of £606/1/9 (\$1,212.18). This is not too much to meet current outgoings.

Appreciation:

The students continue to give valuable assistance in maintenance of College property.

May I also express our thanks to the Connexional Budget, the Trusts and Boards for their regular support to our current expenditure and the very valuable grants and loans that we have received to reduce the loan on Ranston House and carry out the major repairs and maintenance of the College.

The College council has outstanding loans to repay. Probert Trust Board £6,000 (\$12,000) and Church Building and Loan Fund £1,424/15/0 (\$2,849.50).

We still have major repair work to be done on the 1st floor of the College Building estimated to cost at least £6,000 (\$12,000) also repair work must be done on the staff houses.

To the principal and the tutorial staff, my sincere thanks for their co-operation.

WILFRED 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 the action of the Council in granting the Rev. J. A. Ziesler, M.A., B.D., leave of absence for two years be approved.

That the Rev. J. A. Ziesler be congratulated on being chosen for special work in Great Britain.

That the Methodist Church in Great Britain be thanked for its generous handling of details in connection with the arrangement entered into.

4. That the Rev. B. A. Walker, M.A., be appointed Tutor in New Testament Studies for a period of two years.

5. That Conference establish a TRINITY COLLEGE OVERSEAS STUDY FUND. That this be contributed to at the rate of £25 per year for each member of the staff. That the fund be used for the purpose of sending members of the staff overseas for study and research on the recommendation of the Trinity College Council. That the fund be held by the General Purposes Trust Board.

6. That the Rev. David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., be designated for appointment as Principal of Trinity Theological College for a further term of three years.

7. That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the quality and devotion of the services rendered by the Staff of Trinity College and assures the whole church that we have a College staff whose standard is comparable with that of the best colleges overseas.

8. That the Examination Committee set up a Representative Committee.

(a) to review the contribution the School for Christian Workers has made to the life of the Church to date;

(b) to assess whether the School as at present constituted meets the needs of the Church for intensive lay training;

(c) to examine possible changes in the curriculum, length of course, etc. which would make the School a more effective unit in the Mission of the Church.

9. That Conference recommends (a) that all Circuits bring before their young people the desirability of using the opportunities offered by the School for training in Christian Service; (b) that Circuits make public recognition of the devotion and sacrifice of those who have spent a year at the School and have returned to work more effectively in the local church; (c) that Circuits take steps to ensure that the insights and skills gained by students of the School shall be put to good use in the local church.

10. That the College Council be asked to furnish a publicity leaflet on the School and that information be given to the Church through the "New Zealand Methodist."

11. That the Theological College Council for 1968 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, Paerata

A. REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1967

With gratitude we report a further year of most satisfactory progress. The finances of the Board continue to improve enabling

Wesley College to maintain its momentum in its pursuit to a proper place in the educational structure of the country whilst retaining its role in the Methodist Community.

On the recommendation of the Principal, the Board adopted the policy last year that Scripture be a compulsory examination subject for all forms, with the Scripture marks counting in the aggregate towards Form places.

The creation of the Teacher-Chaplain position undoubtedly strengthens this side of the curriculum and the Board welcomes the happy appointment of Rev. I. H. McKenzie.

The standard obtained in outside examinations, the success on the sports fields and the full participation in outside community activities, are all indicative of the buoyant spirit in the College. The Board is indeed appreciative of the sustained efforts by the Principal, Vice Principal, teaching and other staff at the College which have brought this about.

Reference to the annexed Annual Accounts, and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1966 will show a pleasing financial result for the year, despite the seemingly inevitable increasing costs of maintaining improved facilities at the college. The Board has been fortunate in receiving exceptional income from quarrying operations on the Maurice Harding Park property and by close attention to budgetary and cost control, the reserves of the Board have been harboured to enable the commencement of the building of the new classroom block and the new Farm Manager's house, both of which should be completed in the third term this year. However, to enable these projects to be completed Mortgage finance has had to be obtained for a further £11,000 (\$22,000), which was negotiated with only a marginal increase in the interest charged, bringing the total indebtedness of the Board to £20,000 (\$40,000).

During the course of the current calendar year seventyone leases on the Waikowhai Park Estate become due for renewal. The policy of the Board was changed to effect the renewals strictly under the terms of the leases, calling for independent valuers appointed by the Board and by the Lessee to agree on the Ground rental, subject only to the continuation of the granting of concessional ground rents to those Lessees on restricted income, who can prove genuine hardship in meeting the revalued rentals. An immediate benefit will derive to the Board from the renewal of these leases, but as time goes on and costs increase, the benefit will be gradually minimised over the renewal term.

Last year it was reported that the National Fund Raising Counsel of Australia Pty. Limited were engaged to carry out an appraisal as to the possibility of launching an appeal for funds. After receiving their report, it was decided in light of the current economic conditions and the need for further preparation for the scheme that no action be taken at this stage, but serious consideration should be given to the launching of an appeal in the future when a greater sum would be required on the enlargement of the Boarding Roll involving further dormitories, classrooms and dining facilities.

It is most pleasing to the Board, that the Wesley College Old Boys' Association continues to take such active interest in all aspects of College life. During the year the Association donated £300 toward the overhaul and repair of the Chapel Organ and in many other respects gave assistance to the College.

The new members of the Board appointed last year, who included a further two Old Boys of the College, have contributed to the full in Board decisions while it was most pleasing that Rev. G. I. Laurenson was able to rejoin the Board on his return to Auckland. On the other

hand a severe loss was suffered when Mr E. P. Salmon resigned from the Board after over twenty-five years service, which included being the Chairman of the College Committee from 1954 to 1963 and serving as Deputy Chairman for the Board for a number of years. We trust that at some later stage, when pressures are not so great, he may once again be able to give the benefit of his advice and experience to the Board.

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.
G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary

B. REPORT OF THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL, 1967

Staff:

The following teachers have joined the staff: Mr P. A. Burt, T.T.C.; Mr L. Q. P. Johnson, T.T.C.; Rev. I. H. McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D.; Mr F. Wood, B.D., B.A., (Term 1 only). Mr G. L. Buxton, L.T.C.L., has joined the staff of Suva Grammar School and we place on record our appreciation of the fine work he did for the College, particularly in music and hockey. It has been a great pleasure to welcome Rev. I. H. McKenzie and his family to the College. The appointment of a College Chaplain is a great step forward.

Roll:

The demand for places at the College has continued and a substantial waiting list includes enrolments up to 1973. The roll now stands at 226 including 13 day boys but, as most classes are now filled to the College optimum of 25, further day boy enrolments will have to be curtailed. Two innovations are worthy of note: firstly, to assist in the selection and classification of new entrants, applicants for entry to the College in 1968 will sit an Entrance Examination in August 1967; and secondly, a separate 6A has been established. Form numbers are FVI 33, FV 54, FIV 59, FIII 55, FI/II 25. The number of Maori pupils has dropped slightly to 29: there are two S.E. Asians and 9 pupils from the Pacific Islands. Methodists continue to be the largest single religious denomination in the College.

Examination Successes:

Higher School Certificate	1
University Entrance	16
Endorsed School Certificate	24
School Certificate	32
Certificate of Education	17

Royal Life Saving Society awards: 58 awards were gained including one Distinction Award — the highest the College has ever attained.

Courses:

The pattern of three courses — Professional, General and Agricultural, continues to serve the needs of the College. As reported previously, advanced academic courses to VIA level have been firmly established, as have remedial courses particularly in English and Reading. Some further modification of our Agricultural course will be needed to meet the new School Certificate pattern.

Music:

The choir has been expanded to include the whole College and some very fine part singing of sacred works has resulted. The band continues under the able leadership of Mr R. Brinsden.

The College and the Community:

The College continues to host numerous organisations and also moves out into the community wherever opportunities of service present themselves.

Buildings and Equipment:

The process of steady improvement of existing facilities continues. A new farm manager's residence is being built and two residences are being extended. The administration-classroom-library block is nearing completion and will allow the existing classrooms to be used as supplementary activity rooms. Equipment in the kitchen, laundry, library and laboratories has been expanded to meet increased demands. A programme of tar sealing and covered ways is now being planned.

Sport:

As one of the smallest schools in the South Auckland area, the College continues to perform far above itself. Our swimming, table tennis and athletic teams rank very high in inter-secondary competition. The College fields seven Rugby and three Hockey teams in inter-secondary competition and because of regular practice and fitness these have acquitted themselves with credit. It is hoped to introduce organised gymnastics as part of the extra-curricular physical activity programme.

I am proud to report that Wesley College pupils remain well fed, well taught and well trained.

C. A. NEATE, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Board and the Principal and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference express its thanks to Mr C. A. Neate for his work as Principal of Wesley College for the last 3 years, and place on record its warm appreciation of the contribution which he has made to the College.

3. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 9 herein.

(2)—Rangiatea Maori College Trust

ANNUAL REPORT

Hostel Activities:

The Hostel roll stands at 65 girls who come to the Hostel from all parts of New Zealand as well as some of the Pacific Islands. They attend the New Plymouth Girls' High School or the Spotswood College for their secular education and last year in the academic examinations 5 girls gained School Certificate, 4 obtained Endorsed School Certificate and 1 was accredited University Entrance Examination. 3 of the girls are prefects at the New Plymouth Girls' High School and 1 is a prefect at the Spotswood College.

Thirty of the girls are involved in working for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. During the Bowl of Brooklands presentation our girls participated in the presentation of the Crucifixion as well as taking part in the concert of Kiri te Kanawa during her visit. The health of the girls is generally good and their physical activities in the form of school basketball, hockey, and softball matches are thoroughly enjoyed.

The girls have been studying Maori carving and Tukatuka work and have a fine example of this in the foyer of the Hostel. They attend regular Sunday morning services in the Whiteley Memorial Church. Some are members of the junior choir there and we believe their participating act of witness is a valuable contribution to their training and appreciated by the congregation.

Maintenance Work:

Maintenance of buildings has been carefully watched and 20 new desks and chairs obtained, extra heating installed in the dining room to enable pupils to do their homework under more satisfactory conditions.

We purchased a new Hayter motor mower to provide a more efficient means of maintaining the lawns.

Staff:

Together with the Matron we have on the staff a clerical assistant, 3 Sub-Matron, a cook, 2 part-time cooks, a laundress, a night supervisor, and a groundsman. We have found a little difficulty in providing Sub-Matron as these positions become vacant.

With the increasing responsibilities devolving upon the Matron both in respect to the welfare of the girls as well as the finances of the Hostel it might be an appropriate time to consider the appointment of an assistant to the Matron. Such an appointment would relieve her of a number of routine responsibilities and in the event of her absence at any time there would be left in the Hostel a person whose authority exceeded that of a Sub-Matron and who would therefore be in a position to make decisions and give a lead. The absence of such a person in authority at present can give rise to occasions where the lack of an authoritative lead could cause some embarrassment in human relations.

During the past year we have received help from the N.P. branch of the Federation of University Women, the Taranaki Savings Bank, the Robert Gibson Trust, and the Methodist Women's Fellowship of the Taranaki District as well as the continuing substantial assistance rendered by the Kai Iwi Trust, the Grey Institute Trust and the Wellington Charitable, Education and Endowment Trust.

It is obvious that the income received from these Trusts will continually be necessary to subsidise funds received from fees. If it were not for the substantial assistance contributed in this form it would not be possible to maintain our establishment at its present standard. We believe that the girls under the care of this Board are being educated in a way of life which will assist them towards maturity of personality, and in turn allow them to be examples to their own people in the inevitable process of learning to live meaningfully in a shrinking world. In helping these young people to learn this 'Rangiatea' is serving a purpose which may not be measured in our generation but whose influence in the future will have helped the Maori people to retain the best elements of their culture in a complex and fluid situation where education and spiritual leadership will make all the difference to developing relationships between Maori and European races.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 44.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD

(A) ANNUAL REPORT 1967

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1967, presented to Conference with this report indicate the following position:—

Income was received as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Fund Contributions	15,540	0	0
Interest and Commission	10,456	6	0
	25,996	6	0
Less Paid to Allied Funds	2,954	19	9
	23,041	6	3
*Freehold Property	5,814	0	0
A Net Total of (*Rents £10,533/11/6 Less Expenditure £4719/11/6 leaves Nett Property Income of £5814)	28,855	6	3
Expenditure was			
Administration Costs	1,708	2	2
Annuities and Furniture Grants	13,137	18	10
	14,846	1	0
Provisions made	128	9	4
A Total of	14,974	10	4
Giving an Excess of Income over Expenditure	13,880	15	11
Accumulated Fund:—			
The amount last year was	218,570	16	9
To this was added surplus from Revenue A/c	13,880	15	11
	232,451	12	8
Less Annuities Compounded and Commuted	16,920	9	9
Making the Fund at date	215,531	2	11
Investments are as follows:—			
(a) Mortgages	126,781	17	6
(b) Debentures and Government Stock	24,309	4	9
(c) Shares	9,915	3	9
	161,006	6	0
Less Fluctuation Reserve	5,000	0	0
	156,006	6	0
(d) Freehold Property (Epworth Chambers) now shows in the Books at	95,569	17	5
(e) Current Assets in the form of Bank (£27,090/12/9) Deposits and Accruals (£5426/19/7)	32,517	12	4
A Total of	£284,093	15	9

(Of this figure £67,670/9/3 is held on behalf of Allied Funds)

It should be noted that the large Bank Balance at June 30, 1967, was to meet the first payment on a property the Board intended to purchase and two mortgages amounting to £14,000.

Interest Earnings:—

From invested capital a return of 6.29% has been earned on the actuarial formula.

Annuity and Contributors:—

At date, Annuity number 86 (90), Supernumeraries 45 (47), Widows of Supernumeraries 41 (43), Contributors total 255 (256). Additional Funds administered (Allied Funds) are as follows:—

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|---|---------------|
| (a) Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund: Accounts for 255 contributors | £36,523 19 11 |
| (b) Deaconess Retiring Fund: Accounts for 35 contributors | £24,748 8 10 |
| (c) Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund: Accounts for 6 contributors | £1,205 11 9 |

All these are in the nature of personal deposit accounts.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman

W. R. LAWS, Managing Treasurer

Supernumerary Fund

(B) REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

The audited financial statements for year ended June 30, 1967, will be presented to Conference along with this Report.

Possibility of Blanket Cover Insurance:

Pressure continues to be brought to bear on the Supernumerary Fund Board to reinsure with some reputable Insurance Company. The Board has again considered the proposition and is firmly convinced that to do so would not result in any increase in benefits without extra cost to the Church or without loss of freedom to the Conference to administer the Fund in the interest of our supernumeraries and ministers' widows as a whole.

The following comments from an Insurance Company of high standing in the community will be of interest:—

"The main problem in your scheme as it stands at present would appear to be simply that the contribution level at which the Church is prepared to operate the scheme is insufficient to provide a scale of benefits very much higher than those enjoyed at present. Clearly whether a scheme is operated privately, or through a life assurance office, the prime factors of operation will be the interest rate obtainable on investments, the expenses of administration of the fund, and the experience of membership as regards mortality, withdrawals, etc. While it is possible that a specialist in long term investment, such as a life assurance office, may be able to achieve a superior interest return to a privately operated fund, the figures in your own case seem to indicate that you are currently obtaining an interest yield in the region of 6% per annum, which is considerably higher than we normally find to be the case for a private fund.

"The above general remarks will indicate to you that broadly speaking we do not feel that for a fund to be placed with this Association would secure a markedly better return; but should you wish as a matter of policy to do this we should be quite happy to operate the fund for you and this would be done under an arrangement known as a 'Managed Fund.'

"A Managed Fund in effect is exactly the same as a private fund from your point of view, except that all the investment, actuarial, and administration work would be done by the Association."

This reply is typical of the viewpoints of Insurance Companies approached to date.

Policy Regarding Epworth Chambers:

The Board has again reviewed its policy regarding Epworth Chambers.

A report was obtained from Mr R. R. Livingstone of Livingstone and Jones, Lang, Wootton, who have given such helpful advice to the Prince Albert College Trust. His advice was:—

"Although new buildings have been recently erected and planned for erection in Christchurch, your building is on a valuable site, has an apparent substantial life yet and there will always likely to be a demand for attractive office space in Christchurch at not new building rents.

"I recommend that as and when practicable, your building be upgraded rather than demolished in the foreseeable future."

Mr R. R. Livingstone made several suggestions as to ways in which the building could be upgraded:— These suggestions included:

1. Reducing the space of the main Hereford Street entrance and making it more attractive, the area saved to be leased.

The Board has arranged for a sketch plan to be prepared by an Architect and this work will be put in hand immediately.

2. Walls modernisation, false ceiling, good ceiling lighting, the clearance and/or enclosing of present corridor miscellaneous fittings and equipment and a standardised redecoration of all the public corridors and stairways of the building could add much to the attractiveness of the building to lessees and the public.

This policy is being implemented.

3. Because of its present unattractive state and low income production consideration should be given to walls, ceilings, lighting, general redecoration and the upgrading of the basement lettable areas, providing arrangements can be made to obtain increased rents.

The Board is examining this suggestion.

The long-term maintenance or upgrading of the building recommended by Mr Livingstone is also being given attention to by the Board.

Renovations to Epworth Chambers:

Further renovations carried out during the past year mean that, apart from the basement and the ground floor entrance and corridors, the building has largely been renovated over the past four years. During the year, the roof was painted and the passages on the three top floors were redecorated.

The remainder of the account for the modernisation of the lift was paid this year (£2631/8/7). This amount has been capitalised, as has also the sum of £2938/8/10.

Epworth Chambers now stands in the Balance Sheet at £95,569/17/5 (Government Valuation 1966 — £101,100).

Retirement on Compassionate Grounds (1966 Minutes, page 156, Resolution 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."

The Board has again consulted the Actuary on this matter. He has replied as follows:—

"If some Ministers are permitted to retire early without producing the medical certificate now required, and without any reduction in pension, then I think that such Ministers would receive more than their due share of the fund.

"Moreover the evaluation of circumstances alleged to warrant special treatment on compassionate grounds would place a burden of responsibility on your Board which may prove extremely onerous to discharge.

"My recommendation to your Board is to resist any amendment to the Regulations in this connection. In exceptional and deserving cases there may be some other way of affording relief which would not undermine the principle of equity on which the fund is based."

In view of the report of the actuary, the Board does not recommend to Synods and Conference the setting up of the representative committee envisaged in the Resolution.

Investments Policy (Minutes of Conference 1966, Resolution 7, page 156).

"... The Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to include in its report to Synods and Conference 1967, a clear statement of its policy of investment . . .

The general investment policy of the Supernumerary Fund Board is laid down in the Law Book, para. 9, p. 132.

"All moneys belonging to the Fund may be invested by the Board in any of the following ways:—

- (a) First mortgage of freehold properties in New Zealand.
- (b) Stocks, funds or other securities of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand.
- (c) Bonds, debentures or other securities of any Municipal Corporation or local body in New Zealand having authority by law to borrow.
- (d) On deposit with any Bank having statutory authority to carry on business in New Zealand, or in any Post Office Savings Bank, or permanent Building Society.
- (e) In the purchase of freehold property and/or erection of buildings, when approved by at least three-fourths of the members of the Board, and sanctioned by the Conference or any Committee authorised by the Conference to sanction any such purchase or erection.
- (f) In the purchase or subscription of fully paid Ordinary or Preferred shares, stock, bonds, or debentures or notes . . . provided always that at any one time the Board shall have at least 50% of its 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 . . ."

As at 30th June, 1967, the total assets of the Supernumerary Fund were £284,094 (\$568,188) and in the terms of regulation 511 (9) the Board must have at least £142,047 (\$284,094) invested in Gilt edged Securities. Of the balance already £95,570 (\$191,140) is invested in Epworth Chambers and £9915 (\$19,830) in shares, leaving £36,562 (\$73,124) which could be invested in a similar manner (i.e. property and shares).

The Board has consulted with technically competent laymen in various parts of New Zealand and several proposals have already

been investigated by the Board whose policy is to invest up to £40,000 (\$80,000) in the purchase of property and it is hoped to be able to report further to Conference upon these. It is envisaged to invest two amounts of £20,000 (\$40,000) each in preference to one of £40,000 (\$80,000). The Board will borrow as much as it can when it purchases any property so that the total of £40,000 (\$80,000) will represent the Board's equity.

Two specific projects are under consideration.

The question of further investment in equity shares will always be before the Board who will act in accordance with the advice of its Sharebrokers.

It is the policy of the Board not to seek any alteration of the percentage bar laid down by Conference and to fully utilise up to 50% in investment in the purchase of freehold property and/or erection of buildings and in the purchase of equity shares.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Church Council set up 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, recognising that considerably more than financial matters are involved.

3. That Law Book para. 9 132 (f) be amended by adding (e).

4. That in view of the vital importance of the Supernumerary Fund, Conference recommends that suitable experienced businessmen and professional people throughout the country be consulted in an advisory capacity to assist the Board whenever appropriate.

5. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 9 herein.

QUESTION 45.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust Fund?

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1967, are presented to Conference with this Report.

The Board administers 92 Trusts and deposit Accounts, totalling \$246,120. 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 obtain the standard minimum stipend. Last year 10 ministers received assistance from the Fund, making a total of £993 in Grants.

W. E. CLOTHIER, Chairman
W. R. LAWS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

2. Morley Rest Home—Conference approves of the following procedures:—

WHEREAS in pursuance of the powers contained in the Declaration of Trust relating to the Morley Rest Home the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board, with the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, has sold the property at Cashmere, Christchurch AND WHEREAS the Board now has a capital fund of \$16,000 held by it upon the trusts set out in the said Declaration AND WHEREAS the Board seeks the approval of Conference to modify the trusts upon which it holds the said sum to provide for grants being made to the beneficiaries of the trust in lieu of their exercising the right to occupy the Home NOW CONFERENCE HEREBY AUTHORISES the Board to distribute the nett annual income arising from the said fund as follows:—

1. ONE HALF of the nett annual income to be applied in grants to be made to Deaconesses, Missionary Sisters, women teachers, nurses and paid women workers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand whether in the active work or retired, who by reason of ill health, bodily affliction or overstrain are in need of a temporary change for the purpose of assisting in the restoration of their health.

2. ONE QUARTER of the nett annual income to be applied in making grants to Ministers and Home Missionaries who have been employed by the Church for at least Five Years whether in the active work or retired and their wives or widows who by reason of ill health, bodily affliction or overstrain are in need of a temporary change for the purpose of assisting in the restoration of their health.

3. ONE QUARTER of the nett annual income to be paid to the Methodist Deaconess Retiring Fund.

4. SHOULD there be any surplus income in any year, the Board may carry the same forward to the next year or may make further payments to the Methodist Deaconess Retiring Fund.

5. BEFORE arriving at the nett annual income in any year it shall be lawful from time to time for the Board to capitalise such part of the income as it thinks fit so that the fund can be maintained at its present value.

3. Mr and Mrs F. W. Walters and Family Farm Trust—That in the event of further funds being required to supplement the Trinity College Married Students' Fund, Conference, with the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, authorises the General Purposes Trust Board to make each year an additional payment of up to \$800 from the residue of the nett annual income of the Trust, provided always that each year the consent of the General Purposes Committee be first obtained to such payment.

4. Winstone Memorial Fund—

- (1) That the sum of £17,482/15/7 be regarded as a permanent accretion to the capital of the fund against possible destruction of the buildings or the actual rebuilding of the same.
- (2) That the freehold properties now valued in the books of the Trust at £25,000 be not re-valued in the books without prior reference by the Trustees (General Purposes Trust Board) to the members of the Winstone Family.
- (3) That the one-fifth of the nett income continue to be added to the capital.
- (4) That the remaining four-fifths of the nett income be used—
 - (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Deed (to meet arrears

of stipends due to ministers and probationers and other full-time workers).

- (b) That any surplus then remaining be made available to make grants to supernumeraries and the widows of supernumeraries at the discretion of the Trustees.
- (c) That any surplus then remaining be added to the capital.
- (d) That the Trust deed be amended to make provisions for supernumeraries and the widows of supernumeraries set out above. This to be accomplished by the execution of a Deed of Variation in accordance with the provisions of Clause 12 of the Deed by the living executors of the original settlors executing the Deed of Variation to be entered into by the Trustees.

QUESTION 46.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

(Reports biennially).

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION 47.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

Methodist Conference Contingent Fund

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 30th June, 1967

I regret to report that there has been a very sudden increase in expenditure by the Contingent Fund during the past year amounting to £1,984 (\$3,968). A total expenditure of £9864 (\$19,628) an increase of just on £2,000 (\$4,000) over and above the preceding year and £1,600 (\$3,200) more than was budgeted for.

I have for some time been stressing the fact that if the Contingent Fund is to serve its true function and be in a position to meet contingencies, particularly under the present budget system, then it should have a credit balance at the end of the year of not less than £1,000 (\$2,000), preferably £1,500 (\$3,000). Two years ago Conference approved of fixing the minimum balance to be maintained at £1,000 (\$2,000) and at the end of last year the figure stood at £1,300 (\$2,600). Today it is virtually nil. The whole of this reserve has disappeared in one year.

If the expenditure in the coming year is the same as last, and I see no reason why it will not be, then I have under estimated for the 1967/68 budget by £1,300 (\$2,600). Either the Connexional Budget pays out another £1,300 (\$2,600) over and above what they have allowed for, or else the Contingent Fund will be overdrawn by that amount if that were practical. In other words, I need another £1,300 (\$2,600) just to hold the position for the current year, or else expenditure in the current year must be reduced by that amount.

In the following year 1968/9, in order to build up a reserve of £1,000 (\$2,000), I have asked for a grant of £10,120 (\$20,240)—an increase of £2,620 (\$5,240) on our last grant. Furthermore that is based on expenditure for the next two years remaining static. I have allowed for no increase whatever, whereas past experience has shown that expenditure is steadily increasing.

What is this increase in expenditure, and can it be controlled?

By far the biggest increase is in general connexional travelling

expenses. Taking into account the President, Vice President and Committee representatives throughout the country, this accounted for over £800 (\$1,600) of this year's increase.

Last year the President was granted a full time supply. This cost just on £500 (\$1,000), but in addition this means that he has more free time to travel about; and to the end of July this came to £345 (\$690), with more to come for the balance of the year. The same position is to apply in the coming year.

I am not suggesting that this is not a good thing for the church as a whole; but Conference must decide whether it can afford it. For years the President's supply has been nominal, about £100 (\$200) and travel and expenses about £250 (\$500). Now it is £500 (\$1,000) above that.

In the last couple of years we have also called on our Vice President to carry out further duties involving travel. This has meant another £100 (\$200) in addition to his travelling to committees.

I have already mentioned that there has been a considerable increase in the amount of travel to various committees throughout the country and air travel has been used for this purpose more than previously. I have tried to take out the total cost in recent years for general committee travel and expenses:

Year ending	1964	1966	1967
	£578 (\$1156)	£882 (\$1764)	£1413 (\$2826)
up £300 (\$600) in 2 years and then another £500 (\$1000) last year.			
Take one of the biggest (Church Union)			
	1964	1966	1967
	£222 (\$444)	£391 (\$782)	£445 (\$890)

I would like to point out that the type of expenditure that I have been referring to is outside my ability as Treasurer to control. Once this Conference sets up these various committees and commissions I have no alternative but to pay the expenses involved. A large part of these travelling expenses for connexional purposes are paid out by District Chairmen and I know nothing about it until the end of the year.

The only other item of expenditure which has shown a significant increase is connexional printing. The cost of printing general supplies (Communion and Service booklets, etc.) rose by about £500 (\$1000). Most of these items are sold in due course, but sales tend to lag behind production. The total may have been exceptional last year, but I do believe printing costs are something which must be watched. Last year we managed to hold the cost of printing Synod and Conference agendas and Minutes; but the cost of printing these items has been mounting steadily over the years and will continue to do so unless active steps are taken to reduce the actual amount of material included. It is already too late to cut down on the cost of the agenda for the current Conference and what can be done in regard to the Minutes.

A. 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 for year ended June 30, 1968, and be re-appointed.

3. That Mr A. H. Winstone and Rev. L. Greenslade be thanked for their services and re-appointed as Treasurers for the year ended June 30, 1968.

4. That a memorandum be prepared immediately setting out the claims to be made on the Fund and the methods by which these should be made; such memorandum to be prepared by the Treasurers of the Fund, referred to the General Secretary, and sent to District Chairmen and others to whom it may concern.

5. That the Treasurers be authorised to seek accommodation by loan from one of the Church Funds or from bank sources.

6. That for the current year Connexional printing (Orders of Service, Membership cards, etc.) be kept to a minimum.

7. That the Consultative Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

SPECIAL REPORT ON CONTINGENT FUND

For some years the treasurers of the Contingent Fund have drawn attention to the greatly increased demands on the fund. These have particularly been related to printing, travel, Church Union and supply arrangements. The treasurers drew the attention of the Finance and Stewardship Committee to the need for increased grants to the fund unless demands on the resources of the fund could be reduced. Present estimates show that unless expenditure can be reduced there will be a deficit of approximately \$2,000 at 30th June, 1968. It was recognised that the greatly increased demands could not be anticipated by the treasurers. It was also felt that with the widespread desire that the Connexional Budget be kept at the present level, special consideration must be given in an effort to bring about economies. The Revs. R. F. Clement, B. M. Chrystall and Mr A. W. Turner were appointed to confer with the treasurers.

It is obvious that the fund will need additional grants in the future. In the meantime the following matters are raised for the consideration of the Church and for action where this is possible.

Printing. The size and cost of agendas and Conference Minutes grows each year. It is suggested that a committee look at these matters with a view to making any recommendation.

It is suggested that the Central Office watch the amount of connexional printing done so that this is spread over the years.

Travel: The attention of all concerned needs to be drawn to the rates for travel as allowed for by the regulations of the Conference. Travel costs for Synod Standing Committees are not a charge on the Contingent Fund but are the responsibility of the district or circuits. In appointing committees and commissions care should be taken to appoint these from within a district whenever possible, drawing people from many parts of New Zealand being very costly. Conveners should look carefully at the size of their committees and an annual examination should be made of nominees in relation to the changing position brought about through stationing. If the committee is of sufficient size, the discount rates allowed should be applied for.

Supply Arrangements. The committee was glad to hear that it is intended to look at the matter of supply arrangements for the President and plan the travel arrangements of President and Vice-President. Variations in practice make it difficult for the treasurers to budget in these matters.

General. There is need for education as to the claims to be made on the Contingent Fund and the method of making these.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Special Report on Contingent Fund be received and adopted.

QUESTION 48.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

(Reports biennially)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION 49.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Overseas Missions?

Overseas Missions Department

ANNUAL REPORT

Following our usual practice, the Treasurer's Report and a Supplementary Report will be presented to Conference.

The Home Front:

During the year the General Secretary completed his first full year in office. Miss Pauline Atkinson, who was for 6½ years Office Secretary, left us and was replaced by Miss Helen Kenyon. The amount of work handled by the Overseas Missions office continues to grow. As the Overseas Districts move towards their place in the United Church, some changes must occur in New Zealand, but there is no evidence yet that there will be any reduction in the amount of work. Following the Act of Commitment, the General Secretary met with the Missions Executives of the other negotiating Churches, to consider ways in which we could work together. From this first meeting it is expected that fruitful co-operation will increase.

Finance:

We would record with gratitude a further magnificent gift from the New Zealand Leper's Trust Board of \$35,000 (£17,500). Without this substantial aid, our Medical work in the Solomon Islands would be severely handicapped. Our Medical work in the New Guinea Highlands has also benefited from gifts through the Mission to Lepers. In spite of this and other donations, our principal source of income continues to be through the connexional budget and the Methodist Women's Fellowship. During the year the demands of the growing Church overseas have caused a depletion of the Board's reserves. These reserves were built up in an earlier day against just such emergencies as have recently arisen. However, we now face the future with a very small reserve.

Publicity:

The Department has endeavoured to respond to a growing demand from all levels of the life of the Church, for information about the work overseas. Early in 1967, the General Secretary was able to give a series of lectures at Trinity College by courtesy of the Principal and he has visited a number of circuits and districts. We have been well served also, by the deputation work of overseas mission sisters on leave, and by the time Conference meets we should be able to report that every district and area in the country has had a personal visit from a missionary or ex-missionary within the last two years. The "Open Door" continues to fulfil a real need. Every effort is made to keep it up to standard technically, and maintain a high interest level. The children's paper, "The Lotu", has begun 1967 with a new format. It is now produced monthly for ten months in the year, with the paper,

type and illustrations chosen for their suitability for children in the 8 to 11 year age group. It is as yet too early to assess the effectiveness of the new format. An increasing supply of posters and publicity material is becoming available. During the year, in response to a request from the Joint Board of Graded Lessons, project material has been produced for Bible Classes, and it has also been made available to Men's and Women's Fellowships. Overseas Missions subjects get some coverage in the "New Zealand Methodist".

Relations with Australian Methodism:

These continue to be close. The General Secretary visited Australia in 1966 for their Annual Meeting, and this year the Australian General Secretary, the Rev. C. F. Gribble, who is also President General, will be in New Zealand for the Annual Meeting and Conference

United Church:

The expectations of last year are being realised and it is exciting to watch this development. The Act of Union is planned to take place in Port Moresby on the 12th January, 1968, less than four years after the first official consultants between the negotiating Churches. This has been achieved, not by any sacrifice of principle, or slipshod planning, but by thoroughness, and a deep sense of acting in obedience to Almighty God.

This move into a United Church, on the part of our Islands people, will not mean any less support from us, rather the challenge will be to supply more money and more staff. It will be at least ten years before the supply of locally trained staff overtakes the need, and this will only take place if we continue to give the utmost help now. There will be few immediate changes but increasingly we will have to work together with the other supporting churches. These include the Congregational Union and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Solomon Islands District:

The Solomon Islands District has again suffered the loss of several senior staff members and the loss by sickness of two valued first term workers. On the other hand, one new minister, a teaching sister, and two nursing sisters have been appointed to the District, as well as a number of volunteers. One of the nurses, Sister Iliseva Levula, comes from Fiji, and this appointment is notable as it is only the second time in history of the Fijian Church that they have been able to appoint a Missionary Sister. Local staff have continued to take an increasing share in every aspect of the life of the Church, and as more trained ministers, deaconesses, teachers, and medical workers become available, the Church grows stronger not only in its worship and pastoral care but in its service to the community. There is still, however, a continuing need for more trained people to match the growing demand.

Changes in Structure:

The Synod this year has brought forward plans for two major changes. The first is the separation of the two parts of the district into separate districts. The political division which has for many years plagued our work, has also caused an increasing degree of divergence between the outlook and the needs of the people in the two parts of our district, and the proposed step is a logical development. The second important proposal is the nomination by the district Synod of Rev. Leslie Boseto for designation at this Conference as

Chairman-elect. He will succeed the Rev. E. C. Leadley at the beginning of 1969, Mr Boseto, who comes from the Island of Choiseul, is one of our outstanding younger ministers.

Finance:

Thanks partly to the substantial assistance from the New Zealand Church and partly to the stringent economic drive within the district, the burden of debt which two years ago hampered the district at every turn, has now been lifted. Out of the difficult period has come a new awareness on the part of the Islands Church of their responsibilities, and most areas have undertaken extensive Stewardship Campaigns.

Education:

Our Educational work continues to improve in quality even though the number of schools is dropping in some areas. Goldie College is becoming recognised as one of the outstanding schools of the British Solomons. The work there of the Rev. J. Cropp and Sister Lyn Sadler is now bearing fruit, and there is a bright future for this growing school. In Bougainville, the District Girls' School is going through a period of readjustment as it seeks to meet the changing demands of girls' education. In the north, on Buka Island, there is a large Government Secondary School where a considerable proportion of the students are Methodists. The Rev. Brian Sides is Chaplain to this school and is exercising a very important ministry in addition to his many other duties.

Urban Areas:

It is significant of the growing importance of urban areas that the affairs of Honiara, Gizo and Kieta occupied a considerable amount of Synod time. The most important advance is in Kieta, which in the last two years has changed from a small Government outpost to a major administrative and commercial centre. In these urban areas, a different pattern of ministry is needed, and many of the techniques useful among youth in other countries, can be applied here. The Islands Church is also aware of the problems of exploitation, and is constantly on the alert to guard the interests of its people.

Medical Work:

During the year, our Medical Superintendent has been on study leave, and has earned the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the University of Liverpool. L.T.B. gifts have not only helped us to maintain the high standard of routine medical work, but have helped to build the new Training Block and a new Women's Ward at Helena Goldie Hospital. These improved buildings and services mean not only better service to the patients, but also greater training facilities for the staff. During 1956 the first staff nurses entirely trained in our own hospital, graduated and then took up their appointments. As the sickness rate drops, we are increasingly moving into the field of preventive medicine.

Ecumenical:

The move into a United Church has been accompanied by an increasing degree of co-operation with other Churches. In New Guinea this is centred in the Melanesian Council of Churches, and in the

Solomons, in the Solomon Island Christian Association. The Rev. L. Boseto represents Pacific Methodism on the Continuing Committee of the Pacific Conference of Churches.

Transport:

The sale of the A.V. Cicely II this year marks a changing pattern of mission transport. Not only has there been a ship called 'Cicely' associated with our medical and other work in the Solomons for nearly 30 years, but also her sale reminds us that more and more the aeroplane is replacing the boat as the most economic means of transport. Increasingly, we are using the service of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship and of commercial airlines to transport people and goods.

Youth:

The growing youth work in the Solomon Islands District is being strengthened by the training given at Malmaluan, the United Synod Youth Centre. Mr Gordon Siama, our Boys' Brigade Organiser, has been elected to membership of the Legislative Council of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate but this will not prevent him continuing his work. Some of our young people are going abroad for training or experience. A new development during the year has been bringing in tradesmen to New Zealand to serve their apprenticeship here. There is a continuing need for overseas experience for those in the professions.

Women's Work:

The Chairman notes in his report that the work of the Methodist Women's Fellowship continues to be very strong and a major support to the total work of the Church. It now seems certain that the organiser for the M.W.F. will be commencing her work in January of 1968 and this should further strengthen the movement.

It is clear that, in the Solomons, the difficulties of the past few years are not by any means over, but there is everywhere evidence of advance and development as God's Spirit works in and through the Church alert to His Guidance.

C. T. J. LUXTON, Chairman.

G. G. CARTER, General Secretary.

Supplementary Report, 1967

Church Union:

Since our main report was written, news has been received that the Act of Union will now take place on the 19th January, 1968, in Port Moresby.

United Synod:

An enlarged executive of the United Synod met in August for the last time. Each of the institutions connected with the Synod—the Theological College, the Teachers' College and the Youth Training Centre, are facing the same problem as the Districts. A tremendous need to expand the programme to meet the urgent need of the church,

hampered by shortage of finance and trained staff. Too many of the appointments are being filled with short term workers. While they do have a contribution to make, and a valuable one, they do not really solve the problem, or aid the development of adequate training programmes as permanent staff would.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands:

We give thanks to God for a continuing flow of converts. Membership increased by more than a third during the past year. We are grateful too for the fine quality of the staff from the Coastal Districts and from other Pacific lands who serve in the Highlands team. One highlight of the year was the ordination of the Rev. Matthew Beaso, a Solomon Islander who is a graduate of Rarongo Theological College. This was a significant demonstration to the local people that God calls into his service men of all races and sets them to tasks regardless of their race or colour.

But against this we must be deeply concerned about the gigantic task of nurturing the new Christians, and aiding the whole community to meet the challenge of this modern age, for which our resources are most inadequate. Of the 194 Highlands evangelists, 185 have no college training and 92% of those are illiterate! Staff from the coastal Districts and from overseas is not nearly adequate, and in all areas the problems created by staff shortages are tremendous. New Zealand is failing to meet the challenge of need. No replacement has yet been found for Miss Scott (book-keeper-typist) or the Rev. C. J. Keightley, the retiring Chairman. We must also seek for a replacement for Mr Griffiths, should he be accepted for the ministry.

As in the Solomons, problems of administration are growing, and it seems essential that we should provide an adequate administrative staff before the whole system breaks down and throws additional burdens on the already hard pressed ministers.

Retirements:

This year will see the retirement of two of the most experienced workers in the District; the Rev. C. J. Keightley and the Rev. C. J. Hutton. These men and their wives have given long and valued service to the church and they cannot easily be replaced.

Leprosy Hospital, Tari:

With the co-operation of the local Church, the Leprosy Mission (Mission to Lepers) has now got a full surgical unit established at Tari. They are building on the foundations laid by Sister Edith James and others. Dr W. A. Ramsay, the surgeon in charge, reports "The standard of work and patient care here in past years compares very favourably with any I observed elsewhere. This is a real community . . . which reflects . . . the depths of Christian love and service that have been fostered by the workers of the Methodist Overseas Mission."

The Future:

In January a consultation of mission board executives with the executive committee of the new United Church will take place in Port Moresby. At this meeting, future policy in many areas will be worked out and the ground plan laid for the future co-operation of the churches concerned.

G. G. CARTER, General Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1967

The Accounts presented with this report are again necessarily and unfortunately a combination of the financial statements of the Solomon Islands District for the calendar year 1966, the Papua-New Guinea Highlands District for the year ended 30th April, 1967, and the Head Office for the Department's financial year to 31st August, 1967. No means of altering this situation has presented itself, neither does any satisfactory solution to the problem seem possible, unless some satisfactory arrangement can be made with the United Church of Melanesia, to come into being in January, 1968.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows a surplus of £5,756, transferred to the Accumulated Fund. This surplus, which was not anticipated when the Estimates for the year were prepared, is the result largely of an increased grant for general medical work from the Lepers' Trust Board and reduced expenditure in the Solomon Islands District due to staff vacancies and deferred maintenance.

Further transfers from Working Capital to the Solomon Islands account has enabled the District to reduce its Sundry Creditor accounts to a manageable figure and no further assistance to the District should be required.

The number and total amount of Special Funds has been reduced during the financial year and subsequently, and the relation of Investments to Capital Funds has been strengthened.

The donations to the Extension Fund amounted to \$34,986 on 30th September, and the balance to \$14,092. The balance will be expended as advice is received of expenditure on approved projects.

The Methodist Women's Fellowship has made its usual annual grant of \$7,400 and \$800 additional towards the cost of sisters' salaries. The Lepers' Trust Board grants for general medical work was \$22,000, and for special purposes, \$13,000. The Mission to Lepers made a further grant for the work at Tari. For these generous gifts we record our thanks and appreciation.

The form and the extent of our contribution to the finances of the United Church of Melanesia have yet to be determined, but it is unlikely that our obligations to missions overseas will be less than they are at present, and they may well be greater.

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 the Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
3. That the Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the board to the Overseas Districts and their staff.
4. That the Conference be associated with the expressions of appreciation accorded by the Board to retiring workers: including the Rev. C. J. & Mrs Keightley (14 years), Sister P. A. Hulks (6 years), Sister M. L. Addison (12 years).
5. Resolutions Re Entry of Methodist Districts into The United Church in Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands.

1. THAT Conference receives with approval the request of the Synods of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands and the Solomon Islands Districts respectively to enter the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands, such Church being Constituted, in accordance with the basis of union, the constitution and regulations already submitted, to exercise its witness and ministry in the Melanesian region.
2. THAT sanction be hereby given for the said Districts to enter into union with the New Guinea and Papua Districts of the Church of Australasia, the Melanesian United Synod, supported by the said Methodist Church, the Papua Ekalesia and the Port Moresby United Church to form the United Church through an act of inauguration on the 19th January 1968 or on any agreed later date if any unforeseen circumstances make a postponement necessary.
3. THAT the President be authorised to sign the Deed of Union or any other necessary documents on behalf of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and to take any necessary steps to make effective the entry of the said districts into the United Church.

6. Resolutions re Transfer of Ministers and Deaconesses to the United Church.

1. CONFERENCE hereby recognises that the entry of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands and Solomon Islands Districts into the United Church involves transfers to the United Church of all Ministers and Deaconesses then appointed to these Districts and records that on the inauguration of the United Church of Melanesia on the 19th January 1968 or on any agreed subsequent date the Ministers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand its Ministers on probation and the accepted candidates in training for its Ministry in the said districts and the Deaconesses stationed in the said Districts will become members of the Ministry and Deaconesses of the United Church each in his or her respective status.

2. Conference hereby records that all those Ministers and Deaconesses who were giving expatriate missionary service in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands and Solomon Islands Districts and who remain in full standing as Ministers or are engaged as Deaconesses in the said United Church shall have the right to return to the Ministry of the Methodist Church of New Zealand or be re-engaged as Deaconesses of the said Church with status fully granted for the period of service in the United Church, provided that relationship to the Connexional and Conference funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be dependent on the maintenance of the prescribed payments of these funds.

3. Conference directs that the officers of any Conference funds concerned to record the connection of these Ministers and Deaconesses with the funds and to receive payments in respect to them.

4. Conference acknowledges that Ministers and Deaconesses who at the time of their acceptance for Missionary service were members of this Conference or were employed by it will continue while in the said United Church to be the objects of its special interest and will have the right to be received back into this Conference or be re-engaged by it on the conclusion of their service in the Melanesian United Church.

5. Conference also declares that Ministers or Deaconesses who may be subsequently transferred to the United Church will be supported by the same interest and granted the same rights and status and return as are enjoyed by those who were transferred on the inauguration of the union.

6. Conference farewells those Ministers and Deaconesses as they leave the formal fellowship of the Methodist Church of New Zealand but assures them that any natural feelings of regret are over-ridden by our rejoicing that our fellowship with them in the spirit will remain undiminished and that will enter into an enlarged fellowship and a wider sphere of ministry and work.

7. That in the event of any postponement, Conference directs the Board of the Overseas Mission Department to take any steps necessary to maintain the existing system in the Districts and in Particular the status, relationships and rights of the Ministers and Deaconesses stationed in the said Districts.

7. RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE RECORDING OF MINISTERS AND DEACONESSSES WHO WILL BE SERVING IN CHURCHES OVERSEAS

1. That Section 379 of the Law Book be amended by adding additional questions:—

21A (a) What Ministers, who were formerly members of the Conference, are now exercising their ministry in other churches overseas, such Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

(b) What Ministers do the Conference now release to exercise their Ministry in other churches overseas with the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service in those churches?

2. That Section 379 be further amended by adding the following additional questions:—

31B (a) What Deaconesses, who were formerly employed by the Conference, are now employed in other churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

(b) What Deaconesses do the Conference now release for employment in churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of their service in those churches?

7. That the answers to the above questions be:

21A (a) Stanley G. Andrews
James F. Cropp
Paul A. Garside
C. Seton Horrill

David L. Kitchingman, B.A.
E. Clarence Leadley
Brian W. Sides
A. Kerry Taylor

(b) (i) Ministers in full connexion with the New Zealand Conference:

James F. Cropp	E. Clarence Leadley
Paul A. Garside	Brian W. Sides
C. Seton Horrill	A. Kerry Taylor
David L. Kitchingman, B.A.	

(ii) Solomon Islands District Ministers and Probationers:

Solomon Alu	Jeconiah Kaskas
Matthew Beaso	Timothy Piani
Serupepeli Beraki	Luke Pitu
John V. Bitibule, M.B.E.	John Pratt
Francis J. Bongbong	Judas Redi
Leslie Boseto	Job Rotoava
Iliesa Buadromo	Nathan Sipunda
Daniel Bula	Te Takarebu Tarakabu
Elisha Itoro	Te Tim Tarakabu
Egan Lokakale	Misake Tarurava
George Maelagi	John Taufu
Moses Mosusu	Te Tekieru Teem
Daniel Palavi	Esau Tuza
Samson Pataaku	Aisake N. Vula

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31B (a) Pamela V. Beaumont

Norma M. Graves
Lucy H. Money, M.B.E.

(b) Deaconesses and Deaconess Probationers:

Pamela V. Beaumont
Norma M. Graves
Lucy H. Money, M.B.E.

Solomon Island Deaconesses and Deaconess Probationers:

Peggy Eke	Roselyn Pose
Emily Karingei	Iula Qilanoba
Mary Mido	Mavis Qopu
Margaret Nevada	Sera Tonse
Evelyn Piqe Padalanisi	Unisi Vausana

9. That Conference grant permission to the Overseas Mission Board to explore the possibility of a joint overseas missions committee with some or all of the negotiating churches.

10. That Conference confirm the following officers of the Solomon Islands District as from the date of Conference to act until such time as the Act of Union shall take place:

Chairman: E. Clarence Leadley.
Assistant Chairman: Leslie Boseto.
Deputy Chairman, Bougainville: Brian W. Sides.

Secretary of Synod: Paul A. Garside.
Assistant-Secretary, Bougainville: C. Seton Horrell.

11. That the Vice-President be an ex-officio member of the Overseas Mission Board.

12. That Provision be made in the Law relating to the new constitution of the Leaders' Meeting for the appointment of a Mission Secretary in each local church to keep liaison with Home and Overseas Missions.

13. That the representatives of the Church on C.C.M.I.C.A. for 1968 be the Rev. G. G. Carter and Mr S. N. Roberts.

14. The present glorious opportunity existing on our Overseas Mission fields and the urgent need for trained workers having been set before us, Conference calls all local churches to make a thank offering to mark the beginning of the new United Church Ekalesia and thus seek to complete the Special Fund of the Board and at the same time asks that the specific needs regarding personnel, both Ministerial and Lay, be placed before the Church with challenge and enthusiasm. That this be carried out on the 1st Sunday in Lent or the nearest suitable Sunday.

15. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 49. District Overseas Missions Conveners.

Northland—Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell.
Auckland—Rev. E. R. Hornblow.
Waikato-Bay of Plenty—Rev. A. C. Watson.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. N. G. Ball.
Hawkes Bay—Rev. R. E. James.
Manawatu—Rev. M. G. Rutherford.
Wellington—Rev. G. R. Thompson.
Nelson—Rev. W. Morrison.
North Canterbury—Rev. J. E. Langley.
South Canterbury—Rev. G. E. Scarr.
Otago-Southland—Rev. J. H. Roberts.

QUESTION 50.—What are the resolutions of Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

While all must rejoice at the growing desire of Methodist people to demonstrate the unity that is in Christ by uniting with other churches, sharing in co-operative enterprises, and re-shaping the

ministries of the Church it is important that circuits do not spend so much time talking and planning that they forget the main thrust of the Gospel which is that men may be reconciled to God and to one another. Evangelism is still our business, and our concern for unity stems from our desire to offer Christ to the people and includes our responsibilities to the people of our present congregations, to nurture them in the faith, to equip them by worship, education and fellowship for mission where they live and work.

Pastoral Care:

The Department is concerned about the slow rate of membership increase, and especially over the large losses of members and adherents in transfers. Our population is becoming very mobile. Over the last three-year period our statistical returns show that the mobility of our membership ranges from 24% in the Northland District to 48% in the Wellington District. There are many hundreds lost to the connexion every year in being transferred from one circuit to another. This is a very serious challenge to our pastoral efficiency, and procedures must be devised whereby these losses can be prevented and those transferred being effectively linked to new congregations. While a few may take the opportunity to slip out of being involved any more it is our conviction that more are lost because of our slack methods.

Organisation:

There is evidence that some of our people are affected by the constant criticism that is being levelled at the Church as an institution and the implication that the organised church has had its day. Yet while structures, patterns of worship, and methods of ministry must change to meet the challenges of today there must be organisation if the ministries of those committed to Christ are to be mobilised and equipped for Mission and Evangelism. It is because of organisation that the resources of the members of the Body of Christ are able to maintain ministries in Overseas Missions, Maori Missions, and Social Service, etc.

The Ministry:

While the churches are being challenged to view congregations as gatherings of ministries for service in the world there is still a very real place, and indispensable place, for the Minister of the Word and the Sacraments, and we would urge that the claims of this Ministry be kept before our people in the hope that talented young men or young women may feel themselves called to offer themselves as candidates from among whom the Conference may select and train some to meet the demands for such men and women in this country and overseas.

The Department is concerned that some Superintendent Ministers of large circuits seem to be carrying very heavy loads of work while their colleagues in the same circuit have comparatively lighter burdens. It stresses that ministers are appointed to circuits, and it should therefore be possible for the Superintendent Minister and the Quarterly Meeting to ensure that the gifts and talents of the Ministers are utilised in the best possible manner. It is suggested that team ministries may be developed in such circuits with responsibilities more fairly apportioned.

Home Missionaries:

After last Conference in order to assist staffing the Board employed Messrs R. Simpson, Warren Blundell, and G. C. Hay as

Home Missionary Probationers. It is likely that more will be required to assist in the staffing of circuits in 1968.

Church Extension Fund:

The Department throughout the year has co-operated with Synod Standing Committees and the Church Building and Loan Fund in disbursing the Church Extension amounts as they have been received from the Budget Treasurer. Full details of the Grants are given in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. At the present time the Department is consulting with the Synod Standing Committees with regard to the projects likely to require connexional assistance from this source from the 1968-69 Budget. Conference in finalising the Connexional Budget for 1967-68 had to reduce the total amount for Church Extension from \$40,000 (£20,000) to \$32,000 (£16,000) reducing to \$16,000 (£8000) the amount available for direct Grants in this period. It is hoped that the coming Conference will be able to restore the amount for Church Extension to \$40,000. With the growing demand for joint-use buildings and co-operation with other churches the amount of capital required from the participating churches tends to be set by proportions of the total required, and therefore our Methodist Church is faced with an obligation to meet its share when it no longer has the initiative. Because the amount of assistance is limited it is important that no commitment be made locally until assurances have been received from the Home Mission Department that the venture is eligible for a Church Extension Grant and that the money can be made available.

National Committee on Church Extension:

Set up by the J.C.C.U. this Committee has begun its work and has had two meetings in Palmerston North. It is hoped that with the establishment of the 16 Joint Regional Committees that this National Committee may be able to establish principles and methods for common action especially in new suburbs and marginal areas. The Department is represented on the National Committee by the General Superintendent, the Rev. Colin Clark, and Mr T. M. Henson.

Co-operation with other Churches:

The Department has been consulted by Circuits and Districts on many schemes of co-operation throughout the year, the most notable being the Turangi scheme in which the work of the negotiating churches will be centred on a Joint-Use set of Buildings, and the establishment of a Union Parish involving the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches this latter to take effect from the 1st February, 1968, if the necessary agreement can be prepared in time for Conference. The Board again suggests that in any proposals for co-operation between the Churches the Synod Standing Committee and the Home Mission Department should be consulted very early in the discussions before any hard and fast decisions are made. Further it would stress the importance of discussion at the circuit level, especially if the proposals for co-operation involve only part of the circuit. Such discussion may ensure that any agreement to co-operate in one area will not so weaken the remaining portion that it has no option but to apply for assistance by way of a Home Mission Grant.

Reporting to Synods and Conference on Co-operative Schemes:

The Department and the Church Union Committee conferred on the proper procedure to be adopted in reporting on these schemes and agreements to Synods and Conference as directed by the last Conference (Minutes 1966, page 41) and submits in the recommendations below their report.

Church Extension, Buildings and Parsonages:

(Minutes 1966, page 171, No. 8).

A separate report compiled by the Department and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee is being submitted to Synods and Conference on this matter.

Investment Funds Board:

As a considerable amount of the Board's capital is invested in the properties of the Home and Maori Mission Department the Board is dependent upon a constant flow of money as 'loans at call' for maintaining and extending its Special Loans Policy by which loans are advanced for the erection of buildings throughout the connexion. At the 30th June, 1967, it had outstanding \$274,000 in loans advanced to 146 projects. This has been achieved through the Board accepting \$234,000 from 153 depositors, trusts and individuals, on which it pays varying amounts of interest up to 3½%. The Board is able to meet demands for repayments of 'loans at call' from the reserve it maintains for this purpose. This system is an extremely valuable source for cheap loans within the church family and provides our people with an opportunity of utilising their savings in the service of the Church. The demand for loan money shows no signs of abating for the Board holds applications for loans totalling \$56,000 on its waiting list.

Literature and Colporteur Society:

The Committee of the Epworth Bookroom has been much concerned at the loss of \$5024 (£2512) which it suffered for the year ending the 30th June, 1966. It has had several meetings to investigate the staffing situation, sales presentation, and costs and has come to the conclusion that the business turnover has to be increased considerably if the Bookroom is to meet the high costs of operating in its present location. An approach has been made to the Central Mission Trustees for a reduction in the rent. The Committee hopes that the accounts for the year just ended will show some improvement in the situation. In the meantime the Society would urge that our ministers and workers regard themselves as partners not only of Epworth, Auckland, but also of Epworth, Wellington, publicising not only the existence of such, but also giving some publicity to the books that are available. To get our people reading good books is a ministry in itself.

The Board:

Early in the year a full meeting of the former Board was held in which opportunity was taken to express the thanks of the Church to those who because of the new constitution would be withdrawing from its service. Some of those we remembered have given many years of valuable service, such as the Rev. E. Te Tuhi, a member since 1926, and the late Mr J. H. Blackwell, since 1938, and the late Mr J. C. Tietjens, since 1944. The new Board is now operating and the smaller numbers should lead to greater efficiency.

Department Officers:

In addition to their normal duties these men have taken their place on the various commissions and committees set up by the Conference, such as those on finance, the structure of the connexion, church extension, communications and various consultations concerned

with joint planning between the negotiating churches. They express their thanks for these and other opportunities to serve the connexion.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman of the Board.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent.

R. D. RAKENA, Assistant Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report, Financial Statements and Estimates for 1968 be received and adopted.

2. That the Rev. R. D. Rakena having been designated for appointment as Assistant Superintendent at last Conference now be appointed as Associate Superintendent for a further term.

3. That the following statement on procedures relating to the formation and reporting on Union Parishes, Joint Use Agreements, and those relating to Reciprocal Membership Agreements be adopted for implementation: (See 1966 Minutes, additional resolution, page 41).

- (a) In working out agreements for co-operation between the negotiating churches Circuits be required to consult:—
 - i The Church Union Committee to make sure that the principles upon which they are working are those generally acceptable to the other negotiating churches, and also for advice concerning model agreements.
 - ii The Home Mission Department which will advise on the acceptability of the proposals in the light of strategy and staffing.
 - iii The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee which will advise concerning properties, titles, and other legal matters.
- (b) When the agreements have been finalised at the local level the Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall make its recommendations to the Synod Standing Committee and/or the District Synod forwarding with them copies of the proposed agreement. The Synods shall record its decisions under the appropriate questions listed as Nos 9-14 in the business of the Representative Session, Para. 340, page 64 of the Law Book. Such decisions shall include a summary of the main provisions of the agreement, and a copy of the agreement shall be filed in the Synod records. District Synod Secretaries shall send copies of the recommendations and agreements both to the Secretary of Conference, and to the Home Mission Department.
- (c) At Conference the recommendations shall be processed through the Conference Home Mission Committee which shall record its recommendations under the appropriate questions Nos 25-27 as listed under Para. No. 379, page 74f of the Law Book. Under these questions the nature of the agreement, and its main provisions shall be described so that they may be printed in the Minutes, and a copy of the agreement shall be filed in the Conference Journal.

4. That the Home Mission Department investigate the possibility whether a way may be found for Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) to own its own premises.

5. That Tawa be treated as a special and urgent case for assistance from the Church Extension Fund.

6. (a) That the President by letter request Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings to examine the serious position facing the Church because of the decline in the number of men and women offering for the Ministry and the Deaconess Order suggesting ways in which the challenge to such service may be presented in local situations.

(b) That the March Ministerial Committees be asked to discuss the Doctrine of the Ministry and the place of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in our day using as a basis a memorandum which will be prepared by the Revs. Dr J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford and B. M. Chrystall; and that the results of the discussions be collated and presented as a report to the Synods and Conference 1968.

7. (a) That the President be requested to call the Church to remember in her prayer life and worship the serious factors involved in the shortage of Candidates for the Ministry, Deaconess Order and full-time workers.

(b) That the Home Missions Board consider appointing a small Committee to confer with a sample of the constituency of the Ministry, Deaconesses and full-time Church workers at home and overseas with a view to considering any factors in the conditions, deployment, payment or other general provisions which may hinder candidates from responding to a Call to the Ministry.

8. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 7 herein.

District Home Mission 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.
HAWKES BAY—Rev. R. E. James.
MANAWATU—Rev. M. G. Rutherford.
WELLINGTON—Rev. G. R. Thompson.
NELSON—Rev. S. J. Spindler.
NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. A. R. Witheford.
SOUTH CANTERBURY—
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. W. L. Wallace.

Church Extension, Buildings and Parsonages

1966 Minutes, p. 171, No. 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 buildings 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."

In reporting on its consultations with regard to the above the Home Mission Board and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee wishes to include in the following statement their judgement on Resolution No. 2 in the 1965 Minutes, p. 143, which states "That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee in consultation with the Home Mission Board be asked to consider the policy of planning new parsonages in new housing areas."

Church Extension:

The initiative for developing any area is normally taken by the Circuit within which population growth makes action imperative. It is the Circuit which provides the ministry, surveys the area, consults with the Synod Standing Committee and other Methodist courts, and with other Churches, chooses sites, and commences work in whatever buildings may be available such as homes, halls, or schools. (See 1956 Minutes, pp. 135f).

The 1960 Conference (See Minutes pp. 115f) strongly stressed the principle that before any buildings are erected in a new area the Circuit should undertake a survey to ascertain whether there will be sufficient numbers to provide a nucleus for the formation of a new congregation and the nature of the support that may be expected from the resident people.

Consultation with other Churches:

Conference has also resolved that before a Methodist unit of work is established there shall be consultation with the other negotiating churches, and further that any buildings should be so sited so that they have a continuing contribution to make to the witness of the Church in the event of Church Union being achieved (1958 Minutes p. 145).

Necessity of Buildings:

While in general church buildings may not be required in the first stages of establishing a congregation growth soon makes a building necessary. People get tired of making do with other buildings such as homes, halls, schools, etc. Further there has been built into our make-up through centuries of history and tradition the concept of a Church as a symbol of the presence of the People of God in a community. This witness in wood, stone or brick is of incalculable value in the community and should not be lightly set aside on the grounds of expense.

Careful thought needs to be given to the order in which the necessary buildings are erected. If the new area is likely to be extensive and not able to be developed by the deployment of existing circuit ministries, both ministerial and lay, and there exists a group of people accepting responsibility for witness and service, it could quite well be that the first building that should be erected is the Parsonage. As Conference has urged that experienced ministers be stationed in new areas the Parsonage should be planned according to the requirements of the Conference (See 1965 Minutes, p. 102, Res. 17-19).

Church Buildings:

These should be designed so that the maximum area is available for use at any time, and not merely for Worship Services on the Sundays. They should express 'community' and be designed for a weekly programme. Yet at the same time there should be something distinctive about their design and appearance that proclaims the existence of a Church within the community.

In a new housing area in the initial stages it is suggested that there should be a church centre with adequate provision for worship, Christian Education, fellowship and club work. A separate building for Worship can be erected later as the congregation grows. Where other buildings are available in the community, the erection of a Church could be a high priority.

Planning:

In planning a church plant there is room for considerable flexibility by Trustees and Architects to express modern insights into the nature of the Church as the People of God engaged in Mission.

Connexional assistance to establish experienced ministers and adequate buildings in new housing areas:

While some may think it desirable for the Connexion to provide the greater amount of finance by way of Grants to establish a ministry and adequate buildings in new areas the Home Mission Board and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee are convinced that under normal circumstances the local circuit which is responsible for extending the Mission of the Church should accept the main responsibility. Yet at the same time the Connexion recognising its responsibility to give assistance has over the years developed various means by which considerable financial help has been and is being given for extension work. These are:

1. Church Sites Fund:

From this Fund Grants are given to assist in the procuring of sites. At present the size of the Grants is limited by the amount of capital available. To meet rising costs in land the annual appropriations for this Fund should be increased as soon as economic conditions permit.

2. Church Building and Loan Fund:

Interest-free loans have been and are of considerable assistance. Each case is considered on its merits and where it is warranted the amount of loan is increased and the term lengthened. Here the need is for more capital so that the size of the loans may be increased and the term of repayment extended in a greater number of cases.

3. Church Extension Grants:

A survey of the Grants given by this means in recent years shows that considerable flexibility in recommendations concerning the amount of Grants for particular projects has been exercised by the Synod Standing Committees and the Home Mission Department in administering the amount available for direct Grants to new areas as the following examples show: Tokoroa \$10,500, Te Atatu \$4600, Porirua East \$8468, Halswell \$3700, Pakuranga \$6000, etc. Most parsonages built to serve new areas have received Grants averaging \$3000.

With the prospect of Joint Use Churches and Union Parishes being created in some new areas, it is possible that the Methodist Church may be required to provide greater grants in some circumstances than it would if it was acting on its own account.

4. Home Mission Grants:

Where a Circuit cannot provide a ministry to a new area with its present staff and a minister must be appointed, it may apply for a Grant to assist its finances. The capital charges of maintaining the Parsonage is reflected in the Circuit Account and is thus taken into account when the amount of the Grant is being determined by Conference procedures.

5. Circuit Allocations to the Budget:

In allocating the District Budget total to the circuits Synod Standing Committees do take into account those circuits which have heavy property commitments. This has been of considerable help to many circuits.

6. Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board Loans:

With the low rate of interest set at 3½% per annum the Special Loans from this source provides a supplementary source of loan

money. The capital available for this purpose has been increased considerably over recent years by those who have deposited with the Board loans at call. There is room for considerable increase through this means which would enable the Board to increase the size of the loan to Trusts.

In conclusion the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Board would stress the urgent need for a considerable increase in the moneys available to (a) The Church Sites Fund (b) The Church Building and Loan Fund for interest-free loans, and (c) The Church Extension Fund for direct grants to new causes where considerable growth and development is contemplated.

This extra finance can be provided by:—

- i contributions from the whole Church through the Connexional Budget.
- ii legacies from individuals to the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
- iii gifts in a person's lifetime (such gifts are free of gift and death duty).
- iv establishment of Trusts providing income in perpetuity.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That wherever work involving building is undertaken in a new area, or a re-orientation is undertaken in an established area, Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Trusts be required to submit to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee an overall sketch plan including provision for Church, Christian Education Block, and Parsonage.
3. That Circuits in building Parsonages for new ordained appointments may do so in two stages, provided:—
 - (a) That the full plan and specifications for the parsonage be submitted to and approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee as under the present regulations (Law Book, p. 153, Subsection 517 (5b)).
 - (b) That the Circuit undertake to complete the approved plans when required by Conference.

QUESTION 51.—What are the resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission Report, 1967

The Maori Policy Committee, made up of representatives of the Home Mission Board and the five Maori Circuits has now established itself as an important link between the Board, the Circuits and the people. Meeting twice a year it is able to effectively review the work and initiate policies. The Board members are impressed at the increasing grasp of mission objectives that the circuit representatives are obtaining from these meetings, and at the stress that they put upon the desire of the people for competent Maori leadership, competent not only theologically but also in the use of the Maori language and knowledge of Maori custom and practice. The Policy Committee has urged its ministers and deaconesses to become fluent in the Maori language so that they may exercise a ministry in depth.

Christian Education:

During the year the Board through its Maori Policy Committee was happy to accept the offer of the Department of Christian Educa-

tion to assist the Maori Mission to evaluate its current educational practices. It, therefore, welcomed the visits of Miss Mary Astley, who, from visits to two of the circuits and from the background of knowledge built up from previous visits, was able to compile an extensive report on her observations in which she high-lighted certain issues which, if faced squarely, will lead to a complete re-orientation in our Maori work. The report has been made available to all members of the staff with the request that the issues raised should be discussed with the people at every level and that recommendations be made through the regional and circuit meetings to the Maori Policy Committee.

The Board is most grateful for the painstaking work of Miss M. Astley and expresses its thanks to her.

Staff:

The Superintendents of the five Circuits moved to their new appointments at the beginning of the connexional year, and are now settled into their new routines. The Taranaki Circuit welcomed the Rev. N. Waaka to Hawera. The Waikato Circuit was glad to welcome Sister Merle Fechner on to its staff and trusts that her service of two years in New Zealand will be beneficial to her own Conference when she returns to Australia. The Board engaged Miss Beth Sutton, formerly of New Plymouth, as a 'supply' deaconess and appointed her to fill the vacancy in the Auckland Circuit. The Board hopes that Pastors Moke Couch and Morehu Te Whare who have been acting as 'supplies' in the Auckland Circuit while attending Trinity College will be appointed as probationers to the Circuit to assist in ministering to the rapidly growing population, now 37,850, within its boundaries.

The Board welcomes the action of the Deaconess Board in asking the President to authorise the re-installment of Sister Atawhai (Mrs G. George) to membership of the Deaconess Order. The coming Conference will be asked to recognise in a suitable manner the full retirement of Sister Margaret W. Nicholls, M.B.E., who since 1921 has rendered valuable and dedicated service to the Maori circuits in which she has served.

The Board is concerned at the shortage of deaconesses and would urge that the opportunities of this sphere of service be continually publicised throughout the churches.

Annual Hui:

In 1966 this annual gathering of people from the circuits had to be cancelled causing great disappointment. This year's gathering at Turangawaewae Pa, Ngaruawahia, on the Queen's Birthday weekend was very successful and well organised. The theme was "The Faith that overcomes" upon which the Bible meditations, discussions and sermons were centred. The Rev. Napi Waaka and Mr E. Durie (Anglican layman) reported on the Consultation that they had attended in Singapore on "The Church, the young Churchman and the Nation" held in April under the auspices of the E.A.C.C. The Hui was graced by the attendance of the President of Conference, the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch, Mrs L. G. White, President of the M.W.F., and Mr C. Couch and Miss M. Astley of the Department of Christian Education. The Maori Mission is grateful to Queen Te Ata-i-rangi-kaahu, not merely for her personal interest in the Hui, but also for the hospitality extended by her Council in making the facilities of the Marae available to Methodist people.

Co-operation With Other Circuits:

The Board is glad to hear of the growing interest in the work of the Maori Mission within the Districts. It would again urge, that wherever possible, regular consultations take place between the staffs

of the Maori and Pakeha Circuits so that confidence, trust and fellowship is maintained.

Hostels:

With Mrs T. Manihera as Matron, Te Rahui Wahine in Hamilton is almost fully occupied, and is again providing a service to girls coming to the city for education and employment. Sister Anne Wilson and her staff at Seamer House, Auckland, provide guidance and fellowship for some 31 girls. Sister Heeni Wharemaru, matron of Te Rahui Tane, reports that the Hostel is not full. Difficulties are still being experienced in keeping the Hostels full throughout the year as many use the Hostels as stepping off places from which to go flatting. Without the assistance of the J. R. McKenzie Trust Grants and other donations the Hostels would be operating at a loss.

Property:

During the year the Board had to make a careful decision concerning the future of Te Rahui Tane because the ground rent of the leased land from the Hamilton City Council was increased in November from £42 (\$84) per annum to £1350 (\$2700). After consultation with the Maori Affairs Department and an evaluation of the need for hostel accommodation for young Maori men, and with an assurance that the Government hoped to extend its Trade Training Scheme for Maori Apprentices to Hamilton in 1968 or 1969, the Board decided to acquire another property. Eventually it was successful in purchasing a large house, formerly "Bishopscourt", in River Road, standing on land of 3 roods 11.8 perches in area for the price of £13,900 (\$27,800). When this has been converted to Hostel use the present property at London Street will be sold. The Board has been assured that the lease may be sold at a price that will be advantageous to the Hostel conversion.

While negotiating for the purchase of the above property the Board discovered that an adjacent property was for sale, and decided to purchase the house and land as a residence for the Waikato Maori Superintendent Minister. It received much encouragement in this action from the Hamilton Methodist Trust which donated £4000 (\$8000) towards the purchase and conversion of the property. The close proximity of the new Parsonage to the Hostel will enable the Minister to exercise a more intimate ministry to the young men of the Hostel. The former parsonage at Heaphy Terrace has now been sold.

The Board is concerned about the provision of parsonages for the young men now training as probationers, and will need to find much extra capital to purchase the houses it requires. Up to the present it has financed the parsonages, deaconess cottages, centres and hostels from the capital funds of the Department. The capital funds could be built up by more people making provision for the work in their wills.

New Maori Centre, Patea:

Plans are now being discussed by the Taranaki Maori Circuit for the conversion of the Patea Church into a Maori Centre for the use of the Maori folk in the town, and those coming from the country. The Board records its gratitude to the Trustees of the Church for their generosity in making the building available without cost to the Maori Mission.

J.C.C.U. Consultation on Maori Missions:

Representatives of the Maori Mission met with Church Union Committee conveners, representatives of the Maori work of the other negotiating churches and the convener of the J.C.C.U. Commission to draw up a suitable agenda for a consultation on Maori work with

the result that a Consultation has been arranged to take place at Ohope in February, 1968. It is our hope that the confidence built up over 20 years of association in the Maori Section of the N.C.C. will lead to common and co-operative ministries to Maori people in this era of rapid change.

South Island:

The Maori Mission has continued to share in the ministry to the harvest workers in Motueka along with the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches, the Rev. Napi Waaka again being our representative.

With regard to the appointment of a minister to the South Island, the officers of the Board have continued to make enquiries as to the most desirable location for a minister. It is clear that if we can secure some common plan of action from the Consultation on Maori work planned by the J.C.C.U., Christchurch may not be the centre chosen for the appointment of a Methodist Maori Minister. For example, the Otago-Southland Synod Standing Committee has urged that the needs of the Maori people in that province, particularly those associated with the freezing industry and the hydro works, should be given some consideration. Our concern is that when the church is ready to make an appointment we shall have available a minister who is both ready to co-operate with other churches, and is competent in Maori language and custom.

Historic Maori Trusts and Use of Net Rentals:

(Minutes of Conference 1963, p. 138).

The attention of the Board has been drawn to the need and opportunity for the establishment of another Hostel in Wellington for Maori apprentices. Therefore it has again raised with the three historic trusts, which have Maori interests built into their history, namely, Grey Institute Trust, Kai Iwi Trust, and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Education Endowment Trust, the possibility of using part of their increasing income for the establishment of a Hostel in Wellington. Should the Trusts be able to give support by annual grants, it should be possible with a Government subsidy of 70% for such a Hostel to be built. Enquiries have established that the opportunities and need in the Wellington area far outweigh those in other provincial centres.

Maori Concerns:

The Board takes its place alongside those who would plead that Maori place names be given their correct pronunciation, and with the majority of the Maori people who deplore the haste with which the Government appears to be handling the Maori Affairs Amendment Bill. It has expressed its concern on both matters in resolutions forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

R. F. CLEMENT, Chairman.

D. G. SHERSON, Secretary.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, General Superintendent.

R. D. RAKENA, Assistant Superintendent.

R. ROGERS, Senior Maori Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the greetings and thanks of the Conference be sent to Sister Margaret W. Nicholls on the occasion of her retirement from the active work of the Maori Mission after 46 years of devoted service.

3. That Conference records its very sincere appreciation of the services of Sister Madeline Holland.

4. That the attention of the Synod Standing Committees be drawn to Minutes of Conference 1961 page 153 Resolution 6 "That each S.S.C. within whose area Maori circuits are operating appoint a small liaison committee of Maori and Pakeha membership to consult together on matters affecting the relationship of the two sides of the work.

5. That, recognising the growing need for effective leadership in the Maori Circuits and the Maori situation as a whole, the Maori Policy Committee of the Home Mission Board consider the following and report to Synods and Conference 1968:

- (a) The urgent need for at least one member of the Auckland staff to be a competent speaker in Maori.
- (b) The need for all Deaconesses and Ministers appointed to Maori Circuits to have a prior working knowledge of the Maori language customs and traditions.
- (c) The instituting of an intensive leadership training programme for selected Maori youths.

6. That Conference again expresses its thanks for the grants received from the J. R. McKenzie Trust towards the running costs of the Maori Hostels operated by the Home Mission Department.

7.

- (a) That a special letter of recognition and appreciation for services rendered voluntarily in the name of our Church be sent to Senior Maori Honorary Home Missionaries.
- (b) That this recognition be extended from year to year to those of Honorary Home Missionaries whose names will be submitted to Conference at the discretion of the Maori Policy Committee.
- (c) That each such letter carry the signature of the President of Conference.

QUESTION 52.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

(A)—New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association

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The Annual Meeting of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association was held in the Central Mission, Auckland, 17th-19th April, 1967. It was presided over by the President, the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.

Visit of Rev. Erwin Vogt, O.B.E., Superintendent of the Adelaide Central Mission:

Mr Vogt lectured on "Child Care" and "The Care of the Elderly," and these lectures were both informative and inspiring.

Publicity was to continue through the Law Journal and the "N.Z. Methodist."

Hospital Chaplaincy:

Reference was made to the survey in Hospital Chaplaincy throughout New Zealand held in 1964.

It was resolved:—

1. That we agree that Chaplaincy work in Hospitals would be most effectively fulfilled on an N.C.C. basis or other ecumenical approach, and that the Executive of the N.C.C. be informed accordingly.
 2. That the M.S.S.A. recommend to Conference that the Conference approve of the selection of a suitable minister for training and appointment as a Hospital Chaplain.
 3. That the present Chaplaincy Committee (with any necessary additions) be authorised to act as a Committee for the purpose of selection of the Chaplain.
 4. That the Travelling Expenses for Chaplains officially appointed to attend Chaplaincy Conferences shall be the responsibility of the Circuit, the District or the Institution to which they are responsible.
- In regard to the requirement of Conference that the M.S.S.A. present to Conference a uniform policy regarding financial support for Hospital Chaplaincies, the following resolution was passed:—
- That we refer the issue of Resolution 2 on top of Page 189 of the 1966 Minutes of Conference to the Hospital Chaplaincy Committee for consideration and report to the next Annual Meeting.

Community Nurses:

Candidates needed to be 16½ years of age, preferably with three years' Secondary education, otherwise they would be required to have a General Knowledge test. After training and Endorsement Course, a registered Community Nurse would be allowed to assist in a General, or Maternity, or Psychiatric Hospital, or in Homes, and would be available for employment in our Geriatric Homes and Hospitals.

Constitution of City Missions:

It is recommended that the following shall be the revised Constitution of City Missions.

Law Book page 56.

- 297 (a) A City Mission, as distinct from a Circuit or a Home Mission Station, comprises an area in which is situated a Church or a number of Churches, a preaching place or a number of preaching places, established as such by resolution of Conference, and so designated on the Station Sheet of the Conference.
- (b) Any Home, Institution or organisation under the control or management of the Board referred to in Paragraph 299 shall, for the purposes of administration, be included in such City Mission.
- 298 The Conference may at any time fix the boundary of a City Mission, and when so fixed such boundary shall not be altered except in accordance with the procedure referred to in Paragraph 500.
- 299 (1) The Conference shall constitute a Board of Management of a City Mission and may annually appoint to such Board persons, being members of the Church, whether connected by membership with such City Mission or holding membership elsewhere. The Board shall include the Ministers, Circuit Stewards, Trustees, one representative of the Lay Preachers in the Circuit, Convener of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, and other representatives from the membership of the Mission. Each Board of Management shall decide the size of the Board.

- (2) Such Board when appointed shall be responsible for the Administration and Social Service work of the Mission, and shall be directly responsible to the District Synod and to Conference.
- (3) There shall be appointed an Executive and such Committees as may be necessary to control Institutions, General Social Services, Research and Future Policy, etc.
- (4) The Quarterly Meeting and Leaders' Meeting will fulfil the Pastoral and Ministerial functions as set out in the Law Book.
- (5) (a) The appointments of the Superintendent shall be regarded as a Connexional Appointment, the Board of Management to make the nominations to Conference after consulting the Quarterly Meeting.
- (b) The Quarterly Meeting may exercise the right to suggest names of suitable Ministers to the Board of Management for consideration for appointment to the City Mission.
- (c) 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, as provided in Law Book Pages 24-26. Provisions 150-155, especially Provision 154, Clause (o) —“preside at all Official Meetings in the Circuit, providing that he may appoint one of his Colleagues to preside at any Leaders' Meeting and exercise all his powers and privileges thereat.”

Baptism by Nurses of Dangerously Ill Children:

It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Faith and Order Committee.

Connexional Budget:

It was resolved that the following allocations be approved:—Auckland 25%; Dunedin 20%; Wellington and Christchurch 27½% each.

Child Care:

A Report was received from Miss L. Hodder on behalf of the Care of Dependent Children Committee.

It was resolved to discontinue the Committee, its functions having been fulfilled, and that the N.Z.M.S.S.A. express its thanks to the members of the Committee and the Convener, Mr G. C. Burton, for their guidance.

Miss L. Hodder and Mr G. C. Burton were still available for consultations.

Reports to Conference:

After lengthy discussion, it was resolved:—

That the Children's Homes and Central Missions report to the Synods of the Social Service Areas in which they are located, and that these reports be included in the Agenda and Minutes of Conference for information only. That the major contents of these reports be included in the report of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. which, with any recommendations, will be the subject of debate and discussion at Conference.

Status of Social Worker:

The Legal Adviser stated that a Social Worker who is a non-member of the Church has no voting power, but one who is a member

of the Church under the present Constitution could be appointed as an official representative.

It was resolved that the matter of representation of Social Workers at National and District level be referred to the Boards of Management and the District Committees for their consideration and report back to the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Immigration—Fijians:

The Minister of Immigration was sympathetic in regard to extended leave for Fijians, but owing to numerous complex factors, it was resolved not to press the matter.

Student Hostel — Ilam:

A letter was received from the Deaconess Board re the establishment of a Hostel, and it was resolved:—

1. That the N.Z.M.S.S.A. agrees in principle to the establishment of a Hostel for Teachers' College students in the Ilam area.
2. That the Deaconess Board be requested by the M.S.S.A. to consult initially with the Christchurch Mission Trustees regarding the development of the Hostel in the Ilam area.

New Plymouth Anglican/Methodist Scheme for Elderly Folk:

It was resolved that the N.Z.M.S.S.A. give general approval to the scheme.

Inter-Church Co-operation in Social Service Work:

A letter had been received from the Joint Commission, stating that a Study Conference would be held for this purpose.

It was resolved that the Rev. A. E. Orr and the Rev. W. E. Falkingham be our two representatives on the Study Committee when it is called.

South Island Children's Home:

A Letter was received suggesting closer co-operation between the South Island Children's Home and the Central Mission.

1. It was resolved that in the Auckland and Canterbury areas the matter be referred to the Central Mission Board and the Orphanage Board for consultation.
2. It was felt that a fully trained Social Worker would meet the position regarding mentally disturbed children and families under nervous stress.
3. The matter of different categories in the various Churches in the treatment of children, and the attendance of representatives of the Churches at the Children's Court was referred to the Study Committee on Inter-Church Co-operation.

Government Courses for Social Workers:

It was resolved that the matter of the relationship between the M.S.S.A. and the Association of Social Workers be looked into.

Central Missions, Social Service Centres, and Child Care:

See individual reports.

Maori Work:

See Home Mission Department.

Ecumenism in Social Work:

It was resolved that the development of Social Services in Provincial Areas (see Conference Minutes 1966, p. 180) be referred to the three Area Committees and the Christchurch Central Mission for consideration and report.

Subsidies:

The Government had raised certain subsidies, and amounts were available through the Internal Affairs Department.

It was resolved that we request the Department of Internal Affairs to give consideration to such community services as Lifeline being eligible for grants from the Department.

Bursaries for Training of Social Workers:

The Association is prepared to accept financial responsibility for the training of approved candidates. So far none has come forward.

Lay Workers Superannuation Scheme:

All lay workers were eligible for participation in the scheme.

Child Care Conference, Australia:

Rev. Erwin Vogt invited representatives from New Zealand to Conference to be held in Melbourne in January, 1968.

It was resolved to approve in principle the sending of representatives, and that a grant of £50 (\$100) be made towards travelling expenses.

Immigration Officer:

It was resolved that the Rev. J. A. Penman be appointed.

Official M.S.S.A. Representative:

It was resolved that the Rev. A. E. Orr be reappointed.

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, President.

A. EVERIL ORR, Convener and Official Representative, N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the N.Z. M.S.S.A. recommend to Synods and Conference 1968 a Minister for training and appointment as a Hospital Chaplain, subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made and approved by Conference.

3. That the Travelling Expenses for Chaplains officially appointed to attend Chaplaincy Conferences shall be the responsibility of the Circuit, the District or the Institution by which they are appointed to Chaplaincy work.

4. That the Revised Constitution of City Missions be approved and referred to the Law Revision Committee for incorporation in the Law Book.

5. That the Care of Dependent Children Committee be thanked for its services and discontinued.

6. That the following officers be appointed: Immigration Officer: Rev. J. A. Penman; Official M.S.S.A. Representative: Rev. A. E. Orr.

7. Conference notes with concern that Te Rehua Hostel is operating on a considerable deficit each year. In view of the constant drain on the resources of the Mission, Conference requests the Home and Maori Mission Department to give further consideration to making provision for regular financial assistance.

(B)—New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967
(being a precis of Reports to Synods on Central Missions, Children's Homes, Branches of M.S.S.A.)

CENTRAL MISSIONS

Auckland Central Mission:

The Central Building Sinking Fund has sent a further contribution of £16,000 (\$32,000), and all expenses have been met, including interest to the debenture holders.

Wesley Hospital and the Occupational Therapy Unit are now free of debt, but there is a debt of £10,000 (\$20,000) on account of purchase of adjacent properties.

Allendale Road. Sister Margaret Frampton is now Matron-in-Chief. There is an increasing frailty among the elderly, which requires new planning for residential Homes. A new Chapel was recently opened.

Five acres have been purchased at Pukekohe for an elderly persons' residence.

There has been outreach to the youth of the city through the Downtown Club.

The Inter-Church Counselling Centre and Samaritan-Lifeline indicate that general guidance, psychological and emotional, marriage and family are the chief categories in which they deal.

The changing pattern of Church life and camping demand re-development of the Camp premises.

Court work among boys and girls, as well as Prison work, receives attention.

A steady stream of Samoans continue to settle in the country.

On account of unemployment, the flood of Fijians has been stemmed.

Total Legacies amount to £59,320 (\$118,640).

The Mission endeavours to establish a seven-day-a-week programme.

Extensions in Airedale Street for parking, Goodwill work, accommodation for aged and youth, and possibly Maori offices, are under consideration, and plans for accommodation for a further 84 people are being considered by the Government.

The visit of the Rev. Erwin Vogt, O.B.E., was an inspiration to us all.

Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust Board:

At Wesleyhaven plans are being made for development. Increasing age and frailty of residents demand greater nursing facilities. Staff quarters are limited at Epworth House and extension is necessary.

The economic situation has increased the number of people seeking assistance.

Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre:

Counselling and Seminars have demanded most of our time.

Christchurch Central Mission:

There has been an increase in the number of calls for personal help through Lifeline.

Holiday accommodation for the aged has been established at Wesley House, Picton. A property has been purchased adjacent to Wesley House for £4500 (\$9000).

A two-storey building adjacent to Wesley Hospital has been purchased for \$36,000, and a Government subsidy of \$52,000 approved. This will accommodate a further 14 beds.

A 36-bed Home is to be erected at Papanui. A Government subsidy of \$86,400 has been approved.

A new wing costing \$40,000 was opened at the Rehua Maori Hostel. Accommodation now 65.

Legacies total £7469 (\$14,938).

There has been an outreach through Coffee Clubs to the teenager, and another Goodwill Store has been opened.

Dunedin Central Mission:

There has been the launching of an Inter-City Bible Class to cater for Presbyterians, Methodists and Anglicans.

Conference is asked to withdraw our Chaplain from Seacliff Hospital.

Counselling is a feature of the Mission life, and in conjunction with St Paul's Cathedral and First Presbyterian Church, an Emergency Advice Service is to be established.

Nomenclature. The Mission now reverts to its old name of Dunedin Methodist Central Mission.

A Board of Management has been constituted.

At the Company Bay Eventide Home there has been an extension of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy, where there is a visiting Physiotherapist and two Occupational Therapists. We have been encouraged by effective rehabilitation. There have been alterations costing £32,000 (\$64,000).

We are making provision at Company Bay for men who need Hospital attention.

At Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp a new electrical reticulation system has been completed. Further extensions are envisaged. The Camp is well sought after by people from all over New Zealand.

The Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery, now working at Wesley Church, Hillside Road, has proved satisfactory.

The renewed Trinity Church was opened in December last, and there are increased congregations, particularly in the evening.

A new lease is being arranged with the Amalgamated Theatres for the Octagon Theatre.

New Building at the Octagon Site. We are hoping to announce definite progress regarding the new building at Conference time. Satisfactory arrangements regarding loan finance have been made, and it is hoped to secure one major tenant.

Children's Homes:

Auckland: The Committee has continued supervision of children in Wesleydale and foster homes, and the Social Worker has also given assistance in other needy homes. At the time of this report there were 49 children in direct care, and with those assisted at home a total of 75. The Committee's experience establishes the importance of Wesleydale as well as foster homes, particularly in keeping together families needing shorter-term care. Investigations continue re establishing a separate family home on the Mt Roskill property. There is an excellent spirit in the Home, under the leadership of Mrs Smith as Matron, with part-time assistance from her husband. The work of Miss J. Boniface, Social Worker, is highly regarded by the Committee, staff and the Child Welfare Department. Mr Percy Dellow has retired as Secretary-Treasurer after 21 years' devoted service to this work.

Masterton: The Home, which aims to keep larger families intact, has accepted children as far afield as Taranaki, Auckland and Nelson.

The Home is run as a family.

One child has completed a Diploma in Horticulture.

There are 16 boys and 9 girls in the Home.

This year we have accommodated some State Wards.

Renovations have improved the building.

The Home is multi-racial and interdenominational.

South Island Children's Home. There has been an increase in the demand for our services.

Of the 46 children in the Home, 25 have come from broken homes; 12 have mothers under psychiatric care; 7 (one family) were removed from their home by Child Welfare; 1 was a Psychological Services referral; 1 was orphaned, the mother having died.

We depend on foster homes for certain types of children.

Case work among families has meant the maintaining of the family life.

The Board is grateful to Sister Rona Collins and to Mr and Mrs Scott for their devoted work.

Our new Family Unit Home is to be opened in August, and will take care of 8 to 10 children.

Investigations are being made in order that the present Home may be altered and renewed.

The Children's Homes are one of the only organisations of our Church to have suffered through the advent of the Connexional Budget, and we have had to draw heavily on capital resources.

A. EVERILL ORR, Official Representative.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the condensed Report of the City Missions, Children's Homes, Branches of the M.S.S.A., be received and adopted.

2. That the following financial statements be received and adopted:—

N.Z.M.S.S.A.

Children's Homes — Auckland, Masterton, South Island.

3. That Conference expresses its gratification that the work of the Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre has developed to the stage of requiring the appointment of a Social Service Assistant, and that it expresses its continued confidence in the Director and the work of the Centre.

4. That Conference records its appreciation of the services that continue to be rendered by Mr and Mrs J. E. Scott and Sister Rona Collins at the South Island Children's Home.—North Canterbury.

5. That Conference records its deep appreciation of the faithful and genial service rendered to the cause of the dependent children by Mr P. Dellow as he concludes 21 years as Secretary-Treasurer.—Auckland and Waikato-Bay of Plenty.

6. That the Boards of Management for the City Missions for 1968 be:—

AUCKLAND:

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., A. R. Penn, Mesdames I. Sweetapple, A. Pratt, M. Spurge, M. King, E. Mills, W. M. 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. Firth, M.Sc., J. Trenwith, G. Pratt, A. E. Hayman, J.P., K. Clark, W. Wood, R. A. Barfoote, A.R.A.N.Z., H. Kendrick, C. W. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey and A. H. Winston, LL.B.

CHRISTCHURCH:

The Chairman of the District, Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), Revs. H. G. Brown, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, A. R. Bowden, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws, H. C. Matthews, N. Smith, P. Barker, K. Toomer, M. A. McDowell, Messrs R. Anderson, L. J. Butler, T. J. Chamberlain, A. A. Dingwall, Dr T. Enticott, P. W. Gurney, N. G. Hillary, A. B. Hurnard, W. T. Lill, E. Livingstone, R. Mitchell, Dr S. C. Peddie, G. S. Salter, H. R. Spargo, A. Southey, R. Thomas, M. E. Lloyd, Mesdames R. Anderson, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, W. S. Dawson, M. Leask, L. Lewis, H. G. Stewart, Miss M. E. Edwards, M.W.F. Ex. Rep., Mrs H. G. Brown, Church of Christ Representative.

DUNEDIN:

That the Board for 1968 be the Superintendent of the Central Mission (Chairman), Rev. J. H. Roberts, Mrs W. H. Masters, Messrs R. T. Connor, W. L. Coppin, A. R. Crosbie, A. H. D. Cushen, A. M. Dawson, A. L. Fleury, D. A. Hogan, A. L. Hunter, D. I. Jensen, R. H. King, E. B. Macleod, W. H. Masters, G. F. Pascoe, F. W. Pitcher, C. A. R. Pitts, I. A. Skene, V. J. Tie, H. C. Vince, F. W. Wilson.

7. (a) That the Committee for the Care of Dependent Children for Auckland be: Chairman of the District (Chairman), Revs A. E. Orr (deputy-chairman), Chairmen of Northland and Waikato-Bay of Plenty Districts, E. R. Hornblow (chaplain), H. Moore, E. W. Hames, A. R. Penn (Secretary-Treasurer), Mrs J. S. Caughey, Mrs D. Ziesler, Miss J. E. Boniface (Social Worker), Messrs G. C. Riddell, P. Dellow, A. L. Caughey, H. L. Clark and Sister Anne Wilson.

(b) That the Board of the Masterton Children's Home be: Mr C. E. Archer (Chairman), Revs C. Russell Marshall, F. S. Rigg, Dr D. F. Prior, Mesdames A. D. Griggs and D. Crichton, Messrs J. F. Cody, D. H. Springer, D. Crichton and W. H. Saunders (Secretary).

(c) That the Board of the South Island Children's Home be: The Revs. H. C. Matthews, P. S. Barker, H. G. Brown, O. L. Christian, W. E. Falkingham, H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, R. W. Widdup and O. T. Woodfield (Secretary), Messrs L. R. Beardsley, H. de R. Flesher, E. Hawke, H. J. S. Harrington, A. A. Harrow, W. D. M. Jamieson, L. J. McKeague, C. M. R. Manhire, C. L. Palmer, J. E. Scott, F. A. Sheat, R. Anderson, Mesdames A. Black, B. Hodder, H. C. Matthews, L. G. Newton and Miss D. Horrell.

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, 1967

Deaconess House in Latimer Square, Christchurch, has continued to fulfil its role as outlined in the Law Book p. 120 as follows.

1. The Training of Students for Deaconess work. This year Miss Ruth Tattersal is a first year student.

2. The providing of facilities for training of Christian workers. This has been developed with encouraging response during this year and details are given in the Warden's report.

3. The accommodation of students attending classes in Christchurch. This year 27 girls have been in residence and a very happy atmosphere has prevailed in the House under the capable leadership of Miss Judith Ford. The Board was particularly grateful to Sister Ada Lee who assisted as acting-Sub Matron during nine months of 1966. The house has been maintained in good condition and a deep freeze has been purchased resulting in considerable savings in domestic expenses. Miss Ford and the cook, Mrs O. Baylyn, attended a Food Supervisor's Course in Dunedin, during the May vacation. A number of past boarders were able to gather in a re-union at the time of the Teachers' College 90th celebrations in Christchurch.

As the time draws closer for the transfer of Teachers' College activities from Christchurch City to Ilam the need to examine the position of the Hostel side of Deaconess House grows more urgent. The matter was raised with the N.Z.M.S.S.A. who requested that the Board should confer with the Christchurch Central Mission, and this is being done. The advice of the Connexional Secretary and the President's Legal Adviser has been of assistance.

Ordination of Deaconesses:

The Commission on the Ministry of Women (1964 Minutes, pages 212, 213) stated that "ordination by prayer and the laying on of hands is appropriate." Acting on this statement the Faith and Order Committee reported (1965 Minutes, page 283, No. 5) "it is appropriate that the Deaconess be ordained to her special task by prayer and the laying on of hands." The Committee then proceeded with the preparation of an Order of Service for the Ordination of a Deaconess. This was revised and adopted by Conference in 1966. (1966 Minutes, page 239).

The Deaconess Board then proceeded to consider the question when the ordination of Deaconesses should be implemented, and whether all Deaconesses should be ordained, or whether future candidates should be ordained into an Order of Dedicated Deaconesses. It was decided that these questions should be raised with the President. The Board arranged a special meeting, when the President was in Christchurch. One thing that clearly emerged was that if all deaconesses were not ordained, we would immediately have a divided order, part dedicated, and part ordained. It was resolved to refer the matter to all deaconesses with a view to securing unity in whatever action might be decided upon. Accordingly the question was set down for discussion at Deaconess Convocation. The President of the Conference took the chair and the Deaconess Board was represented by five of its members.

After full discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously, "That Convocation expresses the willingness of members of the Order to be ordained." Convocation further expressed the hope that this Ordination might take place at the Church Conference of 1968, and a Committee was set up to explore the possibility of holding Convocation during Conference time in 1968. Recommendations are set down on this matter.

An error occurred in the printing of the 1966 minutes which showed Resolution 3, P. 195 and 196 as carried. This was not passed by the Conference and steps have been taken to delete it from the Supplement to the Law Book in the Minutes of Conference.

The Board is pleased to have as a member, Mrs W. J. Schrader, who is an Ordained Deaconess of the Australian Methodist Church, residing in Christchurch.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

G. R. TREBILCO, Secretary.

WARDEN'S REPORT

The Order:

During the year Miss Jocelyn Gilling was appointed to the Dunedin Central Mission as a Deaconess Probationer and Miss Ruth Tattersal received into Deaconess House for training. From Australia, Deaconess Merle Fechner took up an appointment with the Maori Mission for a period of two years. Under the provisions for re-instatement in the Order, of Deaconesses who marry, the Deaconess Board recommended to the President that Mrs Atawhai George be received. After consulting with the Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, the President has confirmed the re-instatement.

In spite of these additions to the strength of the Order, there is an urgent need for candidates if the work of the Order is to be sustained.

The Place of Deaconess Convocation in the Polity of the Church:

Over the years there has been some confusion about the place of the Deaconess Convocation in the polity of the Church, and the right of a Deaconess to attend the Ministerial Committee of Synod. This confusion has resulted largely from deleting from the 1951 Law Book the previous provision for holding an Annual Deaconess Convocation in the June Quarter of each year. The result of this has made Convocation into a voluntary association of Deaconesses with no proper place in the polity of the Church.

After considering this matter, in the light of the needs of the Order, of practice overseas, and the possibility of uniting the Deaconess Orders in New Zealand, the Deaconess Board is of the opinion that the Deaconess Convocation should be re-instated as an official court of the Church, and recommends accordingly.

The Board of Studies:

At the beginning of 1967 the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., tendered his resignation as lecturer in Biblical studies. Since 1953 Mr Blight has lectured in one or more subjects each year, and for a time supervised all studies until the Warden was appointed. His rich experience and mature learning have always been at the disposal of the Church, and the Deaconess Order has been better equipped because of his valuable contribution to its training.

The Warden has continued to take the majority of lectures, but has been assisted by the Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D., Theol.M. in Old Testament and Theology, and Mr D. W. Hudson, B.A. in Religious Education.

While the first commitment of the Deaconess Board is the training of Deaconess students, this year has seen a development of the usefulness of the training facilities through the opening of certain lectures to members of the Church. Classes have varied in number from two to twenty-two, and at the present time over seventy are attending the courses open to the public.

In some of the courses, expert help has been freely given, and people from other Churches have shared in the courses.

A sub-committee of the Board of Studies is meeting with the District Education Council to explore the further development of the work.

Publicity:

Two sets of publicity material have been prepared and are in regular use throughout the Church. These are available from the Warden. Easter Camps in North Canterbury and on the West Coast were visited this year.

Ecumenical Deaconess Matters:

To date, it has not been possible to convene the committee being set up to explore the possibility of combined Deaconess training. Resulting from the Diakonia Conference in Edinburgh, 1966, an ecumenical Deaconess Convocation for the Pacific is proposed for Australia, 1968, and there is a growing desire that a Convocation of an ecumenical nature should be held in this country also.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Warden.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference approve and authorise the Ordination of present and retired Deaconesses.

3. That the Ordination of Deaconesses take place at Conference, 1968.

4. That Conference approve in principle that Convocation be recognized as an official Court of the Church.

5. That the following addition be referred to the Law Revision Committee Order of Deaconesses (Law Book p. 124, Section f).

40. Annual Convocation:

(a) A Convocation of the Deaconess Order shall be held annually.

(b) It shall consist of the Warden of the Order, and all Deaconesses connected with the Conference, and shall elect a President, Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as may be from time to time necessary.

(c) The business of the Convocation shall be:—

1. To submit recommendations to the Deaconess Board.

2. To study and discuss subjects relating to Christian service and the welfare of the Order.

3. To nominate to the Board two representatives to the Annual Conference.

6. That Conference asks the Deaconess Board to investigate the relation of Ordained Deaconesses to Synods and Conference.

7. That Conference records its deep appreciation of the service rendered by the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., to the whole church in the training of Deaconesses during the past fourteen years.

8. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 54.—What are the resolutions of the Conference regarding Children's Homes?

(See Question 52)

QUESTION 55.—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A—Report of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist

The Connexional year ended 30th June, 1966, saw the establishment of the New Zealand Methodist and the appearance of its first three issues. The past year has seen its consolidation and its acceptance as an integral and vital part of the Church's programme and mission.

Circulation:

The initial circulation figure of 49,000 has grown to approximately 51,500 and has apparently stabilised at about that level.

Distribution:

This has settled down reasonably satisfactorily after some serious 'teething troubles.' Some circuits distant from Auckland still find bulk deliveries somewhat unreliable and efforts continue to iron-out such troubles as persist.

At the level of local church distribution reports reaching the Board suggest that almost without exception a very conscientious job is being done. Many churches have effectively linked their distribution with their lay visitation.

Editorial:

In April the Editor, Rev. A. M. Richards, gave notice of his desire to be relieved of his duties and the Board agreed that he should withdraw as from the middle of July. We place on record appreciation of the services to the paper given by Mr Richards and the high standard set by him (and his associates Rev. Gordon Hanna and Mr Maurice Berry).

With the approval of the President of Conference, arrangements were made for the editorial duties to be shared in the meantime by the Rev. Gordon Hanna (as Acting-Editor) together with Mr Maurice Berry and Mr Ian Harris.

As soon as possible the Board will make recommendations to Conference regarding permanent appointments.

Partners-in-Print:

A very gratifying response to this scheme continues. Although the total of Partners-in-Print and other donations for the year ended 30th June, \$3722, were slightly below the Budget figure of \$4000 we are pleased and grateful for this generous giving.

Advertising Revenue:

The Board had no illusions about the problems of breaking into the highly competitive field of advertising media and we have not yet achieved our objective. Nevertheless the paper provides a medium of advertising of a very high standard at competitive rates and gradually this source of revenue is increasing.

Financial:

The year has not been an easy one financially. In order to reduce costs the Board decided, as a temporary measure, to reduce the size of alternate issues from 12 pages to 8 pages. As soon as advertising revenue permits, the paper will return to the full size for each issue.

Detailed financial statements will be presented to Conference but at the time of preparing this report for Synods the Board does not anticipate applying to the Church Finance & Stewardship Committee for any greater sum than last year's application, viz. \$12,000.

Conference Reports and Addresses:

During and following last Conference some discussion took place (both within and without the Board) regarding the responsibility of the paper to report, in full or otherwise, particular Conference addresses, etc. The Board now submits the following statement for the consideration of the Church:—

Previously, Conference activities and decisions were of personal interest to the readership of a connexional paper which was designed for 'home consumption' only.

The new connexional newspaper serves in the main a different clientele of reader, a great many of whom are only on the fringe of the church. Un-edited or verbatim publication of sermons and addresses delivered at Conference would serve little good purpose for these readers and would be out of character with the condensed style and format of the present publication.

We therefore submit Recommendation No. 2, below.

Combined Church Paper:

On the initiative of the Joint Commission on Church Union a discussion took place during the year between representatives of the five negotiating churches regarding the possibility of a combined paper. In the light of Conference decisions regarding combined church activities and conscious of the recent 'Act of Commitment', the Board stated a case for a combined paper distributed on some such basis as the New Zealand Methodist. (This would have a circulation of about 200,000-250,000). These proposals have not won the immediate support of the other churches but discussions will continue.

Personnel:

During the year Mr H. Maud resigned from the Board and was replaced by Miss M. Tabuteau.

Thanks:

The Board places on record its thanks to District Agents, Circuit Agents and local distributors as well as to voluntary contributors and to others who continue to assist in the production and distribution of the paper.

E. R. LEWIS, Chairman.

C. R. HOWELL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That a Publicity Committee be appointed at each Conference to which all questions of the publication of material be referred for consideration and decision, such a Committee to sit as often as necessary during Conference and to report to the Conference its recommendations in relation to *The New Zealand Methodist*, the Board of Publications, or otherwise. (It is assumed that the *New Zealand Methodist* would retain editorial freedom to treat in the usual way material submitted to it).

3. That Mr I. W. Harris, M.A., be appointed editor of the New Zealand Methodist as from 1st January, 1968, and that the Board be directed to enter into an agreement of service with Mr Harris, the details of which will be discussed with the Board's Honorary Solicitor, Mr R. T. Garlick, and with the President's Legal Adviser.

4. That Conference expresses its thanks to Rev. A. M. Richards for his services as initial Editor of the N.Z. Methodist.

5. That Conference record its thanks to the Associate Editors and Staff of the New Zealand Methodist for their service, and particularly to Rev. Gordon Hanna, for his work as Acting Editor from the retirement of Mr Richards until the appointment of the new Editor.

6. That the Board for 1968 be as printed on page 7 herein.

B. Board of Publications

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

The Board expresses its grateful thanks to the Commission on Communications for its helpful report, with which we are in substantial agreement. We make the following comments:—

- (a) We accept the recommendation that the "N.Z. Methodist" should be controlled by a separate Board, directly responsible to Conference. Several members of the "N.Z. Methodist" Committee are on our Board, and we shall gladly give any assistance that may be requested.
- (b) Regarding the size of the Board, we point out that some members carry out duties as "readers" and book-keepers and are therefore not expected to attend all meetings.
- (c) We have now adopted the policy of selling through Bookrooms, etc. except for certain pre-ordered material such as Prayer Manuals, and Advent and Lenten Leaflets.
- (d) We welcome the opportunity to serve major Church Departments in an advisory capacity, and have arranged for a Wellington sub-committee as suggested in the Commission's report.
- (e) Epworth Bookroom (Auckland): Our initial reaction to the idea of taking over Epworth Bookroom (Auckland), is not enthusiastic, as we could not give the strong financial backing which the Home Mission Board supplies. However, if Conference so directs, the position will be explored. (We shall, of course, always be ready to act in an advisory capacity, if requested).

After Conference, the Board plans to submit to the Law Revision Committee a draft Constitution embodying the Commission's suggestions and Conference resolutions thereon.

The Year's Work:

The work of the Board is proceeding smoothly under the guidance of several sub-committees. A systematic review of "gaps" in the Church's publications programme is being undertaken to enable us to meet Circuit needs more effectively. Meanwhile we note several matters:—

- (1) We commend to Circuits the "Know Your Faith" study booklets. The titles so far published are:
 - No. 1 "Overseas — or Over the Road?" by John Grundy.
 - No. 2 "Laymen at Work" by Geoffrey Hill.
- (2) The Prayer Manual. The increase of page-size and the larger type used in the 1967/68 Manual, drew many favourable comments, and approximately 3000 copies were sold. However, there

- was general disappointment at the exclusion of helpful prayers and the classifying of prayer biddings under the days of the month. These features will be restored in the 1968/69 Manual.
- (3) A second edition of the Confirmation Manual (2500 copies) has been issued, and 13,000 copies of the Advent Leaflet were sold to Circuits.

E. P. SALMON, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Executive Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1967/68 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION 56.—What are the resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

The Committee has met on three occasions during the year to coincide with the meetings of Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council. After six years at Woodbourne RNZAF Training Establishment, Chaplain R. J. Hamlin was transferred to Base Auckland and is stationed at Whenuapai.

During 1966 it was expected that Chaplain M. L. Dine would be attached to V-Force, but other arrangements were made and this posting was deferred. He has now been appointed to Viet Nam for a tour of duty of nine months, commencing in August. This meant that the continuation of his chaplaincy service came under review, since his present term expires 31 January, 1968. The Army authorities requested an extension of his term. ChDAC approved the request, Chaplain Dine was willing, and after consulting with his Committee of Advice the President gave his approval to a three-year extension of Chaplain Dine's service as Army chaplain.

The present term of appointment of Chaplain H. I. Shaw expires in April 1968, and this will be the subject of a recommendation to Conference.

Reports from the three Regular Force Chaplains and two Territorial Field Force Chaplains:

Chaplain M. L. Dine reports:

At the time of writing my last report, Linton Camp was preparing for a Mission to be conducted by the Revs. L. Barber, I. Basire and P. Stead. Space does not allow a full report, but these words of Peter Stead may help to evaluate the mission. "Probably the greatest success of this venture in mission was that it brought home the fact that the Church, represented in the missionaries, is prepared to step down from the pedestal, and right into the life of ordinary men, that it is prepared to try to understand their apathy, their disillusionment, their criticism, and that it has a word to say that no one else can say." Attendances at Church Services have not increased since the Mission but on the other hand there is evidence that soldiers are thinking more deeply about the Church and man's place within it. The fortnightly discussion groups with the men (commonly known as Padre's Pours) are good battle-grounds for the Faith. Professor Geering, Mr Wardlaw and any religious TV programme add fuel to

the fires. These groups are both challenging and refreshing. Through discussions in Padre's Hours, many are made to think and therefore to seek a talk in private. The rest of my work in Linton Camp is so similar to that of the Circuit Minister that there is no need to go into detail . . . counselling work, Bible in Schools, hospital visiting, taking a Bible Class, preaching and learning. A fortnightly House Church gives opportunity for the women to join the men in sharing their thoughts.

I take this opportunity to thank the Methodist Church for giving me the privilege of working amongst those of the Armed Services. That this is a vital ministry cannot be denied. Whatever one's personal attitude toward the Armed Services, one can pray for the men, and the Chaplains who are called to serve them.

Chaplain R. J. Hamlin reports:

There is a worthwhile and fruitful field of ministry in the Services. It has been a privilege to minister among people of many different denominations giving to them and receiving from them insights into the wideness of God's love for men.

During the year many have found faith in Christ and in so finding have been given wholeness. Some events in their lives would in earlier days have been called miracles, as problems have been overcome, respect has been restored, and relationships healed.

The task continues to be one of preaching, teaching, visitation and counselling. With the transfer to Auckland the lecturing load has been lifted and the task resembles a circuit ministry even more closely.

Two factors which deserve mention this year are the increased giving of Chapel congregations and the increasing readiness of the lay people to take a significant part in the Chapel life of the Base. We have had no difficulty in recruiting Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Leaders.

This has been a most satisfying year.

Chaplain H. I. Shaw reports:

My posting as Staff Officer Chaplains, H.Q. 3 NZEF, has involved me in extra training commitments during the year. In the absence of the Senior Chaplain in Vietnam, I have been responsible for co-ordinating the Field Force Chaplaincy work. During Annual Camps Chaplains' brief and debriefs were held, and the Chaplains exercised both in their normal role as Unit Chaplains, and in their place in the larger team.

However, the main task is still with the loan-back appointment at Waiouru Camp, where the work is very similar to that of a circuit Ministry.

The Padre's Hour is a valuable opportunity of contact and discussion, and personal counselling, with the wide variety of problems involved, a demanding task. I received every assistance from all quarters in dealing with personnel. The ready availability of Chaplains and the encouragement given soldiers to seek interviews overcomes the natural reticence, especially in the case of non-church personnel, in doing so. Often these occasions are their first contact with a Minister of the Church.

My active participation in sport is well received and good value. It not only maintains my own personal fitness but develops personal relationships in a different setting.

An important development in Waiouru this year, is the proposed combined Chapel in which the C. of E, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches are participating. Tenders have been let for the building and the local congregations are preparing an agreement for its combined use.

I still find this work most rewarding and continue to be appreciative of the opportunity of serving in this sphere with its particular emphasis of the outreach of the Church into the lives of young men.

Chaplain G. T. Gilbert reports:

The Army Camp I attended this year with (6 RNZIR) was held at Kariori. Every consideration was shown to me both in Camp and in the field and I consider it to have been a most rewarding experience. Much of the time we were on the move in dense bush on Exercise and I was able to spend rest periods with small groups of men. These opportunities proved most satisfying.

Chaplain D. S. Mullan reports:

I entered camp this year with HQ CRASC at Linton. The dispersment of this Unit was a significant factor of my work. Several hundred miles were covered during Camp in visiting all sub-units at least once. Eight Padre's Hours were held covering nearly all sub-units. Personal counselling, involving 20 interviews arose directly from contacts made at Padre's Hour.

Distance prevented adequate contact with 1 Tpt. Coy (GT) at Waiouru.

This type of camp was an entirely new experience for me. I was responsible for large groups of personnel with whom I had no continuing contact. It provided a demanding opportunity of working in a new role, and the co-operation received from many officers and NCO's made some very satisfactory work possible. My thanks are due to those who went out of their way to assist in the often obscure task of the Chaplain and to the Church for allowing me to continue this work.

General. Chaplain Glen (2 RNZIR) left for Australia during the year and now serves under the NSW Conference, where he is seeking to continue his contact with Chaplaincy Work.

Finance. The accounts for the Chaplaincy Committee show a credit balance of £155/16/2 (\$311.63) at the end of the financial year.

Expenses for the year totalled £55/10/- (\$111).

Retirement of Treasurer. This brings to an end 25 years of service to the Church, through this committee, of Mr A. J. Johnston, who has also been its Treasurer for 18 years. The Conference is indebted to Mr Johnston for his long and faithful service.

R. F. CLEMENT, Senior Chaplain.

H. I. SHAW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its sincere appreciation for the long and faithful service of Mr A. J. Johnston as a member of the Methodist Chaplaincy Committee for 25 years and as its treasurer for 18 years.
3. That Mr E. C. D. Watson be thanked for his service as treasurer and reappointed and that Mr J. B. McKinney be appointed his new co-treasurer.
4. That the Methodist Chaplains Advisory Committee for 1968 be: The Rev. G. R. Thompson, E.D. (chairman), R. F. Clement (Senior Chaplain), H. I. Shaw (secretary), M. L. Dine, R. J. Hamlin, and Messrs H. J. Steptoe, E. C. D. Watson, D. M. Hay, J. B. McKinney, H. F. Hart and D. J. Sellens.
5. That Conference records its appreciation of the worth of our

Chaplains in the Services, assures them of the continued interest and concern of the Church, and sends greetings to Chaplain M. Dine assuring him of its prayerful understanding and support.

6. That Conference notes with pleasure the appointment of the Rev. R. J. Hamlin as Senior Chaplain to the Royal N.Z. Air Force, offers its congratulations and assures him of its support in this important task.

Question 56—(a) What ministers are to serve as whole or part-time Chaplains during the ensuing year?

(a) Full-time: R. J. Hamlin (RNZAF), H. I. Shaw and M. L. Dine (RNZ Army).

(b) Part-time: J. S. Hosking, D. S. Mullan, A. Newman, C. F. Peart, P. P. Rushton, P. S. Barker.

That the term of Rev. H. I. Shaw as Army Chaplain be extended for three years, as from April 5, 1968.

QUESTION 57.—What is the Report of the Custodian on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

(1)—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

During the year, the Secretary edited the New Zealand material for the Encyclopedia of World Methodism. This involved revising, adding to and re-typing a great deal of material prepared by the Rev. W. T. Blight several years ago.

We report with regret that Mr W. P. Thomson died within a week of giving his outstanding illustrated lecture on "Early Methodist Mission Stations" at the 1966 Auckland Conference. We are grateful to Mrs Thomson for allowing us to copy the slides and the notes, which will be going "on tour" to U.S.A. with the Treasurer, the Rev. D. G. Laws.

Proceedings:

The following were circulated during the year:

Vol. 23, No. 3: "Padre Luxford" by Frank Glen.

Vol. 23, No. 4: "Walter Lawry" by E. W. Hames.

To preserve the "numbering sequence", "Inheritance" — the story of the Connexional Funds (by H. L. Fiebig) has been issued as Vol. 21, Nos. 3 and 4.

We express gratitude to the various Funds and Boards which contributed the total cost of "Inheritance", distributing a copy free to all ministers and Trust secretaries. Also to descendants of the Rev. Walter Lawry for generous help with the printing of the brochure by the Rev. E. W. Hames.

Annual Lecture:

The 1967 Annual Lecture will be given by the Secretary on "The Life and Work of the Rev. Cort Henry Schnackenberg".

E. W. HAMES, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

(2)—Report of 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:

Auckland:

Whangaparoa.

Waikato-Bay of Plenty:

Hamilton East, Hamilton, Tauranga, Matamata.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

New Plymouth.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu:

Ashurst-Bunnythorpe.

Wellington:

Petone, Wellington West.

North Canterbury:

Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Christchurch East.

South Canterbury:

Willowby, Ashburton.

Otago-Southland:

Bluff, Invercargill-St. Peters.

With increasing numbers of Circuits publishing historical brochures, the requests for information continue to grow. The Connexional Office regrets that it is so often in the position of not being able to assist because the relevant books have not been deposited at the Office. Circuits are again urged to forward minute books, etc. that are no longer in use locally.

B. HISTORY

Rev. W. T. Blight has done some preliminary work for a History of Primitive Methodism 1900 to 1913. Rev. H. R. Wright collected some useful material on the history of the Waitara and Inglewood Circuits.

District Agents have been most helpful in encouraging Circuits to gather materials.

W. R. LAWS, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION 58.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1 (A)—Church Union Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE

The Executive has met three times during the year, the June Meeting taking the place of the Annual Meetings as it was not possible to hold this at the customary time, i.e., immediately following the Church Council in May.

As the work of the J.C.C.U. gathers momentum the tasks of the Methodist Union Committee are being increasingly geared to the thinking of the Commission and a large part of our work consists of examining, approving, and applying the decisions of the J.C.C.U.

The Act of Commitment:

This significant event took place in Wellington on May the 10th in a context of study and discussion attended by 150 official representatives of the 5 churches. We were represented by 30 representatives appointed by the Executive. The Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Reverend F. Woods, led the studies and preached the sermon and the J.C.C.U. is grateful for the clear and stimulating lead he gave. One of the most significant features was the way in which the official representatives were brought together in dialogue and discussion and this alone will mean much for the continuing negotiations.

Through this event, which has received much publicity throughout the country the membership of the churches are being made more aware of the nature and challenge of union.

Action of the Churches in Relationship to the J.C.C.U. Reports:

The recommendations of the Commission concerning the Ministry, Holy Communion and Confirmation, The Minister and Confirmation, The Statement of Faith, Women in the Ministry, were approved by Presbyterian Assembly and the Methodist Conference. They have been sent to the Diocesan Synods of the Anglican Church and have been referred to the congregations of the Congregationalist Church and the Associated Churches of Christ. The Provincial Committee of the Anglican Church is recommending to the Commission a change in wording of the resolution of Ministry. This does not weaken the intention of the resolution, but makes its intention clearer.

Formation of Study Committees:

As the J.S.S.U. seeks to understand the nature of its task in bringing all aspects of the life of the Churches to a realisation of the implications of union and the steps it will be necessary to take in co-ordinating the whole of our separate activities it is faced with the responsibility of forming Study Committees and arranging Consultations of various kinds.

The National Committee on Church Extension has been formed and Regional Committees are in process of formation in many parts of the country. The necessity of this work is obvious and the Committee draws the attention of Synods to this responsibility.

A Study Committee on Social Services is being arranged and it is hoped that some of the other Committees for which approval has already been granted will soon commence their work.

A preliminary discussion has already taken place with selected leaders of the Maori work and this will lead to a fuller gathering early next year.

In view of the widespread questioning of structures of church life and the nature of the church's mission in the present day a Committee to discuss the 'Life and Mission' of the church is being formed.

Attention is also being given to such matters as Schools Hostels, and other institutions.

There appears to be no alternative to this very necessary work, but the Commission is acutely aware of the danger of becoming so immersed in the work of its Committees that it loses sight of the primary task.

Publicity:

One of the matters receiving the attention of the Commission and the Church Union Committee is the necessity for greater publicity of an educational nature for the constituencies of the negotiating churches. The pamphlet 'Between Ourselves' was well received and

the J.C.C.U. is examining the possibility of publishing similar booklets on the major topics of concern and practice and doctrine. It also contemplates study material on the basis itself.

Church Extension and Co-operation at the Local Level:

In the terms of the Resolutions of the last Conference, conversations have been held with the Superintendent of the Home Mission Department. Full reference is made to this in the H.M. Department report.

During the year proposals of a definite nature have been received from the following areas — Karori West, Brockville-Halfway Bush, Turangi, South Roskill, Lynfield, Milson, and enquiries of a more general nature have been received from other places. It is assumed that many of these proposals will come before the respective Synods, and, if approved, will be presented to the Conference.

Comments on the J.C.C.U. Study Committee Statement on Ministry:

Several Synods have forwarded comments. These do not affect the substance of the Report but raise several matters which need clarification. The relevant comments are being forwarded to the appropriate Committee.

Joint Theological Training:

Consideration is now being given to the provision of an agreed syllabus for Theological Colleges and this will be coming before Synods and the Examination Committee this year.

Combined Group Study for 1968:

In many areas this year the Lenten Study Mission organised by the N.C.C. proved a stimulating experience. Conversations are now taking place with the N.C.C. concerning a similar venture for 1968. In the event of this proving impracticable the J.C.C.U. will probably undertake a study programme for congregation next year. It is not envisaged that it will take place in Lent, but later in the year.

Consultation of District Chairmen:

Schemes for co-operation and proposals for union causes of varying kinds are coming before the Church Union Committee continuously and can be expected to increase in the future. The National Committee on Church Extension of the J.C.C.U. is seeking to guide the Churches in this respect. In order to co-ordinate the thinking and planning of the Methodist Church the Union Committee proposes to hold a consultation with District Chairmen later in the year. It is hoped that this will lead to a common mind and common action throughout the Connexion.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Methodist representatives of the J.C.C.U. for 1968 be: Revs. Dr J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford, A. K. Petch, P. A. Stead, C. D. Clark, R. D. Rakena, W. J. Morrison and Mr R. T. Garlick with Rev. R. G. Bell as proxy.
3. That the Convener of the Church Union Committee, the Rev. W. J. Morrison be thanked for the service he has given to the Church in this position and that he be reappointed for 1968.
4. That the Church Union Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 58.—

1. (B)—The Joint Commission on Church Union.

Special Report and Conference Resolutions thereon—See Inset portion immediately prior to Appendix.

2—Transport Trust Board

(Reports biennially)

RESOLUTION

1. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3—Commission on Church Finances

Conference 1966 (1966 Minutes Page 217 Resolution 9) set up this Commission by the following Resolution which originated with the Finance and Stewardship Committee of Detail.

"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. Department), Rev. W. R. Francis and Messrs A. Marshall, A. L. Fox, R. Shoosmith, D. A. White and R. T. Garlick (Convener).

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 method 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 do so, 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 handle more efficiently its business and administer the financial affairs of the Church.

That this special Committee report initially to the Church Council."

Conference further resolved that the following Notice of Motion be referred to the Commission for its consideration and recommendation. "Believing that the time of the appointment of a General Treasurer is opportune for the establishment of a Connexional Trust Board as outlined in 1964 Minutes (pages 110 to 111) this Con-

ference appoint a Committee to draw up details of operations for submission to Synods and Conference 1967".

The Commission has met on two occasions and will meet again immediately prior to Synod and expects to complete the work before Conference 1967. It reported to the Church Council on a majority of matters set out in this report. It has considered memoranda prepared on behalf of various Boards and Committees and by members of the Commission. The Commission on the specific matters referred to it reports as follows:

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."

It is noted that the powers of Boards and Committees are governed by their constitution as is also the disbursement of their funds so governed. The power to initiate new work is governed in most cases by the prior consents that are necessary, e.g. either from Conference or from its appropriate committees etc. e.g. by the consent required from the Church Building and Loan Fund, and in the case of Social Services by the consent of the New Zealand M.S.S.A. Powers of Standing Committees have also been defined in this respect and reference is made to 1966 Minutes page 89 Resolution 3 containing new paragraph 353. The provisions of sub-paragraph (3) (b) One of the duties of the Standing Committee shall be to watch "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.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be asked whether with the appointment of a General Treasurer they should not have a finance committee to examine more closely the financial aspects of all matters placed before the committee to assess how such matters will ultimately require support from the Connexional Budget.

B.

"The methods by which Committees and Funds are to apply to the Budget Committee of Detail for Grants."

The Commission felt that while respecting the autonomy of various Trusts who by deed or by resolution of the Conference are directed to apply their income for support of various institutions and work within the Church it is necessary for the Budget Committee to seek help by the supplying of information concerning monies that may be available from time to time.

RESOLUTION

2. "That there be set up a Standing Commission on Property. The personnel to be nominated annually by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for Conference approval. The Commission will meet with Trustees with Connexional Property to confer concerning the administration of such property with special reference to their development and to the investment of funds. This Commission to report to Conference through the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee."

It was suggested that this Commission should act in the same way as the Triennial Visitation of a Circuit. Among the Institutions and Trust Boards affected by this Resolution would be the Children's Homes, the Central Missions etc., the Probert Trust Board, the Prince

Albert College Trust Board, Grey Institute Trust, James and Martha Trounson Benevolent Trust, Emsley Trust Board, Kai Iwi Mission Farm Trust, the Robert Gibson Trust Board, etc.

It was further resolved that the Commission recommend to Conference as follows:

1. ALL departments and committees of the Church requiring monies from the Connexional Budget submit estimates to the Budget Committee similar to the present method; the estimates to include—

- (i) Budget figures for the two previous completed years.
- (ii) Actual figures for the two previous completed years.
- (iii) Budget for the current year and amount allocated from the Connexional Budget and any Trusts or Funds.
- (iv) Budget for the following year and amount required ex-Connexional Budget.

All this should be prepared in simple columnar form in round dollars.

- (v) Copy Income and Expenditure accounts, Receipts and Payments account and balance sheet to June last.
- (vi) Any special comments you may wish to make.

It is to be a rule that any alterations in the basis of requests e.g. increases or variation, be substantiated in writing to allow the Committee to weigh such requests in the light of the total budget sum for the year.

2. THE Committee or Trust administering property or funds with an income under a Trust Deed etc. providing for a specific destination of the available income to Funds or Committees applying to the Budget for support, be asked to submit their estimated distributions for two years ahead together with any special comments affecting the amounts stated. Where the Trusts are set up outside the Church a statement be sought annually as to the amount intended or anticipated to be made available to the beneficiary in the following year.

Where a beneficiary does not normally make a claim on the Connexional Budget and therefore submits no accounts etc. to the Budget Committee the beneficiary is to submit the same information as any other Committee unless exempted by the Budget Committee.

3. IN the case of a Committee or Trust as in 2 above where no specific destination of surplus income is designated such Committee or Trust to comply with the same provisions as set out in 2 above.

4. THAT a sub-committee of the Finance and Stewardship Committee examine all such submissions made by Funds and Departments for obvious queries etc. and seek answers or amended figures from the Departments or Committees concerned. This work to be done by the sub-committees for the October meeting of the Conference Committee of Detail.

C.

"What principles and priorities are to be used by the Budget Committee of Detail in constructing the Budget."

Historically the Budget has grown out of the erstwhile Connexional Levy for such funds as the Supernumerary and allied funds, Removal Expenses, Children's and Contingent Funds plus those who were granted Conference approval to prosecute annual appeals such as the Home Mission and Overseas Mission Departments, Children's Home and the Department of Christian Education. The Church Extension Appeal began as an annual appeal and has

been incorporated in the Budget. Several Committees have had their annual allocation through the Budget while others such as Church Union, Ecumenical Committee, International Affairs Committee, Public Questions Committee and the Radio and T.V. Committees still draw theirs through Contingent Fund grants. Growth of Methodist responsibility ecumenically has seen the inclusion of requests from the N.C.C., W.C.C., N.Z.C.C.E., Chaplaincies of various sorts, N.Z. Alliance, National Society of Alcoholism and the Religious Film Society etc. The Budget sum has grown in seven years from \$265,600 (£132,800) to \$341,980 (£170,990) an increase of roughly 28.8%. It is to be noted that stipends have increased 27.2% over the same period.

In considering the requests of the Departments' Committees and Funds there are certain items that must be met — stipends, travelling etc. that cannot be reduced. In addition the Budget Committee has no option but to provide the amounts that have been directed by Resolutions of Conference to be assessed at certain rates e.g. Provisions for Supernumerary Fund, Children's Fund etc.

The Budget is the visible expression of the Church in action and as such represents a considerable achievement. At the same time the Connexion has to exercise a due sense of stewardship in the uses to which money voluntarily subscribed by the Methodist people is expended.

In nearly every item need has to be balanced against ability to finance, much as is the case of Circuit disbursement of its income. Here, we need to carefully and responsibly balance Connexionalism and the centralising of financial needs against local circuit capacity and the safeguarding of local initiative.

The Church is committed to exercise her manifold ministries as finance permits and the Budget Committee would appear to be the responsible group through which recommendations of this nature are transmitted to Conference.

Basically the Church expects each Board to be responsible in its submissions and budgeting. When the Committee looks at the amount of the total budget and considers it too large for the Connexion to meet, and recourse must be made to deductions the Budget Committee must consider the essential payments that have to be made by the Boards and Committees. e.g. stipends, etc. and what other funds are available to the various Boards from outside sources.

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."

All contributions of our people are voluntarily offered gifts to God for his Church in her varied expressions of Christian concern.

The Commission noted the present provisions of the Law Book as follows:

- (a) Paragraph 286 page 52 "The right to determine the Collections to be made in the Churches and preaching places and the disposal of the same is vested in the Circuit quarterly meeting".
- (b) Paragraph 287 p. 52 "The charges upon the Circuit Fund are:
 - (i) The stipends or allowances of the Ministers,
 - (ii) The levies made by the Conference for all Connexional Funds,
 - (iii) House rent rates and taxes for the Minister's houses or interest or other charges to Trustees in lieu of house rent,

- (iv) A grant each quarter for the purpose of replenishing the linen, blankets, cutlery and crockery of the Minister as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
- (v) Adequate means of transport for the efficient working of the circuit,
- (vi) All other expenses necessary for the efficient working of the circuit.

It should be noted that the matters mentioned in paragraph 287 are not listed as priorities but simply a list of the charges upon the circuit fund.

The Commission notes that the provisions of the law are out of date, since the advent of the Connexional Budget and budgeting in circuits. The present law places no obligation on the circuit fund to maintain trust property. The law must be altered as with budget finance in the circuit, the circuit fund must supply Trusts with the necessary money for the upkeep of trust property.

The Commission therefore resolved as follows:

"In our opinion the first charge in all matters is the payment of stipends of ministers and we note that in the Connexional Budget there is a very large stipend content. Normal maintenance must be carried out, larger maintenance and new buildings can sometimes be deferred. We therefore submit the following priorities:

1. Provision for the Ministry:

- (a) Stipends at Minimum Rates.
- (b) Provisions for Transport to work the Circuit.

Note: Conference has laid down a method of reviewing payments for transport. Conference Minutes 1949 Resolutions 2 and 3 163 ff. 1962 Minutes, pages 216 and 217.

2. Essential Payments:

- (a) Connexional Budget payments.
 - (b) Provisions for Circuit Administration, Telephone and Tolls, Postages, Stationery, E.L. Insurance.
 - (c) Essential Trust payments: rates, lighting, heat, insurance interest, compulsory mortgage payments.
- Basic maintenance of Parsonage including outgoings.

3. Grants for Local Work:

e.g. Sunday School, Choir, Women's Fellowship, etc.

4. Grants to Trusts:

Grants to Trusts for Larger Items of Trust Maintenance e.g. repainting, redecorating, etc.

5. Provisions for Development, Extension, etc:

- (a) There is need for a Circuit Quarterly Meeting to plan adequately for Circuit, Trust and Connexional Requirements and to help in planning for new projects, buildings, etc. and that every Circuit should prepare a Budget of its intended expenditure.
- (b) In financing any new development the Conference draws the attention of Circuits to the Resolution in 1966 Minutes page 89 ff (the new section 353 of the Law Book).
- (c) The Conference also points out that a Circuit which makes applications for loans to the Church Building and Loan Fund and loans or grants from the Home Mission Department shall furnish a budget as to its ability to meet its current commitments in addition to its proposed new commitments.

E.

"To review the composition of the Budget Committee of Detail."

The Commission discussed the composition of the Conference Committee of Detail and voting rights of the various members

thereof. The Commission resolved "That the Budget Committee of Detail continue with its present membership. This is a valuable aid in meeting criticism of the Connexional Budget and its allocation to Districts. It is the best representative committee able to assess the ability to pay of both the Connexion and the Districts."

F.

- (i) Conference 1966 referred the following notice of motion to the Commission for its consideration and recommendation.

"Believing that the time of the appointment of a general treasurer is opportune for the establishment of a *Connexional Trust Board* as outlined in the 1964 Minutes (pp. 110 and 111) this Conference appoint a Committee to draw up the details of operations for submission to Synods and Conference 1967."

The Convener drew the attention of the members of the Commission to the report of the prior Commission as set out in the 1964 Minutes page 108 and the following pages on the setting up of a Church Investment Trust Board.

He reported that Mr T. M. Pacey had advised him that he did not consider it advisable for his Commission to be called together again and that he was happy for this Commission to proceed further in the matter. It was pointed out that the recommendations of Conference 1964 had not been proceeded with due to Mr Pacey's illness and absence from New Zealand. Mr Chrystall reported that as at the 30th June, 1967, the Home Mission Department had through their Investment Fund \$274,000 (£137,000) out in loans to 146 trusts out of which \$234,000 (£117,000) represented monies borrowed from 153 trusts and private individuals at varying rates of interest up to 3½%. The Department holds a Reserve Fund of \$69,600 (£34,800) of which \$54,000 (£27,000) was invested in Government Stock and Local Body Stock for quick realization.

Both the Connexional Secretary and Mr Chrystall maintain that this type of loan can best be made through the Home Mission Department and the General Purposes Trust Board without the heavy cost of administration envisaged in the prior Commission's findings.

The Commission has now communicated with the Home Mission Department, the Overseas Mission Department and the General Purposes Trust Board, the substance of Resolution No. 2 on Page 111 of the 1964 Minutes and asked them for comments on the proposals. When these replies are received, the Commission will give further consideration to the matters raised under this heading.

G.

The Commission has given some consideration to the matters set out on Page 218 1966 Minutes under sub-paragraph 9 (g).

- (i) That at district level all funds be banked with and invested by a District Investment Officer.
- (ii) That at national level funds be generally invested in other than Government Stock and Local Body Debentures, i.e. in farm land, shop properties, offices and church buildings. If legislation be necessary it be sought at once".

Circuit and Trust Finances:

In its investigations the Commission has come to the conclusion that the methods of financing through Circuit and Local Trusts as provided for in the Law Book are out of date and the methods need to be brought into line with modern procedure.

Revs W. R. Francis, B. M. Chrystall and W. R. Laws are to provide a Memorandum on this point to form the basis of discussion at the next meeting.

H.

The Commission is examining the individual finances of the Major Conference Funds, Departments and Committees and set out below are its findings on these to date.

Supernumerary Fund:

Conference has already defined the powers of investment of this Fund and these have been recently widened to give wide powers of investment and this seems satisfactory.

Fire Insurance Fund:

The Board of this Fund declares the divisible surplus and recommends to Conference the division of these surplus funds. The Board has determined to build the fund up to \$180,000 (£90,000) and this is being done progressively. Mandatory grants by way of subsidy are made to the Ministers Home Acquirement Fund. While it is not mandatory to make a grant each year to the Sites Fund this has become customary and the amount involved is not large. The Commission has deliberated concerning the method of dealing with the divisible surplus.

RESOLUTION

(a) That in future the Board should as in the past make recommendation direct to Conference of the way in which it feels the divisible should be divided among Church Bodies.

(b) That this recommendation should be brought before the Budget Committee of Detail with power to that Committee to recommend any variation to the proposals made by the Fire Insurance Fund in light of the deliberations of the Budget Committee for that year. The Fire Insurance Fund by resolution of Conference 1966 is reporting to Conference 1967 (Resolution 3 page 42) re Loan Moneys.

Church Building & Loan Fund:

The Commission discussed the feasibility of the Church Building and Loan Fund revising its term for repayment of loans. The Commission resolved that the attention of Trusts be drawn to the desirability of repaying loans from the Church Building and Loan Fund and the Home Mission Department faster than required under the arrangement made. This will enable an additional number of trusts to be assisted by this means of finance.

It was further resolved that Conference should ask the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to examine whether with the appointment of a general treasurer they should not have a Finance Committee to examine more closely the financial aspects of all matters placed before the Committee to assess how such matters will ultimately require support from the Connexional Budget.

The General Purposes Trust Board:

The General Purposes Trust Board is a Board that administers many small trusts within the Connexional Office and is paying 4% at call to the various Trusts.

General:

The Commission has yet to consider Memoranda that are being prepared on several matters as set out in the foregoing Report, and

to consider in detail the Finances of the two Mission Departments and those of other Boards, and Funds. It proposes to have a supplementary Report on the balance of its work prepared for the Conference Agenda.

For and on behalf of the Commission,

W. R. FRANCIS, Chairman.
R. T. GARLICK, Convener.

Commission on Church Finances

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE

Since making its Report to Synods the Commission has been able to complete its work.

Synods had before them some amendments to the Commission's Report—these are incorporated in the Report printed in the Conference Agenda. The Commission now reports on its further deliberations.

Matters Remitted by Conference 1966. Minutes page 218.

These were the two Resolutions presented to the 1966 Conference by Mr Gorringe.

A. (g) (i) "That at District level all funds be banked and invested by the District Investment Officer."

Recommendation (5)

The Commission has considered the proposal and has no recommendation to make for the following reasons:—

- (i) To achieve any degree of success this idea would require the services of a particularly competent man in each Synodal District. All Trusts and Circuits would need to regard him as their banker. This would be a huge job. The Commission considered it so big that no layman (or Minister) could be expected to undertake it on a voluntary basis even in the small districts. We do not consider such a policy practicable within the existing law of the Church.
- (ii) The difficulty of complying with the existing legislation for Trustee Investments under the Trustee Act and Trustees' obligation under the Model Deed.
- (iii) A very important factor would be that an experienced and preferably qualified financial secretary would need to be available in the District to handle it and to initiate the planning involved. Unless this were done there is the possibility of funds being utilised in one scheme and not becoming available when required for the scheme for which they were given.

Set out hereunder are the present facilities available within the Connexion:—

- (a) **Home Mission Investments Fund Board**—amounts of £50 (\$100) or over may be deposited by individuals, churches and trusts as "loans at call" to earn interest up to the rate of national savings accounts (at present $3\frac{1}{2}\%$); these deposits enable the Board to advance loans to Trusts at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. The Board is able to repay the "deposits" on demand from the Reserve it maintains for this purpose.
- (b) **General Purposes Trust Board:**
Monies may be deposited with this fund at call or for recognised

terms. If at call, the present rate of interest is 4%. If for a definite term, a higher rate of interest may be paid by arrangement. Through this fund it is possible for one Church Trust to assist another Church Trust by making loans at low rates of interest. The Fund also facilitates the administration of estates by a distribution of incomes and legacies. From time to time the Fund has made loans to Connexional Departments to assist their financing both on a short and a long term basis.

For the above reasons and because of the facilities existing as set out above the Commission considers that the proposition set out above should not be proceeded with.

When considering this matter the Commission noted the provisions of the Law Book Section 154 on page 26 under the heading "The Duty of Superintendent Ministers" and draws the attention of Circuits to the following provisions:—

- (bb) "See that all monies belonging to and held in trust for Church organisations of over £10 (\$20) are kept in a bank account operated with not less than two signatories and that an audited financial statement be submitted to the Annual Meeting thereof."

Recommendation (6)

The Commission recommends that there be added to this sub-paragraph the following words "and to the quarterly meeting". It was also recommended that there be added to questions asked at the quarterly meeting on the report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee Agenda paragraph 290 (b) 1966 Minutes page 91:

- "5 (c) Have the annual audits and statements of all organisations in the Circuit been presented to the Finance and Stewardship Committee?"

It was decided to report this also to the Law Revision Committee and ask them to prepare the necessary amendments.

The second question referred to the Commission (b) 1966 Minutes page 218 ((g):

"That at National Level funds be generally invested in other than Government Stock and Local Body Debentures i.e. in farm land, shop properties, offices and Church Buildings. If legislation be necessary it be sought at once."

Recommendation (7)

The Commission does not recommend Conference to act on this proposition. It has considered the proposal and reports as follows:—

- (i) There has been a noticeably pleasing trend in the investment policies of some Connexional Boards over the last three or four years and although the Commission feels unable to recommend any general swing from Government Stock to land the recommendation contained elsewhere in this report for a Permanent Standing Commission on Connexional Property to act as a triennial visitation to Connexional Trusts and Boards will do as much as is at present considered possible towards the improved investment policy that is being sought by Conference.
- (ii) Committees, etc. usually have good reasons for investing funds in Government Stock or Local Body Debentures:—

For one thing they are readily saleable when funds are required and bring in a reasonable income in the meantime. Most Committees involved are not set up to handle investment of such funds in reality where an immediate income may not be available and where a forced sale when funds are required could result in substantial losses.

- (iii) The Church is not in the same position as an individual who is responsible only to himself who can attend to his investment with all the time necessary and to whom any loss is a personal matter.
- (iv) If investment other than Government Stock etc. is so richly rewarding why have not those concerned become more specifically interested in investment for income and capital accretion e.g. insurance companies not gone over more to this line?
- (v) It is necessary to distinguish between land, for church purposes, for investment, for speculation. The line between investment and speculation is often difficult to see, and the Conference could never condone speculation. The Trusts do not have the power under the Model Deed to purchase land for investment but the Church Building and Loan Fund is reporting on the advisability of changing this. Some of our incorporated Boards already have power to purchase land for investment and others could amend their constitution with the sanction of Conference.
- (vi) The fact that the Church Building and Loan Fund must approve all land and building projects of the Church reinforces the importance of looking hard at those projects with speculative contents.

Connexional Trust Board

Conference 1966 referred the following notice of motion to the Commission for its consideration and recommendation "Believing that the time of the appointing of a General Treasurer is opportune for the establishment of a Connexional Trust Board as outlined in the 1964 Minutes pages 110 and 111, this Conference appoint a Committee to draw up details of Operations for submissions to Synods and Conference 1967.

The Commission made an interim report in paragraph F of its original report. The Commission has now had reports from the General Purposes Trust Board and the Home Mission Department before it (no report was available from the Overseas Mission Board as it was considered by that Department that this was business for its annual meeting). These reports were sought by the 1964 Conference.

Recommendation (8)

The Commission does not recommend that this matter proceed further.

It is satisfied after considering the existing provisions and activities of the Home Mission Department and the General Purposes Trust Board that sufficient facilities exist with these two Boards to meet all requirements. The ways in which both Boards administer the funds in their possession are sufficiently flexible to meet any situation that arises. The substance of the reports of the two departments is as follows:—

The General Purposes Trust Board reported that in its view the existing facilities were really sufficient and the administration was being accomplished without further staff. If anything at all were needed it was only additional publicity.

The Home Mission Department reported that it was not hard pushed to administer the present scheme. It was pointed out that in 1964 its loans at call on deposit were \$121,206 whereas at the 31st June 1967 these amounts had grown to \$274,000. The Department

Investments Fund Board manages all transactions without cost to either depositor or borrower. The costs of administration are therefore NIL. Due to the support given to this scheme the Board sees no real need for another Investment Trust in the Connexion if low interest rates are to be the criteria. The Board pointed out that its loans are made to Trusts at low interest rates because it was borrowing at low interest rates. There is a long waiting list at present for such loans because of the very favourable terms upon which they are given.

Notices Involving Finance Moved on the Floor of Conference

The Secretary of Conference raised with the Commission as to whether or not there should be some Committee constituted to watch resolutions moved on the floor of Conference which would require some provision for finance from the Connexional Budget.

Recommendations (9)

- (i) That Conference emphasise to Committees that during the year they should make known to the Contingent Fund their requirements for the expenses for the next year.
- (ii) That bearing in mind that with the Budget system of finance it is necessary to forecast finance for two years ahead any motion before Conference requiring additional expenditure shall not be put to Conference until it has first been referred to the appropriate Committee to ensure that provision could be made for the finance involved.

Circuit and Trust Finances

The Commission had before it a memo prepared by the Rev. W. R. Francis. He pointed out that our whole Church structure is geared to a dual basis of finance (Circuit and Trust). Each has absolute control over its own finances. Trusts and Trustees also have legal responsibility and are the only ones who can buy, sell or improve properties by additions or alterations of buildings. They are in no way bound to contribute to circuit finances out of their fund. There appear to be three types of Trusts operating within Methodism at present:—

- (a) Those with independent means which do not draw upon Circuit Funds.
- (b) Those who are able to supplement incomes from Circuit Funds from their resources.
- (c) Those who are solely dependent upon Circuit Funds for their income (apart from minor rents and donations). To alter this set up it would be necessary to drastically alter the Model Deed and this is to ask for a complete overhaul of Methodist practice. This could only be contemplated if there was a practical and workable alternative that Conference was satisfied would be for the benefit of the whole Connexion.

The Commission does not feel that under its present order of reference it is called upon or authorised to embark on such exploratory work. It is for Conference to decide whether or not it wishes this matter taken any further.

In the meantime, there are details regarding Circuit and Trust Funds that could be tidied up considerably in the Law Book.

Recommendation (10)

The Commission recommends that the changes set out hereunder be authorised and the Law Revision Committee be asked to draft the necessary legislation.

Present Law

283. The financial business of the Circuit is managed by the Q.M. and the Fund under its control is known as the Circuit Fund.

284. The raising of the necessary income for the circuit und devolves upon:

- (a) The Class leaders and Society stewards, whose duties require them to ask for and receive regular subscriptions from members and adherents of the Church.
- (b) The ministers who at the quarterly visitation of the Classes are directed to see that contributions are regularly made.
- (c) The circuit stewards who are the executive officers of the Q.M. and are required to provide the ways and means to pay the necessary charges.

285. In addition to the contributions in the classes, there are to be:

- (a) Collection in the congregations, weekly, monthly or quarterly as each Q.M. may determine.
- (b) Contributions from members of the congregations.
- (c) Grants from the Trust funds of Churches or other properties.

286. The right to determine the collections to be made in the churches and preaching places, and the disposal of the same, is vested in the Q.M.

287. The charges upon the Circuit Fund are:

- (a) The stipends or allowances of the Ministers.
- (b) The Levies made by the Conference for all Connexional Funds.
- (c) House rent, rates, and taxes for the Ministers' houses or interest or other charges to Trustees in lieu of house rent.
- (d) Furnishings for Ministers' homes.
- (e) A grant each quarter for the purpose of replenishing the linen, blankets, cutlery and crockery of the Minister as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.
- (f) Adequate means of transport for the efficient working of the Circuit.
- (g) All other expenses necessary for the efficient working of the Circuit.

Proposed Alterations

283. As is.

284. Reduce to (c) only.

285.

(a) As is.

(b) and (c) as is.

(d) Such special efforts as shall from time to time be determined by the Q.M. or groups within the circuit acting with the consent of the Q.M.

286. As is, but attention needs to be drawn to the honouring of this section in practice of the Church.

287. The charges upon the circuit fund are:

(a) Provision for the Ministry.

i. Stipends at minimum rates.

ii. Provision for transport to work the circuits.

Note: Conference has laid down a method of reviewing payments for transport. Min. 1949 p. 163 Res. 2 & 3.

iii. Basic maintenance of parsonage including outgoings.

(b) Essential payments:

i. Connexional Budget.

ii. Provisions for circuit admin. tels, tolls, postages, stationery, E.L., Insurance.

iii. Essential trust payments: Rates, lighting, heat, insurance, interest, compulsory mortgage instalments.

(c) Grants for local work: S.S., choir, W. Fellowship etc.

(d) Grants to trusts for larger items of trust maintenance, repainting, redecorating, etc.

(e) Provisions for Development, Extension etc.

This should be done by budget planning showing the capacity to carry present commitments and proposed additional items. See also Min. 1966 pp. 89ff.

288. As is.

288. A. Trusts receiving financial support from the Circuit Fund shall produce, at least annually audited statements of their accounts to the Q.M.

289. See para 505 Sec. 17.

288. End of financial year at June 30.

289. In the case of a Circuit received and from the H.M. Fund a copy of the annual statements of receipts and expenditure shall be sent to the Chairman and H.M. Sec. etc.

THE TRUST FUND (Law Book p. 58 f. Sec. 315)

315 (1) The Trust Fund available for discharge of trust obligations shall consist of revenue received by the trustees from the following sources:

(a) Offerings at Church services on behalf of the Trust, authorised by the Q.M.

(b) Rents in respect of trust premises and pews therein.

(c) Contributions and subscriptions.

(d) Special efforts.

(e) Other sources.

(2) In accordance with the provisions of the Model Deed Trustees shall, out of the trust fund and as a first charge thereon, defray all charges and expenses of and incidental to the maintenance and upkeep of trust premises.

(3) The payment (if any) of an honorarium.

(a) Monies received from the circuit by way of grants or collections authorised by the Q.M.

(b) (Delete all reference to pew rents.)

(c), (d) and (e). As is.

(3) As is, to the organist and/or choirmaster is a charge on the trust fund.

(2) As it.

The Commission has completed its study on the finances of the Department and reports as follows:—

Home Mission Department

Mr Chrystall reported fully on the funds and accounts of this Department and the Commission used the information in the 1966 Minutes as a basis for exploration and discussion. Mr Chrystall stated that all the investments of the Department are in their properties e.g. parsonages, hostels, etc. All other monies except amounts required for maintenance of properties, the Reserve Fund for the loans at call, mentioned earlier in this report, and the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Funds are used in the Special Loans policy of the Department as administered by the Investment Funds Board. The Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund is, of course, governed by the terms of the Deed of Settlement. Half the legacies coming to the Department go to the Investment Funds Board and, of course, find their way into the Loans Policy. The other half of the legacies are at the disposal of the Board for new capital projects throughout the Connexion.

The Commission is satisfied that any extra income earned by the Edith Winstone Blackwell Fund is inviolate and could only be used for extra grants and could not in any way help the amount required by the Department from the Budget. The Commission is satisfied that no funds at present in the Department can in any way be available to help out the amount required by the Department from the Budget.

Overseas Missions Department

No memorandum was submitted by this Department. The Commission is satisfied that the developments overseas will require all available resources of the Board. In light of explanations given to the 1966 Conference, the Commission is satisfied that no further detailed study is necessary and that the Department has no reserves that could be used to help reduce the Department's requirements from the Connexional Budget.

Methodist used by Districts to Allocate Budget amounts to Circuits

This is a matter where considerable difficulty arises at District level. It is obvious that the Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee now has a great amount of information helpful in making the District allocations to circuits.

Recommendation (11)

That after Conference has passed the Budget and the District Allocations and before the meetings of District Finance Committees to make allocations to circuits the Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee prepare a suggested breakdown to Circuits of the District allocation and that this information go to the District Chairman and the District Financial Secretaries for their confidential information.

The Commission now considers that it has dealt with all the business referred to it by Conference and that its task is completed.

For the Commission,

W. R. FRANCIS, Chairman.

R. T. GARLICK, Convener.

RESOLUTION

1. That the Report to Synods, together with the Supplementary Report to Conference, be referred to Synods and Conference 1968.

4—Finance and Stewardship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1967

In December 1966 a two-day Consultation on Stewardship was held in order to evaluate the present practises of the stewardship programmes and to assist in creating a long-term policy. This consultation was attended by a representative group of ministers and laymen from throughout the Connexion, and a series of questions, previously prepared by the Committee and covering every aspect of Stewardship and Stewardship Missions, was carefully studied and discussed. A full report of the consultation cannot be given here but the following conclusions are worthy of the attention of the Church.

Stewardship Education:

Education in Christian stewardship should be carried on all year round and not just left to the concentrated period of the stewardship mission. Closer co-operation between the Department of Christian Education and the Finance and Stewardship Committee in the preparation of teaching material was recommended, with regional study groups for ministers, with laymen and directors participating.

The 3-year Review:

The consensus was for continuance of the 3-year cycle of the directed stewardship mission and that it would be detrimental to increase the term between missions owing to frequent 'turnover' of members and adherents. Also, with increasing costs, the 3-year term is long enough, and in all circuits there are still many 'unpledged' to be convinced. There is also the necessity of the regular challenge to those already pledged.

The Annual Review:

This is an opportunity of bringing people together to convey information regarding progress, and in some situations, of seeking further renewal of pledges. It was felt that this could be adopted by many more of our churches and circuits. This Review would be of a practical nature as compared with 'Stewardship Sunday'.

Stewardship Sunday:

This could be held as distinct from the 'Annual Review', or else combined quite successfully. The main purpose of this special day would be to study, in a spirit of thankfulness, the wider implications of Stewardship as it affects the whole of life.

'Special' Fund-raising Efforts:

The Committee recognises that, under certain circumstances, 'special efforts' can have a place when properly organised and limited in number, but permission should first be obtained from Quarterly or Leaders' Meeting.

Visitation of newcomers and new wage-earners:

Newcomers to a circuit should be approached within two or three weeks of their arrival in a circuit (not two or three months), and have the Church's programme explained to them and be invited to participate. New wage-earners should also be approached regarding pledging shortly after they commence work and thus learn to budget from first receiving wages.

New Constitution for Quarterly and Leaders' Meetings:

Circuits and churches should make full use of their Finance and Stewardship Committee and Pastoral Committee which will be set

up under the new constitution, and the whole concern of lay visitation and stewardship promotion should be a priority matter for these Committees.

Stewardship and the Ministry:

There is a need for the Ministry to come to closer grips with the deeper issues of stewardship theology, and this matter was referred to District Chairmen for possible study at the March Ministerial Synods.

Tithing:

The consultation agreed that the principle of the tithe could be acceptably presented during a Stewardship Mission.

The tithe provides a framework of thought by which the modern Christian can be helped in his search for an answer to the question "How much should I give?" Its definitiveness gives his mind something to grasp in the midst of our money economy. The tithe is not the absolute in giving, nor necessarily the limit. It provides a principle, a basis to challenge and guide. While it is proportionate, it is not the only *acceptable proportion*.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee agrees with the above and will endeavour to make material available through the 'New Zealand Methodist' for study purposes. The use of modern day language and modern day economies have created some problems concerning the 'tithe' and it is on these points that the Committee will try to make information available.

Pre-Mission Meeting:

This is a meeting instituted this year to assist circuits with their preparations for stewardship missions prior to the Director's arrival. The director attends this meeting, or the executive officer if the director is unavailable, and this meeting has proved most helpful to both the circuit and the director.

The Committee and staff are always aware of changing attitudes towards stewardship, and to keep abreast of the situation are constantly reviewing matters to keep the programmes as attractive and challenging as possible.

Stewardship Missions:

1966: Thirty-three missions were conducted by the Committee's directors during 1966, some large city circuits and other small circuits in rural areas. Willowby Circuit, with 92 earning units, was the smallest and St Albans, Christchurch, with nearly 1000 earning units was the largest. It is possible that in the future in some larger circuits better results could be achieved by having individual church programmes, or of a grouping of churches within a circuit. The cost to individual churches would be no greater but the results could be better because of greater local interest and other related factors.

The percentage gains of these 33 completed missions ranged from 20% to 300%, with an average of 70%. As 21 of these circuits had previously had either three or four missions, the results were very satisfactory, and this indicates the necessity for the 3-year review to afford people the opportunity of reviewing their position in light of improved financial position, or otherwise.

1967: At date of compiling this report, fourteen Methodist circuits and one Presbyterian Parish will have completed stewardship missions, with seventeen still to be directed in the latter half of the year. So far the average increase is 50%, and in view of the current economic situation, this is encouraging. The St Giles' Presbyterian Church at Papanui, Christchurch, was the first stewardship mission

to be directed by the Committee outside of the Methodist Church, and with an increase here of 138% we feel this is a tribute to the director in that he was able to adapt himself to the changed situation of a Presbyterian Parish as compared with a Methodist Circuit. The director considered that the Presbyterian 'elder' system contributed to a large degree in bringing together 800 people for the Sunday Stewardship Service, as no Methodist circuits of comparable size have had so many attend a similar gathering.

1968: To date the Committee has twenty-four missions already planned for 1968, with eight of these confirmed. The Committee is concerned that too many circuits are leaving it very late in making a decision for a stewardship mission, with consequent disappointment at being unable to have the mission directed at a time to suit them best. The Committee would strongly urge all circuits to examine their position regularly, and the executive officer and staff are available at all times for discussion and advice.

Staffing:

Mr Wansbrough terminated his employment with the Committee at the end of May owing to family commitments and the opportunity arising of taking over a business. While regretting the loss of Mr Wansbrough's services, the Committee accepted his resignation, wishing him every success in his new venture. Mr Wansbrough has given 4½ years to the work and a suitable recommendation is at the conclusion of this report.

Mr L. A. Davis, who joined the staff in 1965 in a part-time capacity, indicated his willingness to become a full-time stewardship director, and the Committee is grateful that he made himself available at such short notice.

Filmstrip and Tape:

In accordance with resolution 11, Mins. of Conf. 1966, the Standing Committee is proceeding with the preparation of a Filmstrip and tape on the work of the whole Church, but this will not be available until early 1968. As the resolution called for this filmstrip to be available in 1967 the Committee has arranged in the interim for a filmstrip and tape, entitled 'Mister Painter', illustrating the need for stewardship at both local and Connexional level. This filmstrip and tape will be supplied to District Secretaries during the latter half of 1967 and Circuits can procure same by enquiring from their District Secretary.

Stewardship Overseas:

The executive officer visited Sydney and Melbourne during November-December 1966, having discussions with the respective stewardship departments of the New South Wales and Victorian Conferences. Apart from some practical aspects of the work, it seems that the stewardship work in New Zealand has made more advancement in the matter of flexibility and closer integration with circuit work. The executive officer was also able to assist both the New South Wales and Victorian Departments with advice concerning their Connexional Budget programmes which were being introduced in both States for the first time in 1967.

The Connexional Budget:

The Finance and Stewardship Committee, which is the Standing Committee of the Conference Committee of Detail on Finance and stewardship is concerned that many of our ministers and laymen are under a misapprehension as to how the Connexional Budget is prepared each year, where the responsibility lies for the final total, and

the allocating of the figure to Districts. The following is a brief explanation —

- i All Departments and Funds of the Methodist Church participating in the Connexional Budget are requested to forward by early September their estimated requirements for the ensuing Budget year. The executive officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, who is also convener of the Conference Committee of Detail, collates and prepares these estimates for the Committee of Detail meeting which is held in early October. The personnel of the Committee of Detail is a very representative one, including the President of Conference, Vice-President, President-Elect and Vice President-Elect, Chairmen of Districts, District Financial Secretaries, Directors of Departments, and the Chairman and Executive Officer of the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
- ii The Committee of Detail gives careful scrutiny to the estimates, making reductions wherever possible to produce a Budget which the Committee considers the Church can reasonably be expected to meet. This preliminary Budget figure is then allocated to the Synodal Districts at this meeting, allowing Chairmen of Districts the opportunity of discussion with their Synod Standing Committees before Conference.
- iii The Committee of Detail meets again at Conference when it re-examines the figures and makes adjustments where necessary in light of further information received from Districts. This Budget figure, with the District allocations, is then included in the Report to Conference as recommendations, and Conference is asked to approve and confirm same for the Budget year concerned.
- iv Conference having given its approval, Districts are then notified of their allocations, and also Departments and Funds of the amount they will receive as their share of the Connexional Budget, assuming that the Budget is 100% paid.

Circuit Rolls:

The Committee is still concerned about circuit rolls, in particular the attitude being adopted by too many circuits towards adherents who may seem to have only slight attachment to the church. This would appear to be a real field of challenge on the Home Mission front, as these are the people for whom we have greatest concern. In every circuit many 'new' pledges are received from the so-called 'fringe' adherents, and through friendly visitation and concern shown by the church, these people have come to accept stewardship as part of their commitment to God. As Methodists, there is ample scope for our concern for our brethren, applying equally to members as to adherents, as many members are just as inactive in the life of the church as some adherents. They too need the concern of the Church.

S. N. ROBERTS, Chairman
E. G. FLYGER, Executive Officer.

ACTING BUDGET TREASURER'S REPORT

The Connexional Budget:

98.05% of the 1966/67 Budget was received by 10th July, 1967, from circuit contributions, comparing favourably with the 98.17% received in the 1965/66 Budget by 12th July, 1966. This response is particularly encouraging in view of the increased 1966/67 Budget and also the economic situation of the country in the latter half of the Connexional year.

During the year £2642/10/2 was received from circuits as arrears from the 1965/66 Budget, thereby lifting that Budget to 98.91% paid.

Eight circuits have contributed in excess of their allocation by amounts ranging from \$2 (£1) to \$72 (£36). In the Hawke's Bay District two circuits, one large and one small, took up the outstanding balance of another circuit unable to meet its allocation in full. In the Waikato District two circuits maintained their full contributions to the 1966/67 Budget whilst, in one instance, substantially reducing its arrears of the previous Budget, and in the other of making full payment of arrears, and these circuits are to be commended on their efforts.

Circuit payments have been fairly regular, though not showing any improvement on last year when 134 circuits were 100% paid as against 128 this year. 23 circuits are still remitting quarterly, representing an amount of approximately \$8000 (£4000) per quarter. This means that the Budget Treasurer is restricted in his efforts to make maximum payments each month to the Departments and Funds, especially in the first two months of each quarter. In this respect it would be helpful if those circuits remitting quarterly did so in the first month of each quarter.

Again both Wellington and South Canterbury Districts achieved 100% by 30th June, and the figures given below indicate that three more Districts could quite well reach the 100% before Conference.

	Percentage paid	Amount Outstanding
		\$
Northland	95.83	368.00
Auckland	99.72	252.00
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	97.68	976.00
Taranaki-Wanganui	96.86	726.00
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	99.6	120.00
Wellington	100	—
Nelson	99.17	168.00
North Canterbury	95.95	2157.69
South Canterbury	100.13	—
Otago-Southland	92.66	1542.28
		<hr/> \$6309.97

Payments from the Budget were—

All Departments and Funds — 100% paid	313059.77
District Expenses	5456.00
	<hr/> \$318515.77

To make this 100% payment to Departments and Funds, the same procedure was used for the previous year — the contributions received from circuits, \$311,774.38, plus last year's balance, as well as some arrears from the 1965/66 Budget.

The majority of Departments and Funds received final payments from the Budget before 30th June 1967, and the Finance and Stewardship Committee is appreciative of the response by circuits to the Committee's request that final contributions to the 1966/67 Budget be made by 20th June. It is hoped that wherever possible circuits will continue to do this and so enable Departments and Funds to receive a maximum amount of their allocations each month.

Change of Name for Church Extension Fund: (Res. 15, Mins. of Conf. 1966):

The Finance and Stewardship Committee was requested by Conference to consider a more appropriate name for this Fund, and also

that the Fund be shown as a sub-division of the Connexional Budget in Minutes of Conference. The Committee conferred with the Superintendent of the Home Mission Department and the following name and sub-divisions are suggested —

Name: "Development Fund"

Division 1: Grants to new causes
2: Capital for interest-free loans

Auditor:

Mr Derek Tayler, who has been auditor for the Committee and the Connexional Budget since the inception of the Budget, indicated his desire to relinquish the position owing to his departure for overseas in July. The Committee accepted his resignation with regret and an appropriate recommendation has been made. Mr Frank Turley, A.R.A.N.Z., of Wellington, has accepted the Committee's invitation to be Auditor.

Circuit Numbers:

In order to simplify the work of circuit financial stewards when making payments to the Connexional Budget, the Committee has re-numbered all circuits with numbers bearing no relation to circuit numbers as shown in Minutes of Conference. These new numbers are permanent ones for Budget purposes only, and any changes in circuit boundaries or the addition of circuits, will only entail the addition of another number to the end of the list allocated to the particular District. Numbers range from 100-999 and are included in the encoded line on the new Bank of New Zealand duplicate credit transfer forms, as well as being stamped on the deposit receipt butt. These new numbers came into operation with the distribution of these books of transfer forms at the beginning of July.

Decimal Currency (Res. 11b, Mins. of Conf. 1966, page 218):

In view of the material and publicity already issued by the Decimal Currency Board, the Committee considered that one circular letter of guidance and information was sufficient. Accordingly this was sent to all Superintendent Ministers, circuit stewards and other officials, together with a pamphlet supplied by the Decimal Currency Board.

E. C. FLYGER, Acting Budget Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report 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 1968-69 Connexional Budget for the period 1st July, 1968, to 30th June, 1969, amounting to \$342,606, be adopted.

	Allocated	Requested
Supernumerary Fund	29,583	29,583
Home Missionary Retiring Fund	720	720
Deaconess Retiring Fund	4,240	3,490
Overseas Mission—Lay Workers Retiring Fd.	3,120	3,870
Removal Expenses Fund	11,000	12,000
Children's Fund	8,500	9,500
Contingent Fund	18,240	20,240
Connexional Secretary	2,800	2,800
N.Z. Methodist	12,000	12,000
Overseas Mission Department	91,508	100,647
Home Mission Department—General	73,142	73,142

H.M. Dept. Chaplaincies—					
Auckland Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,400 1,400
Manapouri	.....	.....	.....	.....	340 340
Oakley Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	900 900
Porirua Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	900 900
Department of Christian Education	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,275 16,275
Trinity College	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,660 15,460
Church Extension	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,000 40,000
Children's Homes—					
Auckland	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 2,000
Masterton	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,650 3,650
South Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,500 6,000
Social Services	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,480 7,200
Deaconess Institution	800 2,600
Finance and Stewardship Committee	1,000 2,000
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					\$333,958 \$366,717
Miscellaneous Causes					
N.C.C.	1,760 1,760
N.C.C.—T.V.	932 1,200
World Council of Churches	610 610
N.Z. Council of Christian Education	.....	.....	.....	.....	800 800
N.C.C. Prison Chaplaincy	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 60
Armed Forces Chaplaincy	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 150
N.Z. Alliance	.....	.....	.....	.....	400 400
National Society of Alcoholism	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 50
Religious Film Society	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 500
University Chaplaincies—					
Auckland	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 50
Wellington	.....	.....	.....	.....	240 240
Christchurch	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 350
Dunedin	.....	.....	.....	.....	370 370
Waikato	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 200
Lay Preachers' Association	.....	.....	.....	.....	— 20
Spiritual Advance Committee	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 100
Board of Publications	150 150
Overseas Travel Fund	1,000 1,000
Radio and T.V. (5 mths.)	926 —
J.C.C.U.	926 —
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					\$342,606 \$377,409

4. That the 1968-69 Connexional Budget District Allocations be as under:—

					\$
Northland	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,208
Auckland	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,550
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	.....	.....	.....	.....	45,990
Taranaki-Wanganui	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,156
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	.....	.....	.....	.....	36,265
Wellington	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,611
Nelson	18,138
North Canterbury	57,056
South Canterbury	18,764
Otago-Southland	21,868
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					\$342,606

5. That Mr D. Tayler be thanked for his services as auditor for the Finance and Stewardship Committee and the Connexional Budget during the past six years.

6. That Mr F. Turney, A.R.A.N.Z., of Wellington, be appointed as auditor.

7. That the Church places on record its appreciation of the work done by Mr H. N. Wansbrough as a stewardship director during the past 4½ years.

8. That the balance of \$1,083.59 shown in the Connexional Budget Account at 30th June, 1967, be carried forward to the next year.

9. That the reserve of \$1,083.30 in the Finance and Stewardship Account be transferred to the General Account.

10. That in view of the increasing demands being made upon the Contingent Fund with the subsequent increasing of the Connexional Budget, Conference be asked, wherever possible to draw members for special commissions and Standing Committees from one area.

11. That before any business which may result in an increase in the Connexional Budget is placed before Conference, it be referred to the Conference Committee of Detail on Finance and Stewardship for a recommendation in the light of the other demands upon the Budget, and that full information is available when Conference representatives are required to vote.

12. That the name of the Church Extension Fund be changed to "The Development Fund", which will cover:—

(a) Grants to new causes;

(b) Capital for the Church Building and Loan Fund;

(c) and for such other purposes as the Conference may from time to time determine.

13. That the Standing Committee on Finance and Stewardship be asked to consider the possibility of highlighting particular aspects of the Budget from year to year.

14. That the Conference express its appreciation of the excellent work done during the past year by the Executive Officer, Mr E. C. Flyger and the Directors, Messrs W. B. Wotherspoon, L. H. Parlane and L. A. Davis.

15. That the Standing Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 5 herein.

5—Report of the Commission on Stationing and the Invitation System to Synods and Conference, 1967

The Commission has continued its work under the able Chairmanship of the President of the Conference.

The Commission met on four occasions and has duly considered every submission made to it by ministers and laymen.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INVITATION SYSTEM

The Commission, in its approach to its work, realised that the itineracy of the ministry was an integral part of Methodist polity. The Conference, as the supreme court in New Zealand Methodism, has no power "to make such changes in the discipline as to do away with the itineracy of the ministry". Whenever a Methodist Conference

has been given its autonomy, it has always been granted independence on condition that it maintained the itineracy of the ministry which has been a feature of Methodist polity from the beginning of Methodism in Great Britain.

John Wesley used to appoint the "travelling preachers" to their Circuits year by year. These "travelling preachers" were required to visit in rotation towns, villages, hamlets, committed to their care. Preachers were liable to be removed every year and seldom remained in any one Circuit for more than two years in succession. In Wesley's eyes, long pastorates were most undesirable.

The power of government, which John Wesley possessed in his life time, by his appointment devolved upon the Annual Conference after his decease. According to the Deed of Declaration drawn up in 1784, the right to nominate preachers was to fall to Charles Wesley, and, on the death of Charles Wesley, to the Legal Hundred Preachers and Expounders of God's Holy Word, under the care and in connexion with the same John Wesley. Four ordained clergymen of the Church of England were listed in the Declaration and 96 Laypreachers. The Deed clearly stated that the Legal Hundred might not appoint any preacher for more than 3 years to one place, except ordained ministers of the Church of England. The Legal Hundred was given power of filling its own ranks year by year. It is thus a continuous entity, and secures Continuity of legal existence to the governing body of the Church.

The practice of itineracy was taken up, not from forethought, but as the natural consequence of the course in which the Wesleys found themselves engaged.

The practice of extending and accepting invitations seems to have grown up in somewhat similar fashion. The first Stationing Committee was formed in 1791, the year after the death of John Wesley. By 1800, the District Representatives on the Stationing Committee were being advised to write to their brethren in the Circuits "that the stationing committee may be enabled to please every one, as far as possible". Conference 1800 decided "In future, the aged preachers shall be provided with Circuits before any of the others". Abuses early crept in to the operation of the invitation system. Conference 1805 ruled:—"Let not the district committee interfere with the stations of the preachers. Let no letters concerning stations be in the least degree regarded, but such as come from the majorities of regular quarterly meetings." Conference 1865 objected to invitations being extended to ministers from the September Quarterly Meetings and recommended that Quarterly Meetings defer invitations until the March Quarterly Meeting "and it resolves, that no correspondence of a preacher with a circuit, or Circuit Stewards, before the Conference preceding any such invitation, shall be allowed to influence the deliberations of the Stationing Committee, or of the Conference in relation to such preacher's appointment to that Circuit." (Conference has always had difficulty in ensuring that its regulations are observed!)

In New Zealand, the outworking of the itineracy of the ministry has involved the setting up of a Stationing Committee to recommend to Conference annually the appointments to be observed by its ministers. Since Methodist Union in New Zealand in 1913, the Stationing Committee has consisted of an equal number of ministers and laymen, District Synods and Conference, through its Committees of Districts, have had a part in the choice of members of the Stationing Committee.

THE STATIONING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GUIDED IN ITS DELIBERATIONS BY THE EXTENDING BY CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF INVITATIONS TO MINISTERS TO LABOUR

IN THE CIRCUIT FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH INVITATIONS BY THE MINISTERS APPROACHED. IT HAS NOT BEEN MANDATORY EITHER FOR CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETINGS TO EXTEND INVITATIONS OR FOR MINISTERS TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS. CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETINGS MAY "LEAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO CONFERENCE" AND A MINISTER MAY MOVE "WITHOUT INVITATION." CONFERENCE, THROUGH THE STATIONING COMMITTEE, USUALLY HONOURS INVITATIONS BUT IS NOT BOUND TO DO SO.

The regulations governing the constitution of the Stationing Committee are set out in the Lawbook Paragraphs 443 to 457 p. 86 and the regulations for the Invitation to the Minister are in Section VII—Appointment of Ministers pp 20 to 22, with subsequent amendments.

These regulations reveal that prior to and since Methodist Union in New Zealand in 1913, the invitation system has been modified from time to time.

While the appointment of a minister to a Circuit remains an annual one, there is now no limit to the number of years to which a minister may be appointed to the same Circuit. For some years, there was a limit of five years. Further, the invitation does not now come up for review annually in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting. In 1949, it was made unnecessary for the invitation to the minister to be discussed until he was in his third year in a circuit. In 1962, Conference decided that it was not to be mandatory for the invitation to be

reviewed in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting at any year during the ministry. Regulations were approved whereby the continuance or severance of the pastoral tie could be discussed in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting if the minister or the circuit stewards raised the matter after giving due notice or if five members of the Quarterly Meeting requested in writing that the issue be raised after giving due notice.

The aim behind all these amendments to the invitation system has been to provide reasonable security of tenure for the ministry and to encourage longer pastorates, while at the same time making provision for changes when considered necessary in the best interests of the work of the Church.

However all appointments remain annual appointments and the full list of stations has to be approved by each Conference.

Indeed, throughout the whole period under review, there has been endeavour to hold in balance—

- (1) The rights of the ministry.
- (2) The rights of circuits.
- (3) The powers of the Conference.

PRESENT POSITION AS TO LENGTH OF PASTORATES:—

The Commission had before it the following statistics.

For the 7 years — 1953 to 1959 — the average length of ministry of ministers changing appointment was 5.3 years.

For the 7 years — 1960 to 1966 — the average length of ministry of ministers changing appointment was 4.36 years.

Over the 7 year period (1960-1966) 295 changes took place.

71	Ministers moved at the end of 3 years
61	" " " " " " 4 years
52	" " " " " " 5 years
34	" " " " " " 6 years

All sets of figures exclude men in connexional appointments, overseas missionaries and superintendents of city missions but include ministers in the second appointments to City Missions.

It is evident that pastorates are not becoming longer.

APPOINTMENT WITH INVITATION VERSUS APPOINTMENT WITHOUT INVITATION.

While the right of Invitation has been associated with the Itineracy of the Ministry from early times, the Commission felt that it should not begin its work on the assumption that this right was an integral part of our Appointments System. It began by carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages of an Appointment with or without invitations. It did in fact have before it some outlines of a possible appointment system that did not incorporate Invitations.

ADVANTAGES CONSIDERED:—

It was early recognised that an Appointment System that was in no way tied to the right of Invitation could have real advantages.

- (1) It could ensure better consideration of the needs of every circuit. All ministers and all circuits would be without an invitation extended and accepted and the needs of all circuits and all ministers would come up for review. (This is the case in theory under the present invitation procedure but not in practice.)
- (2) By putting all ministers and all circuits in the same position, no situation is prejudging before the stationing Committee meets.
- (3) Invitations are not extended and accepted by mistake: invitations are not dishonoured with resultant disappointment on the part of ministers and circuits; feelings or unsettlement, tensions, uneasiness of conscience and other difficulties arising out of the consideration of invitations are all avoided.
- (4) The ministry is made clearly the Servant of the Church. Personal preferment is eliminated and the Conference is free to station every minister in the place where he can best serve the Church.

DISADVANTAGES CONSIDERED:—

But it was early recognised also by the Commission that there are disadvantages in an Appointment System that does not provide for Invitations.

- (1) Ministers and officials would feel that the power to consider appointments of influence them is completely taken away from them. Consequently, ministers and people would not feel committed to one another with a considerable reduction in the feeling of responsibility of the one for the other.
- (2) The work of the Stationing Committee would be much more difficult because it would have no indications at all of the mind of ministers or officials. It would be unrealistic to imagine that behind the scenes planning would be eliminated.

At any point in a minister's pastorate, the decision concerning continuance or severance of the pastoral tie could be made by the Stationing Committee with little or no consultation with the minister or circuit officials concerned.

N.B. The Commission draws attention to the fact that it would be most unlikely that an appointment system without some right of call or invitation would be included in any basis of union that might be submitted to the five negotiating churches.

After considering the advantages of an Appointments System with or without Invitations, the Commission decided in favour of the

continuance of Invitations and considered the procedure that would best meet the requirements of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Commission would point out that such a decision is not contrary to the present trend of Church Union negotiations.

THE SUGGESTED PROCEDURE:—

A CONTINUANCE OR SEVERANCE OF THE PASTORAL TIE. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IS SUBMITTED TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE FOR GENERAL APPROVAL:—

- (1) A Minister or Probationer may be appointed by the Conference to any Church or Premises year by year for any number of years successively without limit (present law).
- (2) No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either the Minister or the Quarterly Meeting until the Minister has completed three (3) years in his appointment. (Present law).
- (3) Consideration of the continuance or severance of the pastoral tie in the Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall be according to the following procedure:—
 - (a) The continuance of the pastoral tie SHALL be considered at the March Quarterly meeting of the Fifth (5) year and every subsequent second year of the appointment of a Minister to a Circuit.
March Quarterly meeting replaces June Quarterly meeting. i.e., The question may be raised in the 4th, 6th, 8th year but it must be raised in the 5th, 7th, 9th year.
The Commission felt that it was an unsatisfactory feature of the present regulations that there was no provision for the continuance or severance of the pastoral tie to be raised automatically. The present regulations impose too great a responsibility upon the minister, circuit stewards or a minority of five (5) in the Quarterly Meeting.
 - (b) Subject to the provisions of (2) and (3a) above, the minister or the Circuit Stewards may have the matter of the continuance of the current ministry placed on the agenda of the March Quarterly Meeting on any other year.
 - (c) The Minister and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting having decided in favour of continuing the pastoral tie no other invitation shall be accepted subsequently by the minister in that year.
 - (d) Whenever the Circuit Quarterly meeting has this matter on the Agenda, the District Chairman or his Deputy shall preside for that business.
The fact that the Chairman of the District (or his Deputy) presides ought to ensure that the correct procedures are followed.
 - (e) Twenty-eight (28) days written notice shall be given of any Circuit Quarterly Meeting at which it is proposed to discuss the continuance of the pastoral tie. This notice shall be sent to the Chairman of the District, the Minister, and all members of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.
Paragraph 126 (d) relating to the right of any five (5) members to initiate consideration of the severance of the pastoral tie has been eliminated.
 - (f) Voting shall be by secret ballot and a bare majority only is required.
There is already sufficient movement in the ministry and it was not considered necessary to insist on a substantial majority. Nevertheless, it was felt that the acceptance of an invitation extended on a bare majority might be unwise.

- (g) Notwithstanding the provision of (2), in exceptional circumstances which make it apparent that an initial period of four (4) years cannot be sustained, the Minister or the Circuit Stewards shall refer the case to the Chairman of the District for suitable action. In any such case, no further steps in regard to the pastoral tie shall be taken by the Minister or the Circuit Quarterly Meeting until the matter has been considered by the Conference.

The above procedure would involve the repeal of the existing section in the Law Book.

The proposed amendment provide for a definite review at a recognized stage in the ministry after a reasonable term has been served. With the present average length of the ministerial term only 4.26 years, this means that, in the majority of cases, the issue would be raised only **once** in the course of the minister's appointment to a Circuit.

INVITATION TO NEW MINISTERS

The need was acknowledged for adequate information regarding ministerial changes to be circulated to District Chairman by the Secretary of the Conference.

Procedure to be followed—when a change of appointment is to take place—

1. A small but representative committee of all churches in the Circuit shall be appointed by the Circuit Quarterly Meeting to consult with the Chairman of the District and the Leaders' Meeting of the particular Church regarding the Invitation to a Minister.

2. The Circuit Stewards, after consultation with the Committee referred to in (1) and the Chairman of the District, may approach any minister in the Connexion who is free to accept an invitation to ascertain whether or not he would be willing to accept an official invitation to be issued by the June Quarterly Meeting.

3. The decisions of March Quarterly Meetings concerning the pastoral tie shall be immediately communicated in writing by the Circuit Stewards to the Chairman of the District who shall inform the Secretary of the Conference who shall compile a list of ministerial changes contemplated and arrange for its distribution to all District Chairman.

4. No Circuit shall extend an invitation nor shall any minister accept an invitation until the minister has served at least three years in his present appointment.

5. The Circuit Stewards shall approach only one Minister at one time concerning an invitation to the Circuit and no other approach shall be made until a definite reply has been received. If an affirmative reply is received, the Circuit Stewards shall recommend to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting that an official invitation be extended at the June Quarterly Meeting.

General

The Committee on Structure will be reviewing the functions and constitution of the Conference and this will include the constitution of the Stationing Committee and its procedures.

A. K. PETCH, President of the Conference.
W. R. LAWS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Report be referred back to the Commission for further consideration and report to Synods and Conference 1968, the Commission to include in its deliberations consideration of the recommendations of Committee F of the Conference (these recommendations were not voted upon by Conference 1967):—
 - (a) That this Committee rejects the findings of the first part of the Commission's Report (up to the end of Section headed "Disadvantages Considered" page 231) and recommends that Conference again considers discontinuance of the Invitation System.
 - (b) That we ask the Commission on Stationing to continue its work and to prepare for Synods and Conference an outline of a possible Appointment System without invitations.
 - (c) That the Section commencing "The Suggested Procedure" (Agenda page 231) to the bottom of page 232 be adopted and referred to the Law Revision Committee to draft the necessary amendments to the Law, these amendments to be submitted to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1968.
 - (d) That the final Section (from bottom page 232) be received only.

N.B.—The Commission is also asked to consider:—

1. That the present system has not had a sufficient trial and should be continued.
2. That some review of the pastoral tie should take place but by disinterested parties, i.e. a small number of people to whom Leaders' Meetings, Quarterly Meetings and Ministers could have equal access. The Triennial Visitation Committee might provide such a group.
3. That the Committee on Structure continue its investigations into the machinery of Stationing with a view to channelling invitations through Synod Standing Committee and Church Council so that the work of Stationing shall be as complete as possible on the eve of Conference.

QUESTION 58.—

6—Central Stipend Fund

In terms of the Resolution of the 1966 Conference (1966 Minutes page 223 — Resolution 1), the report of the Standing Committee on Stipends on this matter is forwarded to Synods for consideration and report to Conference 1967.

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 \$9.89 (£4/18/11), the cost to individual Circuits ranged from \$4.30 (£2/3/-) to \$22.40 (£11/4/-). This was after including Home Mission grants. Expressed another way: there were four Circuits where it cost each member 9 cents (11d) per week for stipends and fifty where it cost between 28 cents (2/10) and 61 cents (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 \$20,000 (£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 Con-

nexional 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 number 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, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.

2. Because of an anomaly which at present exists in the scale of Home Missionary Stipends the following be the scale as from 1st February, 1967:—

Senior Home Missionary	.....	\$1,718 p.a.
Home Missionary	.....	\$1,644 p.a.
Probationer Home Missionary	.....	\$1,536 p.a.

3. That the Stipends Committee, to the extent that it is able so to do, provide the information asked for by Synods and send to Circuits in 1968 for consideration by Circuit Finance Committees and/or Quarterly Meetings and that Circuits be asked to send their comments to the Stipends Committee after consideration of such information,

the Stipends Committee to report again on the matter to the 1968 Conference.

4. That the following be referred to the Committee for examination and report:—

- (a) That the present practice whereby Probationers pay rent for Parsonages be abolished.
- (b) That Conference affirms that all Ministers and Probationers are entitled to suitable accommodation.

5. That the Standing Committee on Stipends for 1968 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, General 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, General and Conference Secretary, Revs. A. J. Johnston, M. A. McDowell, B. M. Chrystall, H. G. Brown and A. R. Witheford, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, President's Legal Adviser, and Mrs Dorothy Winstone and Messrs R. T. Garlick, E. A. Crothall, G. E. Hill and D. G. Elms. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

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 and Deaconesses in the active work, plus at least one lay representative of each Circuit, major Department, District Fellowship, Council, etc. Secretary: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

All Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses, one Lay Representative for each of the above from Circuits, two Representatives from each District Organisation—Lay Preachers, Men's Fellowship, D.E.C.s, Women's Fellowships, M.S.S.A., all Lay workers, the Financial Secretary and District Property Secretary. The Lay representatives to be: Messrs H. Watson, L. Morgan, C. G. Horn, G. L. Bellamy, G. H. Mundell, B. J. Wood, A. Smith, W. M. Birch, D. H. Payne, B. Walker, D. Williams, G. E. Simpson, R. Shearin, R. Old, R. D. Dine, R. Williams, J. M. Daley, G. H. Goodhall, C. C. Gordon, T. Pryor, J. Melville, R. M. Clarke, W. F. Walters, A. Howell, S. C. Jones, J. Woodhouse, P. Ormsby, R. Shoosmith, W. B. Young, J. Davy, R. Peake, M. Templer, Sister B. Yearbury,

S. Simpson, Mrs P. Rushton, Mrs W. H. Greenslade, Mrs G. A. Crabtree, Mrs E. Missen.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

All Ministers, Probationers and Deaconesses in active work and the following Laymen: Messrs L. P. Cotter, G. A. Hutton, D. M. Musker, A. W. A. Parkes, D. I. West, D. R. Andrews, B. H. Neale, R. J. Thomas, T. F. C. Davis, E. H. Donald, J. P. Whitlock, M. H. Whitlock, N. Dixon, R. T. Bell, A. L. Fox, J. P. Harding, one from the Wanganui West Circuit, and two from the Maori Circuit.

MANAWATU:

All 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 of each Circuit as far north as Dannevirke-Norsewood and Representatives from the Methodist Women's Fellowship, the Men's Fellowship, the Lay Preachers' Association and the District Education Council.

HAWKES BAY SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers of the Napier, Hastings, Gisborne, Wairoa and Waipawa-Waipukurau Circuits, with two lay representatives from each of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, and one from each of the other Circuits, together with a representative each from the Methodist Women's Fellowship, Lay Preachers' Association, Hawkes Bay D.E.C. and the Gisborne D.E.C. Chairman: Rev. C. G. Brown. Secretary: Rev. R. E. James.

WELLINGTON:

All ordained ministers in the active work, 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:

All Ministers and Probationers of Blenheim, Nelson, Waimea, Motueka and Murchison Circuits and St. Luke's Union Parish, Dr E. Bassett, Mesdames M. R. Best, M. V. Humphreys, J. Trathen, L. G. White, Messrs A. Barrington, E. M. Brown, N. H. Cozens, H. R. Holland, A. H. Jellyman, R. H. McCallum, R. C. A. Marshall, I. W. Winn, V. Smart, G. B. Trathen, J. K. Woodley.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

The Ordained Ministers in the active work in the District, Messrs J. Pryor, H. W. Beaumont, 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, C. C. Ayers, J. Pitman, L. S. Blackmore, D. G. Watson, R. J. Buxton, S. D. McHarg, L. T. Barnett, D. G. Muir, R. R. Bennett, J. D. McGuigan, D. R. Cone and F. R. Metson, Miss Jean Hay, the Finance Secretary, the President of the Lay Preachers' Association, a representative of the D.E.C., the President of the Methodist Women's Fellowship, and the President of the Men's Fellowship, and one to be nominated by Christchurch East Circuit, and one by Sydenham Circuit.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

All Ministers and Probationers in active work in the District and the Minister of the Marchwiol Union Parish, Miss R. M. Hodson, Mrs W. Greenwood, Messrs E. Walker, W. G. Greenwood, G. G. Wills, F. Presitage, G. G. C. Thomas, O. H. Neutze, J. Rolston, A. Chapman,

C. Leadley, J. McK. Ponder, District Financial Secretary, Mr A. Marshall, District Property Secretary, Mr P. Woodnorth and Secretary, Rev. G. E. Scarr.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

The Ordained Ministers of Otago, Mesdames W. H. Masters, D. Hughes, A. W. Eden, Miss M. Guthrie, Messrs C. Chirnside, E. Hogwood, A. J. Ganderton, M. Gibbs, F. W. Pinkham, R. S. Russell, H. C. Vince, F. W. Wilson, J. Angell, Dr L. R. Robinson, District Financial Secretary, District Property Secretary.

SOUTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE FOR 1968:

The Ministers and Probationers of all Southland Circuits, Rev. O. A. Kitchinghan, Mesdames A. C. Craw, J. Lawry, G. Mesney, Messrs I. Guise, F. W. G. Miller, E. A. Humphries, E. McCulloch, R. V. McLean, M. Farley, W. Weeds and A. Stevens.

QUESTION 61.—(a) What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?

Law Revision Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1967

The Committee submits its annual report and recommendations.

1. Representation of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist at Conference.

The Committee was asked to make provision for the representation of the Board of the New Zealand Methodist at Conference.

Recommendation—that Section 359 Law Book page 70 be further amended by adding the following:— (4b) Board of New Zealand Methodist.

2. Circuit Stewards and their prerogative to make one proposition for the invitation of each Minister.

The Committee reported on this matter to the 1966 Conference. This report was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Section 29 Law Book page 41 provides that "Circuit Stewards may, subject to paragraph 127, at the June Quarterly Meeting, make one proposition for the invitation of each Minister for appointment or re-appointment to the Circuit."

This section grants to Circuit Stewards the right of making one proposition in regard to the appointment or re-appointment of Ministers. It must be noted that it is not mandatory for the Circuit Stewards to put forward one proposition. Circuit Stewards have a discretion in this matter. They may or they may not so act.

Section 127, as it appeared previously in the Law Book provided *inter alia*, "Upon the motion of the Circuit Stewards, the Quarterly Meeting may invite a Minister to the Circuit . . . In the event of the Circuit Stewards declining to act or their proposition not being sustained, any member of the Meeting may move in the matter."

In 1961, Conference changed the procedure, but it did not interfere with the prerogative of the Circuit Stewards to make, when necessary or at an appropriate time, one proposition for the invitation of a Minister for appointment or re-appointment of a Minister.

The principal change was that, whereas under the former law, in the event of Circuit Stewards taking no action, any member of a

Quarterly Meeting could move in the matter, under the present law, if at the appropriate time the Circuit Stewards do not take any action, then any five members of the Quarterly Meeting may give written notice that they intend to move that consideration be given to a change of appointment.

If such a motion is agreed to, then, pursuant to Section 229 the Circuit Stewards shall have the right to make one proposition for the invitation of a Minister.

Thus, there has been no interference with the prerogative of the Circuit Stewards to make one proposition for the invitation of a Minister.

(3) Leaders and Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meetings.

(See Supplement to Law Book Minutes 1967 page 288).

The detailed regulations have been printed in the Supplement only to reduce printing costs.

(4) The Connexional Office.

(See Supplement to Law Book Minutes 1967 page 303).

The detailed regulations have been printed in the Supplement only to reduce printing costs.

(5) Changes to Boards and Committees through the appointment of a General Treasurer.

Alterations will be required to the constitutions of the Supernumerary Fund Board, the General Purposes Trust Board, The Fire Insurance Fund Board and The Transport Trust Board. These will have to be made in accordance with provisions of their respective constitutions. The necessary action will be taken during the coming year.

It is recommended that in regard to the other Committees affected that the following amendments be now made.

A. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Recommendation—that sub-section (4) Section 517 Law Book page 153 be repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—

- (4) The Fund shall be administered by a Committee consisting of seven Ministers, including the General Secretary and nine laymen, including the General Treasurer, appointed annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Synod where the previous year's Committee is located. One Layman shall retire each year.**

B. CONTINGENT FUND

Recommendation:

- (a) That sub-section (2) of Section 510 Law Book page 128 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—**
- (2) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office. A report and financial statement duly audited shall be presented annually to the Conference.**
- (b) Sub-section (3) Section 510 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—**
- (3) A Consultative Committee shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. It shall consist of the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Chairman of the District in which the Connexional Office is situated and two laymen. All matters in dispute regarding this Fund shall be referred to the Committee and its decision shall be final.**
- (c) Sub-section (4) Section 510 is hereby amended by deleting the**

words "the Secretary of Conference" and by deleting at the end the words "by the Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "by the Board".

- (d) That in sub-section (6) and (7) of Section 510, wherever the words "the Treasurer" appears they shall be deleted and the words "by the Board" substituted therefor.

C. REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

Recommendation—that sub-section (3) Section 508 Law Book page 125 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- (a) (3) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office.
(b) That in Section 508 wherever the words "the Treasurers" "the Treasurers of the Fund" or "the Treasurer" appear these shall be deleted and the words "the Board" substituted therefor.

D. THE CHILDREN'S FUND

Recommendation:

- (a) That sub-section (3) Section 507 page 124 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—
(3) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office.
(b) That wherever in Section 507 the word "Treasurers" appears it shall be deleted and there shall be substituted therefor the words "the Board".

E. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

(Conference Committee of Detail)

Recommendation—that in Section 469(b) the words "Budget Treasurer" be deleted and there be substituted therefore the words "General Treasurer".

F. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

(Standing Committee)

Recommendations:

- (1) That sub-section 3 (c) of Section 476 be repealed.
(2) That Sub-section (4) of Section 476 be amended by deleting the words "the Budget Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "the General Treasurer".
(6) Lay Treasurers and Representation of Funds, Institutions, etc. in Conference.

The appointment of a General Treasurer makes it necessary to amend Section 359 Law Book page 70. As this section has been amended on numerous occasions, it is suggested that the section be repealed.

Recommendation:

- (a) That sub-section (f) of Section 358 Law Book page 70 be amended by deleting the word "Treasurer" in line 4 and substituting therefor the word "representatives".
(b) That Section 359 Law Book page 70 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

359. The Lay Representatives of the Connexional Funds or Institutions, District Secretaries of Church Property or District Financial Secretaries, and the representatives of other organisations shall be notified of their seats in the Conference (ex officio) in the following order:—

1. The Supernumerary Fund

2. The Church Building and Loan Fund
3. Fire Insurance Fund
4. Finance and Stewardship Committee in the event of a Minister being appointed an officer thereof.
5. Board of New Zealand Methodist.
6. Wesley Training College.
7. Deaconess Institution
8. Either District Financial Secretaries or District Secretaries for Church Property.
9. Board of Christian Education (additional members).
10. The National President of the New Zealand Women's Fellowship
11. National Committee of Men's Fellowship
12. Methodist Lay Preachers' Association
13. Rangiatea Maori College
14. New Zealand Women's Fellowship (additional member)
15. The Deaconess Order (additional 2 members)

(7) **Trustees and Titles to Church Properties.**

The Committee was instructed by the 1966 Conference to consider revision of the present method of land holding, with a view to the introduction of the system using "a corporation sole". It has given much consideration to this matter. The Committee desires further time to consider this matter and will report in 1968.

(8) **The new Law Book.**

Much time has been spent on the Text of the new Law Book. Until finality is reached in regard to various suggested changes, it is not possible to go to print.

H. de R. FLESHER,
Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That paragraph 184 of the Law Book page 33 be amended by adding at the end thereof:—
"He shall be a member of Conference ex-officio."
3. **The New Law Book:**
 - (a) The Law Revision Committee having reported to this Conference that its revision of the Law and Regulations of the Church is practically completed, this Conference DOTH HEREBY RESOLVE that the revised sheets together with any other changes in Laws and Regulations made by this Conference shall be published as the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and when signed by the President, the Secretary of Conference and the Convener of the Law Revision Committee, shall be read as part of the Minutes of this Conference.
 - (b) That the Law Revision Committee be authorised to complete the revision and make any necessary alterations therein consequent on the amendments and additions made by this Conference, and that upon a certificate being forwarded by Committee to the President to the effect that the revision has been completed, the President shall be empowered to authorise the Committee to publish the same.
 - (c) That the President shall determine the date at which the revised Laws and Regulations shall come into operation and effect notice of such determination to be given in the New Zealand Methodist.
4. That the Law Revision Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 7 herein.

QUESTION 61—(B) Who is appointed the President's legal adviser?
H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.M.

QUESTION 62.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

By decision of Conference the Ecumenical Committee is now located in Auckland. The change from Wellington to Auckland has not in any way affected the continuity of the Committee's work and in this regard, we express appreciation of the way in which the Convener of the Wellington Committee effected the transfer of the necessary files and records. Although its term of office has only been a matter of months, the new Committee is already very much aware of the wide and varied range of its responsibilities.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN N.Z.

1. GENERAL

Lenten Studies:

There was every indication that the studies had proved very helpful overall. From the experience gained, planning to involve the whole Nation would not be unrealistic.

Chaplaincies:

(a) Prison: All member churches mourn the passing of the Rev. E. S. Hoddinott, Senior Chaplain. "We are in a very real sense, orphaned" said the Rev. L. V. Downey, Senior Roman Catholic Chaplain, when paying his tribute. Proposals from the Minister of Justice concerning appointments have been accepted.

(b) University: Improvements to existing arrangements are under discussion following a consultation of University Chaplains held under the auspices of the N.C.C.

(c) Hospital: The possibility of shared Chaplaincies was considered during the year. Reports received clearly indicate that no action can be entertained at the present time.

Resettlement:

The visit of Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, was a wonderful incentive to the cause. In collaboration with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, negotiations are taking place for resettling a group of Albanian Moslems, and the possibility of accepting a further quota of Chinese orphans from Macao, is also being explored.

Inter-Church Aid:

At the 31st May, the amount received from the Christmas Appeal stood at \$140,000 — a sum greater than the amount received for the same period last year. The final figure is expected to exceed last year's by about 7%. Projects to which this fund is allocated are selected by the Commission on Overseas Mission and Inter-church Aid.

Relations with the Roman Catholic Church:

The total movement of reconciliation between Protestants and Roman Catholics is making itself felt in many quarters. Areas for greater co-operation within N.Z. are to be considered.

Act of Commitment:

It was a most gracious act on the part of the Joint Commission on Church Union to invite the President and Secretaries of the N.C.C. to attend this historic event. It was an even greater act of graciousness that the President, the Very Rev. M. W. Wilson, should have been invited to pronounce the Benediction.

Commission on International Affairs:

As a world body the C.C.I.A. celebrates its 20th Anniversary. Our N.Z. Commission located in Wellington, fulfils a vital role on behalf of the churches. The Executive is in very close touch with the Commission and it is only after careful deliberation that statements are issued, either to the public, or churches.

Commission on Television:

Meetings with members of the Commission have been held during the year with a view to clarifying policy and the part churches should play in the use of this medium. The allocation of radio and television time to churches other than those considered "main-stream", has also been under discussion.

2. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Located in Christchurch, the committee has increased in membership to 20 and now includes a representative of the Greek Orthodox Church. A leaflet on "Women's Role in the N.C.C." and a short series of Bible Studies based on the theme "Confessing the Faith in N.Z." are among the committee's publications for the year. Comments concerning this year's observance of the "World Day of Prayer" were very encouraging. Over 400 Services were held at some time throughout the day, and some 70 speakers contributed to the occasion. A preference has been expressed by many for the meditative Order of Service as we used in this year's observance. Again, however, it was noticeable that few men were able to participate. Branch committees still number 16 but their respective annual reports indicate that considerable progress and activity is taking place at District and local levels. Inter-church schools, inter-church visiting, Church Women's Days, study and discussion groups, continue as some of the main features of Branch Committee programmes.

3. YOUTH COMMITTEE

(a) General: During the year the committee has endeavoured to remain sensitive to the changes and subtle shifts in attitude among young people, and to shape its planning and work accordingly. Preliminary plans for the 1969-70 Ecumenical Youth Conference reveal that significant departures from previous Conference programmes and arrangements are probable. The prospects for holding Ecumenical Summer Youth Conferences at either national or regional levels is to be investigated. Among its numerous responsibilities, the committee has found its involvement in the International Christian Youth Exchange a lot more demanding this year. The new Chairman, Mr Lynsay Jacobs, will be present at an international meeting of I.C.Y.E. being held in Philadelphia during the month of July. Regional and local ecumenical youth action remains a continuing concern of the committee. Constituent bodies are urged to give their full support to existing youth programmes being carried out at these levels and, where none at present exist, to consider initiating whatever action may be possible.

(b) Singapore Young Churchmen's Consultation: Held during April, New Zealanders to this gathering of some 40 Asian young people included:

Miss Miriam Tabuteau, Methodist, Auckland.

Mr Fred Johnson, Methodist, Christchurch.

Rev. Napi Waaka, Methodist, Taranaki.

Sister Sylvia Jenkin, Presbyterian, South Canterbury.

Mr Eddie Durie, Anglican, Wellington.

This was a study conference covering the topics: Culture and Chaos, Realising the New Age, Generations in Conflict, Love, Power and Justice in Politics and Young Men and Young Women in Life. Miriam Tabuteau reports: "Although nothing new perhaps was said it was significant that young leaders from such diverse backgrounds were able confirm a great deal of what is being said in the Christian world today. The personal encounter, the sharing of experiences and especially, the frank open discussions of the workshop groups, helped remove many of the barriers between us and allowed us all to gain a better understanding of each other and the positions we each held. The Consultation brought home to me more than ever that one must give in learning and learn in giving".

4. MAORI SECTION

Since its inauguration in 1947, the Maori Section has consisted of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. At its Annual Meeting in February 1968 it expects to add another member, the Baptist Union. The consolidation of District Committees and the publishing of a quarterly newsletter under the title "Tomokia" is helping to make known the activities of the Section in local areas. "The Maori in the N.Z. Economy" has been added to the reports and papers now under study and discussion. The Section is continuing to supplement the ministry of the churches in Motueka to seasonal workers. It is becoming increasingly aware, however, that there are similar situations in the South Island also in need of a "Maori" ministry. Relations with Pacific Islanders is now occupying the attention of the Maori Section. It invited the Rev. Kenape Faletoese to speak at the Annual Meeting and is hoping to pursue the matter further with the Rev. R. L. Challis during the year. Relations with the Ringatu and Ratana churches is also being sought. 1968 marks the Centenary of the first Bible to be published in Maori. In conjunction with the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Section is now engaged in making suitable arrangements for its observance.

Pacific Conference of Churches:

This Conference came into being at its first Assembly which was held at Lifou, New Caledonia, in May-June, 1966. In April this year, the first meeting of the Continuation Committee was held in Fiji under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dr J. A. Havea of Tonga. The new Secretary, the Rev. Setareki Tulloveni of Fiji, takes up his appointment following the Fijian Methodist Conference this July. The Methodist representative on the Continuation Committee is the Rev. Leslie Roseto of the Solomon Island District. At its first meeting, the Committee considered ways and means of carrying out the decisions of the Lifou Assembly, and also sought to co-ordinate other activities of the churches in the Pacific which are not directly under its control, such as, the Pacific Island Christian Education curriculum and the Pacific Theological College.

East Asian Christian Conference:

Plans for the 4th Assembly to be held at Bangkok from the 30th January to the 8th February 1968, is among the main concerns of the E.A.C.C. at the present time. The theme for the Assembly is "In Him All Things Hold Together." Major topics of the Assembly will focus attention on: the threat of Asia falling apart in international tensions; the widening gulf between the rich and poor nations; the dangers of social and moral disintegration; and the challenge of Church union in Asia. Total participants will be limited to 225 and and N.Z. has been invited to send 13 delegates-two to be Methodists. In the light of resolution 8, page 231 of the 1966 Minutes, the nomina-

tion of our two representatives to the E.A.C.C. 4th Assembly was referred to the Church Council.

The World Council of Churches:

Two major concerns are current:

1. The impact of the World Conference on Church and Society held last year in which attention was drawn to the following four issues:
 - (a) Modern technology. Providing new hope, we must endeavour to understand its implications for the whole of life and learn how to use and control it for purposes of human liberation, economic well-being and social justice.
 - (b) The acceleration of developments in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and the need for fundamental changes in the relationship between these and the more advanced industrial nations.
 - (c) The struggle for world peace. Everything possible must be done to end present military conflicts, and solutions found for avoiding further outbreaks where explosive situations now exist. It is disturbing to note the development of a hard and callous attitude among many young people toward the means employed to wage war, both civil and international.
 - (d) The problem of just political and social orders, and the changing role of the state. The function of law and its theological foundation are fundamental issues in this connection.

By the nature of their calling, Christians are committed to work for the transformation of society. The task is difficult but urgent. The judgement of God upon all, is much in evidence; the Geneva Conference initially therefore, calls all the churches to an act of repentance.

2. The 4th Assembly. Uppsala, Sweden, is the venue for the W.C.C. 4th Assembly, being held from the 4 — 20th July 1968. It will meet under the theme: "Behold I make All Things New", and give consideration to the following six main areas of the church's life and witness:

- i The Church is united in a shrinking world;
- ii The Church is mission;
- iii The Church's role in social and economic development;
- iv The Church's role in international affairs;
- v The worship of God in a secular age;
- vi Toward a new style of living.

The Committee commends the pre-assembly study to every Circuit and local congregation.

The World Methodist Council:

At the London meeting of the Council in August, 1966, we were represented by the Rev. A. R. and Mrs Witheford, Mr R. T. and Mrs Garlick, and Mrs I. G. Baber. Its theme was "God in Our World," and through addresses and discussions the Council was able to take a critical look at the events and issues challenging us today.

In its message, the Council urges the member churches to study and take appropriate action concerning the W.C.C. Statement on Vietnam; to support the strong stand taken by British Methodism over Rhodesia; to uncompromisingly reject racism; to stand for human dignity in respect to both sexes, and to be concerned about the problems of population growth and poverty. A new Executive was appointed including, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall as a Vice-President, and Mrs I. G. Baber as a Council member to act during this quinquennium, with the Revs Dr Lee F. Tuttle (U.S.A.) and Max W.

Woodward (U.K.) as Secretaries. The Council charged the Executive to implement a programme which will radically change the functions of the Council. This programme calls for "an energetic and continuous programme of research, study and experiment, complementing and furthering the study programme of W.C.C., regional ecumenical agencies, and other Christian Communions." It is to be put in hand immediately "so that the full resources of World Methodism, theological as well as material, may be devoted to making a substantial contribution to the total mission of the Christian Church to the contemporary world." The Executive was asked to investigate the possibility of setting up a permanent Secretariat, or bureau, to assist in implementing this programme. It is being recommended to the Executive meeting in Nairobi this August, that an office be set up in Geneva. Two important Commissions have been set up: one on "Methodist/Ecumenical Relations" and the other on "International and Social Affairs."

The next meeting of the World Methodist Council will be held in 1971 in Washington, D.C.

The Religious Film Society:

Because of the increased support given by the member churches by way of Annual Grants, the Society reports an excellent year of service in which the Director has conducted many courses in the use of audio-visuals throughout the country, co-operating wherever possible with the Christian Education committees of member churches. It has been able to add to its growing library of 16mm. films, and extend its work by making other audio-visual material available for sale or hire. The Society is particularly grateful for the dedicated service of its Director, Mr W. N. Mouat. It respectfully asks that the Methodist Church continue its support, and provide the same grant of £250 as was made last year.

Ministers Serving with Other Organizations:

In accordance with resolution 6, page 231 of the 1966 Minutes, the committee includes the following very brief and somewhat edited summary of reports received from Ministers permitted to serve with other organizations during the year.

The Rev. L. C. Clements:

Mr Clements is Adviser in Marriage Guidance and has served with the Department of Justice for the past twelve years. "Today," he reports, "Marriage Guidance has assumed the proportions of a 'big business' and, in general terms, my work consists in keeping in touch with all its manifold ramifications. I have direct responsibility for the autonomous voluntary Marriage Guidance movement in which the selection, training, and accrediting of counsellors, and the provision of facilities for Supervisors' seminars are a growing feature. There are 19 affiliated Councils at the present time. To assist me, I have a staff comprising an administrative officer and typists here at Head Office in Wellington, and the Revs K. D. MacRae of Hutt Valley and Dr P. G. Downey of Auckland, who serve in specialist capacities.

The following figures for the 12 months up until December, 1965, will indicate something of the scope of Marriage Guidance, and the number of people being contacted:

Counselling:

Marriages involved	.....	.....	.....	.....	1538
Total interviews	.....	.....	.....	.....	6257
Supervisors at 31/12/65	.....	.....	.....	.....	55

Counsellors at 31/12/65	60
Trainees at 31/12/65	52
Court Conciliation:	
Marriages involved	227
Total interviews	377
Education:	
(a) Engaged Couples:	
People enrolled	1262
Courses	45
(b) Schools:	
No. of Pupils	5915
No. of Lectures	564
Outside Activities:	
Talks	246
No. of Organizations	263
People reached	8915

The Rev. H. C. Dixon:

Mr Dixon is National Secretary of C.O.R.S.O., which he continues to serve for the eleventh year. He writes, "As National Secretary, I am the chief administrative officer responsible to an elected Executive; in this capacity my duties are numerous. I am responsible for the organization's paid staff of 28 people; I am required to carry out Council policy and interpret its work to the New Zealand public. It is necessary for me to maintain liaison with the 48 constituent bodies and counterpart agencies throughout the country and, of course, with the N.Z. Government from whom we receive Annual grants. My position requires me to keep in touch with United Nation agencies, especially F.A.O., U.N.I.C.E.F., the United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees, U.N.R.W.A. and U.N.E.S.C.O. I am speaking to groups of all kinds within the community and have many opportunities to preach to congregations of all Communion. As well as keeping in touch with, I have also visited in person, many overseas agencies. Catholic Relief Services, the W.C.C. Inter-church Aid and Refugee Services are among my main contacts in this regard. This part of my work has brought me into close touch with church agencies in many developing countries. I have been most impressed by their work and especially the way in which they view their services as an integral part of the Gospel.

C.O.R.S.O. was created in the latter part of the war to do a special job. Great changes have since taken place. The onset of F.F.H.C., with its stress on development—as opposed to relief, the U.N. Development Decade, and the emergence of other appeals and special years, have all forced us to look very hard at ourselves and ask whether or not we are rightly geared to meet the challenges and opportunities of this present age. Our income for 1966 of \$880,256 was the highest yet raised and we can be justly proud of our N.Z. record. Nevertheless, the essential 'break-through' of the vicious circles of despair, hunger, poverty and illness, have yet to be achieved. Support of our 1967 Appeal "Famine on your Doorstep" will greatly strengthen our efforts towards this end."

The Rev. W. G. Eisner:

Now in his sixth year with the Department of Justice, Mr Eisner continues to serve as Prison Chaplain at Mount Crawford, Wellington.

"There has been steady development over the past 12 months and the opportunity to minister at depth increases. There is, however, an all important proviso—the everchanging faces of those to whom I minister! I spend an average of fifty-five hours a week within the

confines of the prison, or in work directly related to it. I conduct a weekly Sunday Communion Service at 7.15 a.m. and hold an afternoon Service. The latter is attended voluntarily by about a-third of the prisoners. It is a challenging Service as the congregation consists entirely of those who don't normally attend church. In addition there is a weekly Padre's hour, group discussions and instruction sessions of one sort and another. Most time and energy, however, continues to be spent in counselling and instruction. Post-release work is essential. Effective link-ups with local congregations do occur, but the fact that ordinary church people tend to move in a different realm of values and interests from those of our men is proving an obstacle. The inauguration of the Justice Department Cadet scheme has afforded the opportunity to make contact with a group of young men who will be of strategic importance in future penal work. Three Divinity students again spent the summer vacation with us and much of their supervision fell to my lot. The addition of a senior Holy Cross College student proved immensely stimulating and mutually helpful. The relationship I enjoy with my colleagues is excellent; it is one of the real rewards in what can otherwise be a lonely job. In all I consider this to have been one of the most fruitful years of my ministry."

The Rev. O. A. Kitchingman:

Mr Kitchingman is now in his second year as Chaplain to the Manapouri Hydro Village and serves under the Southland Branch of the N.C.C. "My brief term as Chaplain has brought me into touch with an increasing number of people of widely diverse backgrounds—national, cultural and religious. The total number of families at the village is 196; personnel at West Arm and Deep Cove is 600 and 520 respectively. These figures, however, fluctuate from day to day. In order to be of some service to the approximately 100 strong Yugoslav work force at West Arm, I have spent a considerable part of my time acquiring some facility with their national language. As many have Orthodox as well as Roman Catholic background, I have endeavoured also to establish regular correspondence with priests in Yugoslavia. The question of language is important for purposes of communication for while they do converse in English, they much prefer speaking Italian, Spanish, German as the case may be. During Easter we accommodated a Senior Presbyterian Bible Class Camp in the village. The visit resulted in the commencement of a service project which finally, realized a children's playground. Easter Sunday also saw the first use made of the new tourist building at West Arm for worship. On this occasion a group of Yugoslav workers attended for the first time. Several combined study and discussion evenings have so far been held with Roman Catholics. We have used the N.C.C. study 'Cost of Living' on these occasions. The response has been such that it is probable these meetings will continue as a regular feature of my work. I have shared in weekend seminars conducted under the auspices of the Otago University Extension Department and have been invited to give a course of lectures on the theme 'Theology in the Modern World.' Insight into the way trade unionists, farmers and business people grapple with issues of common concern was received when the opportunity presented itself for me to attend a seminar on Trade Union studies. I was greatly impressed and feel even more convinced that the church has a vital role to fulfil within these fields."

The Rev. I. W. Reid:

Now in his third year with the Department of Justice, serving as a Prison Chaplain at Witako, Trentham, a classification centre

for all first offenders. "The number who have passed through Witako over the past three years have been 231, 178 and 226 respectively. As Chaplain I am part of a team approach to the needs of inmates who are merely on transfer, or who are admitted on a long-term basis. The team includes the Roman Catholic Chaplain, Psychologist, visiting Social Aid workers and the institution's disciplinary officers and instructors. Because the inmates are first offenders the initial task in counselling is concerned with the inmates' sense of guilt (or innocence), marital and family relationships. It is not unusual therefore to find our home full of visiting wives and relations over weekends. Over and above counselling, my programme includes regular Services of Worship, a Padre's hour, Work Parole and welfare. It is a busy but fruitful and rewarding ministry."

The Ecumenical Way

Although only a third have returned answers to a questionnaire sent out to the Circuits under this heading, the trends indicated by these are encouraging. More progress than otherwise is being made; inter-church committees have come into being and are for the most, active; following the Act of Commitment most anticipate favourable changes in respect to relationships with other churches negotiating for Union—this is not anticipated, however, with regard to non-negotiating churches. The lack of lay interest, the unwillingness of other denominations to co-operate and the fullness of a congregation's own programme still feature, by and large, as factors limiting ecumenical progress.

In concluding its first report, the committee voices its concern that, a great deal of the material and information it receives cannot, at present, be conveniently and effectively passed on to the Circuits in the way it would like. In the words of Dr W. A. Visser't Hooft, if we are "to create a situation in which there is so much in common between the churches that, there is no adequate reason for them to remain separate from each other," it is essential that every member should be conversant with the developments taking place within the churches and the Church in the world.

L. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

R. D. RAKENA, 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 Conference thank the Rev. R. Gibson for his services as Convener of the Ecumenical Committee located in Wellington.
4. That the N.C.C. be encouraged to prepare a set of studies for New Zealand conditions on the theme "All Things New" and incorporating material from the E.A.C.C.
5. That the representatives on the following committees be: N.C.C., Revs. R. D. Rakena, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws and Mrs M. E. Hayman. Alternate, Mr G. Hill, N.C.C. Youth Committee: Messrs C. Couch, R. J. Patchett and Miss A. Price. N.C.C. Women's Committee, Mesdames J. R. Maddren, H. C. Matthews, W. R. Laws; Corresponding member, Mrs R. Swindells. N.C.C. Maori Section, Revs. R. Rogers, H. A. Darvill, B. M. Chrystall, R. D. Rakena, L. M. Tauroa; Associate, Te A. Tahere. Religious Film Society, Revs. B. M. Chrystall, A. Jolly and D. Mullan; Executive, B. M. Chrystall and A. Jolly.

6. That the Annual grants from the Contingent Fund be: \$50.00 World Methodist Council; \$20.00 Ecumenical Committee.

7. That Conference notes with pleasure the election of the Rev. W. S. Dawson as President of the National Council of Churches and assures him of the full support of our Church during his term of office.

8. That the greetings and good wishes of the Conference be sent to Mr and Mrs John Hayman.

9. That in nominating ministerial representatives to the N.C.C., consideration be given to including at least one minister in the first ten years of his ministry.

10. That Conference give general approval to the recommendations of the Roman Catholic/Protestant Consultation:—

(a) That the N.C.C. Executive establish a joint working group.

(b) That the N.C.C. Executive at its December meeting take steps to appoint one co-chairman, one co-secretary, and six other persons, on the understanding that the Roman Catholic Church appoint one co-chairman, one co-secretary and four other persons—the whole to form an interim committee.

(c) That this interim committee be called together in Wellington in the early months of 1968, for at least one whole day, to prepare specific proposals for future joint action to bring to the Commission for Ecumenism and the 1968 Annual Meeting of the N.C.C.

11. That Conference give general approval to the functions proposed for a proposed N.C.C. Commission on Church and Society namely:—

1. To offer guidance to the N.C.C., and through it to the member churches on matters relating to the New Zealand life and its place in world society.

2. To enter into dialogue with Political, Social, Commercial, Educational, Economic, Agricultural agencies (or any other organisation) responsible for developing policy and attitudes in our society.

3. To establish communication with the World Council Division of Church and Society and other associated National bodies and awaits with interest further developments.

12. (a) That we approve in principle that the basic financial responsibility for stipends and allowances of the ecumenically appointed University Chaplains be borne by the member churches of the N.C.C."

(b) That the proposed budget be referred to the Finance and Stewardship Committee for consideration and action:—

	\$
Church of the Province	6,300
Presbyterian	5,500
Methodist	1,700 (at present \$1,190)
Baptist	800
Church of Christ	300
Salvation Army	300
Congregational	200
Society of Friends	100
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	\$15,200

13. That Conference agree to the principle that E.A.C.C. membership dues be a charge on the respective member churches and request the Finance and Stewardship Committee to implement this as soon as possible.

14. That Conference convey its good wishes and assurance of prayerful support to the Rev. A. K. Petch and Mr G. E. Hill, representatives to the W.C.C. 4th Assembly.

The President of Conference, the Rev. J. D. Grocott and the Vice-President, Mr W. E. Donnelly, representatives to the E.A.C.C. 4th Assembly as they prepare for and attend these Assemblies.

15. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 63.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1—Methodist Church of New Zealand Faith and Order Committee

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Printing:

The committee has arranged for the printing of three orders of service during the year. The Experimental Order of Holy Communion has been printed; after the first printing of 12,000 copies sold out, a reprinting was arranged of a further 5000 copies. In similar format, the Marriage Service and the Order of Service for a Funeral have been printed in separate booklets. We have begun to wonder whether in the present stage of experiment and change it is wise to think of binding the various orders together in one Book of Offices. We are within sight of finishing the revision of our services which was begun some ten years or more ago; but before we have finished we find ourselves started on a second and more radical revision, of which the Experimental Order of Holy Communion is the beginning. Under these circumstances we think it may be better to make the various orders of service available in separate booklets only.

We think the Experimental Order for Holy Communion should remain in use for another year, before comments are sought with a view to preparing an order to be authorised for use. But we would like next year to work on an Order of Baptism in modern English, using a worship sub-committee of the Faith and Order Committee, augmented by a number of lay members.

Membership:

The committee thought it might be helpful to supply a guide to implementing the 1966 report on membership which was adopted by the Conference, and prepared such a guide for ministerial synods. Two questions have been raised with us by various synods. One concerns the membership of the electoral roll: our understanding in preparing last year's statement was that in the first instance the present Members' Roll will simply become the Electoral Roll; but in future only baptised (or baptised and confirmed, if the baptism was in infancy) persons will be added to the electoral roll by resolution of the Leaders' Meeting. The second question concerned the transfer of members: we understood that those on the electoral roll will be transferred in the same way as those on membership rolls have been transferred in the past; when someone not on the electoral roll is moving to another district, the minister will send details from the pastoral card to the minister in the new district. The practice is not substantially different from that which we employ at the present.

Charismatic Gifts:

At the request of the President, the committee also prepared a study on charismatic gifts for use at ministerial synods.

Draft Orders of Service:

We present the following draft orders for consideration by ministerial synods or fraternal early in 1968. The committee will gather comments, and then prepare orders for adoption by Synods and Conference, 1968. The first two are revisions of orders which have been in experimental use for only a few years; we have sought comments from ministers on these orders, and revised accordingly.

(1) Confirmation and Baptism of those of maturer years.

The following takes place within the Communion service, immediately before the offering. It is in English suitable for use with the experimental Communion order, and can also be printed for use within the authorised order by altering the pronouns referring to God from 'you' and 'your' to 'thou', 'thee' and 'thy'.

INTRODUCTION AND ADDRESS TO CANDIDATES

☆ Those to be baptized and confirmed are introduced to the presiding minister, who addresses them as follows:

☆ To those who are to be baptized he says:

You have heard the call to repent and believe in Jesus Christ. You are come to profess your faith in Him, and to present yourselves for baptism into the fellowship of the church according to His command. God who calls you is faithful. Having begun a good work in you, He will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

☆ To those who are to be confirmed he says:

In your baptism you were received into the fellowship of the church and sealed as members of the family of God. Now you come, of your own choice, to ratify the solemn covenant then made, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and to consecrate yourselves to Him.

You come that we may lay our hands upon you in accordance with the practice of the apostles, praying that the Holy Spirit may strengthen you in every good work.

THE VOWS

☆ He then puts the following questions to all the candidates:

I ask you now in the presence of God and of this congregation: Trusting in the power of Christ, do you renounce all false pride, and do you turn to find your true life in God?

I DO

Do you believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

I DO

Do you accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and the Saviour of the world?

I DO

Do you desire to be received into full communion in the holy catholic Church, to take your place among God's servant people in the world?

I DO

Do you resolve to walk in love for God and for your fellow men, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit?

I DO

Do you resolve to pray to God, to listen to the Scriptures, to join regularly with your fellow Christians in worship and especially in the Holy Communion, and to give according to your means for the support of the Church?

I DO

Do you acknowledge yourselves bound to confess before men the faith of Christ crucified and risen, and to continue as His faithful servants to your lives' end, bearing witness to Him both in word and deed?

I DO

THE BAPTISM

☆ Those to be baptized kneel, and the minister prays:
Send us, Lord, your Holy Spirit, that these whom we now baptize in obedience to your word may be united with Christ in His death and resurrection. Bring them from darkness into light, a new creation in Christ Jesus. Number them among your people, chosen to proclaim your wonderful deeds to men. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord and Saviour of mankind. AMEN.

☆ He then baptizes them:
N.M., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

☆ He prays with the laying on of hands:
Strengthen, Lord, with the grace of your Holy Spirit, this your child, that he may continue yours for ever, and be established in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

THE CONFIRMATION

☆ Those to be confirmed kneel, and the minister prays:
Send us, Lord, your Holy Spirit, that these whom we now confirm may be made strong to take up their cross as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, to confess Him before men, and as members of His body to serve and love their fellow men, for the sake of the same Jesus Christ, the Lord and Saviour of mankind. AMEN.

☆ He prays with the laying on of hands:
Strengthen, Lord, with the grace of your Holy Spirit, this your child whom we now confirm in your name, that he may continue yours for ever, and be established in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.

(2) Induction of a Minister

☆ When the minister to be inducted is the Superintendent of the circuit, the Chairman of the District or his deputy shall preside.

☆ In all other cases the Superintendent of the circuit shall preside. It is desirable that the Chairman of the District or his deputy should be present and take an appropriate part in the service.

☆ Notices may be given before the service begins.

☆ The presiding ministers says:

Let us worship God.

- ☆ A hymn is sung, during which the circuit stewards or their deputies go to the door of the church and escort the new minister to the front of the congregation. After the hymn the congregation are seated, and one of the circuit stewards addresses the presiding minister:

We present to you the Rev. N.M. who has been appointed by the Conference as minister in (superintendent of) this circuit.

- ☆ The presiding minister welcomes the new minister with the right hand of fellowship and says to the congregation:

We have come together to induct N.M. to his ministry in this circuit. Let us, therefore, at this time renew our common covenant with our Lord Jesus Christ who is the head of the Church, and accept afresh the mutual responsibilities which lie between minister and people.

- ☆ The new minister and circuit stewards are seated, and the presiding ministers says:

Let us pray.

We give thee thanks, O God, that thou hast called us into the fellowship of thy Church, which is the body of Christ, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Thanks be to thee, O God.

For the presence of thy Spirit within the Church, awakening desire, bestowing the gift of vision, ruling in love, strengthening thy people and guiding their feet into the way of peace.

Thanks be to thee, O God.

For the ministry of thy Word and Sacraments; for the continuity through all generations of the life of faith and the experience of thy redeeming grace; for the communion of saints and for the hope of life everlasting.

Thanks be to thee, O God.

We humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thy Church may ever serve thee with joy, preaching the Gospel to those in bondage of sin, proclaiming forgiveness to the penitent and setting forth the truth that makes men free.

Hear us, good Lord.

May it please thee to remove far from thy Church all unworthy ambition and pride of place, all narrowness of mind and lack of charity.

Hear us, good Lord.

May thy Church bear witness before the world to thy hatred of injustice, thy wrath and indignation against oppression, thy zeal for righteousness and truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Within thy Church universal may thy people have charity towards all, with patience and insight to honour all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Hear us, good Lord.

Let us pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace within the Church of Christ . . . (Silent prayer).

Our Father . . .

- ☆ Lessons from the Old and New Testaments are read.

- ☆ A hymn may be sung.

- ☆ The sermon is preached.

☆ A hymn is sung.

☆ The minister to be inducted comes forward and is addressed by the presiding minister:

My brother, we rejoice that God has called you to the ministry of His Church; that He has equipped you and given you power to fulfil your vocation. Seeing that the grace of God and the choice of the Church have brought you to minister in this place, and in order that this congregation may understand your mind and will concerning this, we ask of you:

Will you accept this sacred charge? Will you endeavour to be faithful to your high calling in Christ Jesus; to preach the Word of God with diligence, to administer the sacraments as required, to care for the flock of Christ, to fulfil the duties of a Methodist minister?

I will, God being my helper.

☆ The congregation rises and is addressed by the presiding minister: Do you, as members of the Church of Christ, welcome this our brother as minister (and superintendent) in this circuit? Do you promise him during his time of service here your sincere fellowship, your loyalty, and your constant prayers?

We do, God being our helper.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who hast called thy servants to make their vows together before thee, mercifully enable them so to keep the same that they may remain steadfast in faith and be fruitful in every good work, to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

☆ The presiding minister then addresses the minister being inducted:

Be to the flock of Christ a good shepherd. Feed the flock; hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcast, seek the lost. So be merciful that you be not remiss; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy. Abide in Christ.

☆ The minister being inducted kneels, and the presiding minister says:

Let us pray:

Give thy servant grace, O God, to be a faithful ambassador of Christ to the world, to offer with all thy people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to thee, to feed and govern thy flock as a true shepherd, and to promote love and unity among all thy people. Deliver him from all assaults of evil, and grant that in all things he fulfil his ministry without reproach in thy sight and abide steadfast to the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

☆ The congregation is seated, and the newly inducted minister takes the place of the presiding minister and says:

Let us pray:

Let us pray for the Church universal in its service to the world . . . for the Methodist Church of N.Z. and its President, for the Chairman and ministers of this district, and all the congregations of the district . . . for this church and its witness in this community . . . Almighty and everliving God, who, according to the promise of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, hast ordained thy Church to be the temple of the Holy Spirit; mercifully hear our prayers for thy Church. Let thy fatherly hand be over us; let thy Holy Spirit be ever with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word that we may serve thee all our days and be with thee for ever; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

- ☆ He then announces the final hymn, and afterwards gives the blessing.

(3) The Covenant Service

We recommend to Conference that the British Order be printed in its present form, with the following material prefixed. The Order would be understood as providing material for the various types of Covenant Service mentioned below. The rubrics are intended to provide necessary flexibility and freedom.

Preface:

On December 25th, 1747, John Wesley strongly urged the Methodists to renew their covenant with God. His first Covenant Service was held on August 11th, 1755. He printed this Order as a pamphlet in 1780. Various modifications of the Order have been made from time to time, but it continues to be a Service of special significance and blessing to the Methodist people.

Rubrics:

- ☆ The Covenant Service may take the form of a service of worship with the Covenant and Holy Communion according to this Office.
- ☆ The Covenant Service may take the form of a service of worship with the Covenant, but without Holy Communion, according to this Office.
- ☆ The Covenant vow may be used as a reconsecration in the context of the Order for Holy Communion, following the administration of the elements and taking the place of the Prayer of Oblation.
- ☆ Those who desire to make or renew their Covenant with God shall be urged to prepare themselves for this act by earnest thought and prayer. They may read privately the Directions to those about to take part in this service (p. 123 and p. 130 bottom and 131 top of British Book of Offices). They shall also be adequately prepared by intimation, instruction, and preaching, at the discretion of the minister.
- ☆ The minister shall have freedom in the use of any sections of this service. The Covenant vow (p. 131 bottom, 132 top of British Book of Offices) shall be regarded as the heart of the service."

(4) Ordination of a Minister

The Order begins with the Preparation in the Order for Holy Communion (i.e. Collect and Commandments).

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., C.D., etc., to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care. 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 in the 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 they may be worthy of their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- ☆ Suitable passages from Scripture are read.
- ☆ The sermon is preached.
- ☆ All stand and say the Nicene or Apostles' Creed.

THE EXAMINATION

- ☆ All continue standing while the President addresses those to be ordained as follows:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church, we are met here to ordain you to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care, by prayer and the laying on of hands. We believe that it is God who gives you grace and authority for the office and work to which you are called, and that he does so in answer to the prayers of his Church, and through the actions and words of His ministers. We act and speak as part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and we hold the faith of that Church. Therefore, that we may know that you truly profess this faith, and desire by God's grace to fulfil this ministry, we ask you these questions:

Do you trust that you are moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this ministry, and, by 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' and Nicene Creeds as witnessing to and safeguarding the faith that is set forth in Scripture?

I DO

Will you be diligent in the reading of the Holy Scriptures and in such studies as help you to know them?

I WILL

Will you faithfully teach and preach the word of God to the people committed to your charge, and administer the sacraments as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ?

I WILL

Will you strive to be faithful shepherds of the flock, to maintain peace and love amongst them, to bring sinners to repentance, to declare to them God's forgiveness, and to nurture them in God's way?

I WILL

Will you, for Christ's sake, be faithful in visiting the sick, in caring for the poor and needy, and in helping the oppressed?

I WILL

Will you help your people to be good stewards of the manifold gifts of God, that every member may be equipped for the work of ministering, and the whole Body built up in love?

I WILL

Will you seek, 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

Are you resolved, by the help of God, to place yourself, in humble obedience, at the disposal of Christ and to abide by the discipline of His Church?

I AM SO RESOLVED

☆ All kneel, and the President stands and says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you the will to do all these things, grant you also grace to perform them. He who has called you is faithful, and He will do it. AMEN.

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 unto death, even death on a 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 the ministry of 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 THY HOLY SPIRIT UPON THY SERVANT, A., WHOM WE DO NOW ORDAIN, IN THY NAME AND IN OBEDIENCE TO THY WILL COMMITTING TO HIM AUTHORITY TO MINISTER THY WORD AND SACRAMENTS, TO DECLARE THY FORGIVENESS TO PENITENT SINNERS, AND TO SHEPHERD THY FLOCK.

☆ The people each time repeat, AMEN.

☆ The President then continues, praying for all those ordained: Give them grace, we pray thee, to be faithful to their promises, constant in their service, and bold to proclaim thy gospel. Enrich them in knowledge and understanding. Make them watchful and loving guardians of thy flock, as followers of the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep. Enable them in all things to fulfil their ministry without reproach in thy sight. Grant that, having 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: Take this, a token of the authority which you have received to preach the word of God and to administer the sacraments in the congregations to which you shall be appointed.

☆ All stand. The President says:

We declare that A.B., C.D., E.F., and . . . are Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Pastoral Care in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☆ The people respond:

AMEN, THANKS BE TO GOD.

☆ The gloria is sung.

☆ The Order for Holy Communion follows at the Intercession, which shall include the following:

For the servants of God now ordained to the Ministry, that they may faithfully minister to the glory of His Name . . .

For their wives and homes, that they may show forth the love of Christ.

Committee:

We propose to continue all existing members on the committee, and to add one or two names after stationing. In addition we intend to have a worship sub-committee to work on orders of services in modern English, and to co-opt a number of laymen on to this sub-committee.

Further Work:

We mentioned earlier in the report our intention of preparing a draft Order of Baptism in modern English. In addition, we would like to prepare a set of services for congregational use other than when the Holy Communion is celebrated. We have been in correspondence with the Board of Christian Education, who have been considering the production of a booklet to replace 'Family Worship'. They have welcomed our offer to take the initiative in the preparation of a set of services, in consultation with the Board. We have in mind a booklet with some services in traditional language, and some in modern language, including some more experimental forms, with a total of say ten orders of service suitable for use on most general occasions. We intend to seek material from ministers and congregations in our own church as well as from the service books of other churches, and to work in consultation with a wide body of people. A resolution is attached.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

B. A. WALKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the draft orders of service included above be referred to March Synods or Fraternals for comment to the Faith and Order Committee.
3. That the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Department of Christian Education seek some means of gaining widespread lay comment on the orders of service listed.
4. That the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Department of Christian Education be authorised to prepare and print a set of services, as referred to in the report, for use of congregations.
5. That the matter of the inclusion of the Standards of Membership mentioned in 1964 Minutes of Conference, be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
6. That Conference congratulates the Faith and Order Committee on the excellent Experimental Service of Holy Communion in Modern English, and looks forward eagerly to seeing other Services similarly revised.
7. That Conference affirms the importance of the use of the Experimental Order of Holy Communion as a two-year experiment, and therefore urges strongly that all Circuits should purchase and

freely use the New Order alongside the Official Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

8. That the paragraph on "Membership" in the report be referred back to the Faith and Order Committee for clarification and report to Synods and Conference 1968.

9. That the Faith and Order Committee report to Synods and Conference 1968 on the position of Deaconesses in relation to the Conference and its leadership particularly that of President and Vice-President.

10. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 6 herein.

QUESTION 63.—

2—Radio and Television Committee

1. EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N.C.C. COMMISSION ON TV

Looking Back:

1966 has been a year of opportunity and development. The six years of TV activity has seen changes, from the simple presentation of an illustrated talk to the complex composition of an integrated programme using all the resources of studio and film unit. Ideas come from the Churches, presentation is in the hands of producers, and the Commission is the operative catalyst.

Programmes:

Among the 44 main programmes and a similar number of "New Weeks" produced in the year, have been some breaking new ground, in content or in presentation methods.

Planning for 1967 includes the possibility of a new lay-out of programming. The Commission is responsible for five programmes out of every six. These have been supplied, sometimes in a series, more often on an ad hoc basis. A planned lay-out might include: a magazine of Church news and views; children's programmes; a musical composite; a documentary or 'Church in Action' programme; an instructional or social question programme.

Planning of this nature involves co-operation from N.Z.B.C. and a continual stream of information and programme ideas from the Churches.

Staffing:

After six years of devoted service, Canon Austin Charles retires at the end of March, 1967.

The question of regional representatives or agents is likely to become increasingly important. The Commission's need is for people who can, in each area, stimulate the emergence of ideas and talent and oversee the development of programmes in co-operation with N.Z.B.C. producers. The degree to which this can be done from Wellington is limited by time and travel.

The Churches of New Zealand are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of the electronic media, and show this both by support of the Commission and by appointing their own officers to specific broadcasting duties. While the Commission benefits from

these appointments, by having denominational officers as points of reference for Church participation, it could benefit more if such officers had a specific relation to and responsibility for the Commission's programming activity. This is being discussed at present.

Study tours abroad have been undertaken by Canon Charles, and more recently by the Rev. G. Dallard. Arrangements have now been made for the Rev. F. C. Harrison to take part in both TV and Radio producers' courses with the B.B.C. in 1967/68.

The Setting in Which We Operate:

In 1960 the National Council of Churches called a Conference of broadcasting Churches, from which there developed the N.C.C. Commission on Television. At the Annual meeting of the N.C.C. last July (1966), a question was raised about the relation of the Commission to the parent body. The Constitution of the Commission is ratified by the N.C.C. as well as the member churches. The membership of the Commission is not identical with that of the N.C.C. All programmes are presented in the name of the N.C.C. and the N.C.C. symbol is used for identification purposes.

The Commission reports to the Annual Meeting, as well as to member Churches, but the nature of its current activities has meant that it has an internal autonomy of operation.

The relation of the Commission to the Churches is based on the membership of the Commission, who are representatives appointed by their Churches. The Commission acts for the Churches, pooling their resources through the Commission's channels. A close operative liaison is established with the National Catholic Broadcasting Committee.

The Commission acts toward the N.Z.B.C. as suppliers of programme material. Programmes are produced and presented by N.Z.B.C. for the Commission, but they are N.Z.B.C. programmes. There has been the closest and happiest co-operation at all levels of administration and production.

Future administration of broadcasting is under consideration with the Government's announcement of its intention to set up a separate Control Board which would consider the possibility of private commercial and competitive control in radio and television. The Commission is currently considering the implications of this.

Study and Training:

Changing situations, new techniques, constant turnover of talent, together with increasing numbers of viewers and altering patterns of viewing means a continuous need for study and training of our aims and methods in religious television.

A study day for the Commission sought to look at basic purposes and methods of attainment. A talent training school in Wellington aimed at helping those who attended to think in visual terms, as a foundation for TV script preparation. It is planned to hold similar schools in other centres.

As part of its outreach and in pursuance of the 1962 Consultation on Sound Radio, the Commission has agreed to include inter-Church radio training schools in its operations.

Looking Ahead:

As programmes of necessity and choice become more complex and the initial source of supply becomes exhausted, it becomes increasingly important to have forward planning and initiation of ideas.

On the Commission's side, this means continual alertness to programme needs and opportunities, and the initiative to bring them into practical use. On the side of the Churches it imposes an increas-

ing responsibility for encouraging those within their ranks who are capable of using this medium for the communication of the gospel.

Original report made by:

GEO. DALLARD

CHARLES HARRISON, Co-Directors.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report of the N.C.C. Commission on TV be received.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of Canon Austin Charles in the Radio and TV Committee of the N.C.C.

B.—METHODIST RADIO AND TV COMMITTEE

The Committee has met monthly over the last year. A major item on the agenda has been the impending appointment of a Methodist Radio and TV Director. A feature of the meetings has been the playing of tapes from Methodist broadcasts, and one evening of Australian religious programmes for commercial stations. These tapes have been used for the information of the Committee and there has been little feedback to the broadcasts concerned. The Committee realises that such tapes could be used as illustrative material by a travelling supervisor.

The Methodist Church has not been prominent in Television over the last year. It is those denominations with an appointed director that have made a numerically significant contribution. For example, on the Auckland Channel during 1966 in the main religious slot there has been the following denominational participation: Anglican 13, Salvation Army 11, Presbyterian 2, Commission Directors 14 (mainly Mr Dallard the Presbyterian Director), Methodist 3, Catholic 8 and every other denomination none. A conservative estimate of the amount of time required of the initiator of a TV programme is one day of preparation for every minute of programme.

Radio Programmes:

The Church is grateful for the work of Methodist broadcasters who have represented the Church in Services and Sessions of various sorts on the National Programme, X Stations, Provincial stations and the ZB Network.

Two series which received favourable comment were:

i CHILDREN'S SESSIONS MAY, 1967:

These were magazine type programmes with a main segment on the work of the Holy Spirit. Preparation began in a group of four people, each of whom had a specialist contribution (New Testament Scholarship, Drama, Broadcasting resources and Presentation). The first two meetings of the group carried out Bible study on the passages stipulated by the Corporation. This helped to disclose the basic New Testament teaching with the intention that this should be presented simply and strongly.

In Session I on hearing, obeying and overcoming the American Freedom Workers were highlighted. In Session II Pentecost as unifying was contrasted with the Tower of Babel story. In Session III on the work of the Spirit in the ordinary concerns of human life, a live documentary on the Catacombs Club in Wellington was featured. Session IV dealt with the Fruit of the Spirit in the shape of personality.

Other segments in each programme were: Songs of the Modern Age presented by Barry Crichton, an interview with a Sunday School

teacher from a school doing some interesting thing, and a story read by Allona Priestley on Martyrs of the Modern Day.

ii "FAITH AND LIFE":

This was a series of six programmes in the Saturday Morning National Devotions for June and July, 1967. In each programme a lay person spoke of the Christian faith in relation to his life and vocation. The people were a housewife and mother, an international cricketer on sport, a grandmother, a secondary school teacher on discipline, a person on the retiring age, and a consideration of the Christian in the commercial world.

Significant factors in these programmes were the team work of those preparing them, and that the material was relevant to life.

Allocating Church Services for Broadcast:

In the allocation of Churches to broadcast on the National Programme the Committee has worked on the principle that, "generally we should put those on the air that can provide competent organ, choir and congregational participation, and where suitable suggest the preacher to be used."

The selection is also limited to churches within a few miles radius of a terminal of the National Programme Wide Band Lines.

In the North Island the committee has used Pitt St, Hamilton, Taranaki St and Hastings. In the South Island the Churches are Durham St, Morningson, and Invercargill Central. A service will be broadcast from Conference for South Island listening.

The presentation of worship on Radio and Television needs research and closer consultation between professional broadcasting personnel and Church broadcasters. The Corporation has left denominations to select broadcasters and given generous assistance. There needs to be deeper consideration of the Church's worship formulated as a Radio or Television programme.

The N.C.C. Commission on Television:

The Commission is an autonomous body where the voice of the denominations is expressed through official representatives. Although set up by the N.C.C. the Commission contains no representation from them. It reports annually to the N.C.C. and constituent churches and at present any constitutional changes must be approved by these bodies.

This year the Commission's Executive has considered ways of revising the administration of religious radio and TV in New Zealand. These discussions will be extended beyond the Executive and when recommendations are available they will be presented to the N.C.C. and the churches.

Methodist Director of Radio and TV:

The Committee had authority from the 1966 Conference to make a nomination to the 1967 Conference. In seeking a nomination, representatives of the Radio and TV Committee met groups in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin actively concerned with improving the Churches' contribution. From these groups and in the Committee's own discussions it has become obvious that the Committee has a responsibility to provide the Conference with a full picture of the appointment including information on how and where the nominee is to work. The nomination will relate to this information. Accordingly the Radio and TV Committee is asking leave to present the nomination next year when details of employment will have been worked out.

From its discussions the Radio and TV Committee has been convinced of the following:

This appointment is the only realistic way for Methodism to make an ecumenical contribution in Radio and TV as presently constituted in N.Z.

The N.C.C. is not constituted to make appointments in this field. It is the Commission on TV that is constituted to do this. The only staff appointed by the Commission so far have been the Commission's Directorate who by Constitution are "responsible for the current oversight and operation of the affairs of the Commission." As Directors the Commission has appointed those previously appointed as denominational Directors of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. The Commission has returned to each of these denominations approximately one third of the total cost of the appointment. This fact has obscured the matter of programme origination. The Commission's directors have been responsible for initiating some TV programmes not related to their denominational affiliation but it is obvious that the Commission must rely heavily on contributions from elsewhere. An example of how this works in practice is the numerically significant contribution made by the Salvation Army which has an officer set aside for this work. There is no reticence in the Commission to accepting suitable programme material that is offered but it is plain to see that without there being people freed from other responsibilities, the extent of potential contributions will be limited both in number and standard.

A Methodist Director would be able to bring the resources of the Methodist Church into the pool. A denominational officer will be able to do this more effectively than a non-denominational one.

There is enough work in Methodist Radio and TV Programmes to occupy a Methodist Director exhaustively.

The field of work needing to be done is outlined in the 1966 Minutes, pages 243-244. The Committee believes that a 50% appointment could make a significant approach to this work. There is a body of administration significant in itself. Prominent needs are for Training, the feeding-in of new ideas and the initiation of TV programmes.

A small attack on this work has commenced under the present part-time supervision. Even this small approach cannot go on however because of the growing demand for better standards and in fairness to the Circuit involved. Unless the Methodist Church goes on to make a Connexional appointment this work must lapse into that of a secretarial position.

It is not intended by the Committee that the Methodist Director be a "Front Man," but more that he encourage and assist Methodist Radio and TV talent. The Committee envisages the work as entailing an amount of travelling at least equal to that of one of the full-time Christian Education Department staff. A great deal of the work will be in co-operation with the N.Z.B.C. and other denominations.

Apart from appointing a full-time Director of Radio and TV the only satisfactory place where a Director may be employed is in conjunction with the Department of Christian Education.

The Committee has surveyed the possibility of a Circuit appointment and can see no possibility of a suitable arrangement being negotiated. Apart from not being able to see an actual Circuit in which the Director would be able to work on a 50/50 basis, the Committee is convinced that there are characteristics of the proposed appointment that make a Circuit appointment unviable. Submissions on this matter were presented to Church Council in 1966.

The Department of Christian Education has stated that while it could use the services of a suitable appointment it does not wish to press Connexion for it. The Department is centred in Wellington

along with the Head Office of the N.Z.B.C. and the N.C.C. Commission. There are areas of work in Christian Education and Radio and TV which are comparable. If a full-time appointment of a Methodist Radio and TV Director is not possible the Committee believes that the Christian Education Department is the only real possibility.

G. V. THOMAS, Chairman.

G. D. BROUGH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report of the Methodist Radio and TV Committee be received and adopted.

2. That the Methodist representatives on the N.C.C. Commission be the Revs. G. V. Thomas and M. J. Campbell.

3. That the Methodist representatives on the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the N.Z.B.C. be the Rev. G. V. Thomas.

4. That the nomination of a Radio and TV Director be deferred.

5. That the Radio and TV Committee be asked to consider and report to Conference on the following proposal: "That Conference while recognising the services rendered to the churches by the N.C.C. Commission on TV reports to the N.C.C. our opinion that religious telecasting is such an important and specialised field that it can best be handled in N.Z. through the establishment of a Religious Department of the N.Z.B.C."

6. That notwithstanding resolution 4 above in the event of the Radio and TV Committee deciding that it is essential to proceed with the appointment of a Methodist Radio and TV Director Church Council be asked to recommend to the Committee of Detail on the Connexional Budget how priorities can be re-arranged so as to finance the appointment without adding its total cost to the total Connexional Budget.

7. That Conference place on record the deep appreciation of the Church of the work of Rev. G. D. Brough as Convener of the Methodist Radio and TV Committee Methodist Supervisor of Religious Broadcasting Methodist Representative on the Religious Advisory Committee of the N.Z. Broadcasting Corporation and on the N.C.C. Commission on TV.

8. That the Committee for 1968 be as printed on page 8 herein.

QUESTION 63.—

3—Special Commission on Communications

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1967

(Reference: 1966 Minutes, p. 90, Res. 5)

The Steering Committee comprising Wellington members of the Commission presented an interim report to the Church Council, 1967. The full Commission met for a whole day in Wellington in June, where we examined the whole field of the media of "Communications".

Publications:

Any pattern of organization concerned with publications for use in the Mission of the Church, must be structured to deal with the following:

(1) The Connexional Newspaper.

- (2) Bookrooms.
- (3) Departmental information.
- (4) Regular publications, e.g. the Open Door, Christian Education Handbook, etc
- (5) Studies and teaching material.
- (6) General pamphlets and books.
- (7) Orders of service and Connexional supplies.

The Connexional Newspaper:

The "New Zealand Methodist" is a specialist publication and is a full-time responsibility for its controlling Board. It ought to remain a separate Board, directly responsible to the Conference.

Bookrooms:

In Wellington, Epworth Bookroom is an effective arm of the Department of Christian Education and should be controlled by a sub-committee of the Board of Christian Education.

In Auckland, the Bookroom should be controlled by a specialist Committee which would be a sub-committee of the Board of Publications.

We recommend that the Home Mission Department, which controls the Literature and Colporteur Society, should confer with the Board of Publications and report to Synods and Conference next year.

Two matters must always be kept in view. One is seeking more efficient Bookrooms, which is related to good management, and the other is extension of the Bookroom business. In the latter field, it is part of the function of the ministry to commend significant books and to draw the attention of congregations to books in fields of specific concern. In this way, every minister is really an agent for the promotion of Christian Literature.

The Board of Publications:

There shall be a "Methodist Connexional Board of Publications" located in Auckland, whose responsibility shall be:

- (a) To initiate and publish materials which are not the responsibility of the Departments of Christian Education, Home and Maori Missions, and Overseas Missions.
- (b) To co-ordinate and approve all other Connexional publications and be publishing agents for such Committees as Faith and Order, Spiritual Advance and the Connexional Office.

(Note: All printed materials at present published by the Connexional Office, other than purely administrative and statistical materials should be the responsibility of the Board of Publications. For instance, the Connexional Office should print Circuit Schedule Books, Baptismal Registers, Minutes of Conference, etc. The Board of Publications should publish Certificates of Membership, Baptismal and Confirmation Certificates, and Orders of Service, etc.)

- (c) To act as technical adviser in its geographical area to Church Departments publishing materials, and to nominate a sub-committee to provide technical advice for the Wellington area.

It is not envisaged that this work would entail the appointment of a full-time Director, but that it would be an Executive Officer (ministerial or lay) who is relieved as far as possible of other Connexional duties.

It is recommended that the Board should be a small working-group chosen in the main for their ability in printing and publishing. The Board would have power to co-opt where necessary additional personnel to carry out specific duties, e.g. as members of reading committees.

Major Church Departments:

The Departments of Christian Education, Home and Maori Missions, Overseas Missions shall have power to publish their own literature in consultation with the Board of Publications (to prevent over-lap etc.) but all other Committees e.g. Spiritual Advance Faith and Order and the Connexional Office shall publish through the Board of Publications.

Distribution:

All publications issued by the Board shall be distributed through Bookrooms, except in the case of publications such as Advent and Lenten Leaflets, which may for convenience be mailed direct to Circuits by the printers.

Radio and Television:

The importance of those media cannot be over-emphasized. However, there are factors which make it inappropriate to be linked with publications within Methodism:

- (a) It is a specialised field, which demands separate treatment.
- (b) It is related to a non-domestic organization, namely the N.Z.B.C., rather than working within the limits of the Conference.
- (c) It is related to the Ecumenical field and any advisory Commission to the Corporation will not fit into a denominational pattern.

Further Research:

The Commission considers that research into "Communication" as distinct from the functional matters of "means of Communication" is needed in the Church. The Commission as at present constituted has not gone into this field, but recommends that a *Committee on Communication* be established and report to Synods and Conference 1968.

The Commission would consider specially-commissioned research papers and currently available literature on the subject. Research texts may well include books like "The Miracle of Dialogue" by Reuel Howe, and "Meaningful Nonsense" by Ping.

The areas of concern to include:

- (1) Ministerial training — in College and in service; in — the use of language in preaching and public speaking — the art of journalism related to church newsletters, posters, newspaper articles and publicity — the use of audio-visual material — for selected personnel, Radio and TV Communication.
- (2) The format of and use of language in Orders of Service.
- (3) The promotion of Christian literature.
- (4) Publicity through secular mass media.

The Commission shall be: Revs. D. S. Mullan (Convenor), G. D. Brough, Dr P. M. Guthardt, Dr D. O. Williams, J. J. Lewis, I. C. E. Ramage, W. F. Ford; Messrs M. A. Berry, C. R. Howell, R. T. Garlick, B. R. Burton, I. Harris, and Mrs L. G. Hanna.

W. F. FORD, Chairman

J. A. PENMAN, Convener

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report of the Commission be received and adopted and that it be referred to the appropriate Boards and Committees for its implementation.

2. That the Church Union Committee be asked to explore the possibility of the Joint Commission setting up a Committee on Publications for the five negotiating Churches.

3. That the Home Mission Department which controls the Literature and Colporteur Society confer with the Board of Publications with regard to Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, and report to Synods and Conference 1968.

4. That the Secretary, Board of Publications, Managers of the two Bookrooms and the General Secretary confer with regard to the implementation of the paragraph on distribution. Convener: Secretary of Board of Publications.

5. That the Commission on Communications be set up for research and report to Synods and Conference 1968.

6. That the Commission on Communication be requested to add to Committee Educationalists who would advise on the general standards of Education in the community.

7. That the Commission be: Rev. D. S. Mullan (Convener), Dr D. O. Williams, Revs. J. J. Lewis, I. C. E. Ramage, Messrs M. A. Berry, C. R. Howell, R. T. Garlick, B. R. Burton, I. Harris, Mrs L. G. Hanna. Corresponding Members: Revs. G. D. Brough, Dr P. M. Guthardt, W. F. Ford.

QUESTION 63.—

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Report on Cycle of Circuit Visitation

There are two main points:—

1. **THE CIRCUIT.** It is generally agreed that periodic visitation as already in operation is of great value to the Circuits. How frequent should they be? Any period shorter than three years would hardly give time for the suggestions made in the previous visitation to be implemented, nor would the situation have changed appreciably under normal circumstances. A period over five years would leave the District largely out of effective touch with the Circuits. The need for Circuit visitation varies considerably from Circuit to Circuit, and also from time to time.

2. **THE MINISTER.** As under present conditions Methodism a five-year cycle of visitation could possibly result in there being no visit during a Minister's appointment in a Circuit, it would appear that a rigid five-year cycle would not be altogether satisfactory. A four-year cycle would ensure at least one visit during the appointment. (Although the visitation is to the Circuit, yet the visit to the Minister is an appointment element in it.)

RESOLUTIONS

1. Circuit visitation shall be at not more than five-yearly intervals. This cycle of Circuit visitation should be varied so as to ensure that a Circuit shall be visited during the 2nd or 3rd year of a Minister's appointment.

2. The Synod Standing Committee may arrange for the visitation of a Circuit at any time at the request of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

Additional:

1. (a) That telephone numbers in the Minutes of Conference be restricted to those at present appearing in the section "Official Addresses" plus District Chairmen and Secretaries.

(b) That the General Secretary send guidance to Circuits on a standard method of entering Ministers' telephone numbers in the telephone directory.

2. That whereas this Conference in one week will possibly have spent 64 hours in the following way:—

Worship and devotion approximately	15 hours
Social Functions approximately	5 hours
Optional selective functions approximately	13 hours
Morning and Afternoon Tea approximately	5 hours
In Committees of Detail approximately	6 hours
In full Conference Sessions approximately	19 hours

and while expressing its appreciation to the Officials and Arrangements Committee of Conference 1967 for their careful planning and excellent presentations this Conference resolves that at future Conferences greater time be given to business sessions and to enabling more people actively to participate in the work of Conference and lesser time be given to the other matters.

Committee on Structure to consider and report to Synods and Conference 1968.

QUESTION 64.—(a) When shall the next District Synods be held?

The week beginning August 19th, 1968.

QUESTION 64.—(b) When and where shall the next Conference be held?

Whiteley, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, November 6th, 1968 at 7.30 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1967

CHANGE OF TITLE

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

Law Book page 111: The title "Assistant Superintendent" of the Home Mission Department shall be changed to the "Associate Superintendent." (1967 Minutes page 85).

SECTION III—PROBATIONERS

Law Book page 15 Section 95 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- 95 (a) Each Probationer shall pursue the prescribed course of study.
- (b) He shall furnish annually to the District Ministerial Committee a list of books read, and shall each year except in his final year undergo an oral examination thereon before a sub-committee of the District Ministerial Committee.
- (c) He shall conduct a trial service in each year of his probation.
- (d) In his final year he shall undergo an oral examination in Theology before the District Ministerial Committee.
- (e) A report shall be presented each year to the District Ministerial Committee, on the trial service of the Probationer and the list of books read by him during the year.
- (f) A report on the Oral Examination, the Trial Service, the Book List and the Circuit Work, shall be presented each year to the Conference through the Examination Committee.
- (g) Before being received into Full Connexion, each Probationer shall present either a thesis of approximately 30,000 words on an approved subject or normally four essays each of 5,000 words on specified subjects or sit the prescribed examinations. The Examination Committee, in consultation with the Board of Studies, shall decide which alternative is to be taken.

Section 108 Law Book page 16 is hereby amended by inserting before the words "written examination" in the second line thereof the words "thesis, essays or". (1967 Minutes page 42).

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS

Law Book page 7 Section 159 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

"An induction service shall be held immediately before the appointee enters upon the duties of his office on his first term of appointment thereto, or as soon thereafter as is considered practicable.

(1967 Minutes page 84).

THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

Law Book pages 9 and 30 Sections 167, 168, 169, 170, 171 and 172 have been repealed.

The text of the new provisions relating to the Connexional Office and all consequential amendments are found in the supplement 1967 Minutes page 303.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

Law Book page 31 Section 178 is hereby repealed.

(1967 Minutes page 84)

PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER

Law Book page 33 Section 184 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "He shall be ex-officio a member of the Conference."

(1967 Minutes page 241)

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

Law Book page 39 Section 213 is hereby amended by adding after the second sentence thereof the following sentence: "The nomination papers shall be countersigned by the Chairman of his District who shall then inform all other District Chairmen."

(1967 Minutes page 89)

CHURCH (FORMERLY SOCIETY) STEWARDS

Law Book page 41 Section 236 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: "Section 236. Society Stewards shall be elected annually at the Church Meeting held during the quarter ended 30th September."

(1967 Minutes page 82).

SACRAMENTAL STEWARDS

(Formerly Stewards of the Benevolent Fund)

Law Book page 42 Section 239 is amended by deleting the last sentence thereof.

(1967 Minutes page 82).

LEADERS AND LEADERS' MEETING

Law Book pages 46-48 etc. Sections 261, 262, 264, 266, 268, 269, 270, 271 have been repealed.

For text of new sections see Supplement 1967 Minutes pages 288 to 291.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING

Law Book pages 49-55 Sections 277, 284, 285, 290 and 294 have been repealed. For text of new sections see Supplement 1967 Minutes pages 291 to 293.

CONSTITUTION OF CITY MISSIONS

Law Book page 56 Sections 297, 298 and 299 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- 297 (a) A City Mission, as distinct from a Circuit or a Home Mission Station, comprises an area in which is situated a Church or a number of Churches, a preaching place or a number of preaching places, established as such by resolution of Conference, and so designated on the Station Sheet of the Conference.
- (b) Any Home, Institution or organisation under the control or management of the Board referred to in paragraph 299 shall, for the purposes of administration, be included in such City Mission.

- 298 The Conference may at any time fix the boundary of a City Mission, and when so fixed such boundary shall not be altered except in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph 500.
- 299 (1) The Conference shall constitute a Board of Management of a City Mission and may annually appoint to such Board persons, being members of the Church, whether connected by membership with such City Mission or holding membership elsewhere. The Board shall include the Ministers, Circuit Stewards, Trustees, one representative of the Lay Preachers in the Circuit, Convener of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, and other representatives from the membership of the Mission. Each Board of Management shall decide the size of the Board.
- (2) Such Board when appointed shall be responsible for the Administration and Social Service work of the Mission, and shall be directly responsible to the District Synod and to Conference.
- (3) There shall be appointed an Executive and such Committees as may be necessary to control Institutions, General Social Services, Research and Future Policy, etc.
- (4) The Quarterly Meeting and Leaders' Meeting will fulfil the Pastoral and Ministerial functions as set out in the Law Book.
- (5) (a) The appointments of the Superintendent and other Ministers shall be regarded as Connexional Appointments, the Board of Management to make the nominations to Conference after consulting the Quarterly Meeting.
- (b) The Quarterly Meeting may exercise the right to suggest names of suitable Ministers to the Board of Management for consideration for appointment to the City Mission.
- (c) 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, as provided in Law Book pages 24-26, Provisions 150-155, especially Provision 154, Clause (c)—"preside at all Official Meetings in the Circuit, providing that he may appoint one of his Colleagues to preside at any Leaders' Meeting and exercise all his powers and privileges thereat." (1967 Minutes page 184).

DISTRICT SYNODS—AGENDA

Law Book page 64 Section 340 is hereby amended by adding the following question:

- (13A) What can be done in the Circuits of this District to advance the cause of Church Union and co-operation with other Churches? (1967 Minutes page 73).

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE

Law Book page 70 Section 359 is further amended by adding the following: "(4b) Board of New Zealand Methodist." (1967 Minutes page 238).

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Law Book page 75 Section 379 be amended by adding additional questions:

- 1A. (a) What Ministers, who were formerly members of the Conference are now exercising their ministry in other churches overseas,

such Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

(b) What Ministers do the Conference now release to exercise their ministry in other churches overseas with the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service in those churches?

That Section 379 be further amended by adding the following additional questions:

31B. (a) What Deaconesses, who were formerly employed by the Conference, are now employed in other churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

(b) What Deaconesses do the Conference now release for employment in churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of their service in those churches?
(1967 Minutes page 169).

DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL

Section 503 sub-section 8 is hereby amended by adding the following:

"(h) Such other persons as may be necessary for the effective working of the District Education Council." (1967 Minutes page 98).

THE OVERSEAS MISSION DEPARTMENT

Section 504 sub-section (6) is hereby amended by adding after the words "the President" the words "and the Vice-President."
(1967 Minutes page 171).

PROBATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACONESSSES

Law Book page 123 Section 506 sub-section (30) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(30) Those accepted by the Conference as fully accredited Deaconesses shall be ordained according to the form provided in the Book of Offices and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.
(1967 Minutes page 194).

ORDER OF DEACONESSSES

Law Book page 124 Section 506 is amended by repealing sub-section (39) thereof.

Law Book page 124 add the following:

Convocation of Deaconesses

Section 506 (39)

- (a) A Convocation of the Deaconess Order shall be held annually.
 - (b) It shall consist of the Warden of the Order, and all Deaconesses connected with the Conference, and shall elect a President, Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as may be from time to time necessary.
 - (c) The business of the Convocation shall be:—
 1. To submit recommendations to the Deaconess Board.
 2. To study and discuss subjects relating to Christian service and the welfare of the Order.
 3. To nominate to the Board two representatives to the Annual Conference.
- (1967 Minutes page 194).

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).

Home Mission Department

Associate Superintendent

Page 111

The title "Assistant Superintendent" of the Home Mission Department shall be changed to the "Associate Superintendent."

(1967 Minutes page 85)

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).

Section III—Probationers

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- 95 (a) Each Probationer shall pursue the prescribed course of study.
(b) He shall furnish annually to the District Ministerial Committee a list of books read, and shall each year except in his final year undergo an oral examination thereon before a sub-committee of the District Ministerial Committee.
(c) He shall conduct a trial service in each year of his probation.
(d) In his final year he shall undergo an oral examination in Theology before the District Ministerial Committee.
(e) A report shall be presented each year to the District Ministerial Committee, on the trial service of the Probationer and the list of books read by him during the year.
(f) A report on the Oral Examination, the Trial Service, the Book List and the Circuit Work shall be presented each year to the Conference through the Examination Committee.
(g) Before being received into Full Connexion, each Probationer shall present either a thesis of approximately 30,000 words on an approved subject or normally four essays each of 5,000 words on specified subjects or sit the prescribed examinations. The Examination Committee, in consultation with the board of Studies shall decide which alternative is to be taken.

Section 108 page 16 is hereby amended by inserting before the words "written examination" in the second line thereof the words "thesis, essays or." (1967 Minutes page 42).

Women Ministers and Marriage

Page 20 Section 123 (a) 1. A Woman Minister intending to marry shall notify the Chairman of the District of her intention. At the end of the current Connexional year, unless otherwise determined by Conference, she shall be left without an appointment.

2. Where Conference is satisfied (inter alia) that marriage will not interfere with the appointment of a Woman Minister it may on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee continue her in the active work provided always that in the Committee and in the Conference at least two-thirds of those present vote for her continuance in the active work. Each such case shall be reviewed annually.

3. A Woman Minister who marries and who has not been continued in the active work shall be given the status of a minister without pastoral charge. (1959 Minutes, Page 222).

Section VII—Appointment of Ministers—Invitations

Page 20, Sections 126 to 129 inclusive are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

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

126A. No question concerning the pastoral tie shall be raised by either the Minister 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 27 Section 159 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

An induction service shall be held immediately before the appointee enters upon the duties of his office on his first term of appointment thereto, or as soon thereafter as is considered practicable. (1966 Minutes page 84)

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 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.)

Page 31 Section 178 is hereby repealed.

(1967 Minutes page 84)

PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER

Page 33, Section 184 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

“He shall be ex officio a member of the Conference.”

(1967 Minutes page 241)

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

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.

Page 39 Section 213 is hereby amended by adding after the second sentence thereof the following sentence:—

“The nomination papers shall be countersigned by the Chairman of his District who shall then inform all other District Chairmen.”

(1967 Minutes page 89)

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.)

CHURCH (FORMERLY SOCIETY) STEWARDS

Page 41 Section 236 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"Section 236. Society Stewards shall be elected annually at the Church Meeting held during the quarter ending 30th September.
(1967 Minutes page 82)

Society Stewards—Leaders and Leaders' Meetings

Page 42, Section 237 is hereby amended by repealing Subsection (j).
(1957 Minutes, page 196.)

SACRAMENTAL STEWARDS (Formerly Stewards of the Benevolent Fund)

Page 42 Section 239 is amended by deleting the last sentence thereof.
(1967 Minutes page 82)

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.)

3. Leaders and Leaders' Meetings

Sections 261, 262, 264, 266, 268, 269, 270, 271 Law Book pages 46, 47, 48, are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:
(1967 Minutes p. 288-291)

LEADERS AND LEADERS' MEETING

261. A Leader is a Church member who has been duly appointed to exercise preaching, pastoral, educational or administrative responsibilities within a local Church. He is chosen primarily for his maturity of spiritual experience, his faithfulness in attendance upon all the ordinances of grace and his loyalty to the Church.

262. A Lay Pastor is a Church member appointed annually by the Leaders' Meeting on the nomination of the Minister to share in the pastoral tasks of the local Church.

LEADERS' MEETING

264. There shall be a Leaders' Meeting in each local Church. It shall consist of:—

- (a) The Ministers or Probationers appointed to that Church.
- (b) Any Deaconess, Home Missionary or full-time Lay Worker and Circuit Steward who is a member in that Church.
- (c) One Lay Preacher.
- (d) The Convener of the Church Stewards, the Conveners and one other member from each of the Committees of the Leaders' Meeting.
- (e) Two Trustees elected by the Trustees.

- (f) The President or her duly elected substitute and one other representative of the Methodist Women's Fellowship and one representative of the Methodist Men's Fellowship.
- (g) One representative each of the Sunday School staff, the Bible Class Leaders and the local C.Y.M.M. Council.
- (h) Representatives of that Church in the proportion of one to every fifty members or fraction thereof.

266. The Superintendent Minister is ex officio a member of each Leaders' Meeting in the Circuit and is Chairman of each meeting. He may appoint one of his colleagues to preside thereat.

268. (a) The Conveners of the Committees of the Leaders' Meeting and the representatives of the members shall be elected at each Annual Church Meeting.

- (b) All other representatives shall be elected annually at a meeting of the appropriate group or committee called for that purpose.
- (c) If there is no local C.Y.M.M. Council, then the Leaders' Meeting may appoint a member of the C.Y.M.M. to that Meeting.

269. Every member of the Leaders' Meeting must be a member of the Church.

269A. In each Church, where practicable, there shall be the following Committees:—

- (a) Worship, Evangelism and the Pastorate
- (b) Education
- (c) Social Services and Public Questions
- (d) Stewardship
- (e) Such other Committees as may be authorised by the Quarterly Meeting.

Members of Committees shall be Church members or persons who accept and follow the Christian faith and are sympathetic with the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church.

269B. Each Committee shall be appointed annually by and shall be responsible to the Leaders' Meeting. The Superintendent Minister, pursuant to Section 154 (oo), shall, wherever practicable, appoint a layman as Chairman of each Committee. The Superintendent Minister shall be ex officio a member of each Committee.

A. WORSHIP, EVANGELISM AND THE PASTORATE COMMITTEE:

269C. The Committee shall consist of:— its convener, not more than three Lay Pastors, not more than three Lay Preachers, the Convener of the Church Stewards, two other Church Stewards, the Convener of the Sacramental Stewards and such other persons as may be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.

The Committee, in conjunction with the Minister of the local Church shall:—

- (a) Make adequate provision for the services of worship and witness, for the administration of the Sacraments, for the fitting observance of special occasions in the Church Calendar and for the implementing of the recommendations of the Conference regarding worship and evangelism.
- (b) Make adequate provision for the pastoral oversight of all families attached to the Church and give proper attention to the sick and those in need of proper care.
- (c) Foster movements designed to deepen the devotional life and promote visitation evangelism with a view to deepen the spiritual life.

B. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

269D. The Committee shall consist of its Convener, the members of the Local Education Committee appointed pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 (Law Book para. 503 sub-section 13) and such other members as shall be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.

The Committee shall:—

- (a) Promote and carry out in the local Church the 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:

269E. The Committee shall consist of its Convener and such other members as shall be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.

The Committee shall:—

- (a) Recommend ways and means of rendering help in cases of need by the local Church or in conjunction with the State and/or voluntary welfare agencies.
- (b) Promote and carry out in the Church 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 Church and/or the community.

D. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

269F. The Committee shall consist of its Convener, any Circuit Steward or Stewards, any Trust Treasurer or Trust Treasurers and members of the Circuit Finance and Stewardship Committee who are associated with that Church, and such other persons as may be appointed by the Leaders' Meeting.

The Committee shall:—

- (a) Ensure that the local Church is meeting its obligations to the Connexional and Circuit Budgets, and advise upon its general Financial condition.
- (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 local Church are informed of the enterprises supported by the Connexional and Circuit Budgets.

BUSINESS OF THE LEADERS' MEETING

269G. The Leaders' Meeting shall be held at least once a quarter and its business shall be:—

- (a) To elect at the first meeting after the Annual Church Meeting one of its members to act as Secretary of the Meeting, and of the Church Meeting, and to keep proper Minutes thereof. The

business of the Church Meeting shall be reported to the next ensuing Leaders' Meeting and shall be incorporated in its Minutes.

- (b) To appoint members of the various Committees required to do the work of the Leaders' Meeting.
- (c) To revise the roll of the Church members quarterly.
- (d) To receive or decline persons nominated by the Minister for Church membership.
- (e) To exercise effective pastoral oversight and discipline over members and office bearers in the local Church.
- (f) To make recommendations to the Trust and the Circuit Quarterly Meeting.

AGENDA

269H. The following questions shall be asked at each Leaders' Meeting:—

- (1) Who are present?
- (2) What is the report on membership?
 - (a) What names are to be added to the Members' Roll?
 - (b) What names are to be removed from the Members' Roll?
 - (c) What arrangements are being made for confirmation classes and services of confirmation?
 - (d) Are there any cases of need?
 - (e) Are there any cases of questionable conduct?
 - (f) What arrangements are being made for the visitation of non-attending members?
- (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?

270. A Leaders' Meeting shall have no power to suspend the operation of any law, rule or regulation of the Church.

271. Where it is impracticable to hold a Leaders' Meeting in connection with any Church 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 grouping Churches;
- (c) Through Committees or Conveners appointed by the Quarterly Meeting.

(1967 Minutes p. 291)

THE QUARTERLY MEETING

Pages ?? siding 277, 284, 285, 290 and 294 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

SECTION X

THE QUARTERLY MEETING

277. The Circuit Quarterly Meeting shall consist of:—

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

277A. The representatives of the Finance and Stewardship Committee and Trustees shall be elected at a meeting of the appropriate Committee called for that purpose.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY MEETING

290. 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:—

A. MEMBERSHIP

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

B. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

- (3) What is the income and expenditure for the quarter?
- (4) (a) Have the Circuit's obligations to the Connexional Budget been met in full? If not, what are the arrears?
(b) Are there any accounts unpaid?
- (5) What are the recommendations of the Finance and Stewardship Committee?
- (6) What is the position regarding the Circuit and its Stewardship programme?

C. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- (7) What are the reports of the Leaders' Meetings on:—
 - (a) Missionary Education?
 - (b) Use of literature in the local Church's programme?
 - (c) Education for Christian citizenship and Family Life?
 - (d) Religion and public education in the circuit area?

D. SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (8) What are the reports thereon of the Leaders' Meetings?
- (9) What is being done in this Circuit to implement the policy of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.?
- (10) Are there any matters remitted by Conference regarding Social Service and/or Public Questions?

D. GENERAL

What are the resolutions of the Quarterly Meeting on the following matters:—

- (11) **The Circuit:**
 - (a) The division of the Circuit or any alterations of its boundaries.
 - (b) Alteration of the time of preaching at any place on the Plan.
 - (c) Arrangement for new preaching places. (N.B. Where there is a Preachers' Meeting the recommendations regarding (2) and (3) might well come through it).
 - (d) The appointment of a member of the N.Z. Society of Accountants or two other persons as auditors of the Circuit Fund. (March.)
- (12) The advancement of the cause of Church Union and co-operation with other Churches in the circuit area.
- (13) **The Ministry:**
 - (a) Application for additional Ministers. (June.)
 - (b) Application for a Deaconess. (June.)
 - (c) Candidates for the Ministry or Deaconess Order.
 - (d) Invitation to Minister(s). See Law Book para. 126.
- (14) **Lay Preachers:**
 - (a) Approval of persons as Accredited Lay Preachers and their public recognition.
 - (b) Has a Preachers' Meeting been held, and are there any recommendations from it to the Quarterly Meeting?
- (15) **Circuit Stewards:**
 - (a) Election or re-election. (September.)
 - (b) Are there any recommendations from the Circuit Stewards?
- (16) **Synod and Conference:**
 - (a) Election of Lay Representatives and Substitutes to the District Synod and the Conference. (June.)
 - (b) Recommendations to the District Synod. (June.)
 - (c) Any matters remitted by the Synod Standing Committee, by the Synod and by the Conference for consideration by this Meeting.
 - (d) Memorialising Conference. (See Law Book para 292.)
- (17) Convening of a Special Quarterly Meeting for hearing Appeals when necessary. (See Law Book, para 282.)
- (18) Is there any other business?
- (19) When and where shall the next meeting be held?

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.)

 Page 55 add:—

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FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

290A.

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

- (b) Where a Finance and Stewardship Committee is appointed by the Quarterly Meeting it shall consist of:—
The Ministers and/or Probationers appointed to the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards, Circuit Treasurer, Trust Treasurers. A representative appointed by the Leaders' Meeting from each Church in the Circuit. One of the Circuit Stewards shall act as Secretary.
- (c) 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.
- (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) (a) Have the Circuit obligations to the Connexional Budget been met in full? If not, what are the arrears?
(b) Are there any accounts unpaid.
 - (5) Have the necessary forms been completed and forwarded to (a) Connexional Budget Treasurer, (b) District Financial Treasurer.
 - (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 to the Quarterly Meeting regarding the following:—
 - (a) Sanctioning the acquisition of any property.
 - (b) Sale by Trustees of any property belonging to the Church.
 - (c) Erection, alteration or maintenance of any Church, Sunday School, Parsonage or other building.
 - (d) Making application to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for permission to acquire such property, erect buildings or effect alterations, and/or to grant or approve of any loan by way of mortgage, upon such or upon any other property belonging to the Church.
 - (e) Making application for financial assistance from the Home Mission Fund. (June.)
 - (8) Is there any other business?
 - (9) When and where shall the next meeting be held?

(1967 Minutes p. 294)

CONSTITUTION OF CITY MISSIONS

Page 56 Sections 297, 298 and 299 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:—

- 297 (a) A City Mission, as distinct from a Circuit or a Home Mission Station, comprises an area in which is situated a Church or a number of Churches, a preaching place or a number of preaching places, established as such by resolution of Conference, and so designated on the Station Sheet of the Conference.
- (b) Any Home, Institution or organisation under the control or management of the Board referred to in Paragraph 299

- shall, for the purposes of administration, be included in such City Mission.
- 298 The Conference may at any time fix the boundary of a City Mission, and when so fixed such boundary shall not be altered except in accordance with the procedure referred to in Paragraph 500.
- 299 (1) The Conference shall constitute a Board of Management of a City Mission and may annually appoint to such Board persons, being members of the Church, whether connected by membership with such City Mission or holding membership elsewhere. The Board shall include the Ministers, Circuit Stewards, Trustees, one representative of the Lay Preachers in the Circuit, Convener of the Finance and Stewardship Committee, and other representatives from the membership of the Mission. Each Board of Management shall decide the size of the Board.
- (2) Such Board when appointed shall be responsible for the Administration and Social Service work of the Mission, and shall be directly responsible to the District Synod and to Conference.
- (3) There shall be appointed an Executive and such Committees as may be necessary to control Institutions, General Social Services, Research and Future Policy, etc.
- (4) The Quarterly Meeting and Leaders' Meeting will fulfil the Pastoral and Ministerial functions as set out in the Law Book.
- (5) (a) The appointments of the Superintendent and other Ministers shall be regarded as Connexional Appointments, the Board of Management to make the nominations to Conference after consulting the Quarterly Meeting.
- (b) The Quarterly Meeting may exercise the right to suggest names of suitable Ministers to the Board of Management for consideration for appointment to the City Mission.
- (c) 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, as provided in Law Book Pages 24-26. Provisions 150-155, especially Provision 154, Clause (o) —“preside at all Official Meetings in the Circuit, providing that he may appoint one of his Colleagues to preside at any Leaders' Meeting and exercise all his powers and privileges thereat.”

(1967 Minutes page 184)

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 64 Section 340 is hereby amended by adding the following question:—

(13a) What more can be done in the Circuits of this District to Churches?

(1967 Minutes page 73)

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 repealed and a new section substituted therefor—See hereinafter page.

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 be amended by adding additional questions:—

21A (a) What Ministers, who were formerly members of the Conference are now exercising their ministry in other churches overseas, such Ministers having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

(b) What Ministers do the Conference now release to exercise their ministry in other churches overseas with the right to return to the Conference on the completion of their service in those churches?
(1967 Minutes page 169)

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 deviation 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.)

That Section 379 be further amended by adding the following additional questions:—

31B (a) What Deaconesses, who were formerly employed by the Conference, are now employed in other churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on the completion of their service overseas?

(b) What Deaconesses do the Conference now release for employment in churches overseas, such Deaconesses having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of their service in those churches?
(1967 Minutes page 169)

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.)

THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

Pages 29, 30, etc.

Sections 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172 are repealed and the following be substituted therefor:—

SECTION VIII

Institutions and Organisations

1A. THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

501A

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 Fund
- (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 and the General Treasurer shall be a member of Conference *ex officio*.

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 of 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.

Changes to Boards and Committees through the appointment of a General Treasurer.

A. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Page 153, Section 57, Sub-section (4) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- (4) The Fund shall be administered by a Committee consisting of seven Ministers, including the General Secretary and nine laymen, including the General Treasurer, appointed annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Synod where the previous year's Committee is located. One Layman shall retire each year.

B. CONTINGENT FUND

Sub-section (2) of Section 510 Law Book page 128 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- (2) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office. A report and financial statement duly audited shall be presented annually to the Conference.
- (b) Sub-section (3) Section 510 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—
 - (3) A Consultative Committee shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. It shall consist of the General Secretary, the General Treasurer, the Chairman of the District in which the Connexional Office is situated and two laymen. All matters in dispute regarding this Fund shall be referred to the Committee and its decision shall be final.
- (c) Sub-section (4) Section 510 is hereby amended by deleting the words "the Secretary of Conference" and by deleting at the end the words "by the Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "by the Board."

- (d) That in sub-section (6) and (7) of Section 510, wherever the words "the Treasurer" appears they shall be deleted and the words "by the Board" substituted therefor.

C. REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

Sub-section (3) Section 508 Law Book page 125 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- (a) (3) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office.
- (b) That in Section 508 wherever the words "the Treasurers" "the Treasurers of the Fund" or "the Treasurer" appear these shall be deleted and the words "the Board" substituted therefor.

D. THE CHILDREN'S FUND

Sub-section (3) Section 507 Law Book, page 124 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

- (3) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Management of the Connexional Office.
- (b) That wherever in Section 507 the word "Treasurers" appears it shall be deleted and there shall be substituted therefor the words "the Board."

E. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

(Conference Committee of Detail)

Page 89 Section 469(b) is hereby amended by deleting the words "Budget Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "General Treasurer."

F. FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

(Standing Committee)

- (1) Page 90, Sub-section 3 (c) of Section 476 is hereby repealed.
- (2) Sub-section (4) of Section 476 is amended by deleting the words "the Budget Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "the General Treasurer."

Lay Treasurers and Representation of Funds, Institutions, etc. in Conference.

- (a) Sub-section (f) of Section 358 Law Book page 70 is hereby amended by deleting the word "Treasurer" in line 4 and substituting therefor the word "representatives."
- (b) Section 359 Law Book page 70 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

359. The Lay Representatives of the Connexional Funds or Institutions, District Secretaries of Church Property or District Financial Secretaries, and the representatives of other organisations shall be notified of their seats in the Conference (ex officio) in the following order:—

1. The Supernumerary Fund
2. The Church Building and Loan Fund

3. Fire Insurance Fund
4. Finance and Stewardship Committee in the event of a Minister being appointed an officer thereof.
5. Board of New Zealand Methodist.
6. Wesley Training College.
7. Deaconess Institution.
8. Either District Financial Secretaries or District Secretaries for Church Property.
9. Board of Christian Education (additional members).
10. The National President of the New Zealand Women's Fellowship.
11. National Committee of Men's Fellowship.
12. Methodist Lay Preachers' Association.
13. Rangiatea Maori College.
14. New Zealand Women's Fellowship (additional member).
15. The Deaconess Order (additional 2 members).

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.

(1963 Minutes p. 223)

Section 503 Sub-section 8 is hereby amended by adding the following:—

“(h) Such other persons as may be necessary for the effective working of the District Education Council.”

(1967 Minutes page 98)

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.

Section 504 Sub-section (6) is hereby amended by adding after the words "the President" the words "and the Vice-President."

(1967 Minutes page 171)

(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 membership in the Church for twelve months shall have the right to vote or to be elected to office.

(25) The Church Meeting shall as far as practicable follow the provisions of Part IV, Section IX provided that the questions to be asked at such meetings shall be decided by the District Synod.

(26) The Leaders' Meeting shall be held quarterly under the chairmanship of the Superintendent Minister or his deputy.

(27) The Leaders' Meeting shall, as far as practicable, follow the provisions of Part IV, Section VIII, provided that the questions to be asked at such meetings and the qualifications for membership thereof shall be decided by the District Synod.

(28) The Quarterly Meeting shall meet under the chairmanship of the Superintendent Minister, or one of his colleagues appointed by him for this purpose.

(29) The Quarterly Meeting shall, as far as practicable, follow the provisions of Part IV, Section X, provided that questions to be asked at such meetings and the qualifications for membership thereof shall be decided by the District Synod.

(30) The District Synod shall be held annually and shall comprise (a) the Ministerial Committee, and (b) the Representative Session.

(31) The District Ministerial Committee shall comprise all Ministers whose names are on the stationing sheet of the District.

(32) The Representative Session shall comprise:—

- (a) All members of the Ministerial committee.
- (b) All Probationers.
- (c) The Medical Superintendent if a member of the Methodist Church.
- (d) The District Accountant if a member of the Methodist Church.
- (e) Not more than two missionary laymen elected by the missionary laymen serving in the district.

- (f) Four missionary sisters. Such sisters shall be elected by the sisters serving in the District.
- (g) One lay representative of each Circuit appointed by the Quarterly Meeting.

Page 106. Section 504 is hereby amended by adding to Sub-section (32) the following: "(h) The District Engineer, if a member of the Church". (1964 Minutes, page 145.)

(33) The questions to be asked at the ministerial committee and 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 61, Section 323 (h)
Page 18, Section 115	Page 63, Section 337 (9) (f)
Page 23, Section 140	Page 66, Section 340 (37) (a)
Page 26, Section 154 (y)	Page 75/76, Section 379 (20) (49)
Page 49, Section 273 (3)	Page 79, Section 388
Page 50, Section 277 (i)	Page 81/82, Section 409-411.
Page 53, Section 290 (6)	Page 86, Section 445 and 447
Page 92, Section 490a (2)	Page 146, Section 514 (5) (9)
Page 122, Section 506 (25)	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 195)

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 Sub-section (30) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

(30) Those accepted by the Conference as fully accredited Deaconesses shall be ordained according to the form provided in the Book of Offices and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.

(1967 Minutes page 194)

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 in 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.)

ORDER OF DEACONESSES

Page 124 Section 506 is amended by repealing Sub-section (39) thereof.

Page 124 add the following:—

Convocation of Deaconesses

Section 506 (39)

- (a) A Convocation of the Deaconess Order shall be held annually.
- (b) It shall consist of the Warden of the Order, and all Deaconesses connected with the Conference, and shall elect a President, Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as may be from time to time necessary.
- (c) The business of the Convocation shall be:—
 1. To submit recommendations to the Deaconess Board.
 2. To study and discuss subjects relating to Christian service and the welfare of the Order.
 3. To nominate to the Board two representatives to the Annual Conference.

(1967 Minutes page 194)

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.

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, sub-section (10) (b) (as passed by Conference 1960) be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "provided always that any member making an explanation shall not without the consent of the President speak for more than one minute."
(1964 Minutes, page 60)

Connexional Funds and Trusts

13. Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board Constitution

(1945 Minutes, page 129)

For amendments to constitution see 1957 Minutes, page 126, 1959 Minutes, page 133, 1962 Minutes, page 136.

Page 170, Add 17 Auckland Youth Opportunity (Wesley) Board
(1953 Minutes, page 181)

18. Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand).

(1954 Minutes, page 155)

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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Representing

The Associated Churches of Christ

The Church of the Province of N.Z.

The Congregational Union of N.Z.

The Methodist Church of N.Z.

The Presbyterian Church of N.Z.

**THIRD REPORT TO THE
NEGOTIATING CHURCHES**

SEPTEMBER — 1967

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THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION

The Joint Commission on Church Union submits this, its Third Report, to the negotiating Churches, dated 11 September, 1967.

The Report comprises the following sections:

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8. Life and Mission of the Church.
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SECTION 1—INTRODUCTION

A—The Meetings in 1967.

The Commission has met twice, at Church House, Wellington, 14 to 16 February, and at Knox College, Dunedin, 15 to 17 August, 1967. The first meeting was attended by 30 members or proxies, and the second by 32. The Reverend H. S. Scott, convener of the Study Committee on General Administration and Finance, also attended the meetings.

The Commission records its appreciation of the assistance given to its work by the use of Church House. The value of having at least one residential meeting in the year was again confirmed and the Commission records its thanks to the Master and Council of Knox College for making it possible for the August meeting to be held in the College.

The first meeting was opened with worship conducted in St. Paul's Cathedral by the Reverend E. R. Vickery, and the second with worship in the Ross Chapel conducted by the Rt. Reverend A. H. Johnston.

B—The Executive.

The Executive has met seven times and has reported fully to the two meetings of the Commission.

C—The Study Committees.

The Study Committees comprise the following:

1. The Faith of the Church (The Rev. J. J. Lewis, convener).
2. The Sacraments (The Rt. Rev. H. W. Baines, convener).
3. The Ministry (The Rev. Professor F. W. R. Nichol, convener).
4. Legal and Property Matters (Dr G. P. Barton, convener).
5. Worship (The Ven. A. R. Anderson, convener).
6. Marriage and Divorce (The Rev. W. S. Dawson, convener).
7. General Administration and Finance (The Rev. H. S. Scott, convener).
8. Life and Mission of the Church (being established).
9. Church Government (The Rev. W. J. Morrison, convener).
10. Women's Organisations (Mrs H. P. Anderson, 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 Committees.

The following additional committees have been appointed:
Theological Training—The Rev. J. J. Lewis, Convener.

Joint National Committee on Church Extension—The Rev. C. D. Clark, convener.

Publicity—The Rev. I. W. Fraser, convener.

Christian Education—The Rev. G. H. Robinson, convener.

SECTION II—THE FOUNDATIONS OF AGREEMENT

A—Preliminary.

At the present stage of the negotiations the main work of the Commission has been to continue and expand the work initiated by three study committees on the Faith of the Church, Baptism and the Ministry. The Second Report stated that the measure of agreement reached in these three areas enabled the Commission to begin work in other fields with the same two objects—"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 work preparatory to the drafting of a Basis of Union is now shared by ten study committees, two of which have only just been appointed.

The reports of the work of the study committees are referred to in the following sections with the relevant recommendations of the Commission.

B—Reports of the Study Committees.

1.—The Faith of the Church.

The Study Committee on the Faith of the Church has completed a revision of the statement "The Faith We Affirm Together" in the light of all comments and suggestions received prior to June 9, 1967. This revised statement was submitted to the Commission at the August meeting and referred back to the Study Committee for some small alterations. It is anticipated that it will be presented to the next meeting of the Commission for submission to the Churches for their approval for inclusion in the Basis of Union.

During the year the Study Committee has given special consideration to the reference in "The Faith We Affirm Together", Section 6, to ordinances of a sacramental nature. It decided not to include this paragraph in the revised statement for the following reasons:

(a) Reference to ordinances of a sacramental nature cannot properly be included in a statement of the faith held in common by the Churches.

(b) This special concern represents an important sectional interest in more than one Denomination but has not been presented to the Committee as the conviction of any Denomination as a whole.

(c) This concern exists happily within the present fellowship of Denominations where it is not shared by all. Continuing discussion and research on this matter should prove enriching to the sacramental understanding of the united Church.

(d) It is not necessary to require agreement in this matter as a prerequisite for union, since this has not been achieved in any one Denomination.

Further, the Study Committee came to feel some apprehension lest in the documents of the Joint Commission all reference to these ordinances be lost, thus preventing a continuing discussion on the question in the united Church. The Study Committee considered this to be of importance and therefore recommended to the Joint Commission that some committee be charged with the responsibility of considering the policy of the united Church concerning the status of these ordinances. The Commission agreed that the Study Committee on the Sacraments be asked to give consideration to the policy of the united Church concerning the status of each of the following: Confirmation, Confession, Holy Matrimony, Ordination and the Anointing of the Sick.

2.—The Sacraments.

At the February meeting of the Commission the Study Committee on the Sacraments submitted a report on the following matters: Age of confirmation, Frequency of Communion, Receiving "first" or "last", Vesture of the President. It reported "the negotiating Churches have varying practices in regard to the above, but in no case was the variety found to be of such a nature as to constitute an insuperable barrier to union. Frequency of communion, however, is a matter on which practice varies so much that a long period of transition will be necessary in the united Church".

AGE OF CONFIRMATION

From eleven to seventeen is the general age range. Some of the negotiating Churches have experienced an increase in adult (over 21) confirmations in recent years.

It is held in favour of Confirmation at an early age that the knowledge he is in the family of the Church is a help to a child when he reaches the turbulent years of adolescence.

On behalf of an older age it is argued that candidates should have a clear understanding of what is involved and be able to make a responsible and informed commitment.

In all the Churches Confirmation follows instruction and preparation leading to a public profession of faith in response to the Gospel. The public profession is ratified by the Confirmation or, in the Churches of Christ, by the Baptism itself.

The age at which Confirmation takes place at the discretion of the Bishop, Chairman of District, Minister, Session Leaders, or a combination of two of these.

Variety of practice between the negotiating Churches is little greater than within the ranks of each one.

FREQUENCY OF COMMUNION

A trend to more frequent Communion is apparent in those negotiating Churches which do not celebrate frequently at present and there would appear to be no objection to at least weekly Communion in a united Church.

Practice in celebrating Holy Communion has differed in each of the negotiating Churches at different periods, except in the

Churches of Christ which have consistently practised weekly Communion on Sunday.

There is now variety between the Churches—

Anglican—Sunday and Feast Days—in some churches daily.

Presbyterian—Quarterly, Worldly Communion Sunday, Easter usually, sometimes Christmas.

Congregational—Monthly.

Church of Christ—Weekly. Not Christmas. Sometimes Good Friday.

Methodist—Monthly. In Lent also mid-week.

In the united Church it will be necessary to relate practice to the Christian Year and the Calendar, as agreed to by it.

RECEIVING "FIRST" OR "LAST"

1. The general practice is for the minister to receive first, as in the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Methodist Churches. The practice varies in the Presbyterian Church.
2. Simultaneous partaking is the common practice in the Congregational Church.
3. The practices of the Church of Christ vary, including both the above.

The weight of tradition, both in time and extent, in the negotiating Churches favours the Minister receiving first, and this is not understood as derogating from the equality of all at the Lord's Table. Any priority on the part of the celebrant is not a priority of place but rather an expression of his priority of need, for by receiving first the minister is declaring that he most certainly stands in need of the grace of God and the cleansing of the Sacrament.

Further the administration of the Sacrament seems to call for the celebrant to receive first, then on to his assistants, and thence to the people. He who stands at the centre of the action initiates the action. The climax of the action is the participation of the whole people.

The practice of simultaneous communion seeks to testify to the oneness of Christian fellowship. However, this essential unity is already clearly expressed in all partaking of the one loaf. The necessity for distribution of the elements in any of the practices already imposes some order of priority of reception, whether it is planned or arbitrary. Therefore to seek to express equality or unity by a simultaneous partaking seems to be a straining to express at the wrong place, something which is adequately declared elsewhere at many points in the Service.

There is no over-riding theological necessity for any one practice. However, it appears that none of the negotiating Churches has any theological objection to the celebrant receiving first, and there are many considerations in its favour of seemliness and order.

VESTURE OF PRESIDENT

1. That robes were not a matter which would create any barrier to union.
2. That they were desirable but not essential.

3. That they were a mark of office.
4. That the distinctive robes of a united Church would be an expression of unity.
5. That they should be functional, meaningful and appropriate to the climate.

The Commission received these statements and agreed "that in no case was the variety such as to constitute an insuperable barrier to union".

At the August meeting the Study Committee submitted the following statement entitled "Rail or Pew" regarding the manner and place of receiving Holy Communion:

RAIL OR PEW

There seems to be a fair variety of practice concerning the manner and place of receiving Communion in the early Church, but for our purpose the practice of Rome is important. Here it was the custom for the clergy to go down amongst the people as they stood in the nave of the church and to deliver the Communion to them there. We get an idea of how this was done from the *Ordo Romanus I* which, while it speaks of the general situation in the fifth or sixth centuries, is nevertheless describing something which goes back to much earlier times. Thus, presbyters "communicated the people with the Sacramental Bread" (Michin) which was carried round on patens by deacons. These latter also administered the Wine to the people as they stood in the nave of the church.

Now, while this seems to have been the general situation at Rome during this period, elsewhere changes had already occurred. The people had been organised into a procession which enabled them to receive the Communion at the side of the altar.

From this time up till the end of the fourteenth century, further changes took place. The altar became surrounded by a chancel area which was marked off by special screens and only the clergy were permitted to enter the chancel, the laity being excluded (mainly at their own request). During this period it seems that the people at first stood around the chancel screen to receive and later on the practice of kneeling became widespread. This latter practice was encouraged by the clergy, although not initiated by them, on the grounds that it would help the people to avoid carelessness or formalism. By the end of the fourteenth century, this was the universal practice in the Church in the west.

During the Reformation, when the Eucharist was understood as a meal, it was generally thought that sitting was the appropriate posture for receiving, although the Church of England retained the custom of kneeling. (It is interesting to note that standing does not seem to have been considered by the Reformers.)

Moving on to present-day practices, we find that in the Church of England the Communion rail before the altar or surrounding it is the modern equivalent of the chancel screens. The people kneel at the rail to receive. When they rise, others take their place and thus a continuous procession of communicants is maintained. In the Methodist Church, while the common practice is to use a communion rail, there is this difference—that it is not regarded as a screen, and the practice is for people to communicate by "tables", i.e., no one rises from the rail until all those kneeling have received. Then, when they are dismissed by the minister, they resume their seats and another "table" takes their place.

The Churches of the Calvinist tradition (Churches of Christ, Congregational, Presbyterian) give the impressive of being close to the ancient Roman practice of the clergy moving down among the people. However, in actual fact, the congregation and elders are all together around one table, and the covered pews symbolise the extension of the same table. In both the Scottish and Dutch traditions the people come to tables or into pews laid with white cloths. The plate of bread is passed from one person to another, as is the cup. The effect of serving one another adds to the corporate nature of the service.

In adopting the above paper the Committee noted—

(i) That in the different practices of the past and the present between and within the negotiating Churches no barrier to union is found.

(ii) That the movement of the minister taking the sacramental bread and wine to the people, and the coming of the people to receive them, together illustrate the Lord's gift and invitation and the responsibility of His people to Him.

(iii) That the unity in the one loaf and the one cup is variously illustrated in the historical practices considered.

The Committee believes that whatever the changes adopted in the future, the order of the Holy Communion in the Church should continue to express both the rhythm between grace and faith and the fellowship in the one loaf.

It was agreed that this statement be included in the Commission's Report and referred to Church Union Committees.

(iii) The First Report of the Commission in the section on Baptisms (p.18) stated that "Attention will need to be given to the ordering of the life of the Church so that adequate expression is given to the truth that Baptism means incorporation into the life of the believing community". It also mentions that this involves "the responsibility of the believing community to provide an edifying setting of nurture for both believers and infants", and "that due weight be given to the special responsibility of parents and sponsors in the case of the Baptism of infants". In furtherance of this the Study Committee has been preparing a statement on "Sponsors at the Baptism of Infants". A first draft was considered at the February meeting, and a revised form at the August meeting when discussion centred on the relation of the responsibilities of parents, godparents and congregation. In view of differences of tradition in these matters, the Commission asked the Committee to report further.

The discussion on the place of parents and sponsors in the Baptism of infants revealed a deep and widespread concern that the responsibilities they undertake should be faithfully discharged. It was emphasised that this requires real Christian commitment within the life of the Church; and also that the depth and reality of this commitment are of vital importance to the renewal of the Church and the fulfilment of its mission. It was agreed to refer to the Executive the suggestion that a Study Committee on evangelism and discipline be set up to deal with questions relating to the depth and reality of Christian commitment.

3.—The Ministry.

The Study Committee has given attention to the following matters:

(i) The Minister in Confirmation: The Second Report, (p.29), contained a statement "The Minister in Confirmation", which was submitted to the Churches for approval. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church referred it back to the Commission "for further consideration, in order that more thought may be given to the necessity for having both Bishop and Moderator taking part in confirmations". This Committee considered this with other comments and questions, and it submitted the following revised statement to the August meeting of the Commission which agreed to send it on to Church Union Committees for their information:

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY IN CONFIRMATION

In its Second Report to the Joint Commission on Church Union, the Study Committee on the Ministry prepared a brief statement entitled "The Minister in Confirmation" for reference to the Study Committee on Worship. It envisaged the parish moderator preparing candidates for confirmation, and, in a service of worship, the bishop addressing questions to them after some exhortation on the responsibilities of Church membership, especially in its wider context. Confirmation would include the laying-on-of-hands by both bishop and moderator after prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Representatives of the congregation would offer to those confirmed the right hand of fellowship.

This paper is written to amplify the Second Report, in answer to some questions and in order to make more explicit the Church's ministry in confirmation.

There is a considerable variety of confirmation practices in the negotiating Churches. In the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, the minister of the parish presides at confirmation. In the Methodist Church, it is "considered desirable for the Chairman of the District or his deputy to represent the Connexion at a Service of Confirmation", and normally the Chairman and the local minister confirm by the laying-on-of-hands. In the Anglican communion, the bishop confirms. The Associated Churches of Christ do not have a service of confirmation, but believers' baptism would be carried out in the setting of the local congregation, and administered by the local minister.

Also, it should be understood that there is a variety of practice in Churches of an episcopal tradition. In the Eastern Church it takes the form of unction, with oil blessed by the Patriarch, and administered by the priest immediately after baptism: in the Latin rite it is administered normally by the bishop, but sometimes by a priest, with laying-on-of-hands and unction, the oil having been consecrated by the bishop: in the Anglican Communion, it is administered by the bishop only. (The bishop's presence—or absence—therefore does not in itself imply any particular interpretation of the service.)

Obviously, with such variety of practice in the negotiating churches, we should expect changes in the United Church; but with the changes we should seek a confirmation rich in the meanings which we derive from our separate insights. Even within our denominations, there are different emphases in theology. Our aim

is not to limit theological interpretation to any one viewpoint, but rather to develop a practice which allows freedom of understanding, and encourages a continuing enquiry of the issues. We should contain all the positive values in the different emphases, and attempt to bring into the life of the United Church all the proven strengths of our theological, historical and liturgical experience.

There is therefore no stress at all on validity or legality. We are trying to develop a practice which brings out the **richness** of the Church's ministry in confirmation, and not merely its validity. For example, we are not interested in the necessity of the bishop's presence in confirmation, but rather in underlining the appropriateness of this. (If there is any doubt about this, it might be noted that our negotiations envisage that each denomination at Union will accept, without any episcopal confirmations, the membership of all others.) Similarly, we are not interested in insisting on the **necessity** of the presbyter's and the layman's role in confirmation, but rather in the appropriateness of it, so that the service can assume new richness in our experience.

We are concerned with developing a practice of confirmation which engages the whole Church in the service of Christ in the world, and in which the whole ministry of the Church has a responsible service.

(a) **Bishop.** "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." (J.C.C.U. Report 1966, p.21.) When in confirmation members are commissioned for the service of Christ in the world, the bishop's participation would seem to be the most fitting.

"The bishop represents the whole Church in and to his diocese, and his diocese in and to the Councils of the Church." (J.C.C.U. Report 1966, p.21.) The bishop's presence makes the unity and universality of the Church quite apparent, at a time when it is most important that this be seen.

At confirmation a bishop is exercising a key pastoral and liturgical duty, on an occasion which directly affects the whole local congregation. Possibly no other public duty makes it clear to the local congregation that the bishop is not basically a clerical administrator.

(b) **Presbyter.** The presbyter in the congregation who "preaches the Word, administers the sacraments, leads the worship, guides the whole laos in its obedience to mission, watches over the flock, teaches the faith, exercises discipline, and sets a godly example," (J.C.C.U. Report 1966, p.23) is surely a fitting person to prepare the candidates and to share in the confirming act.

(c) **Deacon.** "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." (J.C.C.U. Report 1966, p.25.) The precise role of the deacon in the confirmation service will require consideration by the Study Committee on

Worship, but it should be such as to make explicit that confirmation is an entry into responsible service in the world in Christ's name.

(d) **Members.** At a confirmation service, it is envisaged that the congregation by prayer and offering will renew its own commitment to Christ's service in the world. But the Church as the fellowship of believers, the community of love and brotherhood of service needs to be explicitly involved in the action. For example, it is envisaged that representative laymen will stand with the candidates and welcome them into the responsible members of the people of God by offering the right hand of fellowship. It will have to be clear that members of the congregation are not simply spectators, but glad participants in a service where others are added to the responsible fellowship, so that Christ's Mission in the world might better be proclaimed.

We believe that it is appropriate that the whole Church exercise a ministry in confirmation; therefore the richness of confirmation's meaning is lessened if any section of its ministry does not play its due part.

(ii) **The Unification of the Ministry:** At the February meeting of the Commission a letter was received from the Anglican Church Unity Commission asking that the Joint Commission "re-examine the report on the Act of Unification in the light of the Second Report of the Commission on the Ministry of the Church". The Commission referred this to the Study Committee on the Ministry which submitted a report to the August meeting. The Commission agreed that it would be advantageous to have the Study Committee's report considered along with the proposed order of service. It therefore asked the Study Committee on Worship to prepare an order of service for the act of unification of the ministry and report if possible to the February meeting of the Commission.

(iii) **The responsibilities of the Communicant Membership for Pastoral Oversight and Church Government:** In the Second Report, page 11, it was stated that the Study Committee on the Ministry "is still giving consideration to the important question of other Ministeries within the Church". This has been a major concern of the Study Committee during this year. It was assisted in this particular task by a team of lay associates, 17 men and women under the chairmanship of Mr Henry Shott, which contributed vigorously and substantially to the work of the Study Committee. A report entitled "The Responsibilities of the Communicant Membership for Pastoral Oversight and Church Government" was submitted to the August meeting of the Commission and thoroughly discussed.

The Study Committee's report showed that it had two concerns: one, to emphasise the importance of an active and informed participation in its life by the members of the Church, and the other, within this setting to conserve the value of what the Presbyterian and other Churches have found in the office of the eldership. In the discussion at the meeting of the Commission, sustained attention was given to the office of the eldership and this revealed that the Commission desired to guard against two dangers. First, some members felt that stress on the distinctive importance of the eldership might result in an exclusive office,

restricted to a few, so precluding the effective participation of other members of the Church in pastoral oversight and government. Second, some members felt that stress on the participation of any member of the Church could obscure the fact that effective participation in oversight calls for the possession of distinctive gifts of wisdom and character. The Study Committee is to give further attention to these matters, and the Commission agreed to advise the Committee "as a guide to further consideration, that, while accepting the general principle of the communicant membership's responsibility in the government of the Church as set out in the report, the J.C.C.U. would desire to see incorporated in the Church's structure positive elements of eldership as found in the Presbyterian Church and in the Churches of Christ".

In addition, it was agreed that these matters should be considered by representatives of the three Study Committees concerned, viz., the Ministry, Church Government and Administration, with the object of formulating a co-ordinated statement on Church Government for presentation to the February meeting of the Commission.

(iv) In addition, the Study Committee has continued its study of the nature of the diaconate, relations with other Churches subsequent to union (at the request of the Anglican Commission), and the role of a bishop in the united Church.

4.—Legal and Property Matters.

The Right Reverend S. C. Read, while remaining a member of the Study Committee on Legal and Property matters, found it necessary to ask to be relieved of the convenership; the Committee recorded its appreciation of his services. Dr G. P. Barton was appointed Convener. The Study Committee continues its work.

5.—Worship.

The major task of the Study Committee on Worship has been the production of the Service used at the Act of Commitment for which much work and time was given. Production of such services seems deceptively easy.

The Committee is now faced with a number of further tasks. The Commission has requested exploratory work which will lead to the production of a hymnary, lectionary and services for Holy Baptism, Ordination and Holy Communion. It is realised by the Committee, and is one of its working principles, that the negotiating churches after union must not be tied by set forms of services; the compilation of services must be in the hands of the united Church. It is, however, the belief of both the Commission and the Committee, that much preparatory work can be done.

A tension felt within the Committee should be noted. Because of the spectacular changes in theological emphases, liturgy and the language of worship, the Committee is faced with the claims of conservative and radical approaches to its work. Although this may make for slower progress, the members hope that progress may be more worthwhile.

During this year, the Committee has met monthly for a half-day and much of its work has been done by individual members between meetings.

6.—Marriage and Divorce.

The Study Committee on Marriage and Divorce presented to the August meeting a report embodying the results of its work over the last two years. It was agreed to ask the Study Committee to make certain additions and alterations and to refer the revised report to Church Union Committees for consideration and report to the Joint Commission.

7.—General Administration and Finance.

The Study Committee on General Administration and Finance has given consideration to the committee structure and financial arrangements of the united Church, but is awaiting the report of the Church Government Study Committee before it submits any tentative proposals to the Joint Commission.

(i) The Study Committee arranged a "Consultation on Church Paper" in Wellington, on Monday, May 1, which was attended by representatives of the negotiating Churches. This consultation was held to make a preliminary investigation regarding the possibility of a national church paper. The general conclusion on this point was that it would be more appropriate to wait until closer to the time of union. There was a large measure of agreement on the need for co-operation among religious newspapers, and it was decided that as a positive step towards the eventual formation of a united church paper, there should be formed a Religious Press Association. Detailed proposals connected with this are to be sent to the papers of the five negotiating Churches for their comment and endorsement.

(ii) The Study Committee also arranged a "Consultation of Representatives of the Mission Boards or Committees" of the five negotiating Churches, in Auckland on June 19, 1967. Reports were received from each of the representatives regarding their existing work and organisation. It was agreed to facilitate the exchange of information regarding staff, publicity, recruiting and training, and that the secretaries of mission boards should meet annually for further consultation.

(iii) The Study Committee has arranged a "Consultation on Superannuation Funds" which is to be held in Christchurch on September 14.

8.—Life and Mission of the Church.

When the Study Committee on General Administration and Finance was formed, there was included in its order of reference responsibility for considering matters concerning the life and mission of the Church. The Study Committee suggested to the Commission that this part of its order of reference would be best passed to some other Committee and the Commission therefore decided to set up a Study Committee with the following order of reference:

- (a) To consider any matters related to the life of the negotiating Churches and their mission to the world.
- (b) To consider developments in the Church's understanding of its nature and function; and
- (c) Consider provision which should be made in the Basis of Union to enable the united Church to fulfil this function.

The Executive endeavoured to arrange for the appointment of this Study Committee but found many difficulties. It appointed a small sub-committee to advise whether the terms of reference should be made more specific and this sub-committee has advised that the order of reference is sufficient and that it concerns something of vital importance. It is expected that arrangements will be made shortly regarding this Study Committee.

9.—Church Government.

The Study Committee on Church Government has been able to make very considerable progress during the year. It will readily be realised that it has a most important and difficult assignment, to advise the Commission on the forms of government appropriate in a union of the five negotiating Churches with distinctive traditions. It has needed to take account of the work of two other Study Committees in particular, those on the Ministry and General Administration. As its work proceeded, it became obvious that it would be wise to defer presentation of the results until they could be seen as a whole. The Commission was therefore very grateful that the Committee was able to present to the August meeting a full outline of a framework of Church Government.

This outline was considered by the Commission, no decisions being made on matters of detail. However, on one broad issue, whether there should be parish, diocesan and national councils, or parish, diocesan, regional and national councils, the Commission made a recommendation to the Study Committee for the guidance of its further work. The Commission expressed its preference for a three-fold structure in the united Church: the parish, comprising all the congregations within its bounds under a parish council; the diocese, consisting of a group of parishes, under the care of a diocesan council; the national council, representative of and with responsibility for the whole Church.

It is clear that as further attention is given to this outline, care will be needed to see that it co-ordinates the insights of the various Study Committees. The Commission therefore decided that representatives of the three Study Committees with related concerns, Church Government, Ministry and General Administration, should meet with the object of formulating a co-ordinated statement on Church Government for presentation to the meeting of the Commission in February, 1968.

10.—Women's Organisations.

Members of the Study Committee of Women's Organisations have now been appointed, and the initial meeting will shortly take place.

The following order of reference was approved:

(1) The Study Committee on Women's Organisations shall consider any matters related to (a) The nature of Women's Organisations within the five negotiating Churches; and (b) The provision which should be made for Women's Organisations in the United Church.

(2) It shall report on these matters to the Joint Commission for the information of the Commission.

(3) It shall have regard to the work of other Study Committees which have been or may be set up by the Commission.

C—The Preparation of a Basis of Union.

At the meeting of the Commission in August, 1966, the Reverend Dr I. W. Fraser initiated a discussion on the general approach in preparing a Basis of Union and he was asked to prepare a paper on this subject for members of the Commission. This was considered at the February meeting. Dr Fraser urged that the Commission should proceed forthwith with the preparation of the Basis of Union.

The Executive gave preliminary consideration to the way the drafting of the basis should be undertaken. As a first step it was agreed to ask one person to prepare, confidentially, a draft and to submit the result to the executive. Dr Fraser was asked to do this and his draft was received by the executive and furnished to the Commission. It was agreed to recommend to the Commission that the time has come to begin the preparation of the Basis of Union and that this should be in two parts—(a) showing forth the principles involved; and (b) the Basis of Union on which the Churches would agree to unite.

The Commission approved of this approach, appointed a Committee on the Basis of Union—the Very Reverend J. M. Bates (convener), the Rt Reverend A. H. Johnston and the Reverend Principal G. D. Munro—and referred Dr Fraser's draft to it. The Committee reported to the August meeting that work has been done on the Basis so far as present progress in negotiations allows, and a draft thus far has been made. The Committee will submit the Basis when it is completed.

SECTION III—CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATIVE ACTION

A—Report of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension Formation of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension.

Each of the negotiating Churches accepted the Commission's recommendation (Second Report, pp. 34-36) of the formation of a national body, the Joint National Committee on Church Extension, to co-ordinate and advise in the planning of joint action in new areas, for the national oversight of Union Parishes, and for the consideration of united action in marginal or static areas, the inner city, etc.

The first meeting was called as soon as practicable after the convener had been advised by the conveners of Church Union Committees of the representatives appointed to the committee, and two one-day meetings have been held on April 26 and June 14, 1967. The next meeting is planned for September 20, 1967.

The Joint National Committee considers that it has a dual function:

(a) Consultative. To receive reports from the Joint Regional Committees, and from this pooled experience, in response to enquiries, to offer guidance to other regions where joint ventures are being planned.

(b) Advisory. To report annually on matters of policy to the Joint Commission on Church Union, which shall in turn report to the negotiating Churches.

Formation of Joint Regional Committees

The executive of the Joint Commission on Church Union took the initiative at the end of 1966 in the formation of Joint Regional Committees. The area covered by the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church was taken as the basis of the division of the country into Joint Regional Committees, although in some cases it was necessary to combine two or more Presbyteries. The Presbyteries were asked to appoint a person to convene the initial meetings. The centres for the 16 Joint Regional Committees are: Whangarei, Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Napier, Masterton, Wellington, Nelson, Greymouth, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill.

Joint Regional Committees were already functioning in some areas, but changes were necessary in some committees to bring them into line with the constitution suggested by the Joint Commission on Church Union. Copies of minutes, or requests for information, have been received from Northland, Auckland, Taranaki, Manawatu, Wellington, Nelson and Dunedin. Advice of the existence of a Joint Regional Committee, or of proposed action in the formation of a committee, has been received from another seven districts. From two districts no action has been reported to the convener.

A memorandum was sent to the Joint Regional Committees following the initial meeting of the Joint National Committee. It is important that the Joint Regional Committee communicate regularly with the Joint National Committee, preferably through sending copies of minutes following each meeting. This will enable the Joint National Committee to keep in touch with developments throughout the country, and will provide it with information that could be helpful in other places.

The Joint National Committee recognises that in some cases the area covered by the Joint Regional Committee is too large or too diverse for effective working. In these situations the setting up of area sub-committees is recommended rather than increasing the number of Joint Regional Committees.

National Oversight of Union Parishes

The Joint National Committee has prepared a report on "The Oversight of Union Parishes" in which is outlined the matters relating to Union Parishes to be dealt with respectively by the Joint National Committee on Church Extension, the Joint Regional Committees, and the matters on which the Union Parish should communicate with the district courts of the co-operating Churches. There has been discussion on the question of the appointment of ministers to union parishes, and the term of appointment, but no finality has been reached. A recommendation on this matter has been referred to the Church Union Committees for comment and advice.

The Model Constitution for Union Parishes was approved by the Congregational Union, the Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian Assembly in 1949. Some changes are considered necessary and an amended "Model Constitution" is being submitted to the Joint Commission on Church Union and the Church Union Committees of the negotiating Churches.

The Joint Use of Buildings

This type of co-operative agreement is the only one in which all of the negotiating Churches can participate at the present time. Although the property may be vested in one of the negotiating Churches, a representative committee administers it. A committee of oversight plans the greatest amount of combined worship at present possible for the co-operating Churches, and a combined Christian education programme and other combined activities replace as far as possible the separate groups.

The Joint National Committee recognises the need for an outline or model constitution for the Joint Use of Buildings to guide Churches discussing this form of co-operative venture, and to ensure as great a uniformity as practicable in the agreements submitted to Church courts for approval. A sub-committee is preparing an initial draft of an agreement for the Joint Use of Buildings for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint National Committee on Church Extension.

The Associated Churches of Christ or the Congregational Church may not be represented in sufficient numbers in some areas to be active partners in joint agreements. Both of these Churches have expressed a wish to be associated with other Churches in co-operative ventures, and should be kept informed of the progress of negotiations in any local area through the convener of the Church Union Committee concerned. In general, if discussions are being held in any area between some but not all of the member Churches of the Joint Commission on Church Union, the Churches not directly involved should be invited to join the discussions, and if not able to do so should be kept informed of the progress of negotiations.

No co-operative scheme in the present divided state of the Church will ever be completely satisfactory. The difficulties encountered bring into clearer focus the nature of our divisions. The unsatisfactory features of these schemes will only be removed when the unity we seek is given full expression in organic union. In the meantime, with patience, tolerance of practices other than our own, and an earnest desire for a common understanding, these co-operative ventures will prevent the negotiating Churches from working in opposition to or isolation from each other in new areas, and will enable them to use their resources of money and manpower more effectively in established causes.

General

The Joint National Committee on Church Extension has given preliminary consideration to the policy of the negotiating Churches in regard to marginal or static areas, work in the inner city and the situation created by the large-scale immigration of Pacific Islanders in some parts of the country.

B—Theological Education.

The Joint Board of Theological Studies

The Committee on Theological Training has reached agreement concerning the constitution of the Joint Board of Theological Studies and concerning the syllabus for the Diploma Licentiate in Theology. It presents these for adoption in the hope that the Joint Board may be able to commence its work in February, 1968,

and that the syllabus may operate in all the Theological Colleges of the participating Churches in 1969.

Behind the Committee's work on the syllabus lie the assumptions:

- (a) That the mission of the Church in the world provides the context of all theological training;
- (b) That the Ministry of Word and Sacraments must be trained for service in a rapidly changing world and equipped to meet situations as they arise;
- (c) That essential to this basic equipment is training in the major disciplines of the Bible, Theology, History, and Pastoralia.

This irreducible minimum of study involves a three-year training course which, in all colleges, would lead either to the Bachelor of Divinity Degree through the Faculty of Theology in the University of Otago, or to the Diploma Licentiate in Theology. These proposals do not preclude either a four-year college course or further practical training within the parishes at the conclusion of the college course.

The syllabus for the L.Th. requires a pass in 18 papers, the first 17 with internal options being compulsory, the additional paper to be elective. In response to suggestions from the N.C.C. Maori Section and others, a paper is introduced into the elective section on South Pacific Studies. The Joint Board will continue work on the syllabus for the advanced Diploma Scholar in Theology. Honours in the L.Th. will represent a higher grade of pass in the examination and not a separate qualification.

An invitation was extended to the Baptist Union of New Zealand to share in the work of the Committee. Keen interest in this co-operative venture was expressed, but for the present the invitation is declined.

The Joint Board of Theological Studies

Constitution.

(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 15 members with representation as follows: Church of England 4, Presbyterian Church 4, Methodist Church 3, Associated Churches of Christ 2, Congregational Church 2. These numbers shall include members of the teaching staffs of the various Theological Colleges. 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 conducted by the Board and to review matters relating to theological training.

(6) The Joint Board of Theological Studies shall prescribe the course of studies, set fees, appoint examiners, and award diplomas on the successful completion of the examinations conducted by the Board.

Regulations for the examinations for the Diplomas of Licentiate in Theology and of Scholar in Theology.

(1) Entrance Qualification.

Before presenting himself for examination in any paper of the L.Th. a candidate is required:

- (i) To have qualified for matriculation at any recognised University.

OR

- (ii) To have passed an examination which, in the opinion of the Board, is equivalent to the Entrance Examination of a University in New Zealand.

OR

- (iii) If the candidate is 25 years of age or over, to have passed the Board's "Qualifying Examination". This examination shall consist of three papers:

- (a) An Essay with a wide choice of subjects.

- (b) English Grammar and Literature with selected reading.

- (c) The Study of a Set Text.

(2) The Board shall prescribe the text to be used in all Scripture Papers. At present this is the Revised Standard Version.

(3) All papers will be graded A, B, C, D, and E, grade C or over constituting a pass.

(4) The examination for the L.Th. shall consist of papers 1-17 and ONE of the elective papers 18-21.

(5) Where a candidate attains the required aggregate, the Board will award 1st or 2nd Class Honours, provided that he has passed either paper 3a or paper 6a.

(6) The Examination for the S.Th. is open to candidates, who have passed the L.Th., including papers 3a or 6a, or who have gained a diploma or degree in theology of a standing approved by the Board.

(7) A candidate who has passed an examination that in the opinion of the Board is at least equivalent to the standard required by this Syllabus will be granted the corresponding credit. Application must be made in writing, giving details, to the Secretary of the Board. A candidate who is proposing to read equivalent subjects at a University is advised to consult the Secretary.

(8) Each year the Board will issue the prescriptions for the following year including a suggested reading list for all papers.

(9) A candidate desiring to enter for any paper or papers must obtain from the Secretary of the Board a form of application and submit the same duly completed NOT LATER than 1 August accompanied by a fee of ten shillings (one dollar) for each paper in which the candidate desires to be examined. Upon payment of an extra fee of ten shillings (one dollar) for each paper a late entry will be accepted up to 31 August. The rule as to late fees is strictly interpreted and no exceptions can be made.

(10) The Examination for the Diploma L.Th. and the Qualifying Examination are held annually, commencing on the second Monday in October.

SYLLABUS FOR THE DIPLOMA OR LICENTIATE IN THEOLOGY

I. Old Testament.

Paper 1.—General introduction to O.T. studies, including geography of Middle East, historical background of the Ancient Middle East and contribution of archaeology to O.T. Studies.

History of Israel until 586 B.C.

Canon, Text and Versions of the O.T.

Introduction to the Pentateuch, the Former Prophets, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah 1-39, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Nahum, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, with special reference to the Pentateuchal traditions and the teaching of the prophets.

Paper 2.—History of Israel from 586 to 63 B.C.

Introduction to Isaiah 40-66, Haggai, Zechariah, Joel, Malachi, Jonah, and the Writings with special reference to Hebrew poetry, Wisdom literature and apocalyptic literature.

The theology of the Old Testament.

Paper 3.—EITHER: (a) Translation and exegesis of prescribed texts from the Hebrew Bible, as set for Paper (b) of Old Testament Stage 1 of the B.D. examination in the University of Otago.

OR: (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the Old Testament from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have a working knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, an understanding of the structure of the Hebrew language and of the theologically significant words within the prescribed texts.

II. New Testament.

Paper 4.—General introduction to N.T. studies, Jewish and Hellenistic background. Biblical history from 63 B.C.

Introduction to the books of the N.T. and the growth of the Canon.

Paper 5.—The theology of the New Testament with special reference to the Apostolic Preaching, the Synoptic Gospels, Paul and John.

Paper 6.—EITHER: (a) Translation and exegesis of prescribed texts from the Greek New Testament as set for the Otago B.D. Stage 1. Introduction to and application of the principles of Textual Criticism.

OR: (b) Exegesis of prescribed portions of the N.T. from the R.S.V. The candidate will be expected to have a working knowledge of the Greek alphabet, an understanding of the structure of

the Greek language and of the theologically significant words within the prescribed texts.

III. The Church in History.

Paper 7.—The Church in history from Jesus to 500 A.D.

Paper 8.—The Church in history from 500-1600 A.D.

Paper 9.—The Church in history from 1600 to the present.

IV. Systematic Theology.

Paper 10.—Philosophical Theology.

Paper 11.—The Doctrine of God, Trinity, Creation, Revelation, Man.

Paper 12.—The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ, Sin and Salvation.

Paper 13.—The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry, Sacraments, Eschatology.

Paper 14.—Christian Ethics. Old and New Testament approaches to Ethics; Christian responses to ethical problems.

V. Pastoralia.

Paper 15.—Pastoral Care.

The theology of Pastoral Care and its applications in pastoral visitation, organisation and records. The pastoral interview. Pastoral resources—Scripture, Prayer, Holy Communion, etc. Care of the sick and the dying, the bereaved, care of the family, the aged. Special cases—alcoholics, etc. Elements of pastoral counselling, assessment of verbatim records. Referrals, professional relationships.

Paper 16.—Christian Education.

Principles of Education, Teaching method child development, the adolescent, adult education, group process. Evaluation of the graded Sunday School, Bible Class organisation. Extra-curricular activities. The mission of the Church, evangelism and Church membership. The Gospel and personality.

Paper 17.—Worship and Communication.

The nature and principles of Worship; the origins and development of Christian Worship, planning the act of Worship, the Sacraments.

The art of communication—types of sermon and methods of construction, selection of relevant topics, art of illustration. Radio and television, etc., as means of communicating the Gospel.

VI. Elective Papers.

Paper 18.—Intertestamental Literature.

History of the Jewish People in Palestine from 333 B.C. to A.D. 70; Hellenism and its characteristics; the rise of the sects. Judaism of the Dispersion.

Introduction to the Apocrypha of the Old Testament and to selected books of the Pseudepigrapha, especially the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, the Book of Jubilees, the Psalms of Solomon, the Book of Enoch, the Assumption of Moses, the Apocalypse of Baruch.

The Qumran Scrolls; introduction to the literature, and its teaching.

Theology of the intertestamental literature: the developing thought of Judaism concerning God, man, sin, righteousness, salvation, last things.

Paper 19.—Liturgics.

The Nature and Principles of Worship; Christian Worship in East and West up to and including the period of the Reformation.

The Modern Liturgical Movement both within the Reformed Traditions and within the Roman Catholic Communion.

The Development of Worship in the Reformed Traditions up to the present day, with special reference to EITHER (i) the developments with Anglicanism OR (ii) the developments within other Reformed traditions.

Paper 20.—Comparative Study of Religion.

Definition and Origins.

A comparison of world Faiths, including Christianity.

A specialist study of one of the major world Faiths.

Paper 21.—South Pacific Studies.

History of missionary impact upon the South Pacific.

Introduction to anthropology, sociology, Polynesian and Melanesian religions.

Recommendations of the Commission: The Commission received the report of the Committee and approved its recommendations regarding the constitution, the appointment of representatives on the Joint Board and the Syllabus. It agreed further that the proposed constitution should be regarded as an interim constitution until it is finally adopted by all parties; it is understood that, subject to the approval of the Churches, the Joint Board shall have authority to amend the Constitution, as may from time to time be necessary.

The Commission agreed as follows:

That the Joint Commission approve the interim Constitution of the Joint Board of Theological Studies as presented by the Committee and commend it to the Churches for adoption.

That the Joint Commission invite the Churches to appoint representatives to the Joint Board that it may commence work in 1968. That the Joint Commission approve the Syllabus for the Diploma L.Th. as presented by the Committee and commend it to the Churches for adoption. That the approval of the Churches be sought for the Syllabus to become operative in 1969.

2. Sub-Committee on Lay Training:

The Second Report of the Commission, p.37, sets out proposals for the appointment of a sub-committee on Lay Training. The Executive found it very difficult to arrange for this and it was agreed that there should be further consideration of this proposal. After consultation it was agreed to recommend to the Commission that matters in this area of concern should be referred to the Committee on Christian Education. This was approved by the Commission.

C—Christian Education.

At the February meeting the Commission agreed to invite the Consultation on Christian Education of the five negotiating Churches to become the Commission's Committee on Christian Education. At its meeting on June 14 the Consultation agreed to accept this invitation. The Commission approved the following order of reference:

(1) The Joint Committee on Christian Education of the five negotiating Churches shall be the Committee on Christian Education of the Joint Commission on Church Union.

(2) The Commission on Christian Education shall—

(a) Consider any matters related to the work of Christian Education within the five negotiating Churches as they may affect the work of the Joint Commission on Church Union, and report on these matters to the Commission for its information.

(b) Make recommendations to the Commission on any matters which it considers would (i) assist the progress of negotiations for union, (ii) facilitate consultation and common action by the negotiating Churches, and (iii) aid the functioning of a united Church.

(3) It shall have regard to the work of the various Study Committees and other Committees of the Joint Commission as they may affect its concerns.

D—The Act of Commitment.

The Executive made arrangements for the Act of Commitment service along the lines approved at the February meeting of the Commission.

At the February meeting the Commission gave consideration to the title of the Act of Commitment and it was agreed that it should be "An Act of Commitment to find a basis of union and ways of common action". In April the Bishop of Nelson communicated the decision of the Diocesan Standing Committee that "it is unable to share in the Act of Commitment which commits to find a basis of union rather than to seek one". Members of the Commission were consulted and agreed that the title be changed to read "An Act of Commitment to seek a basis of union and ways of common action". The Bishop of Nelson advised that the change enabled the Diocese to take part in the Act.

The Service was held in the Cathedral of St. Paul, Wellington, on Wednesday, May 10, 1967, at 8 p.m. The negotiating Churches appointed some 150 representatives, their leaders conducted the service, the Most Reverend Frank Woods, Archbishop of Melbourne, was the preacher, the President of the National Council of Churches gave the blessing. The Service was attended by His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Fergusson, the Prime Minister, the Mayoress of Wellington, representatives of other Churches and the secretaries of the National Council of Churches. There was a large congregation present. The Order of Service was prepared by the Study Committee on Worship and included the form of the Act of Commitment as approved by the Churches.

The service was preceded by a period of study held at Victoria University of Wellington on Wednesday morning and attended by

representatives and others, and was followed by a further study period on Thursday morning. The main addresses were given by Archbishop Woods, and others by the Reverends W. F. Ford and I. G. Ogier, the Right Reverend H. W. Baines, and the Reverend C. I. L. Dixon. On Wednesday afternoon the Reverend Dr J. J. Lewis conducted a period of preparation in the Cathedral.

The Study Committee on Worship also prepared an Order of Service of Thanksgiving for use in churches on the Sunday following, some 54,000 copies being ordered for use. The Committee also prepared Notes for the guidance of ministers which were distributed to the five Churches. The Publicity Committee arranged the publication of a leaflet, "Between Ourselves", 143,700 copies being distributed. The service was televised and reported by radio and press.

The Commission recorded its deep appreciation of the contribution made by the Most Reverend Frank Woods, Archbishop of Melbourne, at the Act of Commitment, both by his sermon in the service and his addresses to the study periods.

E—Work Amongst the Maori People.

At the meeting of the Commission in August 1966 consideration was given to the work of the negotiating Churches amongst the Maori people and the concern of the Maori Section of the N.C.C. for church union. At the February meeting a letter was received conveying a resolution of the Section stressing the need for co-operative action and urging that the whole Maori situation be examined by the Commission. Representatives of the Commission visited the meeting of the Section at Petone in February and then in June the Executive met with Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian representatives with responsibility in this work. It was agreed to recommend the holding of a Consultation on Work amongst the Maori people, and the following arrangements were agreed upon:

1. That a Consultation on Maori work of the negotiating Churches be held at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Maori Section of the National Council of Churches which is to be held at Ohope Presbyterian Maori Centre, commencing February 15, 1968.
2. That the representation of the Churches be Anglican 8, Presbyterian 4, Methodist 4, Congregational 2, Associated Churches of Christ 2. Representation to be both ministerial and lay if possible.
3. That in preparation for the consultation the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches be asked to provide a background paper describing (i) their respective areas of Maori work, (ii) the location of their full-time personnel, and (iii) their present policy and practice.
4. That the agenda of the consultation include:—
 - (a) Training for the ministry of the Church:
 - (i) Theological training.
 - (ii) Lay training.
 - (b) Christian education.
 - (c) Common orders of worship for occasional services.

(d) The Ministry, team ministries, etc.

(e) Joint Regional Maori Committees for the co-ordinating of Maori work and for the care over common concerns.

At the August 1967 meeting it was agreed to ask the Churches to approve the holding of a Consultation as outlined above.

F—Social Service Organisations

At the February meeting the Commission gave brief consideration to the possibility of promoting a Consultation on ways to promote common action by the various social service organisations of the negotiating Churches. This was further considered in August and it was agreed that this would best be done by a Consultation of those with responsibility for the work, along the lines of other consultations. A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for this.

G—Church Schools and University Halls of Residence.

At the February meeting the Executive was asked to report to the next meeting "on the implications for church schools and university halls of residence of the movement towards church union". At the August meeting the Commission decided to recommend to the Churches that every opportunity be taken for consultation and common action with regard to church schools and university halls of residence.

SECTION IV.—PUBLICITY

The Publicity Committee has recommended a change of policy regarding the arrangements to report the meetings of the Commission by means of an approved statement issued at the close of proceedings. While this has been accepted by the daily press and Church papers, it has not aroused very great interest. The policy of not releasing any information until decisions are agreed on means that the ordinary Church member is not aware of the discussions until the decisions are made. A trial is being made by which daily reporting will be accepted so that our members may be kept more in touch with the progress of negotiations.

Attention has also been given to the wider questions involved in public relations and publicity. There is need for a widespread, regular circulation of news items, to both the Church papers and the press. In addition to news items, there is need for articles to be sent out from time to time on matters of concern. The aim would be not merely to report on decisions, but to explain the difficulties being faced on a certain issue, to convey something of the feeling lying behind certain traditions, to give reasons why a certain alternative was favoured and why another was rejected. To meet these needs, it was recommended that the Commission establish an Information Service. The Commission approved this in principle and referred it to the Executive for further consideration.

V.—PUBLICATIONS

The Executive gave consideration to the need for material to be provided for combined study groups in 1968. It was felt that the kind of study which serves the needs of the Commission is not

appropriate to the period of Lent, and that the purposes of our negotiations are better served when the appropriate material is studied by groups from the negotiating Churches. The Commission agreed that it is desirable to have study material provided for use by the five negotiating Churches at times to be decided according to local circumstances, on subjects related to our negotiations, e.g., church government, worship, etc.

Very favourable reports have been received on the pamphlet "Between Ourselves". The Commission decided to authorise the publication of a series of similar pamphlets.

VI.—WORKING OF THE COMMISSION

A.—Finance.

The treasurer, Mr D. A. Larsen, presented an audited statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31 December, 1966, as follows:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Balance 1/1/66.				1	12	2	
Receipts:							
Contributions from Churches—							
Anglican	£ 250	0	0				
Churches of Christ	50	0	0				
Congregational	50	0	0				
Methodist	150	0	0				
Presbyterian	250	0	0				
				750	0	0	
Sale Church Union Leaflets				5	10	0	
Interest on Bank Account				3	2	6	
					758	12	6
					£ 760	4	8
Payments:							
Study Committee expenses				123	7	1	
Stationery, printing, travelling etc.				326	1	11	
Office equipment				153	10	0	
					£ 602	19	0
Balance 31/12/66					£ 157	5	8

B.—Officers of the Commission

The Executive reported to the Commission that it considered that the work of the meetings would be assisted if there was a separation of the responsibilities resting on the Chairman. At the moment, the Chairman is responsible both for chairing the meeting and for carrying on the business of the Commission. In addition, it considered that there could be considerable advantage if the office of chairman were held for a limited term so that the participation of the various Churches in the negotiations would be made evident.

The Study Committee on the Ministry had advised in March that it considered there is urgent need for a full-time executive officer.

These matters were considered by the Commission at the August meeting, and it was agreed—

(i) That a Chairman be appointed for a term of two years, to be the Chairman of the meetings of the Commission and a member of the Executive.

(ii) That the Commission approve in principle the appointment of a full-time officer to be the executive secretary of the Commission and ask the Executive to draw up a budget and present proposals to Church Union Committees.

C.—Meetings of the Commission in 1968.

Meetings have been arranged for 13 to 15 February 1968, at Trinity College, Auckland, and, tentatively, 1 to 3 October 1968, in Wellington.

J. E. STEWART, Chairman.

Supplementary Report of J.C.C.U.

RESOLUTIONS

That the Report be received.

2. That this report together with the fourth report which shall be produced following the meeting of the J.C.C.U. next February be referred to the Church Union Committee with the request that the fundamental issues dealt with in the reports be forwarded to March Ministerial Synods and Quarterly meetings for study and comment.

3. That the Conference approve in principle the appointment of a full time officer to be the executive officer of the Commission.

4. That Conference, recognising that an additional financial contribution will be necessary, recommends that the appropriate financial arrangements be made.

NOTE: For the information of Conference the proposed budget would anticipate a contribution of \$926 from the Methodist Church as from 1/8/67.

5. That Conference rejoices in the desire of many societies to work in closer co-operation with others of the negotiating Churches. It notes, however, that many such unions are sought because of smallness of numbers and other such difficulties. It expresses the hope that larger and more prosperous causes may be led to engage in conversations with neighbouring churches to ensure the maximum degree of co-operation throughout the country.

6. That the President of Conference be asked to communicate with Quarterly Meetings where Ministers have been appointed to serve on the J.C.C.U. and its study committees, to ensure that the quarterly meetings understand that these are Conference appointments and that they be asked to note that Conference expects this work to have a high degree of priority amongst their commitments.

7. That Conference expresses appreciation of the volume and quality of the work being done by the J.C.C.U. and its study committees, and asks that the J.C.C.U. inform the Congregations of the negotiating churches regularly of this progress, by use of denominational periodicals.

8. Methodist Study Committee Representatives:—

Faith of the Church: Rev. Dr J. J. Lewis; Rev. M. J. Campbell.

The Sacraments: Revs. P. A. Stead, J. Grundy, B. E. Jones.

The Ministry: Revs. H. D. Besant, R. G. Bell, J. B. Dawson.

Legal and Property Matters: Mr H. de R. Flesher, Rev. W. R. Laws, Mr R. T. Garlick.

Worship: Revs L. Greenslade, B. A. Walker, W. Gust.

Marriage and Divorce: Revs. W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws, W. A. Chambers.

General Administration and Finance: Revs. G. V. Thomas, W. R. Laws, Mr H. de R. Flesher.

Church Government: Revs. P. M. Guthardt, W. J. Morrison, V. R. Jamieson.

Life and Mission of the Church: Rev. R. Thornley, Rev. P. P. Rushton,
and one to be appointed.

Women's Organisations: Mesdames T. Carr, N. Dowie, D. Short.

Theological Training: Rev. Dr D. O. Williams, Rev. Dr. J. J. Lewis.

1. Sub-Committee on multi-racial training: Rev. D. Rakena and
Mr K. E. Donnelly.
2. Sub-Committee on Deaconess Training: Revs. J. D. Grocott,
W. A. Chambers.

Consultation on Christian Education: Rev. W. F. Ford.

National Committee on Church Extension: Revs C. D. Clark and B.
M. Chrystall and Mr T. M. Henson.

9. That the Church Union Committee for 1968 be as printed on
page 6 herein.

APPENDIX



A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

- 1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)
- 1900—Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)
- 1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Fellow of Trinity College)
(Sup.)
- 1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)
- 1906—Ryan, Henry (Sup.)
- 1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)
- 1908—Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)
„ Olds, Charles, H., B.A. (Sup.)
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)
„ Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
„ Rowe, William (Sup.)
„ Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)
- 1912—Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)
„ Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)
„ Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
(Toronto) (Sup.)
- 1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)
„ Fordyce, Robert E., S.B.St.J.
(Sup.)
„ Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)
„ Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Melb.) (Sup.)
„ Dennis, John (Sup.)
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
(Sup.)
„ Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)
„ Parker, James W. (Sup.)
- 1919—Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)
„ Hames, Eric W., M.A. (Fellow
of Trinity College) (Sup.)
- 1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.)
„ Brown, Hubert G. (Sup.)
„ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A. (Sup.)
„ Kings, Harry S. (Sup.)
- 1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.
- 1926—Harris, G. Raymond (Sup.)
„ Voyce, A. Harry (Sup.)
- 1927—Larsen, Norman P. (Sup.)
„ Laurensen, George I., C.B.E.
„ Penn, Athol R. (Sup.)
„ Raynor, Ivo M. (Sup.)
„ Silvester, A. Wharton E.,
M.M. (Sup.)
- 1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.
„ Hailwood, Charlie O. S
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E. (Sup.) S
„ Horwood, Leonard C. S
1928 1928 „ Kent, Arthur T.
„ Parker, Walter (Sup.)
- 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery S
„ Draper, Joseph C. (Sup.)
1929 1929 „ McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D.
(Mt. Union, U.S.A.)
Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A.
B.D.
- 1931—Garr, Thomas H. (Sup.)
„ Carr, W. E. Allon
„ Greenslade, William W. H.
Moore, William E. S
1930 1930 „ Payne, Herbert W. (Sup.)
„ Williams, David O., M.A.
Litt.D.
- 1932—Day, Reginald S
„ Hickman, D. J. Donald (Sup.)
„ ~~Jameson, V. Roy, M.B.E., F.D.~~
„ Jenkin, William C.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.
„ Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.
„ Patchett, 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.)
14 " Duder, Clifford L.
14 " Hanna, L. Gordon (Sup.)
14 " Luxton, Clarence T. J.
14 " Thornley, Robert, M.A.
14 " Dip.Soc.Sc.
14 " Witheford, Arthur R., B.A.
- 1936—17 Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John
14 " Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.
(Lond.)
14 " Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
14 " B.D. (Melb.)
14 " Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.)
14 " Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.
14 " Silvester, John, M.A.
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
14 " Grice, Reginald
14 " Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agr.Sc.
14 " Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
14 " Oldfield, Charles B.
14 " Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B., B.A.
14 " Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.
14 " Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
14 " Greenslade, Lawrence
14 " Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A. J
14 " Brown, Harold K.
14 " Darvill, Harold A.
14 " Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
14 " Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.
14 " Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.,
B.Com. (Sup.)
14 " Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.)
14 " Morrison, William J., M.A.
14 " Rogers, Ranginohoorā
14 " Willing, Leonard V.
14 " Williams, J. C. Aldwyn
- 1943—Brown, Clifford G.
14 " Cramond, George W.
- 1943—Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A.
14 " Falkingham, Wilfred E.
14 " Grounds, Edmund D.
14 " Jolly, Albert
- 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.
14 " Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D.,
Theol.M. (Melb.)
14 " Bycroft, Leslie F.
14 " Chambers, Wesley A., M.A.
14 " Dorrian, A. Peter
14 " Sherson, Donald G., B.A.
- 1945—Green, Warren
14 " Shapcott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister
14 " Moore, Harry
14 " Olds, Norman W.
14 " Shepherd, Trevor
14 " Thompson, George R., E.D.
- 1947—Attwood, A. Francis (Sup.)
14 " Campbell, M. Jackson
14 " Clements, Leslie C.
14 " Hall, Allen H., M.A.
14 " Parker, Francis H.
14 " Riseley, Benjamin H.
- 1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.
20 " Hilder, Basil J.
20 " Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,
- 1949—Baker, Edward
24 " Benny, T. Ralph (Sup.)
24 " Burt, Douglas H.
24 " Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
24 " Ford, Wilfred F., B.A.
24 " Garner, William M. (Sup.)
24 " Keightley, Clifford J.
24 " Olds, J. Stanley
24 " Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.
- 1950—Clark, Colin D., M.A.
24 " Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.
24 " Ramsay, Phillip D.
24 " Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,
B.D. (Melb.)
24 " Woodfield, Frank H.
24 " Woodfield, Owen T., B.A.
- 1951—Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D.
24 " Burrough, Amos W.
24 " Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed.
24 " Clucas, Ivan J.
24 " Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
24 " Ruck, Idris J. (Sup.)
24 " Stead, Peter A., B.A.
24 " Toothill, Harry W.
24 " Olds, O. McLennan
- 1952—George, R. Leslie
24 " Gibson, Loyal J.
24 " Hall, John R.
24 " Handyside, Allan J.
24 " Penman, John A., B.A.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1952—Reid, Ian W.
 " Shaw, Harry I.
 23 " Spindler, Sydney J.
 " Thompson, John H.
 " Trebilco, George R.
- 1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.
 " LeCouteur, E. Raymond
 " Craig, Hughan M.
 24 " 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
 25 " 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.
 26 " Rigg, Frank S.
 " Tauroa, Lane M., B.A.
 " Thornicroft, Neville
 " Wood, Ronald H.
- 1956—Andrews, Robert S.
 " Bennett, George L.
 " Grant, Ian D.
 27 " 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.
 28 " 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.
 29 " Glen, Frank G.
 " Hamlin, John R.
 " Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A.
- 1959—Barker, Peter S.
 " Bowen, Lewis A.
 " Dine, Mervyn L.
 30 " Gibson, Roger M.
 " Goudge, Stanley R., B.A.
 " Greening, G. Kingsley
 " Griffith, Keith C.
 " Hosking, John S., M.A.,
 Dip.Mus.
 " Morrison, William
 " Noble, Dorothea, B.A.
 " Salter, Lawrence E.
 " Widdup, Robert W.
- 1960—Brazendale, Graham
 " Grundy, Albert A., M.A.
 " Christian, Owen L.
 31 " Conway, James H.
 " Gust, Warwick, B.A.
 " Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A.
 " Henderson, W. John (Sup.)
 " Hornblow, Maxwell A.
 " 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
 " Wallace, William L., B.A.
- 1962—Currie, John B., B.A.
 " Hawkey, Graham E.
 " Hight, Arnold C.
 " Hines, David L., B.A.
 " Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B.
 " Jones, Barry E., B.A.
 " 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.
 " Laws, Derek G.
 " Rowe, B. Keith, B.A.
 " Toomer, Kenneth L.
 " Tucker, W. Geoffrey

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| <p>1964—Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com.
 „ Felderhof, Ludwig
 „ Gerritsen, Hendrick
 „ Major, Ronald G.
 „ Neal, Barry W.
 „ Olsen, Brian L.
 „ Roberts, John H.
 „ Shave, Charles D.
 „ Slinn, Stuart G.</p> <p>1965—Browne, Wallis F., B.A.
 „ Chessum, William A., Mus.B.
 „ Clarke, Ian L.
 „ Clarke, Edwin B.
 „ Collingwood, Ronald C.
 „ Hayhurst, John G.
 „ Herbert, C. Brice
 „ Mackie, Bruce E.
 „ Waaka, Napi
 „ West, Norman J.</p> <p>1966—Alexander, Roy M.
 „ Allan, Robert A.
 „ Bowden, A. Roy
 „ Ferguson, Ronald W.
 „ Harris, Daniel P.
 „ Hendry, Richard J.</p> | <p>„ Manihera, John I.
 „ Pain, Alastair D.
 „ Pihaina, Te Taotahi John
 „ Prince, Donald F.
 „ Taylor, Keith J.
 „ Te Whare, Robert
 „ (West, Stanley J.</p> <p>1967—Jamieson, Colin G.
 „ Michie, Laurie A.
 „ Pratt, David C.
 „ Slaney, Enid J., M.A., B.D.</p> <p>1968—Couch, Moke A. G.
 „ Curtis, Darrell R., B.A.
 „ Hay, J. Cedric
 „ Hey, Roger J. E.
 „ Hosking, Bruce L., B.A.,
 „ B.Com., S.T.M. (Union (N.Y.)
 „ Leadley, Alan J., B.A.
 „ Loader, William R. G., B.A.
 „ McIver, Graeme
 „ Malcouronne, Brian L.
 „ Meredith, John D.
 „ Norwell, Ian C.
 „ Phillipps, Donald J., B.A.
 „ Sanson, Roger G.
 „ Te Whare, Morehu</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

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 Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M.—Home Missions.
M.M.—Maori Missions.
C.S.—Connexional Secretary.

C.E.D.—Christian Education
Department.
Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	1	Abbott, William K., Methodist Parsonage, Otorohanga	52
1966	3	Alexander, Roy M., 33 Clothier St., Putaruru	43
1966	3	Allan, Robert A., Te Kopuru, Dargaville	7
1944	1	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 125 High St., Blenheim (Ph. 3806)	104
1956	1	Andrews, Robert S., 14 Tarawera Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	88
1963	4	Ansell, David H., 19 King St., Whakatane	49
1963	5	Armstrong, David, 1 Waterview Rd., Mangere, Auckland	22
1947	S	Attwood, A. Francis, High St., Katikati (1960)	47
1924	S	Bailey, John H., 317 Cambridge Rd., Hillcrest, Hamilton (1956)	39
1949	2	Baker, Edward, 3 Buckland Rd., Tuakau	27
1953	3	Baker, Frederick J. K., 78 Church St., Mosgiel, Dunedin (Ph. 6591, Mosgiel)	133
1963	3	Ball, Niven G., Riemenschnieder St., Manaia	61
1959	2	Barker, Peter S., 32 Hammersley Ave., Christchurch, 1	110
1941	S	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 196 Great North Rd., Wanganui	63
1957	5	Bell, G. Basil W., Waitoa, Waikato	36
1944	6	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M., 82 Murray Pce., St Albans, Christchurch (Ph. 57-170 Home, 56-795 Church)	115
1967	2	Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., 135 Ruahine St., Palmerston North	75
1956	3	Bennett, George L., 2 Goldsborough Avenue, Raumati Beach	91
1949	S	Benny, T. Ralph, 26 Meadow St., Papanui, Christchurch, 5 (1967)	116
1913	S	Bensley, Arthur A., 55 13th Ave., Tauranga (1950)	47
1951	5	Besant, H. David, B.A., B.D., 19 Wilson Ave., St. Clair, Dunedin	133
1954	3	Billinghurst, Noel D., 46 Mathias St., Darfield, Canterbury	121
1907	S	Blair, Charles, 84 Neale Ave., Stoke, Nelson	100

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1923	S	Blakemore, Albert, 3 Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3 (1946)	12
1930	S	Blight, J. Montgomery (1968), 15 Meura St., Matamata	42
1917	S	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 76 Halton St., Papanui Christchurch, 5 (1958)	108
1966	3	Bowden, A. Roy, 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, 1	109
1959	1	Bowen, Lewis A., 21 Horoeoka St. Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt	90
1955	6	Boyd, Edward P., 23 Cuba St., Marton	79
1960	1	Brazendale, Graham, 4 Oroua St., Te Puke	48
1957	1	Brough, Gordon, D., B.A., Awakino Rd., Dargaville	7
1943	8	Brown, Clifford G., 151 Kennedy Rd., Napier (Ph. 38-665)	68
1916	S	Brown, George E., Cates Rd., R.D. Rototuna, Hamilton (1956)	39
1941	5	Brown, Harold K., 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 897-843)	110
1924	S	Brown, Hubert G., 27 Cobham St., Spreydon, Christchurch, 2 (1964)	113
1965	2	Browne, Wallis F., B.A., 2 Otara Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland	24
1964	2	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., 28 Oxford St., Richmond, Nelson	101
1910	S	Burley, William A., M.A., 54 Albert St., Hamilton (1951)	39
1951	2	Burrough, Amos W., Okato, Taranaki	62
1949	1	Burt, Douglas H., Queen St., Waiuku	28
1935	S	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Lupin Rd., Otaki (1960)	98
1944	6	Bycroft, Leslie F., 100 West St., Feilding	78
1955	8	Cable, Wilfred J., 18 West Rd., Northland, Wellington (Ph. 26-727)	85
1947	3	Campbell, M. Jackson, 474 Pakuranga Rd., Pakuranga, Auckland (Ph. 578-489)	15
1931	S	Carr, Thomas H., Clarks Beach Rd., R.D. Patumahoe, South Auckland (1966)	26
1931	4	Carr, W. E. Allon, 320 Hardy St., Nelson	100
1951	3	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5023W, Auckland (Ph. 34-525, office)	O.M.
1944	5	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch (Ph. 77-363)	110
1965	4	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., Lieman St., Otautau, Southland (Ph. 8476)	140
1960	1	Christian, Owen L., 304 Stanmore Rd., Christchurch, 1	110
1933	5	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, 1 (P.O. Box 5023) (Ph. 34-525, office)	H.M.
1937	5	Churchill, John, 5 Hexham St., Warkworth, Northland	31
1950	4	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2	86
1965	4	Clarke, Edwin B., B.A., 15 Nelson St., Christchurch, 1	114
1965	2	Clarke, Ian L., A.R.A.N.Z., 204 High St. South, Carterton	94
1942	12	Clement, R., Frederick, M.A., 130 Grafton Rd., Auckland, 3 (Ph. 42-869, office, 42-323 home)	11
1947	13	Clements, Leslie C., 5 Rodrigo Rd., Kilbirnie, Wellington (Ph. 72-581)	84
1958	3	Climo, Frederick J., Tauranga Rd., Waihi	34
1951	1	Clucas, Ivan J., 112 Thirteenth Ave., Tauranga	47
1939	4	Cochrane, Herbert A., 24 Eden St., Oamaru	129
1965	1	Collingwood, Ronald C., 131 Livingstone St., Hokitika	107
1915	S	Cooke, Percy I., 70 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale, Auckland, 7 (1952)	17
1960	5	Conway, James H., 35 Mitchell St., Greerton, Tauranga	47

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1905	S	Copeland, Fred., Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3	17
1949	2	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., 3 De Merle St., Kaikohe	2
1918	S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc., 8 Sadlier St., Stroke, Nelson (1955)	100
1968	1	Couch, Moke A. G., 51 Hall Rd., Manurewa, Auckland	[2]
1953	1	Craig, Hughan M., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth	56
1943	4	Cramond, George W., Selwyn St., Leeston	118
1962	4	Currie, John B., B.A., 12 Gilberthorpes Rd., Christchurch, 4	117
1968	1	Curtis, Darrell, R., B.A., C/o 42 Malfroy St., Rotorua	45
1941	2	Darvill, Harold A., 519A Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, 4	[2]
1940	2	Dawson, John B., B.A., 356 Wairakei Rd., Christchurch, 5	115
1943	7	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 54 Chester St. W., Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 42-065 office, 79-864 home)	108
1942	S	Day, Reginald, 209 Hill St., Thames (1968)	33
1917	S	Dennis, John (1954), 12 Weston Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3	21
1929	S	Dickens, Charles E., 41 Idris Rd., Christchurch, 5 (1967)	115
1959	3	Dine, Mervyn L., 161 Battery, N.Z. V-Force, Saigon	75
1940	12	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2500, Wellington (Ph. 55-870 office)	84
1944	5	Dorrian, A. Peter, 18 Tennyson St., Opunake	62
1930	S	Draper, Joseph C., Flat 10, 27 Greenslade Cres., Northcote, Auckland, 9 (1960)	20
1935	6	Duder, Clifford L., 5 Princess St., Pahiatua	74
1954	6	Eastwood, Eric R., 22 Hakanoa St., Huntly	41
1948	7	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 43 Miro Rd., Wellington, E.4 (Ph. 18-553)	84
1911	S	Enticott, Walter J., Access Rd., Kumeu, Auckland (1948)	18
1943	18	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P.O. Box 1449, Christchurch, 1 (Ph. 82-519 home)	109
1964	1	Felderhof, Ludwig, 302 West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	18
1924	S	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 69 Westholme St., Christchurch, 5 (1964)	108
1963	1	Fields, Ronald E., Park Ave., Oxford	122
1948	12	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 (1957)	56
1957	3	Fowler, Irwin J., 4 Heath St., Mt. Maunganui, Tauranga	47
1937	6	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 149 Kamo Rd., Whangarei (Ph. 88-086)	6
1949	S	Garner, William M., Korari Cres., Mangakino (1958)	44
1952	4	George, R. Leslie, Apiti	81
1964	1	Gerritsen, Hendrik, 82 Pah St., Motueka	102
1952	2	Gibson, Loyal J., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	76
1959	1	Gibson, Roger M., 52 Queens Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin	134
1951	1	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 142 North St., Timaru	124
1958	8	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 230 High St., Dannevirke (Ph. 2451)	72
1940	7	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, Auckland, 6 (Ph. 64-850)	23
1934	2	Goodman, George H., 249 Cambridge Rd., Hillcrest, Hamilton	39
1950	9	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin (Ph. 70-303 office, 44-165 home)	130
1959	1	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 17 Pukehana Ave., Auckland, 3	15

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1956	4	Grant, Ian D., 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	26
1945	9	Green, Warren, P.O. Box 54, Palmerston	130
1959	5	Greening, G. Kingsley, 23 Aynsley Terrace, Opawa, Christchurch, 2	111
1940	4	Greenslade, Lawrence, 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, 5 (Ph. 52-507)	16
1931	4	Greenslade, William W. H., 42 Malfroy St., Rotorua (Ph. 2203)	45
1939	5	Grice, Reginald (1968), 110 Queen St., Cambridge	37
1959	1	Griffith, Keith C., 11 Hobart St., Miramar, Wellington	87
1928	13	Grocott, John D., B.A., 20 Yaldhurst Rd., Christchurch, 4 (Ph. 45-519)	114
1943	4	Grounds, Edmund D., 153 Kohimarama Rd., Auckland, 5 (Ph. 585-102)	16
1960	5	Grundy, Albert A., M.A., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui (Ph. 38-151)	64
1954	1	Grundy, John M.A., 7 Cleveland St., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	84
1960	1	Gust, Warwick, B.A., 19 Rothesay Bay Road, Rothesay Bay, Auckland, 10	20
1957	5	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 31 Beatty St., Melville, Hamilton	38
1928	5	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway St., Hamilton (1968)	38
1947	6	Hall, Allen H., M.A., 16 St Lucia Rd., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	12
1952	1	Hall, John R., Mersey St., P.O. Box 17, Rongotea	80
1923	5	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, 25 Lucerne Rd., Remuera, Auckland, 5 (1963)	16
1958	1	Hamlin, R. John, Holdsworth Ave., Upper Hutt	91
1952	1	Handyside, Allan J., 34 Edmonton Rd., Henderson, Auckland, 8	7
1935	5	Hanna, L. Gordon, 20 Nogat Ave., Papatoetoe, Auckland (1960)	24
1960	4	Hanson, E. Francis I., B.A., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson (Ph. 88-322)	100
1938	2	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 463 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne (Ph. 6260)	70
1966	3	Harris, Daniel P., 25 Haerehuka St., Otorohanga, P.O. Box 9	[4]
1926	5	Harris, G. Raymond, 41 Humariri St., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland, 2	11
1900	5	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate	125
1962	3	Hawkey, Graham E., 5 Miriona Grove, Paekakariki, Wellington	89
1968	1	Hay, J. Cedric, Fairfax St., Murchison	103
1965	1	Hayhurst, John G., 70 Ford St., Opotiki (Ph. 658)	50
1939	11	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., The Manse, Cockfield, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, England	85
1960	5	Henderson, W. John, 43 Abbotsford Rd., Waipawa (1963)	82
1966	3	Hendry, Richard J., 24 Mouatt St., Waitara	57
1954	5	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 100 Waiwhetu Rd., Lower Hutt (Ph. 60-023 Wellington)	90
1965	1	Herbert, C. Brice, 202 Cambridge Ave., Ashurst	77
1965	1	Hey, Roger J. E., 22 Melville St., Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	82
1932	5	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 37 Albert St., Ashburton (1961)	127
1948	1	Hilder, Basil J., 811 Pakowhai Rd., Hastings	69
1962	3	Hight, Arnold C., 63 Tukapo St., Westown, New Plymouth	56

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1962	1	Hines, David L., B.A., Rodney St., Wellsford (Ph. 8589)	10
1911	S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey St., Hastings (1935)	69
1936	1	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 24 Cumberland St., Cessnock, New South Wales 2325	120
1962	3	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Ros- kill, Auckland, 4 (Ph. 899-391)	13
1960	5	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 15 Naish St., Balclutha	136
1929	S	Horwood, Leonard C., 12 Weston Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3	17
1939	2	Hosking, Bruce L., B.A., B.Com., S.T.M. (1968), 211 Sealey St., Thames	32
1939	2	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip.Mus., 801E Queen St., Hastings (Ph. 85-255)	69
1942	S	Ivory, Arthur E., LL.B., B.Com., 29 Seddon St., Te Puke (1966)	48
1961	5	James, Russell E., 81 Gloucester St., Greenmeadows, H.B.	68
1967	2	Jamieson, Colin G., Kohukohu, Northland	4
1932	9	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 30 Church St., Te Aroha (Ph. 139)	35
1919	S	Jefferson, Alfred E., Flat 2, 8 Shadwell Place, St. Heliers, Auckland, 5 (1954)	16
1932	5	Jenkin, William C., 73 Grey Street, Woodville	73
1934	9	Johnston, Andrew J., 31 Whitby St., Morningson, Dun- edin (Ph. 36-238)	132
1943	9	Jolly, Albert, 83 Kolmar Rd., Papatoetoe, Auckland	24
1940	2	Jones, Alan O., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	63
1962	1	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 31 Court Road, Tawa Wellington	89
1899	S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green St., Lower Hutt (1940)	90
1949	1	Keightley, Clifford J., 2 Westend Rd., Herne Bay, Auck- land, 2	14
1916	S	Kendon, Charles H., 170 Lemon St., New Plymouth (1954)	56
1929	4	Kent, Arthur T., 17 Mahoe St., Inglewood (Ph. 162)	67
1924	S	Kings, Harry, 24 Devon St., Levin (1956)	97
1957	8	Kitchingman, Henry W., 1 Seabrook Ave., New Lynn, Auckland, 7	17
1956	3	Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., Hydro Village, Manapouri, (Ph. 830) (P.O. Box 49)	138
1961	5	Langley, John E., 171 Barrington St., Christchurch, 2	108
1927	S	Larsen, Norman P., 19 Princes St., Levin (1966)	97
1927	1	Laurenson, George I., C.B.E., 15 Ashton Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 13-698)	15
1963	6	Laws, Derek G., F.R.A.N.Z., 4 Claude St., Hamilton East	39
1938	5	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 17 Merivale Lane, Christ- church, 1 (Ph. 558-257 home, 66-049 office)	G.S.
1968	1	Leadley, Alan J., B.A., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, 1	115
1953	2	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 119 Burnet St., Ashburton	127
1958	1	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., Queens College, Parkville 3052, Victoria, Australia	19
1942	16	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, 3 (Ph. 49-338)	Th.C.
1968	1	Loader, William R. G., B.A., 17 Lyford Cres., Takapuna, Auckland, 10	20
1939	6	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 2 Hohaia Cres., Matamata	42
1937	9	Luxton, Clarence T. J., 4 Myers Rd., Manurewa, Auck- land (Ph. 67-523 Manurewa)	25
1957	3	Mabon, John C. F., P.O. Box 453, Invercargill (Ph. 3539)	138
1965	2	Mackie, Bruce E., P.O. Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	3

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1964	5	Major, Ronald G., 55 Warspite Ave., Porirua East, Wel- lington	89
1968	1	Malcovronne, Brian J., 56 Foyle St., Bluff	41
1966	1	Manihera, John I., Main Road, Woodend, North Canter- bury	120
1961	2	Marshall, C. Russell, 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	95
1948	R	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Melandra Rd., R.D. 1, Silverdale	30
1934	9	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 Chapel Street, Papanui, Christchurch, 5, P.O. Box 5054 Papanui (Ph. 529-782)	116
1946	3	McDonald, D. I. Alister, 176 West Tamaki Rd., Glen Innes, Auckland, 16	6
1930	4	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 62 Wiggins St., Sumner, Christchurch, 8 (Ph. 6975 Sumner)	111
1968	1	McIver, Graeme M., 10 Freyberg St., Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	71
1953	2	McKay, Archibald W., 108 Talbot St., Geraldine	126
1968	1	Meredith, John D., 39 Hikurangi St., Trentham, Upper Hutt	91
1960	2	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., Wesley College, P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe	26
1967	2	Michie, Laurie A., Tawa St., Ohura	55
		Moody, Edward H., 28 Oriental Tce., Wellington (Ph. 80-029 office, 52-673 home)	84
1946	3	Moore, Harry, 5 Paice Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 62-377) (P.O. Box 56000)	13
1931	S	Moore, William E. (1968), 56 Nottingham St., Westmere, Auckland, 2	11
1959	2	Morrison, William, 49 Murphy's Rd., Blenheim	104
1942	5	Morrison, William J., M.A., 37 Banks St., P.O. Box 256, Te Awamutu (Ph. 5376)	51
1960	5	Mullan, David S., B.A., 36 Kings Rd., Panmure, Auck- land, 6	15
1964	2	Neal, Barry W., 1 Galileo St., Ngaruawahia	40
1918	S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathesons Rd., Christchurch, 1	110
1953	4	Newman, Alan, 104 Manawapou Rd., Hawera (Ph. 6270)	60
1954	2	Newton, Alan H. V., 30 Matai St., Hamilton (Ph. 76-559)	38
1956	4	Nicholls, Trevor L., 106 Rata St., Lower Hutt	90
1959	W.P.C.	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 71 Copeland St., Lower Hutt	90
1968	1	Norwell, Ian C., 112 High St., Masterton	95
1937	2	Norwell, Leslie T., King Edward St., Eltham	59
1939	1	Oldfield, Charles B., 235 Karori Rd., Karori, Wellin- ton, W.3	85
1910	S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., Tyler House, 61 Allendale Rd., Auckland, 3	12
1949	4	Olds, J. Stanley, 19 Hillside Cres., Mt. Eden, Auckland, 7	12
1946	5	Olds, Norman W., 98 North St., Timaru (Ph. 5625)	123
1951	1	Olds, O. McLennan, 5 William St., Gore	137
1964	2	Olsen, Brian L., 30 Kelso St., Tokoroa	44
1933	3	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., Box 5104, Wellesley St., Auck- land, 1 (Ph. 83-387)	12
1953	2	Osborne, John H., M.A., 12 Poronui St., Auckland, 3	15
1966	1	Pain, Alastair D., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christ- church, 2	111
1947	5	Parker, Francis H., 406A Thames St., Morrinsville	36
1918	S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Rd., Meadowbank, Auckland, 5 (1950)	11

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1929	S	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland, 3 ((1965))	17
1930	R	Parker, Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Road, Remuera, Auckland	20
1933	S	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles St., Christchurch, 1	108
1931	S	Payne, Herbert W., 995 Beach Rd., Torbay, Auckland (1967)	20
1955	4	Peart, Cuthbert, F., C.F., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia	1
1952	2	Penman, John A., B.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4 (Ph. 57-323 office, 50-086 home)	84
1927	S	Penn, Athol R., 141 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3 (Ph. 82-525) (1966)	17
1938	7	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 24 Liverpool St., Hamilton (Ph. 41-047)	38
1960	3	Peterson, Frederick D., 293 Rangitira Rd., Beach Haven, Auckland, 10	21
1925	S	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 1 Randwick Rd., Northland, Auckland, W. 2 (1968)	85
1968	1	Phillips, Donald J., B.A., 33 Johnson St., Milton	135
1966	3	Pihama, Te Taotahi John, 15 Ward St., Te Kuiti, P.O. Box 102	[4]
1962	4	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., Mace St., Reefton	105
1967	2	Pratt, David C., P.O. Box 7, Russell, Bay of Islands	2
1966	3	Prince, Donald F., Esplanade, Te Kuiti (P.O. Box 102)	53
1954	7	Rakena, Ruawai D., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, 3, P.O. Box 5023W (Ph. 34-525 office)	[2]
1949	3	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 19 Schofield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland, 2	11
1950	1	Ramsay, Phillip D., C.F., 67 Shearman St., Waimate	125
1901	S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Leigh Haven, 61 Allendale Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3 (1941)	11
1927	S	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Konini St., Levin (1966)	97
1957	S	Reddihough, John W., F.R.G.S., 19 Prestwick St., Maori Hill, Dunedin (1967)	132
1960	1	Reid, Andrew G., 22 Clarke St., Kamo, Northland (Ph. 70-965)	6
1952	4	Reid, Ian W., C/o Witako Prison, Private Bag 300, Trentham Camp	91
1955	4	Rigg, Frank S., 61 Main Rd., Greytown	93
1947	4	Riseley, Benjamin H., 25 Almorah Rd., Epsom, Auckland, 3	11
1964	5	Roberts, John H., 3 Delta St., Dunedin, N.W.1 (Ph. 70-303 office, 60-626 home)	130
1962	4	Robertson, Ian H., Methodist Parsonage, 95 Rifle Range Rd., Taupo	46
1942	2	Rogers, Ranginohoora, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton (Ph. 59-684 Hamilton)	[3]
1960	2	Roke, Charles E., 38 Three Mile Bush Rd., Kamo, Northland	[1]
1963	3	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., 179 Regan St., Stratford	58
1911	S	Rowe, William, 3 South Beach Rd., Plimmerton, Wellington (1949)	89
1951	S	Ruck, Idris J., Mangorei No. 1 R.D., New Plymouth (1967)	56
1954	1	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 994 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3	17
1957	3	Russell, Kenneth H., 92 Cambridge St., Levin	97
1962	4	Rutherford, Maynard G., 18 Robinson St., Foxton	83

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1906	S	Ryan, Henry, 2 Gloucester St., Wilton, Wellington (1943)	85
1916	S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis St., Mt. Albert, Auckland, 3 (1955)	17
1959	2	Salter, Lawrence E., 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata, Wellington	92A
1968	1	Sanson, Roger G.	30
1956	10	Scammell, Bruce, 18 Taitua St., Taumarunui	54
1957	5	Scarr, Geoffrey E., Willowby, R.D. 3, Ashburton (Ph. 8369 Ashburton)	128
1950	4	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth (Ph. 83-592 office, 83-120 home)	56
1912	5	Scriven, Arthur H., "Roviana", 16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auckland, 3 (1952)	15
1945	7	Shapcott, Leonard, 43 Queen St., Cambridge	37
1964	2	Shave, Charles D., 92 Freyberg Rd., Ruawai, Northland	8
1952	7	Shaw, Harry L., N.Z. Reg., 25 Weir Tce., Waiouru Camp (Ph. 899 extn. 431 office, 867 home, Waiouru)	66
1946	2	Shepherd, Trevor, 20A Wellington St., Hamilton	39
1944	7	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 135 Queen St., Northcote, Auckland, 9 (Ph. 19332)	21
1927	S	Silvester, A. Wharton E., M.M. 46 Park Rd., Campbells Bay, Auckland, 10 (1966)	20
1938	5	Silvester, John, M.A., Ranston House, Trinity College, 134A Grafton Rd., Auckland, 3 (Ph. 42-501)	Th.C.
1915	S	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 117 Centennial Ave., Helensburgh, Dunedin (1958)	130
1964	2	Slinn, Stuart G., 203 Chelmsford St., Invercargill	138
1952	4	Spindler, Sydney J., 12 Marsden Rd., Greymouth	106
1951	10	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 524 Church St., Palmerston North (Ph. 78-749)	75
1953	4	Stubbs, David G., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	139
1954	2	Tahere, Te Awa W., 15 Ward St., Te Kuiti	[4]
1955	2	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., 5 Mission St., New Plymouth	[5]
1966	3	Taylor, Keith J., 6 Weka St., Taihape	67
1957	2	Taylor, Phillip F., 77 Grey St., Onehunga, Auckland	6
1911	S	Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., 6 Rimu Place, Dargaville (1954)	[1]
1968	1	Te Whare, Morehu, 519A Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, 4	[2]
1966	1	Te Whare, Robert	[3]
1941	4	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2	87
1946	6	Thompson, George R., E.D., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington, N.4	88
1951	5	Thompson, J. Herbert, 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	119
1955	2	Thornicroft, Neville, Springston, No. 4 R.D., Christchurch	117
1935	2	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, 9	20
1908	S	Tinsley, Robert B., C/o. Mr C. J. Valler, Kereone Rd., R.D. 1, Morrinsville (1949)	36
1963	2	Toomer, Kenneth L., 35A Halswell Rd., Christchurch, 2	113
1951	8	Toothill, Harry W., 50 Clevedon Rd., Papakura, Auckland, 6	25
1954	5	Trebilco, David L., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, 9	19
1952	4	Trebilco, George R., 120 Colombo St., Christchurch, 2 (Ph. 327-017)	112
1963	3	Tucker, W. Geoffrey, 58A Scotland St., Roxburgh	142

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1926	S	Voyce, A. Henry, 17 Prospect Tce., Milford, Auckland, 9 (1959)	20
1965	2	Waaka, Napi, 107 Waihi Rd., Hawera	[5]
1962	3	Waine, Frederick E., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	65
1962	1	Wakeling, W. J. Douglas, 28 Marion Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, 4	13
1965	1	Walker, Bryan A., M.A., 134 Grafton Rd., Auckland, 3 (Ph. 31-982)	Th.C.
1912	S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland, 5 (1945)	16
1961	3	Wallace, William L., B.A., 24 Passmore Cres., Maori Hill, Dunedin	132A
1945	2	Watson, Alexander C., 12 Nahum St., Paeroa	33
1939	5	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch, 7	110
1965	4	West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd., Gisborne	70A
1966	3	West, Stanley J., 6 Hastings St., Ohai, Southland	140
1959	3	Widdup, Robert W., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, 2	113
1967	2	Williams, Alfred E., 17 Iti St., Otaki	98
1931	22	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Richmond House", Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, 3 (Ph. 48-584)	Th.C.
1943	2	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, 3	11
1942	5	Willing, Leonard V., 79 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	90
1935	2	Witthford, Arthur R., B.A., 162 King St., Rangiora	120
1955	2	Wood, Ronald H., 890 George St., Dunedin	131
1950	2	Woodfield, Frank H., 37 Nelson St., Petone	92
1950	4	Woodfield, Owen T., B.A., 49 Bryndwr Rd., Christchurch, 5	115
1962	4	Woodley, Alan K., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga	5
1953	S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., 32 Fulford St., New Plymouth	56
1941	1	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland, 10	21
1956	7	Ziesler, John M. A., B.D., C/o. Wesley House, Cambridge, England	

MINISTERIAL SUPPLIES

Vickery, John H., 19 Graham Ave., Te Atatu, Auckland, 8	18
Sweet, George L., 84 Hackthorne Rd., Cashmere, Christchurch, 2	108

HOME MISSIONARIES

Entd.	Years
1924 R. T. Alexander (Retired), Flat No. 1, 6A Marlowe St., Stoke, Nelson	16
1924 W. H. Wilson (Retired), 45 Vauxhall Rd., Devonport, Auckland, 9	29
1928 R. Coombridge (Retired), No. 3 R.D., Otorohanga	17
1939 H. R. Wright (Retired), 7 Tor St., Westown, New Plymouth	8
1940 W. J. Bryant (Retired), 210 James St., Whakatane (Ph. 1106K)	12
1940 D. I. Robertson (Retired), 50 Puriri Ave., Beach Haven, Auckland, 5	9
1941 T. Steele (Retired), 199 King St., Rangiora	10
1948 H. Prowse (Retired), 2 Kowhai Flats, Cuba St., Marton	9
1952 F. L. Johnson (Senior Home Missionary), P.O. Box 10, Paparoa	4
1956 F. E. Trim (Retired), 16 Durham St., Rangiora	7
1961 A. E. Tardif (Retired), 123 McLean St., Woodville	2

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES

Ronald N. Simpson (Non-Resident Student), 148 Browns Rd., Manurewa, Auckland.

UNION CHURCHES MINISTERS

Hikurangi:	5A
Hauraki Plains: Andrew, J. N. Lea, The Manse, Turua	32A
Raglan: Rev. J. H. Oliver, The Manse, Raglan	38A
Turangi: Rev. B. Patterson, Rev. E. Biddle	54A
Mangapapa: West, Norman J., 314 Ormond Rd., Gisborne	70A
Newlands: Doig, John C., St. Oswalds Cres., Newlands	88A
Taita: Reid, Alexander R., B.A., 73 Molesworth St., Taitai, Lower Hutt	90A
Wainuiomata: Fowler, Richard W., B.A., B.D., 115 Main Rd., Wainuiomata	92A
Salter, Laurence E., 6 Derwent St., Wainuiomata.	
St. Luke's Nelson: Murphy, Robert T., 158 Toitoti St., Nelson	100A
Westport: van der Kley, Cornelius, The Manse, Westport	105A
Marchwiell, Timaru: Simpson, R. Allan, 24 Tyne St., Timaru	124A
West Dunedin: Kaikorai—Clarke, Ross K. J., B.A., B.D., St.M., 29 Farley St., Kaikorai, Dunedin	132A
Wakari—Stevens, Ewing C., B.A., 99 Centennial Ave., Wakari, Dunedin.	
Halfway Bush—Criglington, J. Douglas, 31 Balmain St., Halfway Bush, Dunedin.	
Corstorphine: 149 Hillhead Rd., Corstorphine, Dunedin	133A

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
(a) <i>Full Time:</i>		
1960	Matu Makiha, Methodist Parsonage, Waima Hokianga	5
1962	Herehere Maihi Maaka, 12 St. John St., Tokoroa	3
1962	Te Orahi Tonga, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	7
(b) <i>Honorary:</i>		
1922	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	40
1930	Paahi Moke, Kawhia (Retired), P.O. Box 24	11
1932	Tuteao Manihera, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	20
1936	Ngaweke Tuimata	
1937	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, via Kawhia	16
1938	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Ave., Tamaki, Auckland	14
1940	Wiremu Tonga, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	10
1942	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio R.D., Kawakawa, Bay of Islands	26
1946	Waiwera Rangawhenui, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	22
1946	Tumu Te Huia, Mako Mako, Raglan	22
1946	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau, Waikato	22
1946	Henere Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, R.D. Te Kopuru	22
1947	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	21
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 Rangititua, 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 Road, 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
1967	Hamiora Tola, 35 Pirika Street, Dargaville	.....	.....	.....	2
1967	Philip Te Uira, Taharoa, Te Kuiti	.....	.....	.....	1

DEACONESSSES

1921	Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main North Rd., Papanui, Christchurch, 5.
1935	Sister Madeline Holland, c/o Tyler House, 63 Allendale Road, Auckland.
1936	Sister Heeni Wharemaru, 80 London St., Hamilton.
1939	Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, South Rd., Spotswood, New Plymouth (Ph. 6214).
1939	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 102 Sandspit Rd., Howick, Auckland.
1943	Sister Anne Wilson, Seamer House, 515 Remuera Rd., Auckland.
1948	Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Harewood Rd., Papanui, Christchurch, 5.
1948	Sister Grace Clement, 8 Airdale St., Auckland.
1949	Sister Betty Yearbury, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti.
1957	Sister Beverley Taylor, 28 Bannerman Rd., Western Springs, Auckland, 2.
1960	Sister Joan Wedding, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, South Rd., Spotswood, New Plymouth.
1962	Sister Edna Jenkin, C/o. N.Z. Bible Training Institute, Lincoln Rd., Henderson, Auckland (Leave of absence).
1963	Sister Barbara Miller, Tahake P.O., Hokianga.
1963	Sister Shirley Simpson, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
1964	Sister Shirley Ungemuth, P.O. Box 5076, Dunedin.
1964	Sister Connie Fell, C/o. 8 Airdale St., Auckland.
	Sister Merle Fechner, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
1968	Probationer Norma Graves, P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, Territory Papua and New Guinea.
1968	Sister Atawhai George, c/o Post Office, Waihaha, Bay of Islands.

RETIRED DEACONESSSES

1909	Sister Ruth Fawcett, 81 Vagues Rd., Christchurch, 5.
1928	Sister Ivy Jones, M.B.E., J.P., 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.
1921	Sister Margaret W. Nicholls, M.B.E., Ngaruawahia.

OVERSEAS WORKERS WITH OTHER CONFERENCES

MINISTERS:

Ent.	Years	Name and Address
1943	..... 4	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., Ratu Sukuna Memorial School, Suva, Fiji.
1957*	..... 7	Cropp, James F., Methodist Church, Munda, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.
1960	..... 3	Horrill, C. Seton, Methodist Church, Kekesu, Inus, P.B., P.O. Rabaul, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
1959	..... 3	Kitchingman, David L., B.A., Methodist Church, Nipa via Mendi, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
1930	..... 3	Leadley, E. Clarence, Methodist Church, Munda, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.
1961	..... 5	Sides, Brian W., Methodist Mission, Hutjena, Sohano, Territory Papua and New Guinea.
1961	..... 2	Taylor, A. Kerry, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Buin, Territory of New Guinea.
1963*	..... 4	Garside, Paul A., P.O. Box C36, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

DEACONESSES:

- 1946 Sister Lucy Money, M.B.E., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, P.O. Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
1960 Sister Pamela Beaumont, P.O. Buin, T.N.G.
1968 Probationer Norma Graves, P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, Territory of New Guinea.

LAY WOMEN

- Bowen, Lesley H., Bilua, via Gizo, B.S.I.
Davey, Muriel J., Tari, via Mt. Hagen, P.N.G.
Fraser, Myra C., Bilua, via Gizo, B.S.I.
Gray, Beryl B., Munda, B.S.I.
Grice, Beryl M., Sasamunga, via Gizo, B.S.I.
Jacobson, Patricia M., Kihili, Buin, P.N.G.
Larkin, Gladys L., Skotolan, Sohano, P.N.G.
McCormack, Muriel M., Sasamunga, via Gizo, B.S.I.
Milne, Judith A., Kekesu, Inus Pte Bag, P.O. Rabaul, P.N.G.
Sadler, Lynette M., Munda, B.S.I.
Schick, Eileen F., Munda, B.S.I.
Thornburn, Ailsa R., Tari, via Mt. Hagen, P.N.G.
Watson, Esther A., Kekesu, Indus Pte Bag, P.O. Rabaul, P.N.G.
Withers, Beverly L., Yonu, Buin, P.N.G.

LAY MEN

- Baxter, A. M., P.O. Box 90, Rabaul.
Buchan, D. R., Munda, B.S.I.
Clement, N. T., Mendi, P.N.G.
Dey, G. T., Nipa, via Mendi, P.N.G.
Dyson, H. D., Munda, B.S.I.
Eason, D. W., P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, P.N.G.
Fleury, R. C., Munda, B.S.I.
Harney, E., Munda, B.S.I.
Kehely, T. R., Munda, B.S.I.
McKenzie, D. C., C/- 5 Rogers Avenue, Haberfield, N.S.W.
McKerras, B. A., Munda, B.S.I.
Munro, K. J. S., C/- 5 Rogers Avenue, Haberfield, N.S.W.
Pattinson, Dr R. W., Munda, B.S.I.
Pavey, G. L., Kieta, Bougainville, P.N.G.
Skinner, K. G., P.O. Box 90, Rabaul, P.N.G.

N.B.: Before each address put "United Church".

B.S.I. = British Solomon Islands.

P.N.G. = Papua and New Guinea.

GENERAL STATISTICAL
RETURNS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
30th JUNE, 1967.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967

Part 1

DISTRICTS									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 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	Other Denoms.										
NORTHLAND	37	34	24	15	13	2		45	1482	26	11	78	1	7	11	95		11	12	1476		6	125	9			
AUCKLAND	73	27	64	47	70	3	1	149	6596	146	81	370	49	57	110	357	35	28	90	6689	93		602	20			
WAIKATO – BAY OF PLenty	58	49	42	33	41	4		85	4467	59	48	281	23	20	58	276	15	23	41	4485	18		401	10			
TARANAKI – WANGANUI	35	9	24	15	21	1	1	30	2222	43	22	131	6	3	43	124		9	1	2248	26		209	11			
HAWKES BAY – MANAWATU	45	11	37	21	23	2	1	67	3176	40	18	156		8	67	180		13	41	3097		79	228	3			
WELLINGTON	49	10	39	32	41	2		82	4093	51	45	267	27	26	57	271	26	26	18	4105	12		318	16			
NELSON	22	22	19	12	12	2		39	1712	17	4	133		54	29	157	4	12	7	1691		21	82	3			
NORTH CANTERBURY	59	11	58	32	38	1	2	100	4948	111	85	224	21	22	77	227	8	33	32	5034	86		345	27			
SOUTH CANTERBURY	20	6	16	9	12			26	1486		2	37		4	25	69	2	4	7	1422		64	95				
OTAGO – SOUTHLAND	48	8	29	21	23		1	37	2527	53	28	116	11	13	34	121	3	39	48	2483		44	168	13			
TOTALS FOR 1967	446	187	352	237	294	17	6	660	32709	546	344	1793	138	194	531	1877	93	198	297	32730	235	214	2573	112			
TOTALS FOR 1966	442	203	338	239	287	12	9	669	32749	592	380	2017	136	171	512	2117	114	249	344	32709	151	191	2706	122			
INCREASES	4		14		7	5							2	23	19				21	84	23						
DECREASES		16		2			3	9	40	46	36	224				240	21	51	47				133	10			

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967

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	
											£	£	£	C	M	£	£	£	£	
NORTHLAND	202	248	198	331	183	78	83	42	215	2209	7219	12045	13	2910	2	12	289	3681	3618	4783
AUCKLAND	1347	1016	1164	1509	940	518	385	372	469	9875	31271	38266	317	7618	1	43	880	10141	12136	22854
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	852	818	765	976	606	374	280	193	232	6508	19938	30001	469	6320	4	30	3069	2236	32043	11751
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	451	320	356	399	290	162	175	58	221	3394	9650	13717	15	2693	1	14	922	246	11098	2662
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	603	444	395	466	345	254	158	89	217	4246	12508	19099	405	3586	-	21	1704	1867	9106	1436
WELLINGTON	935	681	581	803	495	374	275	205	296	6057	17743	27733	669	5481	-	30	7562	163	22407	1640
NELSON	336	240	224	279	212	153	96	53	208	2547	7516	11318	66	1835	3	9	724	158	4040	993
NORTH CANTERBURY	950	742	780	1012	744	439	433	371	270	8132	20881	27418	140	4665	1	29	904	435	19459	7715
SOUTH CANTERBURY	276	170	189	280	170	112	119	48	149	2018	6200	8553	152	1837	-	9	2648	384	4788	349
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	462	370	364	503	284	200	188	134	151	3749	11235	18875	61	3971	1	20	1692	805	8920	3095
TOTALS FOR 1967	6414	5049	5016	6558	4269	2664	2192	1565	2428	48735	144161	207025	2307	40916	13	217	20394	20116	127,615	57278
TOTALS FOR 1966	6813	5218	4885	6470	4202	2732	2520	1490	3424	47831	144821	194794	1782	41358	13	209	22596	16338	105,503	88859
INCREASES			131	88	67			75		904		12231	525	-	8		3778	22112		
DECREASES	391	169				68	328		996		660			442	-		2202			31581

Part I

CIRCUITS											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	Believer	
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from		By Transfer to			By Death	Ceased to Attend						
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.								
1. MANGONUI	3	1	2	1	1			4	116	7		1			2	4			118	2		9			
2. KAIKOHE - BAY OF ISLANDS	4	5	2	2	2			3	125		2	10	1			24			114		11	18	2		
3. WHANGAROA	2	2	2	1	1			5	109			8		1		10		7	101		8	5	1		
4. NORTH HOKIANGA	3	2	2	1	1			3	50		1	3		1	1	4			50			3	1		
5. HOKIANGA	4	2		1	1			2	88		1	2				6		2	83		5	5			
6. HIKURANGI	1	4	1	1	1	1		1	48						1	3			44		4	12			
7. WHANGAREI	4	5	4	2	2			12	365	14	3	37		5	4	24		7	5	384	19		36		
8. DARGAVILLE	3	5	5	2	2			8	268	3	1	9			2	5			274		6		15		
9. RUAWAI	3	1		1	1			7	85			4				3			86		1		6		
10. PAPAROA	3	4	1	1		1			80	2	3	1			1	4		1	80			10	3		
11. PORT ALBERT	7	3	5	2	1			3	148			3				8		1	142		6		6	2	
TOTALS	37	34	24	15	13	2		48	1482	26	11	78	1	7	11	95		11	12	1476	28	34	125	9	

Part 2

	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 £
1. MANGONUI	17	24	16	15	10	9	8		22	191	614	923. 0.0		250	M	80.14.5	218. 5.2		
2. KAIKOHE - BAY OF ISLANDS	8	21	30	31	25	1	14		2	350	1070	866. 0.0 701. 0.0		610	M		124.10.7	179. 1.9	10.18.7
3. WHANGAROA	12	12	13	13	14				20	132	270	871. 0.0		250	M		31.19.5	86. 9.2	
4. NORTH HOKIANGA	2	22		30					26	95	389	822. 0.0			C		141.13.9	113. 1.1	
5. HOKIANGA	5	12	18	15	3				40	116	385	923. 0.0		400	C	11.19.4	Liability 2758. 0.0	212.12.1	
6. HIKURANGI	3	2	4	12	5	3	8	4		178	450	822. 0.0	12½		M	No Returns from this Circuit			
7. WHANGAREI	71	56	28	64	38	37	24	19	40	417	1226	948. 0.0 923.16.8		150	M		238.11.8	318. 5.2	
8. DARGAVILLE	47	36	25	49	41	12	12	13	22	270	1035	800.16.8		377	M	196. 7.8	266. 5.2	550. 0.0	
9. RUAWAI	15	10	10	27	17	5	3		9	115	415	924. 0.0		286	M		227. 0.0	503. 4.1	584. 1.9
10. PAPAROA	13	24	20	22	8	4		6	14	115	365	777. 0.0		219	M		97. 1.8	120. 3. 7	
11. PORT ALBERT	9	29	34	53	22	7	14		20	230	1000	800.16.8		248	M		61.16.5	1400. 9.6	3638. 0.0

CIRCUITS											CHURCH MEMBERSHIP														BAPTMS	
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										By Confirmation		Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend							
										Under 20	20 and Over															
12. AUCKLAND CENTRAL	5		5	7	12		1	13	532	15	13	28	7	3	8	42	11	3	6	528		4	51			
13. AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	2		1	2	2			8	239	6	10	20	7		3	2	1	1	1	274	35		11	1		
14. AUCKLAND SOUTH	5	3	4	3	3			9	452	10	9	27	2	7	10	23	3	4	3	464	12		35	5		
15. AUCKLAND WEST	2		1	1	1			4	84	2	2	9	8	4	6	7			1	95	11		14			
16. AUCKLAND EAST	4		4	4	6			15	636			47	2		13	68			7	597		39	35			
17. ORAKEI	4		3	3	6			9	525	2	3	30			8	23			6	523		2	13	2		
18. AVONDALE	4	3	4	2	9			15	480	14	1	23	3	1	13	18	1	2	7	481	1		55	1		
19. HENDERSON	5	4	5	3	3			8	400	4	7	14	4	5	2	16			8	408	8		65	4		
20. DEVONPORT	2		2	1	1	1		3	122	6	1	9	2	7	1	2	1	1	2	140	18		6	1		
21. TAKAPUNA	5		5	3	8			14	722	9	13	41		4	6	40			7	736	14		47	2		
22. BIRKENHEAD	4	3	4	3	3	1		9	449	8	5	28	4	2	4	19	4	5	6	458	9		50			
23. ONEHUNGA	4		6	2	2			6	226	5	6	11		13	4	13		2		242	16		33			
24. OTAHUHU	1		2	1	1			2	165	5		15			4	12			2	167	2		19			
25. PAPATOETOE	5		3	2	3			5	471	22	1	11	2	2	6	24	3	5	5	466		5	58			
26. PAKAPURA	3	1	2	3	2	1		7	358	14	6	12	6	6	4	12	3	2	15	366	8		44	2		
27. PUKEKOHE	5	2	4	1	3			5	245	9	3	9		2	3	17		2		246	1		23			
28. BOMBAY - TUAKAU	3	3		2	1			6	80	9		14					7		1	95	15		9			
29. WAIUKU	1	1	1	1	1			3	134			3			11	4		1	13	118		16	13			
30. KAIPARA	4	3	4	1	1			3	72			4	2	1	2	5				72			8			
31. WHANGAPAROA	3		2	1	1			1	86	2	1	12				2	1			98	12		5			
32. MAHURANGI	2	4	2	1	1			4	118	4		3			2	8				115		3	10	2		

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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	
12. AUCKLAND CENTRAL	107	34	35	65	36	28	29	37	55	669	1510	950	50	150	M		44	373	4033	
												924		135	M					
												924		135	M					
13. AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	36	12	12	14	13	10	9	12	20	258	545	979		All Exp	M		3	377	10287	
												924		250	M					
14. AUCKLAND SOUTH	80	51	84	116	68	57	32	35	23	845	2423	924		130	M		913	1977	9	
												924		130	M					
												924		130	M					
15. AUCKLAND WEST	17	3	5	4	6	6	1	2		155	359	924		120	M		82		3337	
16. AUCKLAND EAST	26	86	75	98	56	39	34	21	54	748	2001	924	15	240	M		22	549	74	
												924		205	M					
												924		145	M					
17. ORAKEI	58	52	38	68	62	31	45	31	40	627	1700	924		175	M		928	1192		
												924		175	M					
												924		175	M					
18. AVONDALE	48	41	74	92	63	31	25	27	42	570	1750	950		150	M		144	588		
												939		150	M					
												250		250	M					
19. HENDERSON	150	110	130	270	120	60	45	40	55	900	3600	924		150	M		4335	1785	204	
												924		150	M					
												924		150	M					
20. DEVONPORT	18	14	13	21	11	12	11	26		280	740	924		135	M	83		432		
21. TAKAPUNA	82	93	63	82	76	27	33	35	39	899	2520	924	51	185	M		406	5	1432	
												924	38	150	M					
												821	38	135	M					
22. BIRKENHEAD	207	85	127	130	92	52	21	14	35	803	2834	924		135	M		735	756		
												924		135	M					
												924		148	M					

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	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
									£			£	£	£					
	23. ONEHUNGA	50	70	72	87	74					450	1400	924	15	145	M		81	119	1487
												924	15	145	M				
24. OTAHUHU	74	45	40	47	39	9	11			290	803	924		200	M		55	115	33
25. PAPATOETOE	100	78	124	115	67	40	22			756	3024	973		260	M		1469	9	1403
												825		180	M				
26. PAKAPURA	139	98	137	164	75	25	9	10	26	612	2140	920		262	M		51	2623	
												920		234	M				
												320		60	M				
27. PUKEKOHE	47	45	37	56	29	21	3	13	8	261	740	924	15	286	M	757		409	208
												156		109	M				
												924	65	150	M				
28. BOMBAY - TUAKAU	35	21	21	12	11	5	12	10		125	547	693		170	M		218	64	
29. WAIUKU	15	18	17	7	7	7			8	184	520	924		220	C		326		347
30. KAIPARA	10	16	25	25	11	12	10	4	10	104	365	924		240	M		304	317	
31. WHANGAPAROA	4	18	18	27	17	8	3	14		210	400	850		200	M	40		253	
32. MAHURANGI	43	26	16	9	7	1	7	6		129	390	924		250	M		25	193	
Total 1967	1347	1016	1164	1509	940	518	385	372	469	9875	31271	38266	317	7619	M43 C 1	880	10141	12136	22854
Total 1966	1478	1122	1064	1431	901	561	456	351	6399	8093	30853	36285	226	8057	M43 C 1	801	10051	10595	38652
Increase			118	78	39			21		66	418	1981	91		M 1	79	90	1541	
Decrease	131	106				43	71		170					438					15798

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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			By Death								Ceased to Attend		
										Under 20	20 and Over	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	Ceased to Attend								
THAMES	3		1	1	2			2	150			3			2	2					149		1	10					
HAURAKI PLAINS	3		1	1	1				65	4		1	2			9					63		2	9					
PAEROA	1		1	1	1			2	69	5		5	2		2	4					75	6		4					
WAIHI	1	3	1	1	1			1	86		1				4	6	1				76		10	6	1				
TE AROHA	3	1	2	1	1			1	193	2	2	17		1	7	15			5		188		5	13	1				
MORRINSVILLE	3	5	3	2	3			5	300	3	4	14	1	2	5	29	2				288		12	19	1				
CAMBRIDGE	3	1	2	1	1			5	183	4	2	10		2	4	10	1				186	3		24	1				
HAMILTON	5	2	4	3	4			9	648	11	14	49		2	6	59	2	9	1		645		3	49	1				
HAMILTON EAST	5	3	6	3	6			14	508	1	7	36		1		12	1	3	24		513	5		30					
NGARUAWAHIA	3	1	1	1	1			1	50	2	2	3	1	2	1	9					50			14					
HUNTLY	1	6	1	1	1			3	111	1	1	6				5					114	3		21	1				
MATAMATA	3	1	2	1	1			2	246			5			2	9					240		6	20	1				
TOMOROA	1	1	1	1	2			4	73	4	2	17	7	6		8	2		3		96	23		11	1				
PUTARURU	1	2	1	1	1			2	84	1	6	4	1			12		3			81		3	21					
	36	26	27	19	26			51	2766	38	41	170	14	16	33	189	9	15	35		2764	40	42	251	8				

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CIRCUITS											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		
										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	
CARRIED FORWARD	36	26	27	19	26			51	2766	38	41	170	14	16	33	189	9	15	35	2764	40	42	251	8		
ROTORUA	4	1	2	2	2			7	280	9		17			7	16		1		282	2		41	1		
TAURANGA	4	1	1	3	5			6	497	5	4	52	3		11	20	2	3	2	523	26		21			
TE PUKE	1	1	1	1	2			2	80			6		1	1	2			2	84	2		17			
WHAKATANE-KAWERAU	2		1	1	1			5	129	1		4			1	17	3	3	1	109		20	10			
OPOTIKI	2		2	1		1		3	73			3				2	1			73			5			
TE AWAMUTU	2	2	2	1	1			4	259	6		6			2	2				267	8		19	1		
OTOROHANGA	1	7	1	1	1	1		4	113			7		1	1	5		1		114	1		20			
TE KUITI	1	3	2	1	1				53		1	5	2		1	7			1	52		1				
TAUMARANUI	1	5	1	1	1	1		1	91		2	6	2			8				93	2		8			
OHURA	3	3	1	1	1			2	41			5	2	2		7				43	2		8			
COROMANDEL	1		1	1		1			22						1	1				20		2				
RAGLAN									61											61						
TOTALS	58	49	42	33	41	4		85	4467	59	48	281	23	20	58	276	15	23	41	4485	83	65	401	10		

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
THAMES	34	20	13	20	16	9	6		14	220	450	1896		320	M	6.96		528.17	99.82
HAURAKI PLAINS		14	16	12	3	3	2	1		100	400	1716	42	462	M		219.01	2084.33	
PAEROA	25	20	15	10	10	4	11	3		105	360	1678	30	240	C	5.41		170.62	
WAIHI	13	10	5	12	11	8	7	5		129	441	1848		288	M		104.00	10.00	
TE AROHA	32	33	20	24	33	10	10	4	11	200	550	1896		600	M	184.32		902.32	
MORRINSVILLE	81	53	55	96	43	27	21	12	10	519	1462	1898		600	M	950.28		983.45	263.82
												1848		612	M				
CAMBRIDGE	54	36	27	24	26	6	5	4	12	204	599	1848		264	M	1.12		308.97	
HAMILTON	122	133	111	133	60	58	26	64	37	867	2554	1980	284	184	C	2051.45		11751.31	
												1846	184	134	M				
												1846	134	308	M				
												1846	84	136	M				
HAMILTON EAST	81	86	102	139	98	51	38	33	20	719	2125	1898		266	M	24.00		20503.18	
												1848		312	M				
												1848		274	M				
NGARUAWAHIA	36	22	21	26	25	16	8	4	10	119	476	1706		330	M		15.91	1788.52	
HUNTLY	22	15	17	18	16	8	6	4	20	300	1085	1846		506	M		494.00	2061.20	39.52
MATAMATA	26	30	47	50	36	24	28	18	5	245	913	1840		552	M	1354.85			1831.28
TOKOROA	1	54	19	39	18	12	6	1	9	179		1896	30	440	M		978.86		383.00
PUTARURU	34	22	20	22	11	1	11		10	140	474	1644		432	M	78.30			3253.71
	561	548	488	625	406	237	185	153	158	4046	11889	36672	788	7320		4656.69	1811.58	49939.07	5871.15

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	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	
									\$											\$
	CARRIED FORWARD	561	548	488	628	406	237	185	153	158	404	611	889	36672	788	7320		4656.69	1811.58	49939.07	5871.15
ROTORUA	42	66	51	66	41	30	21	7	15	400	1200		1896		444	M		588.00	948.92	6051.99
													1850		240	M				
													700		308	M				
TAURANGA	102	35	57	102	48	38	21	17	15	578	1694		1850	50	456	M		522.11	10085.59	2659.28
													1850		488	M				
													1850		266	M				
TE PUKE	29	16	14	17	10	6	3			144	480		1896		306	M	29.03			8324.60
WHAKATANE-KAWERAU	24	13	18	30	14	13	7	3		205	635		1816		484	M		370.30	190.00	
OPOTIKI	11	5	8	13	10	7	7		12	112	396		1642		270	M	614.00		588.00	
TE AWAMUTU	55	20	47	50	35	12	15	3		310	1000		1848	100	756	M	481.72		623.48	
OTOROHANGA		32	20	24	15	13	6		13	180	500		1848		305	C	172.23		331.68	
TE KUITI		22	20	15	11	9		6	12	200	450		784		390	M		591.04	602.13	596.00
TAUMARANUI	18	21	13	9	8	5	12	3	7	190	740		1846		362	M		476.14	398.69	
OHURA	7	32	21	17	2	2	3	1		90	270		1446		254	C		111.95	134.44	
COROMANDEL	3	8	6	8	6	2				53	134		208				185.00		243.20	
TOTALS	852	818	763	976	606	374	280	193	232	6508	19938		60002	938	12649		6138.69	4471.12	64085.20	23501.02

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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	Believer
										By Confirmation			By Transfer from			By Transfer to			Ceased to Attend							
													Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries		Other Denoms.						
NEW PLYMOUTH	6	1	5	3	7	1	1	6	627	13	6	52	4	1	21	46		3		633	6		54	1		
WAITARA	3	3	2	1	1			2	139			9			1	2			145	6		19	2			
STRATFORD	4		2	1	1			2	168	2	2	4			3	3		1	169	1		20	1			
ELTHAM-KAPONGA	2		2	1	1			3	147	2	11	8			3	14			149	2		6	2			
HAWERA	3		1	1	1			2	177			10			5	7		1	174		3	8				
MANATA	4		2	1	1				68	12		5				5			80	12		19	2			
OPUNAKE	6		5	2	2			5	207	2	3	13		2	1	15			211	4		33	2			
WANGANUI CENTRAL	1		1	1	2			6	284	8		14	2		3	8		4	293	9		18				
WANGANUI NORTH	2	2	2	1	1			4	113	4		6			2	7			114	1		8	1			
WANGANUI WEST	2		1	1	1				120			2			1	3			118		2	7				
TAIHAPE	1	2	1	1	2				45			1				1			45			6				
INGLEWOOD	1	1		1	1				96			7			3	8		1	91		5	11				

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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
NEW PLYMOUTH	123	69	100	111	51	42	51	14	16	885	2181	999		135	M			2017. 7.5	815. 8.10
												923		135	M				
												923		135	M				
WAITARA	14	22	21	24	21	7	25		48	280	890	721		277	M	90.19.4		121.10.9	134.14. 3
STRATFORD	64	29	22	22	15	8	9		18	255	805	924		200	M	171.15.9		80. 8.4	1709.13. 1
ELTHAM-KAPONGA	22	26	14	19	21	9	10		22	200	667	958		240	M		31. 8.1	192.17.3	
HAWERA	13	18	32	27	22	13	8	14	12	252	653	922		136	M		88. 6.10	1233. 4.10	
MANATA	10	11	15	10	9	11	3			122	386	900		168	M		17. 6.4	326. 8.6	
OPUNAKE	55	65	61	75	47	23	41	16	35	317	1085	924		281	C	18.16.9		802.19.5	
												924		303	M				
WANGANUI CENTRAL	55	21	22	38	31	10	18	5	12	355	965	1014		141	M	594.0.0		5395.0.0	
WANGANUI NORTH	15	17	13	27	17	10	7	3	22	171	432	924		150	M		76.17.7	447.1.10	
WANGANUI WEST	28	21	28	18	11	8	11		16	238	730	914		135	M	21.2.3		170.8.0	
TAIHAPE	17	4	4	7	10	10	10	3	15	100	223	834		120	M	25.4.1		254.16.4	
INGLEWOOD	33	13	20	19	11	8	10	2	5	165	480	913	15	117	M		31.13.0	55.12.1	
PATEA PARISH	2	4	4	3	4	3	3	1		54	153								
TOTALS	451	320	356	399	290	162	175	58	221	3394	9650	13717	15	2683		921.18.22	45.11.10	11097.14.9	2661.16.2

CIRCUITS											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 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						Other Denoms.
NAPIER	5		4	2	2			12	379	1	4	18			11	10			12	369		10	33	1	
HASTINGS	3		4	2	3			7	478		1	9		1	11	18		4	2	454		24	36		
GISBORNE	2	1	1	1	1			1	200	5		7			4	61		4	4	139		61	37		
MANGAPAPA UNION	2		2	1	1			2			2	39				1			3	37	37		4		
WAIROA	1		1	1	1				47	2		2			2	3				46		1	1		
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	3		2	1	1			4	151	6		4		3	5	1			1	157	6		3		
WOODVILLE	1		1	1	1	1			93			2				2		1	2	90		3	2		
PAHIATUA	3	3	2	1	1			4	121		1	3			3	9				113		8	16		
PALMERSTON NORTH ST. PAULS	3	1	2	2	3			17	400	10	8	30			7	20				421	21		27		
PALMERSTON NORTH TRINITY	3	1	3	1	1			5	337			16			6	6			3	338	1		12	1	
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	3		3	1	1			4	111		2				5	4			3	101		10	10		
FEILDING	2		4	2	1		1	4	355	11		11	2	4	14		1			360	5		16	1	
MARTON	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	89	5		1			5					90	1		4		
SANSON-RONGOTEA	3	1	2	1	1			1	143			2				10			7	128		15	10		
APIITI	4	1		1	1				93			1	1	1	7		1	4		82		11			
WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU	2	2	2	1	2			1	64			4	1	1	5		2			61		3	6		
FOXTON-SHANNON	4		3	1	1			3	115			7			2	9				111		4	11		
TOTAL for 1967	45	11	37	21	23	2	1	67	3176	40	18	156		8	67	180	13	41	3097	71	150	228	3		
TOTAL for 1966	45	9	33	22	23	1	1	69	3173	41	41	151	1	28	57	170	2	13	16	3176	58	55	273	14	
Differences	=	+2	+4	-1	=	+1	=	-2	+3	-1	-23	+5	-1	-20	+10	+10	-2	=	+25	-79	+13	+95	-45	-11	

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Part 2

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967

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
NAPIER	98	86	74	88	60	54	31	15	24	583	1800	949	226	150	M	16		3033	19
HASTINGS	65	52	39	37	35	11	7	3	21	505	1577	961	30	197	M		236	200	61
GISBORNE	64	16	14	32	17	25	21	6		309	986	924	20	184	M		309		25
MANGAPAPA UNION		14	10	35	8	5				92	294	395	20	63	M		39		
WAIROA		2	6	2	8	2				70	230	822		20	M	44	77	27	
DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	39	24	35	12	13	12	8	7	22	211	706	948		169	M	86		88	
WOODVILLE	9	11	13	12	8	4	5	3		86	310	924		135	M	32			
PAHIATUA	37	12	5	7	6	6	8			185	496	853		200	M		1086	56	305
PALMERSTON NTH. ST. PAULS	66	56	41	54	34	21	16	15	20	583	1292	948	100	225	M	314		1068	151
PALMERSTON NTH. TRINITY	31	48	39	43	51	31	7	7	81	300	1015	965	35	262	M	5		179	
ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	10	25	26	14	9	18	12	26		192	510	948		140	M	54		238	
FEILDING	60	29	18	52	31	20	15			402	1206	948	100	225	M	471		646	
MARTON	30	16	18	23	12	12	6		5	121	334	924		135	M	434		277	875
SANSON - RONGOTEA	35	26	24	29	26	20	10	6	15	131	393	920		310	M	23		661	
APIITI	2	11	18	11	10					105	346	924		250	M		120	116	
WAIPAWA - WAIPIKURAU	29	11	9	5	11	2	3	1	9	159	477	924		123	M	92		3	
FOXTON - SHANNON	28	5	6	10	6	11	9		20	212	536	892		197	M	133		2514	
TOTALS FOR 1967	603	444	395	466	345	254	158	89	217	2461	12508	19099	405	3586	21M	1704	1867	9106	1436
TOTALS FOR 1966	700	478	407	557	378	271	181	106	380	6291	14118	17090	335	3802	19M	2442	1435	13145	6717
INCREASE:												2009	70		2		432		
DECREASE:	97	34	12	91	33	17	23	17	163	383	1610			216		738		4039	5281

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 Transfer from					By Transfer to				Ceased to Attend					
										By Confirmation		Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.	By Death	Other N.Z. Circuits	Other Countries	Other Denoms.						
										Under 20	20 and Over													
WELLINGTON CENTRAL	2		2	2	5			7	394	8	12	33	8	3	7	44	6	2	3	396	2		28	1
WELLINGTON WEST	3		3	2	3			5	283		1	17	1	1	3	21	2	2	2	273		10	20	
WELLINGTON SOUTH	2		2	2	1			4	132		1	12	2		2	16	4	1	1	123		9	7	
WELLINGTON EAST	4		3	2	2			5	291	5	3	21		3	3	15		2		303	12		12	
WELLINGTON NORTH	3	1	3	2	2			10	254	2	1	17	1	3	3	15		2		258	4		24	1
PORIRUA	6	2	1	4	4			10	413	12	5	14	11	12	2	14	2	10	1	438	25		27	2
LOWER HUTT	5		5	4	7			9	711	8	9	46			15	39	5	3	3	709		2	57	7
UPPER HUTT	2	2	4	2	3			8	240	3	1	19			2	20	4	3	3	231		9	18	1
PETONE	1		1	1	1			4	133			9			2	20				120		13	2	
GREYTOWN - FEATHERSTON	2		3	1	1			5	79	1		7			1	3				83	4		11	
CARTERTON	2		1	1	1				101		1	5			5	6				96		5	7	
MASTERTON	3		2	2	1	1		6	347	8		19	1		6	23	1		1	344		3	19	
EKETAHUNA	2	3	1	1		1			78			4				1				81	3			
LEVIN	2		3	1	4			3	335	3	7	23	1	3	3	21	2	1	1	344	9		30	4
OTAKI	2		1	1	2			3	75											75			18	
PARAPARAUMU	3	1	1	1	1				119		4	10	2	1	3	6				127	8		9	
TAITA UNION	2			1	1			1	24							6		2		16		8	13	
WAINUIOMATA UNION	2	1	2	2	2			1	57	1		4				5				57			15	
NEWLANDS UNION	1		1					1	27			7				2			1	31	4		1	
TOTALS	49	10	39	32	41	2		82	4093	51	45	267	27	26	57	277	26	26	18	4105	71	59	318	16

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT

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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	17	17	23	11	15	6	18	37	514	886	1110	10	252	M		5201	5659	65	
WELLINGTON WEST	49	43	25	28	25	14	17	20	22	285	772	948	30	135	M		48	1416		
WELLINGTON SOUTH	11	22	9	21	13	9	8	4		145	445	924	61	169	M		147	175		
WELLINGTON EAST	33	36	37	46	30	28	20	18	8	350	1050	924	15	160	M		362	5382	17	
WELLINGTON NORTH	55	31	56	43	57	22	16	19	21	290	930	924		142	M		42	551		
PORIRUA	81	77	85	95	66	56	46	29	97	690	2335	934	9	239	M		419	113	58	
												884	9	196	M					
LOWER HUTT	124	91	62	103	75	69	41	53	26	1055	2591	925	90	192	M		1	6055		
												925	45	167	M					
												925	45	167	M					
UPPER HUTT	92	57	56	105	37	25	20	11	6	369	1186	924		234	M		92	459		
PETONE	10	18	15	13	10	14	4	9		137	348	900		135	M		88	9		
GREYTOWN - FEATHERSTON	38	30	18	30	9	11	16		8	141	460	948		240	M		5	1283		
CARTERTON	19	23	4	30	17	9	1		9	138	412	867	17	177	M		139	218		
MASTERTON	77	37	26	44	33	30	29	5	10	450	1300	949	67	220	M		41	233	153	
EKETEHUNA	27	3	6	14	5	2			10	109	379	844	27	153	M		126	91		
LEVIN	59	58	51	62	31	39	19	12	15	464	1624	768		300	M		744		349	
OTAKI	15	11	21	23	10	2	15		15	100	290	924		181	M		86		151	
PARAPARAUMU	58	20	20	25	15	9	3	1		260	750	924		175	M		93	300	847	
TAITA UNION	53	24	26	45	19	8	5	5	12	350	950	963	50	150	M		65			
WAINUIOMATA UNION	60	26	35	36	14	10	7	1		210	735	1000	50	180	M		26	463		
NEWLANDS UNION	30	7	12	17	18	2	2					980		171	M					
TOTALS	935	681	581	803	495	374	275	205	296	6057	17743	27733	669	5481			7562	163	22407	1640

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.								
NELSON	2		2	2	3	1		10	478				29		2	12	76	2	2	2	415		63	18		
ST. LUKES UNION								3				61								61	61					
WAIMEA	5	2	2	1	1			3	183	8		10		29		25				205	22		14			
MOTUEKA	2	1	3	1	1			4	139	3		3		1	1	6				139			3	2		
MURCHISON	1	4			1				38			2		1		3			1	37		1	7			
BLLENHEIM	7	8	6	4	2			13	494	2	2	17			11	25	2	2	4	471		23	27			
REEFTON	1	2	1	1	1	1		1	49						2	1				46		3	5			
WESTPORT	1		1	1	1			3	87	2		3				7		7		78		9	5	1		
GREYMOUTH	2	3	3	1	1			1	177	2	2	6			1	8				178	1		3	3		
HOKITIKA	1	2	1	1	1			1	67			2		1	2	6		1		61		6				
TOTALS	22	22	19	12	12	2		39	1712	17	4	133	34	29	157	4	12	7	1691	84	105	82	6			

	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
	NELSON	82	57	48	67	41	28	22	11	65	530	1465	922 922 650	26 24	175	M	59. 7.8		310.15.9	993.6.1
ST. LUKE'S UNION	4	11	14	15	10	4	6	2	4	91	364	333	16	72					
WAIMEA	74	36	46	52	29	30	22	8	8	312	1106	922		234	C	52.13.8		1209.14.5	
MOTUEKA	26	19	11	23	18	17	11	1	55	189	503	922		150	M	49.3.7		451.13.4	
MURCHISON	9	8	10	12	12	8		7	13	105	417	822		150	M	19.8.1		129. 1.5	
BLLENHEIM	24	55	50	70	62	47	22	17	35	625	1800	922 922 489		269	CC M	2.1.9		1114.2.11	
REEFTON	23	2	7	6	3	5	3		1	106	339	700		120	M	46.15.2		5. 3.4	
WESTPORT	42	10	5	6	6	6	5			180	520	922		120	M	13.10.5		52.13.6	
GREYMOUTH	42	36	23	15	22	8	3	6	23	334	816	922		210	M	13.18.6		674. 6.2	
HOKITIKA	10	6	10	13	9		2	1	4	75	186	922		135	M	107.3.8		92.15.6	
TOTALS	336	240	224	279	212	153	96	53	208	2547	7516	11318	66	1835	DM BC	23.13.9	158.9.0	4040. 6.4	993.6.1

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									
										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					
DURHAM STREET	3		4	3	7			10	791	7	7	25	1		16	27	1		2	785	6	28	4	
CENTRAL MISSION AND																								
CAMBRIDGE TERRACE CHURCH	1		1	2	2			2	80	2	5					2			4	81	1		9	2
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	9	2	11	5	5			16	880	23	4	44	8	1	11	57	7	7	7	871		9	76	7
WOOLSTON - LYTTIELTON	6	1	6	3	3			6	315	3	5	10		1	7	12				315			24	
SYDENHAM	2		2	1	1			9	198	13	1	8	1	1	3	4				215	17		16	3
SPREYDON	2	1	5	2	3			7	294	18	3	9		2	4	12		1		309	15		33	
RICCARTON	4	1	4	2	2			6	279	6	3	13				11		2	2	286	7		33	3
ST. ALBANS	3	2	7	4	5			13	730	20	35	78	6	10	12	36		17	13	801	71		54	8
PAPANUI	2		1	2	2		2	8	268	6	5	11	5	3	5	23			1	269	1		14	
SPRINGSTON	6	1	4	2	2			6	159	1		7			2	15		1		149		10	11	
LEESTON	4		2	1	1			1	204	6	2	1		2	4	3				208	4		12	
KAIAPOI	4		2	1	1			3	172		2	6			8				1	171		1	5	
RANGIORA	6	1	5	2	2	1		5	360	5	12	10		1	3	14		5	2	364	4		15	
GREENDALE	3	1	1	1	1			2	98						1	4				93		5	10	
OXFORD	4	1	3	1	1			6	120	1	1	2		1	1	7				117		3	5	
TOTALS	59	11	58	32	38	1	2	100	4948	111	85	224	21	22	77	227	8	33	32	5034	120	34	345	27

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GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967

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	88	41	89	79	52	42	48	49	39	795	1921	935	45	200	M	\$ 23.53	\$	\$ 1525.60	\$ 5924.72
						20	40	40		87	121	920	25	200	M			1525.60	5924.72
CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION						20	40	40		87	121	920		Conf.	M	182.46		14423.19	46.26
CAMBRIDGE TERRACE CHURCH												822		120	M				
CHRISTCHURCH EAST	201	137	171	259	137	104	91	72	64	1698	5237	949		120	M	660.73		1758.11	
												924		120	M				
												924		120	M				
												924		120	M				
												924		120	M				
WOOLSTON - LYTTIELTON	70	45	48	59	62	29	45	28	28	686	1769	924		135	M	12.75		1767.91	74.43
												924		135	C				
												821		180	M				
SYDENHAM	42	13	20	44	26	14	9	19	25	255	600	923	10	147	M	64.75		1179.28	
SPREYDON	80	78	55	60	62	39	25	37		598	1927	924		150	M			859.42	2881.42
												924		135	M				
RICCARTON	98	113	105	92	132	25	23	17		587	1500	914		156	M	143.12		660.00	1920.74
												863		124	M				
ST. ALBANS	129	102	102	181	97	83	56	47	65	1005	2903	821	15	120	M			3682.07	
													15	120	M				
													15	120	M				
													15	120	M				

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967

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	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 £
TIMARU BANKS STREET	36	13	12	26	11	17	12	2	12	226	542	950	52	150	M	34.6.1		145.11.3	
WOODLANDS STREET	59	18	41	46	25	25	25	7	36	320	1120	998	50	150	M	2267.0.0		138. 0.0	
MARCHWIEL UNION		32	40	58	33	16	20			750	1450	1000	50	150	M		349.0.0		349.0.0
WAIMATE	25	9	6	14	6	5	11	13	55	186	552	938		135	M		34.19.11	**	
GERALDINE/TEMUKA	24	8	8	11	13	12	10			144	430	923		280	M	201.0.2		542.19.9	
ASHBURTON	66	36	36	74	41	21	23	22	16	423	1100	924		252	M	91.2.0		2306.0.10	
WILLOWBY	15	18	20	18	20	7	6		12	93	293	923		370	M	53.11.5		1296.9.8	
OAMARU	51	36	26	33	21	9	12	4	18	276	713	923		200	M	18.0		359.2.6	
* N.B.	All above Marchwiel figures are total figures																** Trusts do not hold money A/cs paid through Circuit A/c.		
TOTALS	276	170	189	280	170	112	119	48	149	2018	6200	8553		1837		2647.17.8	383.19.11	4288.4.0	349.0.0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND OTAGO- SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Part I

GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967

CIRCUITS											CHURCH MEMBERSHIP													BAPT'MS	
	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 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						Other Denoms.
CENTRAL CHURCH AND MISSION	4	1	1	3	3		1	5	234	5	7	22	3	6	5	21		4	9	238	4		6	2	
NORTH DUNEDIN	5		4	2	1			2	192				11		6	11	2	5	16	163		29	6		
DUNEDIN WEST	3	1	3	2	3			2	269	10	1	24			4	16		4	4	276	7		12		
DUNEDIN SOUTH	4		3	2	2			3	306				8	3	1	2	9		1	6	300		6	16	
CORSTORPHINE UNION		1			1			2	47				1			2				46		1	6		
ST. KILDA	4		1	1	1			5	234		1	10			9	14	1	1		220		14	16		
MILTON-LAWRENCE	2	1	2	1	1			1	69				3		1	1	1	4		67		2	6		
BALCLUTHA	2	2	1	1	1			3	121	3	2			3	1	1			8	119		2	9	2	
GORE	4		2	1	1			2	129	1	1	8	1		7	3			2	128		1	15		
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	3		4	2	3			2	302	24	2	13	3	1	8	11		10	1	315	13		24	6	
INVERCARGILL ST. PETERS	3		2	2	2			6	289	5	9	6	1	1	5	15		2		289			26		
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	6	2	4	2	2			3	154	5	5	3			3	4		8	1	161		3	15	3	
BLUFF	2			1	1				66							4				62		4	5		
CENTRAL OTAGO	6		2	1	1			1	105				7		3	9			1	99		6	6		
TOTALS	48	8	29	21	23		1	37	2527	53	28	116	11	13	54	121	3	39	48	2483	24	68	168	13	

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	21	7	6	16	14	12	7	19	30	275	604	1067	31	235	M	433		4504	2809	
												844		200	C					
												923		250	M					
												252								
NORTH DUNEDIN	15	29	19	35	10	6	9	25	6	155	430	939		130	M		89	227		
DUNEDIN WEST	53	31	45	54	45	30	20	20	12	360	1150	912		120	M	21				
												912		120	M					
DUNEDIN SOUTH	45	50	37	78	37	18	18	13		500	1350	924		140	M	380		238		
												924		130	M					
CORSTORPHINE UNION	6	10	8	4	5	7	6	2		310	920	923		135	M					
ST. KILDA	29	52	30	51	19	18	18	5	19	242	682	928		178	M	137		1613	238	
MILTON-LAWRENCE	17	12	11	28	7	5	3			114	361	924		227	M	157		127		
BALCLUTHA	28	12	6	8	7	6	10	3	8	176	528	934		232	M	90				
GORE	37	12	20	27	14	8	7	3		180	550	923		232	M	179		339		
INVERCARGILL CENTRAL	65	40	54	59	40	27	25	7	33	455	1365	924		150	M	140		1419		
												924		120	M					
INVERCARGILL - ST. PETERS	89	60	77	89	48	41	41	23	25	422	1443	924	20	200	M		93	49		
												801	10	150	M					
WESTERN SOUTHLAND	3	25	19	31	15	16	14	7	13	267	854	663		266	M		623	152	48	
												663		271	M					
BLUFF	25	12	8	10	10		4		5	140	500	723		135	M	92		65		
CENTRAL OTAGO	29	18	24	13	13	6	6	7		153	498	924		350	M	63		187		
TOTALS	462	370	364	503	284	200	188	134	151	3749	11235	18875	61	3971			1692	805	8920	3095

METHODIST MAORI MISSION STATISTICS

			Northland	Auckland	Waikato	King Country	Taranaki	TOTALS
General:								
No. of Church Buildings	.....	.....	14	—	—	1	1	16
Other Preaching Places	.....	.....	12	28	51	37	12	140
Parsonages/Mission Houses	.....	.....	2	2	3	2	1	10
Deaconess Cottages	.....	.....	2	—	1	2	2	7
Maori Centres	.....	.....	2	1	1	2	2	8
Hostels	.....	.....	—	2	2	—	1	5

Staff:

No. of Ordained Ministers	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	1	6
No. of Deaconesses	.....	.....	3	4	3	1	2	13
No. of Home Missionaries	.....	.....	1	2	2	—	—	5
No. of Honorary H.M.	.....	.....	9	1	6	3	1	20
No. of Lay Preachers	.....	.....	3	—	6	—	—	9
No. of L.P. on Trial	.....	.....	3	3	3	4	—	13

Membership:

With full status	.....	.....	458	373	757	460	428	2476
Confirmed during year	.....	.....	4	11	1	—	—	16
Adherents	.....	.....	190	190	1327	116	440	2263
Baptisms during year	.....	.....	55	118	135	—	30	338
Deaths during year	.....	.....	6	12	42	6	7	73
Transfers out	.....	.....	6	—	—	—	5	11
Transfers in	.....	.....	2	1	8	—	—	11

Pastoral Care:

No. of families	.....	.....	360	600	1184	734	322	3200
No. of persons	.....	.....	1246	1989	2084	2767	1657	9743

Women's Groups:

No. of Women's Fellowships	.....	.....	10	9	10	7	5	41
No. of Members	.....	.....	80	88	93	52	35	348

Youth Groups:

No. of Sunday Schools	.....	.....	41	1	8	12	10	72
No. of Scholars	.....	.....	384	20	246	180	105	935
No. of Bible Classes	.....	.....	4	—	3	3	6	16
No. of Scholars	.....	.....	31	—	34	40	53	158
No. of Youth Clubs	.....	.....	3	—	3	1	7	14
No. of Members	.....	.....	45	—	38	30	238	351

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1967

	B.S.I.P.	T.P.N.G.	District 1967	1966	Increase	Decrease
A—Buildings:						
No. of Churches	126	138	230	264	—	34
Other Preaching Places	15	17	32	56	—	24
B—Staffing:						
Ministers	20	11	31	27	4	—
Deaconesses	6	4	10	11	—	1
Catechists	16	18	34	31	3	—
Pastors	42	89	131	116	15	—
Pastor/Preachers	62	14	76	109	—	33
Lay Preachers	471	150	621	617	4	—
C—Membership:						
Members	4,569	3,884	8,453	8,306	147	—
Youth Roll	7,592	4,062	11,654	9,466	2,188	—
Adherents	2,360	2,516	4,876	5,184	—	308
D—Young People's Work:						
Sunday Schools	83	71	154	163	—	9
Sunday School Scholars	2,556	2,191	4,747	3,967	780	—
Sunday School Teachers	162	130	292	318	—	26
Bible Classes	51	67	118	102	16	—
Bible Class Members	1,800	651	2,451	2,131	320	—
Bible Class Leaders	113	70	183	137	46	—
Boys' Brigade Companies	14	7	21	22	—	1
Boys' Brigade Boys	458	217	675	595	80	—
Boys' Brigade Officers	22	21	43	36	7	—
Life Boy Companies	5	1	6	1	5	—
Life Boy Members	170	50	220	44	176	—
Life Boy Officers	6	2	8	1	7	—
Girls' Brigade Companies	6	6	12	10	2	—
Girls' Brigade Members	185	291	476	396	80	—
Girls' Brigade Officers	9	10	19	23	—	4
G.L.B. Cadet Companies	3	1	4	6	—	2
G.L.B. Cadet	100	15	115	123	—	8
G.L.B. Cadet Officers	4	1	5	9	—	4
E—Educational:						
Schools	69	28	97	118	—	21
O/S Trained Teachers	6	6	12	11	1	—
Local Trained Teachers	40	62	102	91	11	—
Untrained Teachers	111	13	124	153	—	29
School Boys	1,687	1,060	2,747	3,032	—	285
School Girls	1,430	1,021	1,451	2,814	—	1,363
F—Medical:						
Hospitals	4	4	8	8	—	—
Aid Posts	1	—	1	1	—	—
Aid Posts	2	5	7	15	—	8
Doctors	1	—	1	1	—	—
A.M.O.'s	2	—	2	2	—	—
Nursing Sisters	3	3	6	5	1	—

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1967 (Continued)

	B.S.I.P.	T.P.N.G.	District 1967	1966	Increase	Decrease
Staff Nurses, Dressers	21	3	24	9	15	—
Medical Assistants	19	17	36	36	—	27
G—Women's Groups:						
M.W.F. Groups	99	37	136	33	103	—
M.W.F. Members	2,129	722	2,851	520	2,331	—
H—Overseas Staffing:						
Ministers	7	4	11	12	—	1
Laymen	7	1	8	9	—	1
Laywomen	7	8	15	12	3	—
Volunteers in B.S.I.P.	8	3	11	—	11	—

STATISTICS — NEW GUINEA-HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Buildings:

No. of Churches	134	123	11	—
Other Preaching Places	54	62	—	8

Staffing:

1. From Other Districts:

Ministers in full connexion	—	—	—	—
Ministers on Probation	1	1	—	—
Catechists & Pastors	17	10	7	—
Teachers	9	9	—	—
Other Workers	1	1	—	—

2. Local Staff:

Pastors (St Paul's Graduates)	9	4	5	—
Evangelists	185	170	15	—

3. Overseas Staff:

Ministers in full connexion	7	4	3	—
Ministers on Probation	—	2	—	2
Missionary Laymen	7	5	2	—
Missionary Laywomen	6	7	—	1

Membership:

Local Preachers in full connexion	150	133	17	—
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Church Members:

Confirmed	9,917	7,221	2,696	—
Child	634	299	335	—
Catechumens	2,775	2,699	76	—
Attendance at Worship	17,451	19,226	—	1,775

Baptisms:

Believers	2,296	3,215	—	919
Child	372	61	311	—

Sunday Schools:

No. of Sunday Schools	68	51	17	—
Sunday School Teachers	158	163	—	5
Sunday School Enrollments:				
Children and Adults	6,705	5,134	571	—

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1967 (Continued)

	B.S.I.P.	T.P.N.G.	District 1967	1966	Increase	Decrease
Primary Schools:						
No. of Primary Schools				5	5	—
Primary School Enrollments			441	438	3	—
Children under Religions Instruction and Children in Admin. Schools			967	787	180	—
Literacy Classes:						
No of Literacy Classes			28	15	13	—
Literacy Class Enrollments			671	252	419	—
Bible Study Groups:						
No. of Bible Study Groups			78	77	1	—
No. of Bible Study Group enrollments			4,192	1,948	2,244	—
St Paul's College Enrollments:			23	8	15	—
Amounts Raised Within Circuits:						
Missionary Offerings	\$50.76	\$81.87				\$31.11
Offerings for our support	\$3196.56	\$3189.99		\$6.57		
Church Building Funds	\$845.88	\$286.90		\$558.98		

**BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1967**

		Aola-Moniara	Marovo	Roviana	Gizo	Simbo	Vella	Lavella	Ranonga Sub-Circuit	Choiseul	Central	Total
A—Buildings:												
No. of Churches	.....	4	15	12	6	4	18	17	12	36	2	126
Other preaching places	.....	3	1	1	5	1	2	1	—	1	—	15
B—Staffing:												
Ministers	.....	2	2	4	2	1	2	—	2	3	2	20
Deaconesses	.....	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	6
Catechists	.....	—	2	1	—	—	4	—	—	9	—	16
Pastors	.....	1	11	4	—	—	12	—	10	4	—	42
Pastor Teachers	.....	2	1	3	6	4	4	—	5	33	4	62
Lay Preachers	.....	10	61	51	48	25	149	—	39	84	4	471
C—Membership:												
Members	.....	223	468	395	380	279	671	—	285	1756	112	4569
Youth Roll	.....	300	601	890	668	450	989	—	510	3024	160	7592
Adherents	.....	400	283	270	183	13	599	—	248	248	80	2360
D—Young People's Work:												
Sunday School	.....	3	11	9	5	3	16	—	6	28	2	83
Sunday School Teachers	.....	10	38	15	9	8	20	—	9	50	3	162
Sunday School Scholars	.....	160	398	150	182	189	371	—	195	811	100	2556
Bible Classes	.....	2	11	4	3	3	9	—	2	16	1	51
Bible Class Leaders	.....	3	23	6	3	3	20	—	19	35	1	113
Bible Class Members	.....	20	248	58	85	41	376	—	149	803	20	1800
Boys Brigade Companies	.....	—	1	3	1	1	2	—	3	3	—	14
Boys Brigade Officers	.....	—	2	4	2	2	4	—	5	3	—	22
Boys Brigade Boys	.....	—	27	67	30	36	149	—	51	98	—	458
Life Boys Companies	.....	—	1	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	5
Life Boys Officers	.....	—	2	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	6
Life Boys Members	.....	—	47	35	—	20	68	—	—	—	—	170

Girls Brigade Coys	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	6
Girls Brigade Officers	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	—	3	—	9
Girls Brigade Members	—	—	40	—	—	26	36	—	83	—	185
G.L.B. Cadet Companies	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
G.L.B. Cadet Officers	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
G.L.B. Cadet Members	—	—	30	40	—	—	30	—	—	—	100
E—Educational:											
Schools	—	2	4	10	4	1	13	8	25	2	69
O/S Teachers	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	6
Local Trained Teachers	—	1	3	7	2	3	7	2	13	2	40
Untrained Teachers	—	4	11	13	6	5	17	12	41	2	111
School Boys	—	60	157	352	90	84	368	80	440	56	1687
School Girls	—	60	145	300	96	99	273	71	342	44	1430

TERRITORY PROTECTORATE OF NEW GUINEA STATISTICAL RETURNS

			Kieta	Buin	Teop	Buka	Total
A—Buildings:							
No. of Churches	.....	.....	25	61	30	22	138
No. of Other Preaching Places	.....	.....	1	6	—	10	17
B—Staffing:							
Ministers	.....	.....	1	3	3	4	11
Deaconesses	.....	.....	—	2	1	1	4
Catechists	.....	.....	3	7	4	4	18
Pastors	.....	.....	22	29	25	13	89
Pastor—teachers	.....	.....	—	8	3	3	14
Lay Preachers	.....	.....	24	52	54	20	150
C—Membership:							
Members	.....	.....	835	1160	678	1211	3884
Youth Roll	.....	.....	685	1186	592	1099	4062
Adherents	.....	.....	89	1144	800	483	2516
TOTAL			1609	3990	2070	2793	10462
D—Young People's Work:							
Sunday Schools	.....	.....	15	25	17	14	71
Sunday School Scholars	.....	.....	615	447	372	756	2191
Sunday School Teachers	.....	.....	34	34	20	42	130
Bible Classes	.....	.....	10	47	8	2	67
Bible Class Members	.....	.....	93	333	155	70	651
Bible Class Leaders	.....	.....	10	41	14	5	70
Boys' Brigade Companies	.....	.....	1	1	—	5	7
Boys' Brigade Boys	.....	.....	31	52	—	134	217
Boys' Brigade Officers	.....	.....	2	7	—	12	21
Life Boys Companies	.....	.....	1	—	—	—	1
Life Boy Members	.....	.....	50	—	—	—	50
Life Boy Officers	.....	.....	2	—	—	—	2
Girls' Brigade Companies	.....	.....	1	2	1	2	6
Girls' Brigade Members	.....	.....	62	144	35	50	291
Girls' Brigade Officers	.....	.....	—	5	1	4	10
G.L.B. Cadet Companies	.....	.....	—	—	1	—	1
G.L.B. Cadets	.....	.....	—	—	15	—	15
G.L.B. Cadet Officers	.....	.....	—	—	1	—	1
E—Educational:							
Schools	.....	.....	4	9	7	8	28
O/S Trained Teachers	.....	.....	1	3	1	1	6
Local Trained Teachers	.....	.....	8	24	15	15	62
Untrained Teachers	.....	.....	2	8	—	3	13
School Boys	.....	.....	167	354	219	320	1060
School Girls	.....	.....	131	428	150	312	1021
TOTAL			298	782	369	632	2081
F—Medical:							
Hospitals	.....	.....	—	2	1	1	4
Aid Posts	.....	.....	2	3	—	—	5
Doctors	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—
A.M.O.'s	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—
Nursing Sisters	.....	.....	—	2	1	—	3
Staff nurses, Dressers	.....	.....	—	—	2	1	3
Medical Assistants	.....	.....	2	11	2	2	17

TERRITORY PROTECTORATE OF NEW GUINEA
STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1967 (Continued)

			Kieta	Buin	Teop	Buka	Totals
G—Women's Groups:							
M.W.F. Groups	.....	.. ...	12	8	4	13	37
M.W.F. Members	.....	.....	130	212	80	300	722
H—Overseas Staffing:							
Ministers	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	4
Laymen	.....	.....	—	—	—	1	1
Laywomen	.....	.....	1	4	2	1	8
Volunteers	.....	.....	—	3	—	—	3

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1967

LIABILITIES	
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:	
Overseas Workers' Balances	3,004.84
Sundry Creditors	6,366.25
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Solomon Islands Church Building Funds	9,371.09
	7,493.31
SPECIAL FUNDS:	
Medical	69,329.25
Medical Orderly	1,060.97
Working Capital	20,246.59
Vanes Bequest	1,425.29
Boat Insurance	43,000.00
Boat Replacement	2,743.82
Fire Insurance	29,089.98
Sickness and Accident	2,830.41
South Sea Islands Catechists' Retiring Fund	431.31
Solomon Islands Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund	3,838.98
New Guinea Highlands Appeal	5,111.33
New Guinea Highlands Agriculture	270.92
Refrigerator Replacement	2,744.43
Landrover Replacement	2,986.46
Sundry Solomon Islands Trust Funds	7,378.01
Lepers Fund	8,465.43
Lepers' Trust Board Leprosaria and Clinics, Munda	4,000.00
Lepers' Trust Board Special for Munda 1967	6,000.00
Lepers' Trust Board Nurses' Training Centre, Munda	5,402.68
Lepers' Trust Board New Hospital Centre, B.S.I.P.	1,903.76
Lepers' Trust Board, New Station Bougainville	3,033.95

ASSETS	
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:	
Cash in Hand and in Bank	29,139.70
Sundry Debtors	5,717.13
Stock	34,583.62
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Boats	69,440.45
Solomon Islands District A/c	50,000.00
Solomon Islands District Expenditure Suspense	14,075.60
Sege Plantation Lease	59,928.82
	427.06
INVESTMENTS:	
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	3,480.00
Local Body Stock & Debentures	155,960.00
Mortgages and Loan	2,555.88
Shares and Stock	12,900.30
Savings Banks and National Savings	14,882.13
Commonwealth Savings Bank, T.P.N.G. Govt. Bonds & Shares	22,167.98
Share in Central Mission Bldg.	19,907.09
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	231,853.38
Medical Fund	69,329.25
Medical Orderly	1,060.97
Working Capital	20,246.59
Vanes Bequest	1,425.29
Boat Insurance	43,000.00
Boat Replacement	2,743.82
Fire Insurance	29,089.98
Lepers Vessel Reserve	10,000.00

Lepers' Trust Board, New Hospital Centre, British South Solomons	3,472.69
Lepers' Trust Board, Hospital Centre, Sege	1,426.03
Leprosarium Bequest	439.02
Mission to Lepers' Grant	708.24
Oamaru Special Gift, Buka	1,098.78
Leper Relief Vessel Maintenance	16,172.75
Leper Relief Vessel Maintenance Reserve	10,000.00

METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FUNDS:

Building and Equipment	5,386.34	
Sisters' Salary Emergency	2,000.00	
Teachers' Training	2,258.64	
Nipa Teachers' Salary	4,000.00	
Scholarship for Girls	1,884.19	15,529.17
Building and Equipment Fund		26,297.29
Extension Fund		12,972.45
Solomon Island Jubilee Scholarship Fund		1,755.99
New Guinea Highlands Solomon Islands Support	723.99	
New Guinea Highlands District Account	28,307.92	
New Guinea Highlands Sundry Creditors	1,100.00	
New Guinea Highlands District Reserve	4,029.84	
Vella Lavella Translation	268.85	
M.W.F. Translation	200.00	
Sundry Creditors	1,160.66	
Boat Reserve Account	50,000.00	
Loan at Call	1,600.00	
Solomon Islands District Reserve	5,796.40	
Accumulated Fund	32,187.37	
Solomon Islands History Account Reserve	158.24	
Cliff & Noreen Keightley Educational Trust	320.00	
Fraternal Workers' Fund	243.85	
		<u>\$454,127.50</u>

Sickness Accident Fund	2,830.41	
South Sea Islanders' Retiring Fund	431.31	
Solomon Islands Ministers' and Catechists' Retiring Fund	3,838.98	
Lepers' Trust Board New Hos- pital Centre, B.S.I.P.	1,903.76	
Lepers' Trust Board New Hos- pital Centre, British South Solomons	3,472.69	
Lepers' Trust Board, Hospital Centre, Sege	1,426.03	
Leprosarium	439.02	
Sisters' Salary Emergency	2,000.00	
Oamaru Special Gift, Buka	1,098.78	
New Guinea Highlands Appeal	5,111.33	
General Investments	32,405.17	231,853.38
Residence, General Secretary		3,353.80
Residence, General Secretary, Maintenance Account		1,318.14
Motor Car, Capital		1,599.65
Projector and Tape Recorder		43.62
Stock, Head Office		351.25
New Guinea Highlands Sundry Debtors		12.55
Sundry Debtors		1,183.03
Cash in Bank of New Zealand		20,539.74
		<u>\$454,127.50</u>

G. S. GAPPER,
Treasurer

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — OVERSEAS MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1967

EXPENDITURE		
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:		
Support of Overseas Staff —		
Stipends, including Superannuation and Retiring Funds	48,171.05	
Travel, Freight and Insurance	12,054.45	
Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment	2,954.45	
V.S.O. Expenses	2,214.40	
	<u>65,394.35</u>	
Less Government grants	9,298.80	
	<u>56,095.55</u>	
Grant in aid of District Budget	16,010.64	
		72,106.19
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS DISTRICT:		
Support of New Zealand Staff	9,988.39	
Share of District Expenditure	11,257.29	
	<u>21,245.68</u>	
Less Interest on Appeal Funds	286.12	
		20,959.56
HOME BASE EXPENDITURE:		
General Administration		
General Secretary's Stipend and Allowances	2,013.67	
General Secretary's Travel and Car Expenses	333.72	
General Secretary's House	600.00	
Office Salaries	2,004.30	
Office Rent and Rates	1,234.50	
Printing and Stationery	279.63	
General Office Expenses	553.63	
Telephones	404.28	
Travelling, Board Meeting	105.80	
		7,529.53

INCOME	
Interest, Working Capital	1,310.03
Income Medical Fund	3,762.40
Donations outside Budget	2,654.21
Methodist Women's Fellowship	8,200.00
Connexional Budget	73,121.00
Lepers' Trust Board Grant for Medical Expenses	22,000.00

Publicity and Deputation

Annual Report	80.00	
Material and Travel	908.27	
Subsidy, Open Door and Lotu	902.58	
		1,890.85

Miscellaneous

Audit Fee (2 years)	210.00	
Staff Superannuation	74.66	
Interest on Overdraft	163.44	
Insurances, Employers' Liability and Air Travel (2 years) and Fire	1,062.80	
C.O.M.I.C.A.	98.00	
P.I.C.E. Curriculum	600.00	
Office Equipment	19.95	
Sundry Expenses	325.77	
		2,554.62
Motor Car Depreciation		250.00
Surplus transferred to Accumulated Fund		5,756.89
		<u>\$111,047.64</u>

\$111,047.64

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st JULY, 1967

RECEIPTS

BALANCES AT 31st JULY, 1966:			TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE	
General Account	5,986.10		.....	550.00
Legacies for Disbursement	982.56		EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST	
Ditto — Savings A/c	4,000.00		.....	563.36
E. W. Blackwell Trust	982.06		CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:	
Home Mission Training Conference	216.26		11 months 1966/67 ..	71,280.00
Picture Department	618.42		1 month 1967/68	5,649.00
	12,785.40			76,929.00
Less Removal Expenses (Dr.)	1.28		INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD:	
	12,784.12		Interest etc.	6,794.52
LEGACIES received during year	1,732.00		OTHER RECEIPTS:	
SUNDRY INCOME:			Duplicating	36.42
Maori Circuits	3,149.68		Rent, Connexional Property	13.50
General	732.85		Interest on Current A/c	34.30
	3,882.53		Refunds on a/c previous year	137.50
METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:				221.72
Annual Grant	7,400.00			
Special Grant	800.00			
Smethurst Interest	260.00			
	8,460.00			<u>\$111,917.25</u>

PAYMENTS

LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:			CIRCUIT GRANTS:	
Ohura Circuit	200.00		Northland District:	
New Brighton Trust ..	100.00		North Hokianga	1,050.00
Murchison Parsonage ..	1,000.00		Whangara	250.00
Trentham Parsonage	100.00	1,400.00	Hikurangi	800.00
			Kaikohe-Bay of Islands	500.00
			Whangarei	375.00
			Paparoa	100.00
				3,075.00
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST GRANTS:			Auckland District:	
Wairoa	100.00		Kaipara	425.00
Hikurangi	100.00		Birkenhead	1,250.00
Bombay-Tuakau	150.00		Mahurangi	335.00
Rotorua	100.00		Auckland West	100.00
Te Kuiti	150.00		Bombay-Tuakau	400.00
Upper Hutt	100.00		Whangaparaa	250.00
Wainuiomata	100.00		Onehunga	450.00
Springston	80.00	880.00	Papakura	200.00
			Henderson	600.00
			Papatoetoe	150.00
MAORI MISSION:			Pukekohe	300.00
Maori Mission Account:			Auckland South	200.00
Stipends	38,718.18			4,660.00
Travelling	7,814.68		Waikato-Bay of Plenty District:	
Circuit Expenses	1,822.50		Tauranga	150.00
Circuit Cars	425.00		Taumarunui	200.00
Deaconess Cars	3,750.00		Ngaruawahia	275.00
Investment Funds Board			Kawerau	300.00
Rents	3,875.00		Te Kuiti	450.00
Mission Hill Rent	350.00		Te Puke	450.00
European Minister in Maori Work:			Waihi	500.00
Stipend (part year)	907.66		Hamilton East	350.00
Travelling	250.00		Coromandel	20.00
Rent	200.00		Turangi	314.56
General:			Ohura	600.00
Maori Section N.C.C.	80.00		Putaruru	300.00
South Island Travel ..	200.00		Huntly	300.00
Removal Expenses	368.31		Tokoroa	750.00
	58,761.33		Rotorua	550.00
				5,509.58

HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT — GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st JULY, 1967 (Continued)

Taranaki-Wanganui District:

Inglewood	75.00	
Manapa	275.00	
Taihape	400.00	
		750.00

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:

Waipawa-Waipukurau ..	1,000.00	
Pahiatua	450.00	
Apiti	175.00	
Wairoa	250.00	
		1,875.00

Wellington District:

Paraparamu	100.00	
Eketahuna	300.00	
Taita Union	160.00	
Wainuiomata	223.00	
Upper Hutt	525.00	
Porirua	1,200.00	
		2,508.00

Nelson District:

Westport	400.00	
Reefton	500.00	
Hokitika	400.00	
Murchison	500.00	
		1,800.00

North Canterbury District:

Woolston Lyttelton	375.00	
Springston	820.00	
Spreydon	300.00	
St. Albans	250.00	
Riccarton	200.00	
Rangiora	100.00	
		2,045.00

Otago-Southland District:

Bluff	200.00	
Dunedin Central	300.00	
Western Southland	200.00	
North Dunedin	150.00	
		850.00

CHAPLAINCY GRANTS:

Auckland Hospital	1,374.00	
Oakley Psychiatric		
Hospital	1,125.00	
Porirua Psychiatric		
Hospital	450.00	
Manapouri N.C.C.		
Chaplain	240.00	
		3,189.00

SUNDRY GRANTS:

Church Sites Fund	800.00	
M.S.S.A. (2 years)	120.00	
Te Rahui (T) Hostel ..	400.00	
N.C.C. for W.C.C.	200.00	
Kawhia Church Paint- ing	60.00	
St. Oswald's		
Union Parish	73.33	
		1,653.33

SUPPLIES:

President's Supply	493.96	
Ministerial Supplies ..	161.85	
		655.81

OFFICE AND GENERAL EXPENSES:

Office Salaries	1,812.09	
Staff Superannuation ..	70.00	
Office Rent and Rates ..	1,464.79	
Expenses, Postages, etc.	380.16	
Light, Power and Cleaning	189.00	
Telephone and Tolls	351.40	
Printing and Stationery ..	452.80	
		4,720.24

MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS:

Sundry Travel	75.15	
Bulk Air and Rail Travel A/c:		
Deputations	107.90	
J.C.C.U. and Com- missions	302.70	
Unexpended	72.04	
Rents, Boardroom and Parking	70.00	
Parsonage Allowances ..	90.00	
Insurances	65.85	
Audit Fee	70.00	
Equipment	69.00	
Sundry Expenses	45.10	
Picture Department Maintenance	34.00	
		1,001.74

SUPERINTENDENTS (TWO):

Stipends	3,711.34	
General Allowances	200.00	
Travelling	1,000.00	
I.F.B. Rents	800.00	
		5,711.34

BALANCES 31st JULY, 1967:

General	4,093.50	
Legacies for Disburse- ment (Cash)	1,194.56	
Legacies for Disburse- ment (S.B.)	4,120.00	
E. W. Blackwell Trust ..	665.42	
H. M. Training Con- ference	216.26	
Picture Department	583.42	
	10,873.16	
Less Removal Expenses ..	1.28	
		10,871.88

\$111,917.25

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1967, 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, 1967

RECEIPTS	
Balance, Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/66:	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	982.30
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,400.00
M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62
On account of Capital	4,286.88
On account of Maintenance	286.13
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	10,080.93
CASH ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL:	
Estate S. B. & E. E. White	750.00
Estate J. A. Williams	100.00
Estate M. H. Nightingale	400.00
Estate G. Phillips (additional)	106.92
Estate M. E. Virtue	200.00
Estate A. M. Ramsay	500.00
Estate D. S. Lyon	1,174.01
Estate T. Sinclair	50.00
Anonymous Gift	80.00
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	3,360.93
Less proportion for disbursement	1,512.00
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	1,848.93
LEGACIES, PROPORTION FOR DISBURSEMENT	1,512.00
NEW LOANS AT CALL	63,250.09
REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL LOANS	35,738.54
REPAYMENT OF MORTGAGES	484.29

PAYMENTS	
INTEREST TRANSFERRED TO HOME MISSION FUND:	
Through Mornington	7.00
Through Invercargill	17.50
Direct	6,770.02
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	6,794.52
LEGACIES FOR DISBURSEMENT	1,512.00
CAPITAL INVESTED:	
Special Loans	51,576.74
Post Office Savings Bank	3.33
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	51,580.07
PROPERTIES:	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel River Road	27,882.12
Ratana Pa Cottage	1,580.51
Auckland Maori Parsonage	240.00
Hamilton Maori Parsonage Heaphy Terrace	1,504.93
Hamilton Maori Parsonage Union Street	12,682.70
Kamo Maori Parsonage	79.07
New Plymouth Parsonage Furniture	133.00
Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage	120.84
Tokoroa Maori Parsonage	11,069.65
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	55,292.82
REPAYMENT OF LOANS:	
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	520.00
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	320.00
Kamo Maori Parsonage	87.25
Loans at Call	24,706.25
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	25,633.50

MATURED DEBENTURES, AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL	200.00
NEW CAPITAL:	
Proceeds, Fairfield Sections, Dunedin	1,706.28
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	40.00
Sale of Hamilton Maori Parsonage (Heaphy Tce.)	8,300.00
Hamilton Maori Parsonage Union St. (Gift)	8,000.00
Tokoroa Mission House	500.00
	<hr/> 18,546.28
SINKING FUNDS	3,149.12
THE REV. T. G. & MRS. BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND	99.36
THE REV. THOMAS BUDDLE LIBRARY FUND	10.00
THE REV. GEO. & MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT	51.50
THE E. D. & M. E. JONES TRUST	40.00
NET INTEREST AND RENTS	6,794.52
EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST. Net Rents	2,129.78
MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS. Net Receipts	157.90
	<hr/> \$144,093.24

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST	2,234.68
INTEREST DISBURSED:	
Geo. Buttle Centennial Gift	51.50
Thomas Buddle Memorial Library Fund	10.00
	<hr/> 61.50
BALANCE, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND 31/7/67:	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	877.41
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,499.36
M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62
On Account of Maintenance	444.03
	<hr/> 5,946.42
Less Capital overdrawn	4,962.27
	<hr/> 984.15

\$144,093.24

THE METHODIST HOME MISSION & CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1967

LIABILITIES		
CREDITORS:		
Loans at Call	237,173.79	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund 31/7/66	2,400.00	
Added during year	99.36	
	<u>2,499.36</u>	
Kamo Maori Parsonage Mort- gage	4,793.22	
	<u>244,466.37</u>	
SUNDRY FUNDS:		563.66
Thomas Buddle Memorial Lib- rary Fund	200.00	
George Buttle Centennial Gift Fund	1,000.00	
	<u>1,200.00</u>	
E. D. & M. E. Jones Trust	200.00	
M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	877.41	
A. J. Seamer Legacy A/c	600.00	
RESERVES:		
Working Expenses Mainte- nance A/c	444.03	
Sinking Funds 31/7/66	25,999.02	
Added during year	3,149.12	
	<u>29,148.14</u>	
Investment Reserve	800.00	
Loan Repayment Reserve	6,240.00	
Hostel Painting Reserve	350.00	
	<u>36,982.17</u>	
MAORI CENTRES AND HOSTELS:		
Mortgages:		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	4,243.35	
Less repaid during year	520.00	
	<u>3,723.35</u>	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	2,080.00	
Less repaid during year	320.00	
	<u>1,760.00</u>	
	<u>5,483.35</u>	

ASSETS		
CASH, BANK OF NEW ZEALAND:		
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	877.41	
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	2,499.36	
M. W. F. Emergency Fund	2,125.62	
On Account of Maintenance ..	444.03	
	<u>5,946.42</u>	
Less Capital Overdrawn	4,962.27	
	<u>984.15</u>	
INVESTMENTS:		
Memorial Gifts, Local Body Stock:		
George Buttle Memorial Gift	1,000.00	
Thomas Buddle Library Fund ..	200.00	
	<u>1,200.00</u>	
General:		
Mortgage	386.29	
Government Stock	9,400.00	
Debentures and Stock	44,400.00	
Sundry Shares	11,538.00	
Post Office Savings Bank	78.57	
Space in Central mission Build- ing	24,725.46	
Investment in Gabriel Lyons Trust	2,097.39	
	<u>92,625.71</u>	
Special Loans:		
E. D. & M. E. Jones Trust	40.00	
General	278,872.32	
	<u>278,912.32</u>	
PROPERTIES:		
Parsonages etc.		98,551.20
Maori Hostels and Centres:		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	65,957.37	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	24,598.17	

Capital Receipts to date:

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	42,882.33	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	24,598.17	
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	18,736.67	
Dargaville Maori Centre	4,195.73	
Hawera Maori Centre	4,744.16	
Kawakawa Maori Centre	8,058.45	
Otorohanga Maori Centre	850.00	
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	1,699.51	
Opunake Deaconess Centre	141.00	
		105,906.02

Capital Receipts, Sundry:

Hawera Deaconess Cottage	766.59	
Hokianga Deaconess Cottage	50.00	
Opunake Deaconess Cottage ..	200.00	
Dargaville Deaconess Cottage	4,220.00	
Taheke Deaconess Cottage	350.00	
Hamilton Maori Parsonage	8,000.00	
Kamo Maori Parsonage	270.00	
Takoroa Maori Parsonage	500.00	
Kaeo Property Sales	6,176.82	
Kakariki Avenue Property Sales	2,138.00	
		22,671.41
Fairfield Section Sale		1,706.28

CAPITAL:

Balance 31/7/66	233,661.34	
Add Legacies and Gift	3,360.93	
		237,022.27
Less Transfers to Disbursement		
A/c	1,512.00	
		235,510.27
		<u>\$657,728.90</u>

Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel 27,882.12

23,906.62

Dargaville Maori Centre	51,788.74
Hawera Maori Centre	4,115.68
Kawakawa Maori Centre	4,790.03
Otorohanga Maori Centre	8,744.45
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	6,941.56
Opunake Deaconess Centre	2,825.41
Kawakawa Deaconess Cottage	1,296.63
	68.03

171,126.07

Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	3,731.92
Mt. Wesley, Parsonage Site	2,992.98
Kaeo	4,768.46
Kaeo Farm Development	240.30
Opononi	515.28
Waima	200.00
Kawhia (Te Waitere)	200.00
Raglan	100.00
Ratana Pa Property	1,580.51

14,329.45\$657,728.90

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1967.

In my opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet shows the position of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me and as shown by the Books of the Board at 31st July, 1967.

M. C. COPELAND
AUDITOR

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1967

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Repairs	1,597.84	Rent and Rates	5,093.38
Rates	523.86		
Insurance	599.73		
Commission	264.27		
	<u>2,985.70</u>		
Depreciation	412.50		
Net Income Carried Down	1,695.18		
	<u>5,093.38</u>		<u>5,093.38</u>
Transfer to Capital	343.47		
Transfer to Maintenance Reserve	225.00	Net Income Brought Down	1,695.18
Transfer to Home Mission Fund	563.36		
Transfer to Investment Funds Board	563.35		
	<u>\$1,695.18</u>		<u>\$1,695.18</u>

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1967

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
CAPITAL:		BUILDINGS	20,000.00
Balance 31/7/66	27,401.82	INVESTMENTS:	
Added during year:		National Savings Investment	2,651.85
From Income	343.47	Post Office Savings Bank	52.68
From Interest	376.15	Auckland City Council Stock	4,000.00
	719.62	Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority Stock	5,000.00
	28,121.44	Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board Stock	5,000.00
DEPRECIATION RESERVE:		Manukau County Council Stock	3,000.00
Balance 31/7/66	12,296.20	Waitemata County Council Stock	2,000.00
Added during year:			21,704.53
From Income	412.50	Bank of New Zealand	313.75
From Interest	633.02		
	1,045.52		
	13,341.72		
MAINTENANCE RESERVE:			
Balance 31/7/66	316.15		
Added during year:			
From Income	225.00		
From Interest	13.97		
	238.97		
	555.12		
	<u>\$42,018.28</u>		<u>\$42,018.28</u>

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust for the year ended 31st July, 1967.

In my opinion the foregoing Accounts show the position 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 at 31st July, 1967.

M. C. COPELAND
AUDITOR

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (AUCKLAND)
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

To Purchases	11,380 11 10
Add Stock on Hand 1/7/66	8,216 0 0
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	19,596 11 10
Deduct Stock on Hand 30/6/67	8,096 0 0
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Cost of Goods Sold	11,500 11 10
Gross Profit	4,968 10 4
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	£16,469 2 2

By Sales	16,469 2 2
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	£16,469 2 2

To Advertising and Stationery	370 19 11
Light and Power	127 14 1
Postages	256 18 9
Rent	1,745 18 0
Salaries	2,232 19 3
General Expenses	123 13 10
Insurance	29 13 11
Interest	97 9 1
Telephones	56 0 8
Rates	190 3 3
Travelling Expenses	94 6 4
Repairs and Maintenance	3 9 7
Cartage	5 8 11
Accountancy and Audit	81 5 0
Superannuation	67 10 0
Depreciation — Furniture and Fittings	174 0 0
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	£5,657 10 7

By Gross Profit	4,968 10 4
Net Loss	689 0 3
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	£5,657 10 7

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (AUCKLAND)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		CURRENT ASSETS:	
Bank Overdraft	989 4 6	Cash in Hand	15 18 5
Trade Creditors	1,861 9 11	Stock on Hand	8,096 0 0
Bills Payable	156 12 11	Sundry Debtors	1,940 15 0
Subscriptions in Advance	31 10 0	Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	50 0 0
			1,890 15 0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,038 17 4	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,002 13 5
TERM LIABILITIES:		Superannuation in Advance	95 0 0
Loans	2,900 0 0	Furniture and Fittings	1,746 0 0
CAPITAL:		Less Depreciation (10% D.V.)	174 0 0
Balance at 1/7/66	6,419 16 4		1,572 0 0
Less Net Loss for year	689 0 3		
	5,730 16 1		
	£11,669 13 5		£11,669 13 5

Auditor's Report

I have examined the books and accounts of Epworth Bookroom (Auckland) for the year ended 30th June, 1967, and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts give a true and fair view of the financial affairs for the period.

I have accepted the figures supplied by the Manager for Sundry Debtors and Value of Stock on Hand as at Balance Date.

(signed) H. B. SEDON, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S. **AUDITOR**

HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

Estimates for 1968

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

(1) PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS		7,000
(2) METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:		
Grant	7,400	
Special Gift	800	
Smethurst Interest	260	
		8,460
(3) EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST		1,330
(4) MAORI CIRCUITS		4,560
(5) MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS		650
(6) CONNEXIONAL BUDGET:		
1967-68 Budget (5 months)	31,953	
1968-69 Budget (7 months)	44,731	
		76,684
		<u>\$98,684</u>

ESTIMATED PAYMENTS

NORTHLAND DISTRICT		
Maori Work		
Minister — Stipend	1,896	
Travelling	500	
Parsonage Allowance	30	
Supernumerary Minister—Honorarium	104	
Travelling	250	
Home Missionary—Stipend	1,644	
Travelling	400	
Parsonage Allowance	30	
General Circuit Expenses	200	
Deaconess—Stipend	1,242	
Rent	156	
Provision for Car	300	
Deaconess—Stipend	1,242	
Rent	156	
Provision for Car	300	
Deaconess (Special Arrangement) —		
Stipend		1,320
Travelling		300
Investment Funds Board for Rent —		
Waima		250
Kamo		400
		<u>\$10,720</u>
Circuit Grants		
Kaikohe-Bay of Islands—M&P (R.B.)		1,000
Whangaroa—M.		400
North Hokianga—P		1,200
Hikurangi—Union Arrgt.		500
Whangarei—2M		350
Paparoa—SHM		200
		<u>\$3,650</u>

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—Stipend	1,896
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,644
Travelling	400
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,644
Travelling	400
Rent	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Circuit Expenses	200
Deaconess—Stipend	1,422
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,398
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess Supply—Stipend	1,148
Rent	156
Travelling	50
Investment Funds Board for Rents:	
Tuakau	300
Auckland	500
Manurewa	500
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	\$12,082

Circuit Grants

Auckland South—3M	200
Auckland West—M	200
Henderson—3M	600
Birkenhead—3M	1,100
Onehunga—2M	500
Papatoetoe—2M	400
Bombay-Tuakau—M	600
Kaipara—M	600
Whangapara—P	200
Mahurangi—M	200
Papakura—2M & P	300
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	\$4,900

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

(A) Waikato Circuit

Maori Work

Minister—Stipend	1,896
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Home Missionary—Stipend	1,644
Travelling	150
Provision for Car	250
Parsonage Allowance	30
Home Missionary—Stipend	1,644
Travelling	400
Parsonage Allowance	30
Home Missionary or Probationer —	
Stipend	1,644
Travelling	150
Provision for Car	250
Circuit Car — Travelling	300
General Circuit Expenses	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,422
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,422
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,242
Rent	156

Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—no appointment	
Investment Funds Board for Rents:	
Ngaruawahia	250
Union Street	500
Tokoroa	400

\$15,822

(B) King Country Circuit

Minister—Stipend	1,896
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Probationer—Stipend	1,644
Travelling	400
Probationer—Stipend	1,488
Rent	156
Travelling	400
H.M. Supply—Honorarium	104
Deaconess—no appointment	
Deaconess—Stipend	1,422
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Investment Funds Board for Rents:	
Kawhia	300
Te Kuiti	400

\$9,196

Circuit Grants:

Waihi—M	500
Ngaruawahia—M	400
Huntly—M	400
Putaruru—P	100
Tokoroa—M	650
Rotorua—M & P	400
Taupo—M	800
Te Puke—M	500
Whakatane-Kawerau—M	400
Te Kuiti—P	600
Taumarunui—M	300
Turangi Union Parish—2M	1,000
Ohura—P	600
Tauranga—3M	200

\$6,850

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—Stipend	1,896
Travelling	500
Parsonage Allowance	30
Minister—Stipend	1,896
Travelling	400
Parsonage Allowance	30
Circuit Expenses	150
Deaconess—Stipend	1,368
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Deaconess—Stipend	1,242
Rent	156
Provision for Car	300
Investment Funds Board for Rents:	
Hawera	400
Greys Institute Trust for Rent:	
New Plymouth	350

\$9,074

Circuit Grants	
Manaiā—M	350
Taihape—P	400
Inglewood—M	250
	<u>\$1,000</u>

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Circuit Grants	
Wairoa—P (R.B.)	500
Pahiatua—M	400
Apiti—M	200
Waipawa-Waipukurau—P	500
	<u>\$1,600</u>

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Circuit Grants	
Porirua—3M	1,100
Upper Hutt—M & P (R.B.)	1,200
Paraparaumu—M	200
Eketahuna—HMP	500
Taita Union	160
Wainui-o-mata Union	300
Newlands Union	460
	<u>\$3,920</u>

NELSON DISTRICT

Murchison—P	600
Reefton—M	800
Hokitika—M (R.B.)	500
	<u>\$1,900</u>

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Circuit Grants	
Woolston-Lyttleton—2M & P	350
Spreydon—2M	200
Riccarton—2M	300
Springston—2M	1,000
	<u>\$1,850</u>

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Circuit Grants	
North Dunedin—M	400
Western Southland—M & P	500
Bluff—P	250
West Dunedin—Union Parish	200
	<u>\$1,350</u>

GENERAL PAYMENTS

Maori Work

South Island Deaconess —	
Honorarium	104
Travelling	52
Hostel Subsidies	400
Deaconess Car Depreciation	300
Additional Travel	1,300
South Island Travel	200
Maori Section, N.C.C.	80
	<u>2,436</u>

General Grants

Church Sites Fund	800
N.Z.M.S.S.A.	60
	<u>860</u>

Chaplaincies

Auckland Hospital Chaplain	
(½)	1,300
Southland N.C.C. Chaplain	
Manapouri	340
Porirua Hospital (with PSSA)	900
Oakley Hospital (with PSSA)	900
	<u>3,440</u>

Miscellaneous

H.M. Publicity and General	700
Staff Insurance	80
Ministerial Supplies	400
President's Supply (½)	900
Share of "Lotu"	270
	<u>2,350</u>

Superintendents (2)

Stipends	3,792
Travelling	1,000
General Allowances	200
Parsonage Allowances	60
Investment Funds Board —	
Rents	1,000
	<u>6,052</u>

Office Expenses

Book-keeping, Secretarial and	
Wages	1,900
Office, Interest and Rates	1,450
Light, cleaning, etc.	200
Telephones, Tolls and Post-	
ages	450
Printing and Stationery	500
	<u>4,500</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$103,552

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES FOR CONNEXIONAL YEAR, 1968

RECEIPTS	
Properties and Investments	7,000
Methodist Women's Fellowship	8,460
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	1,330
Maori Circuits	4,560
Miscellaneous Donations etc.	650
Connexional Budget, 1967/68	31,953
Connexional Budget, 1968/69	44,731
* Estimated deficit	4,868
	<u>\$103,552</u>

PAYMENTS	
Maori Work	59,330
Circuit Grants	27,020
Chaplaincies	3,440
General and Miscellaneous	3,210
Superintendents (2)	6,052
Office e'tc.	4,500
	<u>\$103,552</u>

* The Home Mission Fund carried forward a Credit at the 1st August, 1967 of \$4,093.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1967
GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Bank of N.Z. Balance 30/6/66	—	113	18 0	Bank of N.Z. Draft to Cato Lecture ex O.V. Fund	—	65	0 2
Bank of N.Z. Interest	—	2	5 8	Study on Evangelism	—	60	0 11
Transfer from Overseas Visitors Fund	—	65	0 2	Tolls and Stamps	—	11	2 10
Withdrawal from H.M. and Investments Funds	—	50	0 0	Stationery	—	4	11 0
Connexional Budget	—	100	0 0	Travelling	—	88	6 0
Other	—	2	0 0	Overseas Visitors Fund	—	25	0 0
Refund Cheque Forms	—		8 10	'Arahina' Booking	—	3	3 6
				Duplicating and Other	—	3	14 3
				Credit Balance, 30/6/67	—	72	14 0
		£333	12 8			£333	12 8
H.M. and Investments Funds Board	—	300	0 0	Balance 30/6/67 Bank of N.Z.	—	72	14 0
Less Withdrawal	—	50	0 0	H.M. and Investment Funds Board	—	260	10 0
		250	0 0			£333	4 0
Interest	—	10	10 0				
		£260	10 0				

OVERSEAS VISITORS FUND

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Post Office Savings Bank 30/6/66	—	221	4 1	Prof. Clinebell	—	12	0 0
General Account ex Connexional Budget	—	25	0 0	Prof. Rupp—Travelling, Cato Lectureship ex Tasman Fares	—	65	0 2
Post Office Savings Bank Interest	—	5	4 6	Post Office Savings Bank 30/6/67	—	167	13 5
		£251	8 7			£251	8 7
H.M. and Investment Funds Board	—	400	0 0	Balance 30/6/67 Post Office Savings Bank	—	167	13 5
Interest	—	14	0 0	H.M. and Investment Funds Board	—	414	0 0
		£414	0 0			£581	13 5

Audited and found correct.
 27th July, 1967.

E. E. CALLAGHAN.
 A. W. WHITLOCK.

**NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1967**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			\$				\$
Missions, General Account	—	—	—	Credit Balances National Bank	—	—	29,580.04
Stamps, etc. Fund	—	—	—	Loan at Call, Methodist Home Mission Department	—	—	4,456.00
Overseas Travel Fund	—	—	—	Deposits, General Purposes Trust Board	—	—	4,261.19
"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Hostel:				Drainage Board Debentures	—	—	9,000.00
Revenue Account	—	—	6,482.97	Properties:			
Maintenance, Stail and Legacy Accounts	—	—	1,147.11	"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Hostel	—	—	14,229.60
Emergency Account	—	—	3,583.60	Smethurst Estate	—	—	8,000.00
Bequest Account	—	—	1,000.00				
Capital and Depreciation Account	—	—	4,261.19				
Property Account	—	—	14,229.60				
			30,704.47				
Smethurst Estate:							
Revenue Accounts	—	—	2,915.38				
Investment Account	—	—	8,000.00				
Property Account	—	—	8,000.00				
			18,915.38				
Sundry Creditors	—	—	96.20				
			\$69,526.83				\$69,526.83

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, 1967.

J. TRAEHEN, Treasurer.

W. T. WALTON, A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,
Auditor.

**SUMMARY OF CAPITAL FUNDS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AS AT
31st AUGUST, 1967**

"Kurahuna" Capital and Depreciation Account:

					\$	\$
Credit Balance 1/9/66 (£2,026/7/9)	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,052.72	
Depreciation Reserve 1 year	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.60	
Interest Accrued 1 year	.....	.....	.....	.....	161.81	
					<u> </u>	<u>4,261.19</u>

"Kurahuna" Bequest Account:

Credit Balance 1/9/66 (£500)	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	
Interest Accrued 1 year	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.39	
					<u>1,040.39</u>	
Less Interest transferred to Revenue Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.39	
					<u> </u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Smethurst Estate Investment Account:

Credit Balance 1/9/66 (£4,000)	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,000.00	
Interest Accrued 1 year	.....	.....	.....	.....	260.00	
Less Payment to Maori Mission Department towards Stipend Maori Minister	.....	.....	.....	.....	260.00	
					<u> </u>	<u>8,000.00</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME									
Balances in Banks and Loan at Call 31/8/66 (£16,564/5/7)							\$		\$
Contributions from Districts as Summary:								33,128.57	
Membership Fees								965.02	
Missions, General Account								23,265.72	
Kurahuna								4,529.54	
Stamps, etc. Fund								4,341.08	
Legacies								362.52	
Other Objects								1,334.07	
									34,797.95
Interest:									
Missions Account								357.41	
Kurahuna Emergency Account								113.22	
National Executive Expense Account								4.27	
									474.90
1966 Stamp Fund Allocation Returned (Fraternal Worker)									30.00
Sale of Reports									4.05
Sale of World Federation Handbooks									63.20
Refund Officers' Travelling Expenses									9.52
Smethurst Estate — Rents, Interest, etc.									1,111.49

\$69,619.74

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1967.**

EXPENDITURE									
1966 Convention Resolutions:									
Home Mission Department Grant (£3,700)								7,400.00	
Additional Gift (£400)								800.00	
								\$	\$
Overseas Missions Department Grand (£3,700)								7,400.00	
Additional Gift (£400)								800.00	
Special Objective: Towards Methodist Share in establishing a Church Community at Turangi (£2,500)								5,000.00	
National Treasurer's Honorarium (£156)								312.00	
Epsom Church Trust for use of Office and Telephone								20.00	
Stamps etc. Fund Allocations (£2,270/14/7)								4,541.46	
Combined Overseas Workers' Grants (Medical, Educational and Gift Box Funds) (£1,125)								2,250.00	
									28,523.46
Kurahuna Revenue Account (£2,164/10/7)									4,329.05
Grants to 3 Deaconesses in Circuit Work Omitted from List of Participants in 1966 Stamp Fund Allocation (£30)									60.00
Allowances 2 Deaconess Trainees 1966 1 quarter								26.00	
Allowances 1 Deaconess Trainee 1967 3 quarters								39.00	
									65.00
Sister Eleanor Dobby; Annual Grant									48.00
Depreciation Reserve Kurahuna Capital and Depreciation A/c									46.00
Distribution 1967 "Other Objects" as specified by Districts (excluding Executive Expenses)									1,283.52
Distribution 1967 Legacy Account:									
Estate Late Miss Griffin for Kurahuna Maintenance								40.00	
Estate Late Miss Lawton for Site Development Kihili Girls' School								322.52	
									362.52
Travelling Expenses									423.51
Printing and Stationery									411.20
General Expenses									115.25
Part Telephone Rental Box Organiser									17.00
Insurance Premium									1.88
Overseas Missions Dept. Towards Cost Producing Bulletin									20.00
Subscriptions: World Fellowship Methodist Women								36.00	
National Council of Women								8.00	
									44.00
Smethurst Estate—Sundry Disbursement									979.82
									36,730.81
Credit Balances:									
Missions, General Account								15,313.02	
Kurahuna Revenue Account								6,482.97	
Stamps, etc. Fund								4,311.08	
Kurahuna Emergency Account								3,583.60	
Smethurst Estate								2,915.36	
Overseas Travel Fund								282.88	
									32,888.93

\$69,619.74

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
	\$	£	s.	d.		\$	£	s.	d.
Directors' Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances	6,904.29	3,452	2	11	Budget	14,600.00	7,300	0	0
Office Salaries and Superannuation	3,481.43	1,740	14	4	Bookroom Grants	2,600.00	1,300	0	0
Office Accommodation	312.00	156	0	0	Interest	6.25	3	2	6
Parsonage Property Expenses	207.73	103	17	4	Adult Summer Conference	7.25	3	12	6
Grants—D.E.C.'s	380.00	190	0	0	Family Camps	12.18	6	1	9
Travelling Expenses	1,153.30	576	13	0	Excess Expenditure over Income	307.14	153	11	5
Christian Education Handbook	828.99	414	9	11					
Home Sunday School and Bible Class	745.52	372	15	2					
Printing and Stationery	1,294.42	647	4	2					
Postages	347.87	173	18	8					
General Expenses	753.76	376	17	7					
Insurances	257.30	128	13	0					
Order of St. Stephen									
National C.Y.M.M. Council	316.80	158	8	0					
Missionary Education	27.38	13	13	9					
Leadership Training	37.01	18	10	1					
Audio Visuals	67.79	33	17	11					
Camping Commission	73.53	36	15	4					
Curriculum Conference	343.70	171	17	0					
	\$17,532.82	£8,766	8	2		\$17,532.82	£8,766	8	2

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967.

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	\$		£	\$		£
Sundry Creditors	1,437.09		718 10 11	Wellington District Savings Bank:		
Home Mission Board Loan	2,007.38		1,003 13 9	Special Appeal Fund	1,084.22	542 2 2
Special Reserves:				Car Fund	758.64	379 6 5
Special Appeal	4,211.72	2,105 17 2		Special Purposes		
Car Fund	1,066.14	533 1 5		Fund	1,890.39	945 3 11
Special Purposes	3,075.39	1,537 13 11		New Ventures Fund	1,395.77	697 17 8
New Ventures	2,855.99	1,427 19 11		Furniture Fund	534.51	267 5 2
Parsonage Furniture	534.52	267 5 2		Depreciation Fund	85.40	42 14 0
	11,743.76		5,871 17 7		5,748.93	2,874 9 4
Other Reserves:				Sundry Debtors	1,003.59	501 15 11
Overseas Missions	41.22	20 12 2		Wellington Parsonage		
Home Missions	40.83	20 8 3		Property	10,540.53	5,270 5 4
Operation Solomons	117.50	58 15 0		Parsonage Furniture	1,210.00	605 0 0
Project Protein	24.00	12 0 0		Office Equipment	1,035.35	517 13 6
Ambassadors to Asia	28.78	14 7 10		Films	201.24	100 12 4
Books for Solomons	14.93	7 9 3		Loan to Transport Trust		
Tools for Teachers	27.30	13 13 0		Board	1,500.00	750 0 0
Youth Conference	689.84	344 18 5		Loan on Mortgage	3,000.00	1,500 0 0
Tools for Teachers				Stock—Printing and		
—Maori	53.00	26 10 0		Stationery	819.66	409 16 7
Lift the Library	40.40	20 4 0		Cash on Hand & Bank	64.55	32 5 6
Stock the Science				Payments in Advance	87.90	43 19 0
Block	75.14	37 11 5		Bank A/c. (No. 2 A/c.)	713.62	356 16 2
Pacific Theological						
College	133.78	66 17 10				
	1,286.72		643 7 2			
Accumulated Funds:						
Balance 1/7/65	9,757.56	4,878 15 8				
Less Excess Expendi-						
ture over Income	307.14	153 11 5				
	9,794.13		4,725 4 3			
	\$25,925.37		£12,962 13 8		\$25,925.37	£12,962 13 8

F. W. G. CLARIDGE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,

Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1967

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£ s.	d.	£ s.	d.	£ s.	d.
Accumulated Funds ————	151,591	2 3				
Plus Bequests and Contributions ————	12,324	11 10				
	<hr/>		163,915	14 1		
Church Extension Grants as at 31st May,						
1966 —————	18	14 0				
Amount Received Connexional Budget ————	21,978	0 0				
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	21,996	14 0				
Less Grants to Trinity College ————	7,326	0 0				
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	14,670	14 0				
Less Transfer to Accumulated Funds ————	7,326	0 0				
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	7,344	14 0				
Less Grants:						
Upper Hutt ————	175	0 0				
Stoke ————	1,000	0 0				
Upper Riccarton ————	1,350	0 0				
Manurewa-Homai ————	1,500	0 0				
Lynfield ————	2,000	0 0				
Halswell ————	500	0 0				
Hillcrest ————	800	0 0				
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	7,325	0 0				
Trust Accounts ————			19	14 0		
Sites Fund Account:			245	16 3		
Balance as at 31/5/66 ————	1,963	4 8				
Less Revenue Account ————	35	13 3				
	<hr/>		1,927	11 5		
Administration Account:						
Capital ————			300	0 0		
Balance as at 31/5/66 ————	1,567	5 4				
Less Transfer from Revenue ————	129	19 7				
	<hr/>		1,437	5 9		
	<hr/>		£167,846	1 6	£167,846	1 6

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, 1967.

H. de R. FLESHER,
W. R. LAWS,
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, 1967.

To Loans as at 31/5/66	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.	By Loans Repaid	—	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.
New Loans Advanced	—	—	—	—	143,393	4	5	Loans as at 31/5/67	—	—	—	—	—	23,750	10	10
					41,589	10	0							161,232	3	7
					£184,982	14	5							£184,982	14	5

SITES FUND ACCOUNT

To Grants:				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Contributions:					£	s.	d.
Hastings	—	—	—	100	0	0				Home Mission Department	—	—	—	—	400	0	0
Tokoroa	—	—	—	150	0	0				Fire Insurance Fund	—	—	—	—	500	0	0
Avondale	—	—	—	200	0	0				Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	64	6	9
Waiuku	—	—	—	250	0	0				Balance	—	—	—	—	35	13	3
Roskill-Sandringham	—	—	—	300	0	0											
					1,000	0	0										
					£1,000	0	0								£1,000	0	0

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

To Administration Charges	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.	By Working Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.
Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	—	1,300	0	0	Interest	—	—	—	—	—	1,121	3	1
					263	3	8	Commission	—	—	—	—	—	186	0	3
					£1,563	3	8	Balance to Capital	—	—	—	—	—	126	0	9
														129	19	7
														£1,563	3	8

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

[illegible]

We have examined the Book and Accounts of of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1967 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, 1967, as shown by the Books.

A. F. MARTIN, Auditor.

T. L. HAMES, Member.

I. M. IZARD, Secretary.

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EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
						9,064 11 5					
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations:						Rent					
No. 1 Block						Interest:					
No. 2 Block						Bank of New Zealand					
No. 3 Block						N.Z. Government Stock					
Cottages, etc.						Debentures and Registered Stock					
						P.O. Savings Bank					
						Mortgages					
Insurance Premiums						2,930 1 3					
Rates											
Sundries:											
Audit Fee											
Land Tax											
Legal Costs re Chapman Street											
Sundries											
Secretary's Salary											
Commission on Rent, etc. Collected											
Surplus for the Year											
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Fixed Liabilities:									
National Mutual Life Association — — — — —									
Mortgages Secured Over the I.B.M. Building and the Land upon which it stands — — — — —									
51,853	No. 1—6½%	£60,000	Less Repaid	—	—	—	—	16,500	43,500
	No. 2—7%	£18,000	Less Repaid	—	—	—	—	400	17,600
									<u>61,100</u>
									62,451
Accumulated Funds:									
170,316	Balance at June 30th. 1966 — — — — —							170,316	
	Plus Surplus Transferred from Profit and Loss Account — — —							<u>14,782</u>	
								185,098	
<u>224,204</u>									<u>£247,549</u>
1. Contingent Liabilities:									
A contract has been let to D. A. Morris for drainage £220.									
A contract has been let to Bamboo Nurseries for planting £270.									
2. Valuation:									
The 1965 valuation of the property stated above as 1958 valuation									
£116,000 to be now valued at £243,000.									
3. Sinking Funds:									
Reversionary bonuses amounting to £1,569 have been declared on the									
sinking fund No. 1 but have not been brought into the accounts.									

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 30th June, 1967.

Auckland, July, 1967.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For Year Ended June 30th, 1967

		£	£
Income:			
5,839	Shops	5,895	
3,282	Rembrandt Private Hotel	3,507	
1,228	Car Parks	1,677	
9,611	Commercial Buildings	12,519	
685	Other Income		
20,645			23,598
Expenses:			
200	Administration	200	
21	Advertising	74	
6	Bank Charges	10	
1,105	Insurance	560	
	Interest—Bank	33	
3,487	National Mutual Life	4,296	
152	Land Tax	572	
6	Legal Expenses		
21	Printing and Stationery	27	
390	Property Maintenance	24	
150	Property Supervision	162	
322	Rates	326	
33	Rent Negotiation I.B.M. Building	354	
689	Rent Collection	759	
	Share—Cleaning etc. I.B.M. Building	479	
615	Repairs Buildings	639	
38	Sundry Expenses	36	
7,235			8,551
13,410	Net Profit for Year		15,047
Grants:			
90	Assistance W. Chapman	65	
200	Trinity College	200	
290			265
£13,120	Surplus Transferred to Accumulated Funds		£14,782

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FROM 1st JULY, 1966 TO 30th JUNE, 1967

EXPENDITURE								INCOME							
							£ s. d.								£ s. d.
Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—	451 0 0	Interest Harbour Bridge Loan No. 9	—	—	—	292 10 0			
Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	33 15 6	Interest Government Stock	—	—	—	290 10 0			
Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—	136 6 4	Interest Bank of New Zealand	—	—	—	12 1 10			
								Interest A.S.B. Investment Account	—	—	—	20 0 0			
								Interest A.S.B. General Account	—	—	—	6 0 0			
							<u>£621 1 10</u>					<u>£621 1 10</u>			

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

LIABILITIES								ASSETS							
							£ s. d.					£ s. d.			£ s. d.
Trust Fund Account	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,810 0 0	N.Z. Govt Inscribed Stock 5% 1974-76	—	—	—	5,810 0 0			
Income Account	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,249 1 11	Auck. Harb. Bridge Loan No. 9 4½% 1971	—	—	—	6,000 0 0			
								Cash Balances—							
								Auckland Savings Bank	—	—	—	211 17 10			
								A.S.B. Investment Account	—	—	—	500 0 0			
								Bank of New Zealand	—	—	—	537 4 1			
							<u>£13,059 1 11</u>					<u>1,249 1 11</u>			
												<u>£13,059 1 11</u>			

Audited and found correct.

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., P.C.L.S.
Auckland, 10th July, 1967.

L. W. PEAK, Chairman.
E. E. SAGE, Secretary.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

To General Expenses	---	---	---	---	---	---	£	s.	d.	By Interest	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	£	s.	d.
Land Tax	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	6	8	Rents	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,372	12	8
Secretarial Fee	---	---	---	---	---	---	101	7	8		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,969	5	0
Travelling Expenses	---	---	---	---	---	---	100	0	0		---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
Balance Carried Down	---	---	---	---	---	---	15	7	4		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	£3,341	17	8
							3,109	16	0											
							£3,341	17	8											
To Rangiatea Maori College	---	---	---	---	---	---	£	s.	d.	By Balance	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	£	s.	d.
Masterton Children's Home	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,200	0	0		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,109	16	0
							1,909	16	0											
							£3,109	16	0									£3,109	16	0

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967

372	Capital Account	---	---	---	---	£	s.	d.	Wellington Property	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	£	s.	d.
	Masterton Home:					70,700	15	1	Masterton Property	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	30,430	0	0
	Capital Account	---	---	---	---	27,939	6	10	Foxton Property	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21,093	19	2
	Add Bequests	---	---	---	---	650	0	0	New Zealand Government Stock	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,660	0	0
						28,589	6	10	New Zealand Government Stock	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,307	6	2
	Current Account	---	---	---	---	300	16	1	(Newcombe Trust)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	51	5	0
	Newcombe Trust	---	---	---	---	51	0	0	Loans on Mortgage	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25,330	16	11
	Prize Fund	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Deposit Transport Trust Board	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	500	0	0
	Add Interest	---	---	---	---	11	0	0	Post Office and National Savings Accounts	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,938	4	0
						62	5	0	A.N.Z. Bank Limited	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,744	2	0
	Rangiatea Maori College Trust	---	---	---	---	600	0	0	Shares Wairarapa Building Society	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	200	0	0
									Masterton Home Current Account	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
									Sundry Debtors	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	0	0
									Rent and Interest Accrued	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	989	9	9
						£100,253	3	0									£100,253	3	0	

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, 1967, and have received all the information and explanations that I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Board.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

EMSLEY TRUST

Interest from National Savings Account
Interest on Debentures to 1/3/67

By Trinity College

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Capital
Income

Auckland Electric Power Board Debentures, 5% 1/3/70
Deposit at Nat. Savings Investment Account No. 1/9553

R. EVANS,
A. F. MARTIN,

I. M. IZARD, for Treasurer:
14th July, 1967.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June, 1967.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	—	19	10	0	Rentals	—	6,112	9	7
Interest on Home Mission Department Loans	—	59	2	2	Noting Fees	—	4	14	6
Land Tax	—	545	2	1	Bank Interest	—	35	18	10
Postages	—	13	15	10					
Secretary	—	350	0	0					
Grants to Rangiatea Maori College Trust	—	1,600	0	0					
Audit Fees	—	12	12	0					
Improvements Mission Hill Parsonage Property	—	570	12	4					
City Rates	—	16	17	4					
Legal Costs, Renewal of Leases	—	354	4	0					
Insurances	—	6	9	8					
Sundries	—	17	15	11					
		3,566	1	4					
Surplus for Year	—	2,587	1	7					
		£6,153	2	11			£6,153	2	11

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as at 1/7/66	—	1,561	3	2	Balance at Bank of New South Wales	—	2,148	4	9
Add Surplus for Year	—	2,587	1	7					
		4,148	4	9					
Less Final Payment on H.M. Loan Account	—	2,000	0	0					
		£2,148	4	9			£2,148	4	9

LOAN ACCOUNT (Home Mission Board)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Owing as at 1/7/66	£2,000	0	0	Repaid During Year	£2,000	0	0

I hereby certify that I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet of the Grey Institute Trust for the year ending 30th June, 1967. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been banked and vouchers produced for all payments. I have also checked the various lessees accounts and found same in order.

New Plymouth, 24th August, 1967.

G. V. DUFF, Auditor.

W. P. OKEY.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year ended 30th June, 1967

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
			£	s. d.			£	s. d.	
Grant to Rangiatea Trust	—	—	300	0 0	Rent	—	1,045	0 0	
General Expenses	—	—	8	3 10	Interest on Depreciation Fund Investment	—	79	9 9	
Interest (State Advances Mortgage)	—	—	87	0 9	Interest Bank of N.S.W.	—	9	7 11	
Depreciation Reserve Account	—	—	150	0 0	Interest Home Mission Investment Board	—	35	4 3	
Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	623	17 4	(Loan from Maori Hostel Reserve Account)	—			
			£1,169	1 11			£1,169	1 11	

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
			£	s. d.			£	s. d.	
State Advances Mortgage	—	—	2,137	7 5	Farm Property	—	15,276	8 0	
Less Repaid	—	—	110	5 9	Less Depreciation Reserve	—	1,350	0 0	
			2,027	1 8			13,926	8 0	
Loan Account	—	—	412	10 0	Sundry Debtors	—	225	0 0	
Less Repaid	—	—	145	0 0	Bank of N.S.W. Current Account	—	455	0 8	
			267	10 0	Maori Boys Hostel Reserve Fund	—	842	5 5	
Accumulated Fund	—	—	14,292	7 3	Depreciation Fund Investment Account:				
Plus Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	623	17 4	Post Office Savings Bank Account	—	212	2 2	
			14,916	4 7	Local Body Loans	—	1,550	0 0	
			£17,210	16 3			1,762	2 2	
							£17,210	16 3	

ALAN O. JONES, Chairman.

E. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

I certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Kai Iwi Mission Estate for the year ended 30th June, 1967, and in my opinion the above accounts and balance sheet show the true financial position of the Trust at 30th June, 1967.

D. R. SMART, Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1967

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds	—	78,800	0	0				Mortgage Investments	—	26,363	16
Plus Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	—	7,826	15	9				Mortgage Interest Accrued	—	287	14
					86,626	15	9				
Investment Contingency Reserve	—				3,447	0	4	Debenture and Govt. Stock Investments	58,559	8	6
Sundry Creditors	—				128	7	5	Debenture Interest Accrued	—	936	9
Natural Calamities Fund	—				1,558	18	10				
										59,495	18
								Premiums Due	—	3,111	4
								Government War Damage Due	—	2,374	1
								Bank of New Zealand	—	128	6
					£91,761	2	4			£91,761	2

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, 1967.

B. A. CAYGILL,
W. A. LAWS,
Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
F. M. SOWDEN, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Auditors.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1967

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Administration Charges	—	2,000	0 0	Premiums and Commissions	—	5,030	14 9
Stationery and General	—	164	18 4	Mortgage Interest	—	1,245	18 7
Balance to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account	—	7,481	8 9	Mortgage Interest Accrued	—	287	14 8
				Debenture Interest	—	1,970	19 2
				Debenture Interest Accrued	—	936	9 7
				Deposit Interest	—	174	10 4
		£9,646	7 1			£9,646	7 1

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT AS AT 31st MAY, 1967

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Recommended Grants	—	6,400	0 0	Balance as at 31st May, 1966	—	345	7 0
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	—	1,400	0 0	Transfer from Revenue Account	—	7,481	8 9
Balance Forward	—	26	15 9				
		£7,826	15 9			£7,826	15 9

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

EXPENDITURE										INCOME										
£ s. d.										£ s. d.										
378	To									By										£ s. d.
	Salaries	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,424	8	1	Appropriations	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,277 0 0
	Office Rent	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	380	0	0	Registration Fees	---	---	---	---	---	---	52 16 6
	Telephone and P.O. Charges	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	162	3	11	Board Room Rents	---	---	---	---	---	---	33 15 0
	Stationery and General	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	359	4	3	Bank Interest	---	---	---	---	---	---	25 3 10
	Interest Account	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75	0	0	Budget Account	---	---	---	---	---	---	550 0 0
	Depreciation on Office Equipment	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	680	16	0								
	House Property—17 Merivale Lane:																			
	Repairs and Furnishings	---	---	---	---	---	238	6	10											
	Rates	---	---	---	---	---	61	2	6											
	Insurance	---	---	---	---	---	8	0	0											
	Interest	---	---	---	---	---	52	10	0											
Surplus	---	---	---	---	---				359 19 4											
									497 3 9											

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th, 1967

	LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Current Liabilities:					Current Assets:				
Sundry Creditors				55 16 1	Bank of New Zealand	94	1	8	
Bank of New Zealand				—	Sundry Debtors	52	8	9	
Fixed Liabilities:									146 10 5
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund—					Fixed Assets:				
House Mortgage	1,750	0	0		House Property—17 Merivale Lane	2,621	12	5	
Loan General Purposes Trust Board	1,500	0	0		Furniture—17 Merivale Lane	1,076	3	5	
				3,250 0 0	Office Equipment (at cost) 3,403 19 9				
Reserves:					Less Depreciation	680	16	0	
Salaries Fluctuation Reserve				500 0 0		2,723	3	9	
Capital Account:									6,420 19 7
Balance as at 30/6/66	2,264	10	2						
Plus Surplus	497	3	9						
				2,761 13 11					
				£6,567 10 0					£6,567 10 0

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee for the year ended 30th June, 1967. 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, 1967.

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

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account	106,546	15	2	Freehold Land	9,525	5	3
Organ Fund	2,072	3	7	College Buildings	52,944	2	7
Loan Probert Trust	6,000	0	0	Additions	11,258	9	1
Loan Church Building Fund	1,424	15	0				
Bank of New Zealand No. 1 Account	212	0	10	Chapel	64,202	11	8
Staff Houses Account	500	0	0	Organ	11,470	13	1
House Account	606	1	9	Furniture and Fittings	2,834	16	10
Building Fund	196	8	9	Additions	6,784	6	9
Deposits from Students and Special Funds	557	18	0		381	18	6
	£118,116	3	1	Contents Library	7,166	5	3
				Houses:	4,000	0	0
				134 Craffton Road	2,834	9	6
				Ranston House	9,974	9	5
				Buttle House:			
				2 Beckham Place	5,175	0	0
				Less Mortgage	3,000	0	0
				Shares (South British Insurance)	2,175	0	0
				Auckland Savings Bank	1,440	0	0
				Bank of New Zealand	632	3	7
				Bank of New Zealand No. 2 Account	500	0	0
				House Account Bank Balance	196	8	9
					1,163	19	9
					£118,116	3	1

I have examined the books, vouchers and bank statements of the Trinity Methodist Theological College Council, and have compared them with the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1967, and certify that in my opinion the Balance Sheet shows the correct position of the affairs of the Council as at that date.

17th August, 1967.

JOHN B. SALMON, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE — GENERAL ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year Ended 30th June, 1967

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.	INCOME				£	s.	d.
Stipends and Allowances	—	—	—	4,792	5	7	Connexional Budget	—	—	—	7,506	0	0
Divinity Student Fees	—	—	—	4,015	0	0	Probert Trust	—	—	—	2,000	0	0
Bursaries	—	—	—	230	0	0	Emsley Trust	—	—	—	95	0	0
Library Fund	—	—	—	100	0	0	Prince Albert Trust	—	—	—	200	0	0
University Fees	—	—	—	155	0	0	Pitt Street Church Trust	—	—	—	100	0	0
Insurance	—	—	—	8	16	6	School Christian Workers	—	—	—	5	0	0
Travelling Expenses	—	—	—	13	0	0	House Service Account Contribution to Administration	—	—	—	500	0	0
Printing and Stationery	—	—	—	95	7	4	Interest Received	—	—	—	12	11	
Bank Charges	—	—	—	12	11	6							
Interest	—	—	—	298	13	8							
Legal Expenses	—	—	—	4	0	0							
Trinity College Staff Houses Account	—	—	—	500	0	0							
General Expenses	—	—	—	29	7	6							
Building Loan Repayments	—	—	—	75	5	0							
Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	77	5	10							
				£10,406	12	11					£10,406	12	11

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Position:

Opening Overdraft 1/7/66	—	—	—	289	6	8
Deduct Excess Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	77	5	10
Closing Balance Overdrawn 30/6/67	—	—	—	£212	0	10

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1966

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account:							Land, Buildings and Improvements:						
Balance at 1/1/66	256,898	3	3				Paerata	193,685	17	8			
Grafton Lease Conversions	461	12	0				Maurice Harding Park	9,200	0	0			
Donation Received	100	0	0				Grafton	17,905	0	0			
Release of Mortgage							Waikowhai	18,730	0	0			
Blue Metal Royalty	12,085	4	0				Hobson County	10	0	0			
Excess Income over Expenditure	8,873	5	8								239,530	17	8
				278,418	4	11	Plant and Equipment:						
Less Bad Debts written off	81	13	4				Farm Machinery	440	0	0			
Increase Reserve for							Motor Vehicles	2,220	0	0			
Bad Debts	350	0	0				Furniture and Equipment	11,310	0	0			
				431	13	4					13,970	0	0
						277,986	11	7	Stocks on Hand:				
Scholarship Funds:							Livestock	5,964	10	0			
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	2,000	0	0				Produce and Sundries	2,048	16	7			
George Winstone	1,000	0	0								8,013	6	7
Stephen James Ambury	1,000	0	0				General Investments:						
Kingswood	796	10	1				Shares—Auckland Co-op. Milk. Pro-						
War Memorial (Maori)	384	10	0				ducers Ltd.	299	0	0			
Henry Willis Memorial	250	0	0				Bank of New Zealand	10,507	1	1			
				5,431	0	1	Savings Bank Accounts	2,202	15	10			
							Deposits Methodist Church of New	10,000	0	0			
							Zealand—Home Mission Dept.				23,008	16	11

Special Funds:

Blacklock Library Bequest	150	0	0		
Capital Investment	915	0	0		
				1,065	0 0
				6,496	0 1

Sundry Creditors:

Loan on Mortgage	—				
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	—				
Memorial Rest Home Trust Board	9,000	0	0		
Trade and Other Creditors	5,812	13	4		
Undistributed Scholarship Income	270	14	8		
				15,083	8 0

£299,565 19

Scholarship and Special Funds Investments:

N.Z. Government Stock	—	—	2,384	10	0
(Maturity Value £2,400)					
Loan on Mortgage	—	—	1,000	0	0
Auckland Methodist Central Mission	—	—			
Debenture	—	—	500	0	0
Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd.	—	—	1,125	0	0
(1500 Ordinary Shares of £1 each fully paid)					
Savings Bank Accounts	—	—	1,486	10	1
					6,496 0 1
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	—	—	9,046	18	5
Less Reserve for Bad Debts	—	—	500	0	0
					8,546 18 5

£299,565 19 8

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, Longland & Co., a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order.

Auckland,
31st January, 1967.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE, CAMERON & CO.
Public Accountants.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

			\$	\$				\$	\$
Current Liabilities:					Current Assets:				
Bank of New South Wales	—	—	3248.94		Matrons Imprest Account:				
Sundry Creditors	—	—	1456.76		Bank	—	—	50.00	
Student Funds held by Board	—	—	524.73		Cash	—	—	37.30	
Fees Paid in Advance	—	—	878.50					87.30	
				6108.93	Fees Due	—	—	2625.17	
Accumulated Funds:					Students Accounts Due to Board	—	—	239.98	
Balance 1/7/66	—	—	131076.77		Canteen Stock on Hand	—	—	525.89	
Loss Transferred from I. & E. Account	—	—	1869.06						3478.34
				129207.71	Investments:				
Funds for Special Purposes:					5 x \$200 Waikato County 3½% Debentures				1000.00
Balance 1/7/66	—	—	814.74		Due 1/9/69	—	—		
Add Gross Profit from Canteen	—	—	229.61		Fixed Assets:				
					Land and Improvements	—	—	10572.23	
			1044.35		Furniture and Equipment	—	—	16206.38	
Less Expended During Year	—	—	103.92		Additions During the Year	—	—	681.95	
			940.43	130148.14				16888.33	
					Depreciation	—	—	8671.83	
								8216.50	
					Hostel Buildings	—	—	123363.53	
					Depreciation	—	—	10373.53	
								112990.00	
									131778.73
									\$136257.07
									\$136257.07

We have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1967, 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.

M. H. BURN, A.P.A.N.Z., Secretary.
 New Plymouth,
 11th August, 1967.

MORINE & JAMES,
 Auditors.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th June, 1967.

INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
			\$	\$			\$	\$	\$
Income:					Administration:				
Fees	---	---	---	16414.54	Audit Fee	---	119.20		
Staff Board	---	---	---	255.75	Bank Charges and Exchange	---	9.80		
Grazing	---	---	---	30.00	Printing and Stationery	---	230.42		
Lease N.P. High School Board	---	---	---	1000.00	Secretary's Salary	---	450.00		
Grants—Grey Institute	---	---	3200.00		Telephone Rental and Tolls	---	92.02		
Kai Iwi Farm	---	---	600.00					901.44	
Wellington Meth. C. E. and E.	---	---	2400.00						
				6200.00	Grounds:				
Interest	---	---	---	38.97	Petrol	---	11.02		
Rent	---	---	---	100.00	Maintenance	---	55.88		
Sundry Receipts	---	---	---	5.55	Repairs to Equipment	---	29.81		
					Wages	---	756.40		
								853.11	
					Hostel Working Expenses:				
					Car Depreciation and Travelling	---	270.00		
					Cleaning	---	296.43		
					General Expenses	---	264.42		
					Electricity	---	645.87		
					Heating, Fuel	---	494.85		
					Insurances	---	463.19		
					Rates	---	375.38		
					Rates (Water)	---	59.12		
					Staff Transport	---	55.84		
					Repairs to Furniture	---	600.18		
					Buildings	---	904.16		
					House Equipment	---	391.93		
					Laundry Equipment	---	76.52		
					Linen	---	163.35		
					Crockery	---	97.68		
					Wages	---	8529.32		
								13688.24	
					Provisions:				
					Bread	---	535.84		
					Meat, Fish and Eggs	---	3029.02		
					Milk	---	446.86		
					Groceries	---	2887.65		
					Fruit and Vegetables	---	1154.27		
					Medicines and Medical Supplies	---	25.69		
					Outside Meals	---	141.20		
								8220.53	

		Financial Charges:		
		Interest Paid	179.10	
		Depreciation:		
		Buildings	1232.00	
		Furniture and Fittings	839.45	
			<u>2071.45</u>	
		Total Expenditure		25913.87
		NET LOSS Transferred to Accumu- lated Funds Account		1869.06
Total Income	<u>\$24044.81</u>			<u>\$24044.81</u>

		CANTEEN ACCOUNT	
Sales			2168.12
Stock 1/7/66	496.03		
Purchases	1968.37		
	2464.40		
Less Stock 30/6/67	525.89		
Cost of Goods Sold		<u>1938.51</u>	
GROSS PROFIT Transferred to Recreation Fund			<u>\$229.61</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Current Liabilities:						
Sundry Creditors	12	16	5			
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	535	13	4			
Rates Accrued	343	13	10			
				892	3	7
Deposits by Subsidiary Funds				67,670	9	3
Property Maintenance Provision:						
Accumulated Funds:						
Balance as at 1st July, 1966	218,570	16	9			
Less Annuities Compounded and Com- muted	16,920	9	9			
	201,650	7	0			
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure	13,880	15	11			
	215,531	2	11			
	£284,093	15	9			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Current Assets:						
Bank of New Zealand	27,090	12	9			
Sundry Debtors						
Ministers' Personal Payments	114	0	0			
Sundries	530	15	3			
Rents	294	0	0			
Advances to Tenants for Alterations	1,545	6	8			
Ministers' Subscriptions Due	704	4	3			
Annuities Prepaid	925	9	10			
Debenture Interest Accrued	264	14	10			
Mortgage Interest Accrued	1,048	8	9			
				32,517	12	4
Investments:						
Debenture and Government Stock	24,309	4	9			
Mortgages	126,781	17	6			
Shares	9,915	3	9			
	161,006	6	0			
Less Fluctuation Reserve	5,000	0	0			
	156,006	6	0			
Fixed Assets:						
Freehold Property—Epworth Chambers				95,569	17	5
	£284,093	15	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, 1967.

W. E. CLOTHIER,
W. R. LAWS,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD, PAYNE and HILSON,
Auditors.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Working Expenses:				Fund Contributions:			
Administration Charges	1,379	5	0	Circuit Subsidies etc.	9,504	0	0
Audit Fee	77	0	0	Personal Subscriptions	6,036	0	0
Stationery and General Expenses	185	13	8				15,540 0 0
Government Earthquake Premiums	17	17	6	Commissions:			
Actuarial Fee	48	6	0	Hymn Book Commission	45	18	1
			1,708 2 2	Fire Insurance Fund	17	13	4
			2,954 19 9				63 11 5
Interest on Deposits				Investment Income:			
Fund Disbursements:				Bank Interest	189	2	3
Annuities	11,077	18	10	Mortgage Interest	8,666	5	10
Furniture Grants	2,060	0	0	Debenture Interest	1,124	13	7
			13,137 18 10	Dividends Received	400	19	1
Appropriations:				Arrears of Subscriptions Interest	11	13	10
Investment Fluctuation Provision	128	9	4				10,392 14 7
Property Depreciation Provision				Property Income:			
Property Maintenance Provision				Rents	10,533	11	6
			128 9 4	Less Expenses	4,719	11	6
Balance Transferred to Accumulated Funds			13,880 15 11				5,814 0 0
			£31,810 6 0				£31,810 6 0

SUPERNUMERARY FUND — BENEVOLENT FUND
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.

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EXPENDITURE										INCOME									
Grants	—	—	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.	
							370	0	0	Balance as at 30/6/66	—	—	—	—	—	175	14	7	
										Donations	—	—	—	—	—	47	15	6	
										Interest	—	—	—	—	—	65	9	6	
										Balance as at 30/6/67	—	—	—	—	—	81	0	5	
							£370	0	0							£370	0	0	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967.

LIABILITIES										ASSETS									
Capital Account	—	—	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	£	s.	d.
							1,400	0	0	Revenue Account Deficit	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,318	19	7
																	81	0	5
							£1,400	0	0								£1,400	0	0

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND MINISTERS HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Withdrawals	---	2,946	11 4	Balance as at 30/6/66	---	35,654	16 8
Forfeitures	---	33	10 0	Personal Subscriptions	---	1,012	4 0
Balance as at 30/6/67	---	36,523	19 11	Fire Insurance Subsidy	---	1,006	0 0
				Interest to Contributors	---	1,831	0 7
		£39,504	1 3			£39,504	1 3

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance as at 30/6/66	---	46	14 2	Forfeitures	---	33	10 0
Interest to Contributors	---	1,831	0 7	Interest on Deposits and Investments	---	1,594	11 4
Administration Charges	143	5	0	Balance as at 30/6/67	---	430	2 7
Stationery and General Expenses	37	4	2				
		180	9 2				
	£2,058	3	11		£2,058	3	11

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	---	36,523	19 11	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	---	35,641	17 4
Sundry Creditors	---	34	0 0	Sundry Debtors	---	486	0 0
		£36,557	19 11	Revenue Account Deficit	---	430	2 7
						£36,557	19 11

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392	Interest to Contributors' Account	£	s.	d.	Balance as at 30/6/66	£s.	d.
	Office Expenses:	66	2	10	Interest	95	4
	Administration Charges	15	0	0		94	1
	Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expen.	6	10	2			
	Balance as at 30/6/67	21	10	2			
		101	12	6			
		£189	5	6		£189	5

LIABILITIES					ASSETS						
				£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	----	----	----	1,205	11	9	Debentures	----	300	0	0
Sundry Creditors	----	----	----	190	0	0	Debenture Interest Accrued	----	3	2	10
Capital Account	----	----	----	644	15	0	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	----	1,838	16	5
Revenue Account	----	----	----	101	12	6					
				<u>£2,181</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>£2,141</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>

METHODIST DEACONESSES RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTOR'S ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances and Withdrawals	1,166	19	8	Balance as at 30/6/66	23,656	6	9			
Balance as at 30/6/67	24,748	8	10	Contributions:						
				Personal	436	11	8			
				Circuit	254	6	8			
				Home Mission Board	236	3	4			
				Overseas Missions Board	253	0	2			
								1,180	1	10
				Interest				1,078	19	11
	£25,915	8	6					£25,915	8	6

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Interest to Contributors' Account	1,078	19	11	Balance as at 30/6/66	1,278	7	11				
Office Expenses:				Interest	1,365	0	0				
Administration Charges	112	10	0								
Audit Fee, Stationery and General Expen.	8	13	0								
Balance as at 30/6/67	121	3	0								
	1,343	5	0								
	£2,543	7	11					£2,543	7	11	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	24,748	8	10	Debentures and Government Stock	1,000	0	0
Capital Account	3,060	0	7	Debenture Interest Accrued	10	12	6
Revenue Account	1,343	5	0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	28,870	15	11
Sundry Creditors	729	14	0				
	£29,881	8	5		£29,881	8	5

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest on Trust Accounts	—	—	—	5,711	3	5	Interest Earned	—	6,669 0 4
Administration	—	—	—	975	0	0	Commission	—	65 5 7
Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	131	13	6	Excess Expenditure over Income	—	86 2 0
War Damage Insurance	—	—	—	2	11	0			
				£6,820	7	11			£6,820 7 11

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	28	1	5	Current Assets and Accruals:		
Personal and Church Trusts	—	—	—	123,060	5	8	Bank of New Zealand	10,926	9 5
T. W. Newbold Trust:							Sundry Debtors	275	5 2
Capital Account as at 30/6/66	11,997	10	7				Personal Trusts	256	12 1
Plus Transfer from Revenue Account	291	0	6				Agents Balance—Winstone Trust	771	7 10
				12,288	11	1	Interest Accrued on Mortgages	541	19 6
Winstone Memorial Trust:							Interest Accrued on Debentures	1,546	19 11
Permanent Capital A/c. as at 30/6/66	32,713	6	8						14,318 13 11
Transfer from Revenue Account	779	2	9				Investments:		
				33,492	9	5	Local Authority Stock and Debentures	104,904	4 4
Grants Capital as at 30/6/66	17,482	15	7				Less Fluctuation Reserve	1,000	0 0
Plus Revenue Less Grants	1,301	19	4						
				18,784	14	11			
General Purposes Trust Board:							Mortgages	36,965	11 9
Capital Fund	3,122	0	0				Loan to Transport Trust Board	3,000	0 0
Less Deficit	86	2	0				Loan to Winstone Trust	7,000	0 0
				3,035	18	0	Loan to Connexional Secretary's Fund	1,500	0 0
							Loan to Everton Hall	1,000	0 0
							Loans to Trusts Against Deposits	3,855	13 10
							Freehold Property (Winstone Trust)	19,145	16 8
									176,371 6 7
				£190,690	0	6			£190,690 0 6

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CHILDREN'S FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.				
Balance as at 30th June, 1966:				Grants to Ministers:			
Cash at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington	331	12	11	For 12 Months Ended 30/6/67	—	—	4,440 0 0
Payments Received from Connexional Budget Treasurer	4,750	0	0				£ s. d.
Interest:				Exchange	—	—	4 18 6
As Allowed by Bank of N.S.W.	13	19	2	Cheque Book	—	—	10 0
							5 8 6
				Balance as at 30th June, 1967:			
				Cash at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington	—	—	650 3 7
							£5 005 12 1
	£5,095	12	1				

Audited and found correct.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

J. A. PENMAN,
T. M. PACEY,

Hon. Treasurers.

9/7/67..

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 30th June, 1967

RECEIPTS					EXPENDITURE				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
TO	Balance 1/7/66	2,108	5	10					
	Less Balances Due to Districts	797	17	9					
					1,310	8	1		
	Connexional Budget Grant				7,600	0	0		
	District Collections and Interest:								
	Northland	2	7	8					
	Auckland	18	1	3					
	Waikato/Bay of Plenty	11	18	1					
	Taranaki/Wanganui	6	10	10					
	Hawkes Bay/Manawatu								
	Wellington	14	1	6					
	Nelson	10	2	0					
	North Canterbury	16	6	11					
	South Canterbury	3	14	4					
	Otago/Southland	9	10	10					
					92	13	5		
	Conference Collections				134	16	9		
	Sales:								
	Sale of Agendas	43	5	0					
	Sale of Minutes	308	11	0					
	Marriage and Funeral Service	111	8	1					
	Pastoral Roll Cards	23	17	4					
	Confirmation and Baptism	45	2	4					
	Holy Communion	74	17	3					
	General	48	5	0					
	Interest	44	11	1					
	Donations	31	8	3					
					731	5	4		

North Canterbury	—	—	—	5	12	8			
South Canterbury	—	—	—	15	0	0			
Otago/Southland	—	—	—	69	7	4			
								668	15 9
Church Council	—	—	—					159	15 11
Grants:									
Radio and T.V. Committee	—	—	—	70	0	0			
Church Union Committee	—	—	—	150	0	0			
Temperance Committee	—	—	—	35	0	0			
Faith and Order Committee	—	—	—	30	0	0			
International Affairs	—	—	—	30	0	0			
International Affairs Special	—	—	—	10	0	0			
Ecumenical	—	—	—	10	0	0			
Wesley Historical Society	—	—	—	10	0	0			
World Methodist Council	—	—	—	25	5	2			
								370	5 2
Connexional Payments:									
Past President's Balance Expenses	—	—	—	82	2	3			
President's Personal Allowance	—	—	—	65	0	0			
President's Travel and Expenses	—	—	—	300	0	0			
President's Representatives Exps.	—	—	—	45	0	0			
President's Supply 3rs	—	—	—	370	13	0			
Vice-President's Expenses	—	—	—	102	12	0			
Printing—									
Synod Agendas	—	—	—	251	8	1			
Communion Booklets	—	—	—	310	4	3			
Pastoral Roll Cards	—	—	—	82	4	0			
Membership Cards	—	—	—	86	11	1			
President's Address N.Z. Methodist	—	—	—	103	13	5			
Membership Rolls	—	—	—	178	8	6			
Church Union Pamphlet	—	—	—	64	1	9			
Funeral and Marriage Services	—	—	—	158	11	9			
General	—	—	—	20	0	0			
Supply Thames	—	—	—	108	3	1			
Supply General	—	—	—	19	1	0			
Committee Travel and Expenses—									
Church Union	—	—	—	445	1	10			
Examination	—	—	—	54	12	0			
Connexional Office Travel	—	—	—	127	17	7			
Comm. Travel Charged by Districts	—	—	—	511	14	4			
General Comm. Travel	—	—	—	198	0	6			
School of Theology	—	—	—	75	16	0			
University Fees	—	—	—	7	10	0			
								3,768	6 11
Treasurer's Expenses	—	—	—					3	15 6
Total Expenditure	—	—	—					9,864	5 5

Balance Bank of New Zealand 721 19 11

Balances Due to Districts—

Northland	Dr.	153 11 2
Auckland	Dr.	175 18 6
Waikato/B.P.	Dr.	142 4 4
Tar./Wang.	Dr.	13 16 1
H.B./Mana.	Dr.	241 4 3
Wellington	Dr.	41 11 4
Nelson		Cr. 51 6 1
Nth. Canty.	Dr.	10 19 8
Sth. Canterbury		Cr. 3 6 0
Otago/Southland		Cr. 7 11 6

Dr. 717 1 9 4 18 2

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I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund together with the District Chairman's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1967, and in my opinion the above Account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the Fund at that date.

E. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Auditor.

308 18th August, 1967.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND**

Statement of Receipts & Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1967

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 1st July, 1966—				Removal Expenses	5,885	7	0
Post Office Savings Bank	2	4	9	General Expenses	31	15	0
Bank of New Zealand	680	10	6	Balance 30th June, 1967—			
Church Finance and Stewardship Committee—				Post Office Savings Bank	2	4	9
Budget Allocation	6,500	0	0	Bank of New Zealand	1,336	18	10
Bank Interest	35	8	10				
Refund Removal Expenses	38	1	6				
	£7,256	5	7		£7,256	5	7

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th June, 1967

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	5,616	12	2	Budget Allocation	6,500	0	0
General Expenses	31	15	0	Bank Interest	35	8	10
Interest							
Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year	887	1	8				
	£6,535	8	10		£6,535	8	10

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital:				Post Office Savings Bank	2	4	9
Balance 1st July, 1966	682	15	3	Bank of New Zealand	1,336	18	10
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	887	1	8	Sundry Debtors	230	13	4
	1,569	16	11				
	£1,569	16	11		£1,569	16	11

Audited and found correct.

H. E. THOMAS, A.R.A.N.Z.

W. E. CLOTHIER,
W. R. LAWS,
Treasurers.

30/7/67

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital —As at 1st July, 1966	134,302	2	1	Properties:			
Less Deficit	2,138	6	7	Epsom—Sections at Valuation	10,500	0	0
				Wesley—Sections at Valuation	15,575	0	0
				Mt. Roskill—Land and Improvements	9,180	8	5
				Home	65,935	1	6
				Less Depreciation	1,500	0	0
					64,435	1	6
Endowment Legacies:				Office—Central Mission Building	2,116	10	0
Eliza Gilmore Trust	1,000	0	0	Shares:			
M. Caughey-Preston	2,000	0	0	E. Astley & Sons Ltd.—			
John Rendell	200	0	0	1804 Ordinary 10/- Shares at Valuation	1,353	0	0
				Investments			
				N.Z. Government and Local Body Stock			
				(Including investment of Endowment			
				Legacies) £21,400 at Cost)	21,282	10	0
				Investment F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:			
F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund:				Architect's Fee for 40 Milford Road	500	0	0
Capital 1st July, 1966	4,179	2	11	Property 40 Milford Road	1,500	0	0
Add Surplus for Year	182	3	6	Auckland Regional Authority Stock at			
				Cost—Due 14/9/69	500	0	0
				Due 1/8/71	500	0	0
				Auckland Savings Bank	1,361	6	5
					4,361	6	5
Sundry Creditors:				Furnishings and Plant	3,510	9	8
Sundry Creditors				Add Additions	330	6	4
Ground Rent and Payments in Advance					3,840	16	0
Sunshine Fund				Less Depreciation	367	0	0
					3,473	16	0

Motor Vehicles:									
Bedford Van	—	—	—	—	52	0	0		
Rotary Hoe	—	—	—	—	39	0	0		
Morrison Mower	—	—	—	—	19	4	0		
Hayter Mower	—	—	—	—	93	0	0		
Fiat Car	—	—	—	—	351	0	0		
Commer Van	—	—	—	—	1,229	5	6		
					1,783	9	6		
Less Depreciation	—	—	—	—	132	17	0		
								1,650	12 6
Stock on Hand								50	0 0
Payments in Advance and Sundry Debtors								983	15 10
Bank of New Zealand Current Accounts:									
Town Hall	—	—	—	—	5,274	15	2		
Mt. Roskill	—	—	—	—	400	0	0		
Mt. Roskill Imprest Account	—	—	—	—	200	0	0		
								5,874	15 2
								£140,836	15 10
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes									
Trust Board	—	—	—	—				£510	0 0

I have examined the books and accounts of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage for the year ended 30th June, 1967, 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.

16th August, 1967.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Public Accountant.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME & ORPHANAGE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1967.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wages				5,280	11	5	By General Donations	296	18	0			
Groceries and Provisions				1,505	13	3	Churches		47	13	11		
Repairs and Renewals				276	18	6	Connexional Budget	300	0	0			
Clothing and Shoes				285	14	9	Ladies' Committee	75	0	0			
Garden				234	12	6	Auckland Savings Bank	100	0	0			
Fuel and Light				546	15	0					819	11	11
Printing and Stationery				47	19	9	Auckland United Orphanages Council				837	0	0
Medical and Dental				7	15	8	Dividends				127	15	8
Stamps and Telephones				141	2	3	Maintenance—						
Travelling Expenses				420	7	6	Parents and Family Benefit	2,837	16	8			
Petty Cash				85	4	4	Government Subsidy	1,491	15	0			
Insurance				160	15	4							
Land Tax (2 years)				138	7	6		4,329	11	8			
Legal Expenses								1,360	14	3			
Rates				213	4	9	Less Paid to Foster Parents				2,968	17	5
Audit Fee				25	0	0	McKenzie Trust				600	0	0
Sundry Expenses				371	2	8	Interest				1,787	5	7
School Fees				325	6	2	Leasehold Ground Rents				2,441	11	2
Rent				15	0	0	Rent—1107 Dominion Road				327	0	0
Depreciation—Furnishings	367	0	0				Capital Account—Deficit				2,138	6	7
Motor Vans—Bedford	12	0	0										
Commer	20	0	0										
Rotary Hoe	8	0	0										
Morrison Mower	3	17	0										
Graveley Mower													
Hayter Mower	19	0	0										
Fiat Car	70	0	0										
Mt. Roskill Buildings	1,500	0	0										
				1,999	17	0							
Less Depreciation Recovered, Graveley				34	0	0							
				1,965	17	0							
				£12,047	8	4					£12,047	8	4

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967

Current Liabilities:

Sundry Creditors	\$ 1732	\$
Bank of New Zealand—Current Account	77	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1809

Specified Funds:

Newcombe Trust		30
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Capital Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities:

Balance at 1/7/66	58506	
Legacies Added: Hampton Estate	500	
Estate A. M. M. Ramsay	600	
Estate A. B. Read	200	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	434	
BALANCE at 30/6/67		60240

\$62079

Current Assets:

Bank of New Zealand Depreciation Fund A/c.	\$	\$
at 1966	679	
Added 1967	414	
Sale Equipment	50	
	1143	
Wellington Board—Current Account	602	
Sundry Debtors	673	
Livestock	190	

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 2608

Investments:

Held by Wellington Board	57179
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Fixed Assets:

Land and Buildings (vested in Wellington Board \$42188)	
Furniture and Plant at 1966	2756
Less Sale	50
Depreciation	414
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	2292

\$62079

J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Treasurer

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.

404	1966				\$	1966				\$
	5890	Salaries and Superannuation	—	—	—	6240	3000	Connexional Budget	—	3500
	4008	House Stores and Expenses	—	—	—	4495	82	Donations	—	243
	836	Repairs and Maintenance	—	—	—	1185	2324	Maintenance	—	2956
	602	Draperies and Clothing	—	—	—	614	1342	Social Security Benefits	—	1083
	36	Advertising	—	—	—	97	1210	Government Capitation	—	1943
	50	Fares of Children	—	—	—	56	—	Robert Gibson Trust	—	2000
	126	Farm Expenses	—	—	—	20	800	J. R. McKenzie Trust Grant	—	600
	—	Gross Loss—Livestock	—	—	—	43	132	Masterston Trust Lands Trust School Requisites Grant	—	136
	140	General Expenses	—	—	—	162	518	Income from Estates	—	1245
	1160	Heating and Lighting	—	—	—	1279	2238	Interest	—	2202
	76	Insurance	—	—	—	66	3894	Wellington Board—Share of Income	—	3820
	418	Motor Car Allowance	—	—	—	406	264	Gross Profit Livestock	—	—
	312	Manager's Disbursements	—	—	—	284	15804			
	274	Maintenance (Boarded Out)	—	—	—	277	1038	Excess of Expenditure over Income (1966)		
	—	Optical and Dental	—	—	—	17				
	90	Postages and Telephones	—	—	—	115				
	348	Rates	—	—	—	428				
	518	Recreational Expenses	—	—	—	727				
	(350)	Less ex Police Charity Fund	—	—	—	414				
						313				
	172	Stationery and School Requisites	—	—	—	154				
	18	Travelling Expenses	—	—	—	29				
	1600	Social Workers	—	—	—	2600				
	518	Depreciation—Plant and Furniture	—	—	—	414				
						19294				
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	434				
						\$19728				
							\$16842			\$19728

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1967**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sports Equipment Fund	—	—	—	Petty Cash	—	—	30 0 0
Renovations and Improvements Fund	—	—	—	Bank of New Zealand	—	—	923 2 10
Permanent Capital Account	—	—	—	Post Office Savings Bank	—	—	151 8 5
Accumulated Funds	15,890	8	6	Deposit with Investment Board	—	—	1,470 18 10
Plus Investment Board Expenditure on Barrington Street Property	5,066	17	6	Land—Harewood Road	4,363	17	0
	20,957	6	0	Less Adjustment	150	0	0
Less Deficit	84	6	9	Home and Outbuildings	12,337	2	6
	20,872	19	3	Less Depreciation	300	0	0
					12,037	2	6
				Harewood Road Bungalow and Garage	405	1	3
				Plus Additional Expenditure	133	5	0
					538	6	3
				Barrington Street Property	3,587	2	1
				Plus Additional Expenditure	5,063	6	3
					8,650	8	4
				Home Furnishings	2,752	19	8
				Plus Purchases and Gifts	381	12	0
					3,134	11	8
				Less Depreciation	310	0	0
					2,824	11	8
				Implements and Tools	194	12	1
				Less Depreciation	40	0	0
					154	12	1
				Bedford Van	436	17	10
				Less Depreciation	87	7	6
					349	10	4
					£31,343	18	3

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the period ended 31st March, 1967, 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, PAYNE & HILSON,
Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1967

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.				
406	Board and Residence Payments	—	1,163 1 0	Maintenance Fees	—	6,586 0 9	
	Salaries and Wages	—	6,547 4 10	Church Finance and Stewardship	—	2,172 0 0	
	House Supplies	—	2,278 13 2	Combined Orphanage Appeal	—	2,233 13 4	
	Drapery, Clothing, etc.	—	514 18 6	Mackenzie Trust	—	366 6 8	
	Medical Expenses	—	30 12 9	Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust	—	422 0 0	
	School Requisites	—	60 4 1	Donations	—	435 0 3	
	Pocket Money and Allowances	—	183 7 1	Interest	—	4 8 1	
	Music Lessons	—	26 2 3	Miscellaneous Receipts	—	2 3 6	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	—	437 17 10	Grant from Investment Board	—	2,400 0 0	
	Travelling Expenses	—	236 9 0	Deficit	—	84 6 9	
	Lighting and Heating	—	767 2 0				
	Repairs, Maintenance and Renewals	—	588 19 8				
	Stamps, Stationery and General Expenses	—	275 10 1				
	Administration Charges	—	300 0 0				
	Insurances	—	192 2 7				
	Rates	—	309 0 6				
	Grounds	—	57 6 6				
	Depreciation	—	737 7 6				
			£14,705 19 4			£14,705 19 4	

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1967

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Commission and General Expenses	—	—	By Interest on investments, Debentures and Mortgages	2,724	13 5
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	—	—	Bank Interest	—	175 19 2
Legacies Transferred to Capital	—	—	Legacies Received	—	—
Grant to South Island Orphanage	—	—		—	—
Surplus to Capital Account	—	—		—	—
	£6,013	11 5		£6,013	11 5

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1967

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				£58,735	4	2
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
South Island Methodist Orphanage	—	—	—	Bank of New Zealand	—	—	—	5,258	17	0
Investment Fluctuation Provision	1,350	0	0	Post Office Savings Bank	—	—	—	54	4	0
Plus Further Provision	50	0	0	National Savings Account	—	—	—	2,289	0	3
				Debenture and Government Stock	—	37,749	11	9		
Capital Account	57,399	18	3	Plus Interest Accrued	—	474	1	0		
Plus Legacies	3,112	18	10					38,223	12	9
				Mortgages	—	9,238	4	0		
	60,512	17	1	Plus Interest Accrued	—	116	6	8		
Less Transfer to Orphanage re Barrington Street Property	5,066	17	6					9,354	10	8
				Loans	—	2,700	0	0		
	55,445	19	7	Plus Interest Accrued	—	4	19	6		
Plus Net Surplus for Year	418	5	9					2,704	19	6
				N.Z. Farmers Co-op. Assn. Debenture Stock	—	—	—	350	0	0
				Preference Shares—St. Elmo Courts Ltd.	—	—	—	500	0	0

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Audited and found correct, 17/7/67.
J. O. YOUNG, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Chairman.
R. de R. FLESHER, Treasurer.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION
HOSTEL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
House Supplies		1,200	14 1	Hostel Receipts		4,072	16 4
Light and Heat		359	14 10	Board for Trainees		155	0 0
Wages and Salaries		1,908	7 11	Rent		611	9 0
Telephone		25	16 4	Interest		105	18 5
Repairs		459	3 4	Donations		4	9 6
Rates		322	5 5	Balance Trainees and Wardens Account		119	0 8
Advertising		3	11 8	Excess Income over Expenditure		—	
Insurance		61	3 8				
Sundry Expenses		15	18 0				
Retirement Presentation		4	18 6				
Depreciation		100	0 0				
Excess Income over Expenditure		607	0 2				
		£5,068	13 11			£5,068	13 11

TRAINEES AND WARDENS EXPENSES ACCOUNT

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
409 Board 2 Trainees—½ Year		155	0 0	Budget Allocation		1,165	0 0
Printing and Stationery and Secretarial		78	0 1	Refund—In Alexander		100	0 0
Lecture Fees		5	10 0				
Travelling and Lecturers Expenses		155	18 0				
Library		43	11 7				
Balance Trainees Allowances		38	18 6				
Share Wardens Stipend		503	19 11				
Share of Parsonage		50	0 0				
Share of Local Travelling		20	0 0				
Wardens Deputation Expenses		61	19 0				
Trainees General and Medical Expenses		17	12 3				
Retirement Presentation—W. T. Blight		15	10 0				
Balance to Hostel Account		119	0 8				
		£1,265	0 0			£1,265	0 0

FURNITURE RENEWALS ACCOUNT

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Cash Payments		282	2 9	Balance as at 1st July, 1966		234	8 9
Balance as at 30th June, 1967		238	9 2	Interest		5	0 0
				Donations from Fellowships and Fire Claim		281	3 2
		£520	11 11			£520	11 11

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Editor's Salary	750	0	0	Advertising Receipts	4,023	12	9
Editor's Travelling Expenses	75	15	0	Partners in Print, Donations, etc.	1,859	4	10
Associate Editors' Salaries	600	0	0	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	4,000	0	0
Payments to Contributors	133	6	0	Connexional Budget	500	0	0
Wages: Office Assistant	619	19	6	Interest	104	7	8
Editorial Assistant	51	0	0	Excess of Expenditure over Income	2,034	6	10
Accountancy Fees	200	0	0				
Rent	338	0	0				
General Expenses (Stationery, Postage, Telephone, Cleaning, Etc.)	447	12	5				
Printing Costs	7,645	8	6				
Photographs	144	10	6				
Distribution Costs	832	6	2				
Advertising Salesman's Commission	652	14	6				
Depreciation	30	19	6				
	£12,521	12	1		£12,521	12	1

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1967

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	769	0	11	Cash at Bank, Auckland Savings Bank	975	2	10
Bank of New Zealand	86	14	4	Cash in Hand	2	2	6
Accumulated Funds:				Sundry Debtors	590	10	0
Balance 1/6/66	3,025	2	5	Office Furniture and Equipment at Cost	320	8	7
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	2,034	6	10	Less Depreciation to Date	41	13	1
	990	15	7		278	15	6
	£1,846	10	10		£1,846	10	10

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th June, 1967

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stock of Booklets, 1st July, 1966	—			326	10	7	Sale of Booklets	—			589	19	8
Printing Booklets:							Grant—Connexional Budget	—			105	0	0
"How do you find Hospital"	—	24	15	0			Interest—National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	—	26	13	3		
Advent	—	175	1	2			Investment Funds Board	—	32	9	9		
Prayer Manuals	—	172	11	3			Auckland Savings Bank	—	—			59	3
Confirmation Leaflets	—	137	10	0							15	0	0
				509	17	5	Donations	—					
				836	8	0							
Less Stock of Booklets, 30th June, 1967				388	12	10							
Cost of Sales				447	15	2							
Petty Cash, Postages and Stationery	—			113	14	9							
Travelling Expenses and Allowances	—			38	13	6							
Board Room Rent	—			5	0	0							
Total Expenditure				605	3	5							
Excess Income over Expenditure for Year				149	14	3							
				£754	17	8					£754	17	8

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1967

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds:							Cash at National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	—			935	1	10
Balance at 30th June, 1966	—	2,613	13	1			Loans at 3 Months' Call:						
Plus Income for Year	—	149	14	3			Investment Funds Board, 3½%	—	1,300	0	0		
Balance at 30th June, 1967	—			2,763	7	4	Interest Added	—	68	11	6		
											1,368	11	6
							Sundry Debtors	—			38	11	2
							Stock of Booklets, as per list	—			388	12	10
							Typewriter at Cost	—			32	10	0
				£2,763	7	4					£2,763	7	4

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, 4th August, 1967.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967

	RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Credit Balance—1st July, 1966:						
Reserve Account	---	---	541 13 0	Salaries	---	6,889 12 10
General Account	---	---	3,859 12 11	Travelling Expenses	---	1,195 10 3
			4,401 5 11	Board	---	217 9 9
Circuit Payments for Stewardship Missions:				Superannuation	---	243 2 9
Completed	---	---	6,243 0 0			8,545 15 7
Not Yet Completed	---	---	1,204 0 0	Printing and Stationery	---	82 9 11
			7,447 0 0	Exchange	---	18 16 9
Bank Interest:				Insurances—State Fire	---	1 3 11
Budget Account	---	---	127 17 8	Connexional Office (Aviation)	---	29 6 0
Committee Account	---	---	84 0 11	Employers' Liability	---	2 10 8
			211 18 7			33 0 7
Refund of Air Fare:				Postage and Petties	---	95 7 7
H. N. Wansbrough	---	---	5 0 0	Toll Charges	---	63 15 10
W. B. Wotherspoon	---	---	8 1 0	Cheque Books	---	3 0 0
			13 1 0	Wesley Social Services—Post Box	---	1 5 0
Adjustment in Exchange	---	---	3 3	Refund of Retainer Fee—Hauraki Plains	---	30 0 0
				Office Salary	---	152 2 0
				Credit Balance—30th June, 1967:		
				Reserve Account	---	541 13 0
				General Account	---	*2,506 2 6
						3,047 15 6
			£12,073 8 9			£12,073 8 9

* Includes £1,204 paid for work not yet done.

S. N. ROBERTS, (Chairman).
E. C. FLYGER, (Acting Treasurer)

Wellington,
13th September, 1967.

Audited and found correct.
F. H. TURLEY, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

N.Z.M.S.S.A.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the year ended the 30th June, 1967

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
9 Levies at £30 each	270	0	0	By Travelling allowance to 1967 Annual Meeting	100	0	0
Interest credited to Current Account Bank of N.S.W.				Stamps and Stationery	8	16	6
to 9 March 1967	9	11	8	Balance at Bank of New South Wales	354	7	2
	£463	3	8		£463	3	8
To Balance on Hand	£354	7	2				

Note: Unpaid Account for advertising in N.Z. Law Journal for 1967/68 for £125 (\$250.00) pending completion of layout of advertisement for a full page in place of present half page advertisement.

Audited, found correct.

16/10/67

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z.

Hon. Auditor.

T. STEPHENS,

Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — BUDGET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1967

414

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank of New Zealand 30/6/66				Supernumerary Fund			
1965/66 Budget—98.91%				Home Missionary Retiring Fund	9,360	0	0
1966/67 Budget—98.15%:				Deaconess Retiring Fund	217	0	0
Northland, 95.83%	3,764	0	0	Removal Expenses Fund	1,254	0	0
Auckland, 99.72%	32,616	0	0	Children's Fund	6,500	0	0
Waikato, 97.68%	20,296	0	0	Contingent Fund	4,750	0	0
Taranaki, 96.86%	11,170	0	0	Connexional Secretary Fund	7,600	0	0
Hawkes Bay, 99.60%	16,626	9	0	New Zealand Methodist	550	0	0
Wellington, 100.00%	18,600	0	0	Church Building and Loan Fund	500	0	0
Nelson, 99.17%	8,640	12	6	Home Mission Department	20,000	0	0
North Canty., 95.95%	25,345	3	1	Overseas Mission Department	38,216	0	0
South Canty., 100.13%	9,144	0	0	Department of Christian Education	39,000	0	0
Otago, 92.66%	9,684	19	3	Trinity College	7,300	0	0
	155,887	3	10	Deaconess Institution	7,506	0	0
1967/68 Budget				Children's Homes—Auckland	1,165	0	0
Home Mission Department for W.C.C.				Masterton	300	0	0
Exchange Adjustment				South Island	1,750	0	0
Christchurch Central Mission					2,500	0	0
	22	1	3	Central Missions—Auckland	900	0	0
				Wellington	990	0	0
				Christchurch	990	0	0
				Dunedin	720	0	0
					3,600	0	0

University Chaplaincies—Auckland	50	0	0		
Wellington	120	0	0		
Christchurch	120	0	0		
Dunedin	150	0	0		
				440	0 0
Miscellaneous Causes Funds				3,691	0 0
District Expenses—Auckland	882	0	0		
(1966/67) Waikato	257	0	0		
Taranaki	41	0	0		
Hawkes Bay	130	0	0		
Wellington	100	0	0		
Nelson	12	0	0		
North Canterbury	581	0	0		
South Canterbury	261	0	0		
Otago	464	0	0		
				2,728	0 0
District Expenses—1965/66				143	0 0
Balance—Bank of New Zealand 7/1/67				541	15 11
£159,611 15 11				£159,611 15 11	

Wellington,
13th September, 1967.

Audited and found correct.
F. H. TURLEY, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1967.**

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Interest Receivable	.....	723 10 6	Administration Charges	.....	52 0 0
			Interest Payable	.....	538 17 6
			Postages, exchanges etc.	.....	30 6 6
			Excess Income over expenditure	.....	102 6 6
		<u>£723 10 6</u>			<u>£723 10 6</u>

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD
BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 30th JUNE, 1967**

Current Liabilities			ASSETS		
416 Bank of New Zealand	.....	2,256 11 5	Secured Advances	.....	16,045 5 2
Interest Accrued	.....	23 6 0			
Sundry Creditors	.....	52 0 0			
Loans at Call —					
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 Services Trust	.....	1,000 0 0			
Total Current Liabilities —		<u>14,581 17 5</u>			
Accumulated Funds					
Balance as at 30/6/66	.....	1,361 1 3			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	.....	102 6 6			
		<u>1,463 7 9</u>			
		<u>£16,045 5 2</u>			<u>£16,045 5 2</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, 1968

W. R. LAWS,
F. W. BLACKWELL,
Treasurers.

D. A. WHITE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

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